

## Heinz History Center Revisited



Left to right: Susan Banerjee, Theresa Rea (Acquisitions Archivist), Karin Neilson

On Saturday, July 28, 2012, Susan, Karin, and Pat Byerly visited the Heinz History Center. We presented documents from 2011 and 2012 to be placed in our archive. While there Theresa spent some time with us reviewing some of the documents already in the archives.

"Every visit to the Archives is such an interesting experience for me. But I continue to be most impressed with the care the staff takes with all the precious historical items that are stored there, and the patience and courtesy they show to the visitors. Additionally, it was very exciting to see all the documents that exist for AAUW. I hope we can find even more information about our branch; it's reassuring to know it will have conscientious guardians at the Heniz Historical Center Archives." (Karin Neilson)



"Visiting AAUW archives was so much fun. I really enjoyed learning about our branch from the past. I'm honored to be a part of AAUW" (Susan Banerjee)



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.

## The Pittsburgh Branch 40 Years Ago This Month

By Karin Neilson

The September 9, 1972 meeting of the Pittsburgh Branch of A.A.U.W. was held at the College Club, 143 North Craig Street, Oakland. The program was "AAUW and The Changing World", and the speaker was Mrs. James G. Haller, President, Pennsylvania Division AAUW. The 1:30 P.M. program was followed by a Membership Tea.

The Newsletter welcomed two new members to the branch: Miss Noralie Stickle, and Mrs. Thomas H. Sumpster (Myra).

In 1972, the Pittsburgh AAUW sponsored an annual writing project as part of its program to encourage creative work among the members. It was not a competition but rather an opportunity for members to receive a critique of their writing style. After a review by local critics, a few, select manuscripts were submitted to professional critics for more extensive review. Miss Lois Grose (Cultural Interest Chairman) coordinated the program.

40 years ago, our Branch had a large and active membership. There were 7 Elected Officers: President; 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Presidents; Recording Secretary; Correspondence Secretary; Assistant Secretary; and Treasurer. There were four Area Representatives: The Community; Cultural Interests; Education; and International Relations. There were three Topic Chairmen (yes, ladies, they were referred to as **Chairmen**, not Chairpersons), and 24 Chairmen of the following committees:

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|-------------|----------------------------------------------------|
| Attendance  | Inter-Branch Representative                        |
| Auditing    | Legislation                                        |
| "Betwixt"   | Mass Media                                         |
| Book Fair   | Membership                                         |
| Bulletins   | Parliamentarian                                    |
| By-Laws     | P.C.I.V. (I don't know what this is)               |
| Ecology     | Policy Revision                                    |
| Fellowships | Publicity                                          |
| Finance     | Subcommittee on Community and Intergroup Relations |
| Historian   | Telephone                                          |
| Hospitality | United Nations Association                         |
| Housing     | Year Book                                          |

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Don't miss the September 8, 2012 meeting . . .



Susan Banerjee

This month our very own member, Susan Banerjee, who is also a Premier Designs Jewelry Independent Distributor, will display some of her favorite pieces. Net proceeds from the sale of jewelry will be donated to the Pittsburgh Branch's Scholarship Fund.

Also present at this month's meeting is the 2012 scholarship recipient Johanna Burnett who is currently a nontraditional Ph.D. student at Duquesne University. She earned her B.S. in Biology with a minor in chemistry at Chatham University. Her Ph. D. research is in the field of solid state chemistry. Her dissertation title is focused on the synthesis and characterization of ternary and quaternary diamond-like semiconductors with potential photovoltaic and nonlinear optical applications. She plans on graduating this spring 2013.

The meeting will be held at the PAA in Oakland located at:

4215 Fifth Avenue  
Pittsburgh, PA 15213

(412) 621-2400  
[www.paaclub.com](http://www.paaclub.com)

10:30 – 11:30 Board Meets  
**11:45 – 1:00 Lunch**  
1:00 – 2:00 Program

**Please note the change in the time for lunch (highlighted above).**

Please R.S.V.P. no later than February 9, 2012 to reserve your seat! Cost of lunch is \$17.00 payable upon arrival.

For more information call Pat Byerly (412) 482-4419 or email her at [aauwpgh@aauwpgh.org](mailto:aauwpgh@aauwpgh.org)

## AAUW MISSION

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

## Happy Birthday

**September** is the ninth month of the year in the Julian and Gregorian Calendars and one of four months with a length of 30 days.

September in the Northern Hemisphere is the seasonal equivalent of March in the Southern Hemisphere.

In the Northern hemisphere, the beginning of the meteorological autumn is 1 September. In the Southern hemisphere, the beginning of the meteorological spring is 1 September.

September begins on the same day of the week as December every year, because there are 91 days separating September and December, which is a multiple of seven (the number of days in the week). No other month ends on the same day of the week as September in any year.

