

Premier Designs Jewelry Fundraiser



This September, AAUW-Pittsburgh branch will conduct a Premier Designs Jewelry Fundraiser. The money raised will benefit the AAUW-Pittsburgh Scholarship Fund for female graduate students studying in the science, technology, engineering, and mathematic (STEM) fields.

Premier Designs Jewelry is a high fashion direct sale jewelry company founded in 1985 by Joan and Andy Horner in Dallas, Texas. Premier was created as a way to support ministries here and around the globe, as well as a home-based business opportunity established on biblical principles, such as integrity and unselfish service. Premier's business model is a non-traditional approach of putting people first- before profits. After 26 years of following this approach, Premier Designs grew to be over 350 million-dollar debt free corporation with Independent Distributor (Jewelers) in the U.S. and Puerto Rico.

The new 2012-2013 Premier Designs Collection catalog has much to offer. In this catalog, Premier offers a wide array of beautiful, affordably priced jewelry that will suit a variety of fashion styles, from classical elegance to contemporary, vintage romantic to naturally simple. This catalog includes more than 700 pieces of jewelry, with an average item retailing for about \$34. Premier backs each item of jewelry with an exceptional Golden Guarantee, which covers manufacturer's defect (excluding normal wear and tear) detected within 60 days of ownership of any item, and Premier Designs will replace it at no charge. If there is a manufacturer's defect after 60 days, there will be a small service charge of \$5 plus tax for each item returned. (www.premierdesigns.com)

During the September meeting, there will be a showing of the Premier Designs jewelry and the opportunity to take part in helping the AAUW-Pittsburgh branch reach their fundraising goal. Let AAUW help you find your next Birthday and/or Christmas gifts for your friends and family this year with Jewelry from Premier Designs. Can't wait? Want to see the jewelry now? Here's a sneak peak of the some Premier Designs Jewelry! Hope to see you all there at the September Meeting.

Starstruck earrings at the top \$39—page 59

Enamored necklace \$69—page 64

Bracelets from left to right

Buckle up \$49—page 61

Snazzy \$69—page 63

Enamored \$39—page 64

Gateway \$36—page 13

Rings from left to right

Magnolia \$59—page 3

Naomi \$39—page 3

Melrose \$59—page 6



Botanical necklace \$29—page 25

Spectrum necklace \$47—page 72

Invite your friends, family, and co-workers to the September meeting. You do not have to attend the luncheon in order to attend the program (Premier Designs Jewelry).

If you can't make it on September 8 but still want to purchase, contact Pat Bverly.

2012-2013 AAUW Membership Drive



It is that time of year when we need to get out our checkbooks and write that check to renew our AAUW membership. Membership renewal forms were mailed to you in May. *If you haven't sent your renewal form in yet*, there is still time. Any member who has not renewed their membership by July 31 will be dropped from the branch's membership roster. So please get those forms in.

Dues for 2012-2013 are \$49 national, \$10 state, and \$11 branch for a total of \$70 (\$21 for LIFE members). All members (except Honorary Life members) including "LIFE" are responsible for state and branch dues.

"As an AAUW member you will belong to a community that breaks through educational and economic barriers so that all women have a fair chance." (aauw.org)

As a Pittsburgh Branch member you will continue to receive the monthly newsletter as well as information about upcoming fundraisers. Belonging to AAUW is an extraordinary experience you won't want to be left out of.

If you did not receive a renewal form please contact Pat Bverly at (412) 482-4419 or pabverly@aauwpgh.org and she will send you a form.

BREAKING THROUGH BARRIERS
FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS

About AAUW

AAUW values and seeks a diverse membership. There shall be no barriers to full participation in this organization on the basis of gender, race, creed, age, sexual orientation, national origin, disability, or class.

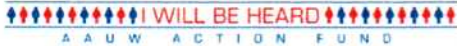
Because AAUW is a 501(c)(3) charitable membership organization, most of your national dues are tax deductible on your personal federal income tax return.

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IT'S MY VOTE



It's My Vote: I Will Be Heard Campaign Update

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A Message from the AAUW President

Can you believe August is almost upon us? Where did the summer go? Time flies when you're having fun – and doing good – as you will see in this issue of Campaign Update. AAUW members nationwide braved record-breaking heat to recruit volunteers, register voters, and host candidate forums. The AAUW Action Fund "It's My Vote: I Will Be Heard" campaign is building momentum every day!

Please take the time to browse the various resources, ideas, and success stories. For those states and branches still contemplating their contributions to this ambitious campaign and eminently worthy cause, August is a great time to take the plunge. National Voter Registration Day is coming up in late September, and is ripe with opportunities to register millennial women on college campuses. Talk to your college and university partners and offer to provide this service – it's a great way to expand those relationships.

