

AAWCC PCC Chapter Spring/Summer 2008 Newsletter

Our mission is to inspire, champion, and celebrate
the talents within each of us!

Upcoming AAWCC Oregon Events

The Annual Summer Conference will be held on Thursday, July 24th in Hood River. The conference, **"You're braver than you believe, stronger than you see, and smarter than you think."**, features artist and speaker Mary Ann Radmacher. The interactive seminar should be a great experience in a beautiful, convenient location.

The 22nd Annual AAWCC Oregon Fall Conference is scheduled for November 20th and 21st at the Portland Airport Sheraton Hotel. This year's conference theme is **"Perseverance, Power and Purpose - A New Conversation about Leadership"**. The Fall Conference is always a wonderful professional and personal development opportunity and a chance to meet and mingle with colleagues throughout the state.

Details about both conferences can be found at <http://www.aawccoregon.org/>

PCC's AAWCC Chapter is offering scholarships to attend the Conferences. If you are interested, please contact Cherie Maas at cmaas@pcc.edu soon.

We hope to see all of you representing PCC at the Summer and Fall Conferences!



PCC Cookbook — Second Edition!

The Second Annual Edition of the PCC Cookbook is currently underway. You can submit your recipes until **Wednesday, June 25th**.

Instructions are on the AAWCC PCC website: <http://www.pcc.edu/resources/aawcc/>
Or give a paper copy to any board member (see page 3) and we will get it in for you!

Please share your tasty recipes with your fellow PCCers! The cookbooks will be on sale this Fall.



Member Spotlight: Jen Piper

AAWCC PCC is spotlighting several new employees, and new AAWCC members, at the college. Jen was chosen as President Elect in our latest election.



- What is your job at PCC?** Sports Facilities Supervisor
What job did you do before coming to PCC? Head Softball Coach, Physical Ed. Instructor, Fall Intramural Coordinator
What challenges (work/personal) have you overcome? Remodeling my 1920's Bungalow
What motivates you? The synergy of people working together.
What book is on your nightstand? The Five Dysfunctions of a Team: A Leadership Fable
Would you recommend it? I would highly recommend it.
Do you have a favorite movie? Something's Gotta Give

More information about the items in this newsletter are available at <http://www.pcc.edu/resources/aawcc/>

Campus Breakfasts a Big Success!

PCC's chapter of AAWCC capped off a very successful year by holding two membership breakfasts at different campuses this term.

Linda Reisser hosted at Cascade on April 23rd, with Kate Dins speaking (right). Nan Poppe both hosted and spoke to the group at Southeast on May 13. There was a great turnout at both!

More events are planned on each campus next year, so stay tuned!



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Member Spotlight: Cherie Chevalier

What is your job at PCC? Associate Vice President for Finance

What job did you do before coming to PCC? Chief Financial Officer for Springfield, Missouri School District. I was responsible for Finance and all Administrative (Support) Services.

What challenges (work/personal) have you overcome? Raised two children who are now wonderful adults; moved from Washington to Missouri to Oregon – lots of culture change!

What motivates you? Being productive, making a difference in both work and personal.

What book is on your nightstand? I love mysteries. Dick Francis is my favorite author. However, I read a wide variety. Currently I'm reading a book on the pH factor and how it relates to health, a mystery novel, and a book of daily devotionals.

Do you have a favorite movie? I like movies with happy endings, family oriented. One of my favorites is Enchanted April.

What's a goal (work or personal) you have recently achieved or are working towards? Becoming a Baldrige Examiner last year, and joining PCC this year. Getting into Higher Ed has been a several-year goal.

Member Spotlight: Heidi Wilcox

What is your job at PCC? I am the new Annual Fund and Alumni Coordinator

What job did you do before coming to PCC? I was the Development Director at Cedarwood Waldorf School for the last three years. I have also worked in development for the YWCA and United Way.

What challenges (work/personal) have you overcome? I love challenges – as the first Development Director in a fairly young school, I had to start everything from scratch. It was time consuming but I learned a lot about many different things.

What motivates you? Learning! I'm always looking for better ways to do things. That is why I feel so fortunate to be working at PCC.

What book is on your nightstand? Donor Centered Fund Raising

Would you recommend it? This is a must read for people working in fund raising.

What's a goal (work or personal) you have recently achieved or are working towards? I'm working towards my Certification as a Fund Raising Executive. I've met all the professional requirements and plan to sit for the exam next fall. It is expensive to take the exam (\$600) so I want to be sure I'm ready. I haven't taken a test since my college days!



President's Corner

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A Message from the President

How quickly we have come to Summer term!! While anticipating forthcoming Summer-related good things, your AAWCC Board has been meeting and planning what we hope will be interesting and engaging to our members.

We had two successful luncheons at Sylvania and Rock Creek and two successful breakfasts at Cascade and Southeast. These events brought repeated comments like, "This was really great! We need to do this again." It is always nice to see everyone chatting and getting to know each other. We also had a Brown Bag at Sylvania with Doris Werkmen, Interim Division Dean/Speech Instructor, giving us a brief rundown on the Art of Public Speaking. The Board and I want to personally thank all of our outstanding guest speakers. Thank you!

I hope as many of you as possible are planning on attending the Summer conference and the Annual Fall conference of the Oregon Chapter of AAWCC. The quality-packed program reflects the hard work of several of our members along with others throughout Oregon.

I encourage each of you to attend as many of these opportunities as you can and support the Board and its friends in promoting some fun events. If you are not currently a member of AAWCC, I encourage you to join. And, for your convenience, there is a membership form located on our website <http://www.pcc.edu/resources/aaawcc/>. We are here to champion women in community colleges and your membership helps us provide activities for the chapter.

If our paths don't cross in person over the next few weeks, I wish you all a happy and safe summer.

**Cherie Maas, President
PCC Chapter , AAWCC**

The Elections are In!

Thank you for all your votes in the last election. Here are the results:

President Elect—Jen Piper was elected for a three-year term

Vice President of Records—Diane Thornton was reelected for a two-year term

Vice President of Finance—Sandy Koester was reelected for a two-year term

The Board welcomes any member to become involved in AAWCC. If you would like to help with planning or hosting events or activities or have a good idea for the Chapter, please email one of the Board members below. And thanks for being part of our wonderful organization!

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Name _____

Department _____

College Address _____

College Phone Extension _____

Home Address _____

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E-mail Address _____

Type of Membership New _____ Renewal _____

Dues are \$10.00 annually

Please make check payable to: PCC Chapter AAWCC

Return to: Heather Lang - RC 9 107

Wonder what the benefits of membership are???

Taking part in exciting AAWCC activities!

Eligibility for AAWCC scholarships and conference opportunities!

Getting to know staff from around the college!

Making important contributions to PCC!

Networking and making new friends!

Having lots of fun together!

A Note about Chapter Dues

There has been some confusion about the Membership Dues for the PCC Chapter. Attending an AAWCC Oregon conference, such as the Summer or Fall Conference, grants you lifetime membership to the State Chapter only.

The local PCC Chapter relies on our membership dues to put on events such as the campus luncheons, print the Cookbook and provide scholarships for our members to attend the AAWCC Oregon events.

Please support your local AAWCC Chapter and send in your dues each year. Thanks!