At the Pittsburgh Branch we have two members whose birthdays fall in September.

Gwendolyn Ormes – 9/1  
Eileen Olmsted – 9/21



Happy Birthday, everyone!!

Source: <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/September>

## 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

any current member who brings a new member to our

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 [aaupgh@aaupgh.org](mailto:aaupgh@aaupgh.org).



## September's Famous Quote

*"Find out who you are and do it on purpose."*

~ Dolly Parton ~



**Dolly Rebecca Parton** (born January 19, 1946) is an American singer-songwriter, author, multi-instrumentalist, actress, and philanthropist, best known for her work in country music. As a songwriter, she has composed over 3,000 songs, the best known of which include "I Will Always Love You" (a two-time U.S. country chart-topper for Parton, as well as an international pop hit for Whitney Houston), "Jolene", "Coat of Many Colors", "9 to 5", and "My Tennessee Mountain Home". As an actress, she starred in the movies *9 to 5*, *The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas*, *Steel Magnolias*, *Straight Talk*, *Unlikely Angel*, and *Joyful Noise*. She is one of the most successful female country artists of all time; with an estimated 100 million in album sales, Dolly Parton is also one of the best selling artists of all time. She is known as "The Queen of Country Music".

Dolly Parton began performing as a child, singing on local radio and television programs in the Eastern Tennessee area. By age nine, she was appearing on *The Cas Walker Show* on both WIVK Radio and WBIR-TV in Knoxville, Tennessee. At thirteen, she was recording (the single "Puppy Love") on a small Louisiana label, Goldband Records, and appeared at the Grand Ole Opry in Nashville, Tennessee. It was at the Opry that she first met Johnny Cash, who encouraged her to go where her heart took her and not to care what others thought. The day after she graduated from high school in 1964, Parton moved to Nashville taking many traditional elements of folklore and popular music from East Tennessee with her.

On May 30, 1966, she and Carl Thomas Dean were married in Ringgold, Georgia. She had met Dean at the Wishy-Washy Laundromat two years earlier on her first day in Nashville. His very first words to her were: "Y'all gonna get sunburnt out there, little lady."

Dean, who runs an asphalt road-surface-paving business in Nashville, has always shunned publicity and rarely accompanies her to any events. According to Parton, he has only ever seen her perform once.

On May 30, 2012, they celebrated their 46th anniversary. Later, she said, "We're really proud of our marriage. It's the first for both of us. And the last."

Source: [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dolly\\_Parton](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dolly_Parton)

## TIDBITS . . . Did You Know

Football season is upon us and the terrible towel has been in the news lately.



*Original commercially marketed Terrible Towel, sold exclusively by Gimbel's Department Store, 1976*

Two weeks prior to the Steelers' first playoff game of the 1975 season, the team's flagship radio station WTAE's Vice President and General Manager, Ted J. Atkins, and President of Sales, Larry Garrett, explained that they needed Cope's assistance in inventing a "gimmick" in order to attract sponsors to his daily commentaries and talk show. Initially, Cope did not want to participate, saying "I am not a gimmick guy, never have been a gimmick guy." However, after Garrett's suggestion that a successful gimmick would be good leverage for a raise in Cope's upcoming contract renewal, Cope replied, "I'm a gimmick guy."

The three men, along with other radio station advertising personnel, began brainstorming ideas. One idea, a black mask including coach Chuck Noll's motto "Whatever it takes", was deemed too expensive. Cope said the gimmick should be something "lightweight and portable and already owned by just about every fan." Garrett suggested using towels. Cope agreed, suggesting the words "The Terrible Towel" be printed on the front. It was agreed that the towels would be gold or yellow, with the writing in black—the colors of the Steelers. Franklin C. Snyder, who was head of WTAE's radio and television stations, held the final approval of the idea. He approved the idea on the stipulation that black towels would also be allowed, in order to avoid accusations of racism from the FCC; Cope and Garrett agreed.



In 1996, Cope gave the rights to The Terrible Towel to the Allegheny Valley School in Coraopolis, Pennsylvania. The school provides care for more than 900 people with mental retardation and physical disabilities, including Cope's autistic son, Danny. Proceeds from the Terrible Towel have helped raise more than \$2.2 million for the school. During the 2005 season, when the Steelers won their fifth Super Bowl, more than 1 million Towels were sold; some fans bought 200 Towels at a time.

A special NEW towel is available. It commemorates the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Steelers organization.

Source: [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Terrible\\_Towel](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Terrible_Towel)

## From the desk of Karin Neilson...

We accomplish so much each day with family, friends, and our careers. But sometimes the pressure to do all and be all can be overwhelming. Sometimes our minds need to be refreshed. Want to know a quick and inexpensive way to 'detox' your mind?