Meanwhile, please don't forget to let us know about your upcoming It's My Vote campaign plans? AAUW policy staff can help you advertise your event, and provide technical assistance to ensure your plans hit the mark. Lisa Maatz and her team are here to help! Contact them at VoterEd@auw.org. Keep up the great efforts, and keep the inspirational stories coming?

Yours in AAUW,

Carolyn Garfein

Learn more by going to
<http://www.aauwaction.org/my-vote/>

If anyone has any AAUW documents in their position, please contact Pat Byerly. She'll arrange to have them placed in our archive at the Heinz History Center.

Happy Birthday

August is the eighth month of the year in the Julian and Gregorian Calendars and one of seven months with a length of 31 days.

In the Southern Hemisphere, August is the seasonal equivalent of February in the Northern Hemisphere.

In common years no other month starts on the same day of the week as August, though in leap years February starts on the same day. August ends on the same day of the week as November every year.

At the Pittsburgh Branch we have three members whose birthdays fall in August.

Susan Banerjee - 8/4
Jovita Jones - 8/6
Karol Dean - 8/13



Happy Birthday, everyone!!

Be a Member Detector!

New members are the lifeblood of every organization, including ours. We encourage everyone to invite their friends, relatives, co-workers, and neighbors to our meetings throughout the year.



As an added incentive, any current member who brings a new member to our Branch will receive an AAUW tote bag.

AAUW Give-A-Grad-A-Gift

AAUW members can give a recent college graduate a free 1 year membership in AAUW. Give a free membership to anyone who has graduated in the last year or two, who has earned an associate, bachelor, graduate, or doctorate degree, and who is not currently a regular member of AAUW.

The free 1 year membership does not cover the \$21 for state and branch dues.

If you know someone you would like to gift a membership, please contact Pat Byerly at (412) 482-4419 or pabyerly@auwpg.org.



AAUW MISSION

AAUW advances equity for Women and girls through advocacy, education, and research.

TIDBITS . . . Did You Know

Docked in Philadelphia, the world's oldest floating steel warship worldwide, the USS *Olympia* was launched in 1892 and is the only remaining naval ship of the Spanish-American War.



USS *Olympia* at the Independence Seaport Museum in 2007.

As tensions increased and war with Spain became more probable, *Olympia* remained at Hong Kong and was prepared for action. When war was declared on 25 April 1898, Dewey moved his ships to Mirs Bay, China. Two days later, the Navy Department ordered the Squadron to Manila in the Philippines, where a significant Spanish naval force protected the harbor. Dewey was ordered to sink or capture the Spanish warships, opening the way for a subsequent conquest by US forces.



Olympia at the Battle of Manila Bay

This vessel became famous as the flagship of Commodore George Dewey at the Battle of Manila Bay during the Spanish-American War in 1898. It was during this battle that Adm. Dewey issued his famous command "You may fire when you are ready, Gridley." The ship was decommissioned after returning to the U.S. in 1899, but was returned to active service in 1902.

As of 2012, *Olympia's* future was uncertain; repairs are desperately needed to keep the ship afloat. Four entities from San Francisco, Calif., Beaufort, S.C., Philadelphia, Pa., and Washington, D.C., are vying to be a new steward, but it is a race against time due to the waterline deterioration of the hull. As the current entities are in competition for the ship, no significant repairs have been done to the ship, although the current steward has done some minor repairs. In reaction to this gap in coverage, the National Trust for Historic Preservation (NTHP) has set up a fund repository which, if funds are raised, will be directly applied to immediate repairs of the vessel with the cooperation of the current steward. At the present time, March 2012, the NTHP is considering a triple application by the Naval Historical Foundation, the Historic Naval Ships Association, and the National Maritime Association to have the *Olympia* placed on the NTHP's list of the eleven most endangered "places". The steward applicants from San Francisco (Mare Island), and Beaufort, S.C., have endorsed the application. Despite these positive steps, the *Olympia* is in critical danger due to the lack of funds.

Source: [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/USS_Olympia_\(C-6\)](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/USS_Olympia_(C-6))
www.profile.com

Women in Congress



Tammy Baldwin

Tammy Baldwin has represented Wisconsin's Second Congressional District since January 1999.

In the 112th Congress, Tammy serves on the Committee on Energy and Commerce, its *Subcommittee on Health and its Subcommittee on Environment and the Economy*. She is a leading advocate for universal health care and a proponent of energy independence and renewable fuels. Tammy also is a forceful supporter of civil rights and an advocate for those in our society whose voices, too often, are unheard.

Tammy's driving motivation in politics is to pass legislation that will guarantee health care for all in America. A pragmatist, she has brought together conservative as well as progressive thinkers to further state/federal partnerships toward that end.

She is equally committed to ensuring our nation's energy independence, promoting the development of renewable fuel sources, and reducing our nation's greenhouse gas emissions. Tammy's legislation to create a National Greenhouse Gas Registry was largely incorporated into the American Clean Energy and Security Act of 2009 (H.R. 2454) when it was considered in Congress. Having accurate measurements, consistent reporting and a publicly available database of our emission levels is critical to successfully reducing our greenhouse gas emissions and confronting climate change.