### If you're a bath person...

Draw a hot bath and sprinkle in a few drops of rose, lime, eucalyptus or geranium essential oil (available at any of the fine bath/body shops in the area). Luxuriate in this mixture for 10-15 minutes, and then shower in water as cold as you can stand it. Pat yourself dry and apply a thick moisturizer. After this soak, you should begin to find your mind feeling less burdened.

### If you're a shower person...

Make your shower water as hot as you can stand it, and after you've cleaned your skin, apply one of the essential oils listed above on a wash cloth. Rub this oil all over yourself, then rinse with a cold blast of water (you can ease into it by gradually adjusting the faucet till you've reached your threshold). Pat yourself dry and apply a thick moisturizer.

If you want to wash the day off your face (while you're soaking in the bath), apply a generous amount of the following warm mixture to your face and neck: oatmeal (heated till the 'milk' appears in the bowl), 2 Tbsp. honey, and an egg yolk (stir till mixed thoroughly). Sit in the bath with this mixture on your face (it should begin to get a bit stiff), then rinse it off with the cold blast. Pat your face dry, do not rub.

Just a thought...

## Events in History 40 Years Ago This Month

By Michele Buford

### September 1

Bobby Fischer defeats Boris Spassky in a chess match in Reykjavik, Iceland, becoming the first American world chess champion.

The Second Cold War begins between the United Kingdom and Iceland.

September 4 – The first episode of *The Price Is Right* is hosted on CBS by Bob Barker. *Gambit* and *The Joker's Wild* also premiere.

September 5 – September 6 – Munich Massacre: Eleven Israeli athletes at the 1972 Summer Olympics in Munich are murdered after 8 members of the Arabterrorist group Black September invade the Olympic Village; 5 guerillas and 1 policeman are also killed in a failed hostage rescue.

September 10 – The Brazilian driver Emerson Fittipaldi wins the Italian Grand Prix at Monza and becomes the youngest Formula One World Champion.

September 14 – West Germany and Poland renew diplomatic relations.

September 17 – Uganda announces that there are Tanzanian troops in its territory.

September 18 – São Paulo Metro is inaugurated in Brazil.

September 19 – A parcel bomb sent to the Israeli Embassy in London kills 1 diplomat.

September 21 – Philippine president Ferdinand Marcos issues Proclamation No. 1081 placing the entire country under martial law.

September 24 – An F-86 fighter aircraft leaving an air show at Sacramento Executive Airport fails to become airborne and crashes into a Farrell's Ice Cream Parlor, killing 12 children and 11 adults.

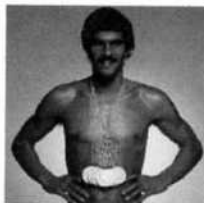
September 25 – Norwegian EC referendum, 1972: Norway rejects membership in the European Economic Community.

September 27 – The Joint Communique of the Government of Japan and the Government of the People's Republic of China is signed in Beijing.

September 28 – The Canadian national men's hockey team defeats the Soviet national ice hockey team in Game 8 of the 1972 Summit Series (French: La Série du Siècle, Russian: Суперсерия СССР — Канада), 6–5, to win the series 4–3–1.

September 29 – Sino-Japanese relations: Japan normalizes diplomatic relations with the People's Republic of China after breaking official ties with the Republic of China (Taiwan).

And . . . who can forget the 1972 Summer Olympics when Mark Spitz won seven gold medals. He set a new world record by winning a gold medal in every event in which he competed.



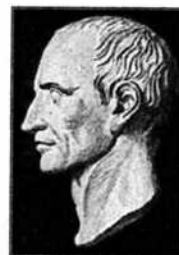
## Top Ten Famous Women In History

According to Jeff Danelek

### 2. Cleopatra



I doubt if few women throughout history are as well known or have been depicted in literature and by Hollywood more than Cleopatra, the last Pharaoh of Egypt and lover to both Julius Caesar and Mark Antony.



Okay, so she was a shady person who had her sisters killed and had a tendency to sleep with whoever might prove helpful to her efforts to gain power. Also, she did betray Mark Antony, but then no one is without a few minor flaws. What she couldn't be faulted for was her intelligence and determination in being able to accomplish so much mischief within the highest level of the Roman government, and her charm in getting people to agree to the most extraordinary things—often at their own great peril. While she didn't live long enough to see her fortieth birthday (some unfortunate business having to do with a snake bite, I understand), she did live long enough to oversee an Empire stretching from the Atlantic Ocean to the Asian subcontinent. It is also one of those great imponderables to imagine what turn history might have made had Mark Antony and Cleopatra's fleets won at Actium and Octavian's armies been defeated in Egypt. It certainly wouldn't have been dull, one can surmise.

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

Watch for number 1 coming soon. Next month a quick review of numbers 2 through 10.