In the health care arena, Tammy's legislation to further research into paralysis and rehabilitation, the Christopher and Dana Reeve Paralysis Act, was incorporated into an omnibus bill and signed into law by President Obama on March 30, 2009. Her legislation reauthorizing a program that provides cancer screening to low-income and uninsured women, and another to increase benefits for service members who lose their vision, were both signed into law in the 110th Session of Congress.

Tammy also helped lead efforts in Congress to repeal federal restrictions on stem cell research and is working to ensure opportunities for state innovation and a public plan option in the health care reform legislation now before her Committee.

Tammy Baldwin was born on February 11, 1962 in the area she now represents in Congress; and traces one branch of her family tree back to 1866 in Sauk County (Baraboo). Raised in Madison jointly by her mother and maternal grandparents, Tammy graduated first in her class of 510 students at Madison West High School in 1980. She received an A.B. degree from Smith College in Northampton, Massachusetts in 1984 with majors in government and mathematics. In 1989, while an active member of the Dane County Board of Supervisors, Tammy earned her J.D. from the University of Wisconsin Law School and practiced law from 1989-1992.

Source: <http://tammybaldwin.house.gov/about/biography.shtml>

August's Famous Quote

"I have learned over the years that when one's mind is made up, this diminishes fear; knowing what must be done does away with fear."

~ Rosa Parks, African-American civil rights activist ~



Rosa Parks in 1955, with Martin Luther King, Jr. in the background

Born Rosa Louise McCauley
February 4, 1913
Tuskegee, Alabama, U.S.

Died October 24, 2005 (aged 92)
Detroit, Michigan, U.S.

Nationality American

Occupation Civil rights activist

Known for Montgomery Bus Boycott

Home town Tuskegee, Alabama

Spouse Raymond Parks (1932-1977)

Signature

Rosa Louise McCauley Parks was an African-American civil rights activist, who the U.S. Congress called "the first lady of civil rights", and "the mother of the freedom movement".

On December 1, 1955, in Montgomery, Alabama, Parks refused to obey bus driver James F. Blake's order that she give up her seat to make room for a white passenger. Parks was not the first to resist bus segregation. Others had taken similar steps in the twentieth century, including Irene Morgan in 1946, Sarah Louise Keys in 1955, and Claudette Colvin nine months before Parks, but NAACP organizers believed that Parks was the best candidate for seeing through a court challenge after her arrest for civil disobedience.

Parks' act of defiance and the Montgomery Bus Boycott became important symbols of the modern Civil Rights Movement. She became an international icon of resistance to racial segregation. She organized and collaborated with civil rights leaders, including Edgar Nixon, president of the local chapter of the NAACP, and Martin Luther King, Jr., a new minister in town who gained national prominence in the civil rights movement.

Parks received national recognition, including the NAACP's 1979 Spingarn Medal, the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the Congressional Gold Medal, and a posthumous statue in the United States Capitol's National Statuary Hall. Upon her death in 2005, she was the first woman and second non-U.S. government official granted the posthumous honor of lying in honor at the Capitol Rotunda.

Source: <http://www.beliefnet.com/Inspiration/2010/01/Inspiring-Quotes-from-Great-Women-in-History.aspx?p=4#ixzz20QmGDod>
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rosa_Parks

Top Ten Famous Women In History

According to Jeff Danelek

3. Joan of Arc



Painting, ca. 1485. An artist's interpretation, since the only known direct portrait has not survived. (Centre Historique des Archives Nationales, Paris, AE II 2490)

What can you say about a seventeen-year-old girl who takes a disheartened army and rallies it to victory in the face of overwhelming odds? Her story is one of those rare events in history that not even the most imaginative novelist could have conjured up, but which actually happened. Joan of Arc, a young girl born to simple farmers in the tiny village of Domremy, managed to defeat a well-trained British Army and make herself a member of the royal court in just one year- all the while dressed in white armor and surviving multiple injuries. To what degree she personally led the armies of France is a source of some debate even to this day, but most historians agree she was certainly a superb strategist and an imposing leader. Captured in May of 1430, her subsequent trial and death for heresy by burning at the stake was one of the most notorious show trials in history and served only to enhance her reputation as a martyr and heroine. She got her day in court, albeit posthumously: her conviction on the politically motivated charge of heresy was later overturned by an ecclesiastical court in 1456 and in 1920 she was even canonized and made one of the five patron saints of France.

To the present day, Joan of Arc has remained a significant figure in Western civilization. From Napoleon I onward, French politicians of all leanings have invoked her memory.



Source: <http://www.toptenz.net/top-10-most-famous-women-in-history.php>

Watch for number 2 coming in the September issue.