

## A Message from Our President



Greetings AAUW Pittsburgh Branch members! We had a stellar start to our new 2012-2013 year at the September meeting with many members, guests and high energy. Our program was done by our member, Susan Banerjee, and involved a Premiere Design Jewelry fundraiser for future scholarships. Bring your orders to the October meeting and you will have your jewelry at the November meeting. If you missed the September opportunity, I'm sure Susan will have catalogs for you to view at the October meeting for ordering that day. This is a great opportunity for you to get something new for yourself or for people on your gift lists for the upcoming holidays and birthdays. Susan is unselfishly earmarking all of her profits for our scholarship fund. There was also a very interesting talk by our 2012 scholarship winner, Johann Burnett, who is doing her PhD in one of the STEM fields. We all felt honored to have been able to assist her in funding a very important high-level scientific test for her dissertation project. October will bring a fun talk on journaling by a woman who does this in her counseling projects with many people – a friend of Marci Henzi's, Jeanne Zell. She will get us all started on our own journaling journeys that very day. I hope you are all as enthused as I am for this new AAUW year. You can find AAUW Pittsburgh Branch on Facebook now, thanks to member Michel Buford, our social media champion, who asks you to find us and "like" us. We'll have lots of fun things to do this year in our efforts to bring more success to women and girls. Hope to see you at our October meeting for lunch and/or the fun program!

Yours for female fortitude,

Dr. Shari Muench

**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 monthly meeting convened on October 14, 1972 at the William Penn Hotel. The speaker was Mr. Sheldon Miller, Law Clerk of the Juvenile Court, and his topic was "The Juvenile Court Act in Process Today." Tea was served following the program.

Phyllis Caplan was responsible for organizing a trip to the Rolling Rock Races. Tickets were \$3.00.

Six new members were welcomed to the Branch in October 1972: Rhea Ferrari; Sheila Maxwell; Mrs. Floyd Johnson; Christine Peters; Anna Switchen; and Irene Millen.

There was a Fall Focus meeting featuring the distribution and 100% member involvement of a RATING LEADERSHIP QUALITIES FOR ACTION sheet. PA Division President, Mrs. J.G. Haller, made a plea for a strong Public Relations Program throughout the branches, stressing the importance for planning and participating in Public Hearings throughout the State. Individual branches were encouraged to plan to be involved in "Radio Conversations" with knowledgeable members to speak in specific fields.

Other discussion topics at the Fall Focus were the AAUW "AGNES" Flood Relief Fund, and Branch opportunities to raise money for the AAUW Centennial Fund.

Finally, Dr. Fannie Pittler (Legislative Chairman) posted the following note in the Bulletin:

**SPECIAL ATTENTION** – House Bill 681 – Community Treatment Centers for Woman and Girl Offenders. The House and Senate had passed the Bill and it was awaiting the Governor's signature.

## 40 Years Ago Around the World

**Oct 4:** The abbreviation "Ms." was used for the first time in the *Congressional Record*, in reference to U.S. Representative Bella Abzug. The other eleven women in Congress, however, continued to be referred to as "Mrs."

**Oct 11:** The case of *Roe v. Wade* was reargued before the United States Supreme Court, after having first been argued on December 13, 1971, before seven Justices. While the initial opinion by Justice Harry Blackmun had simply found the challenged laws against abortion to be "unconstitutionally vague", the revised 1973 Blackmun opinion went further in declaring most restrictions against the right of choice to be unconstitutional.

**Oct 26:** General Mathieu Kérékou staged a coup in Dahomey, overthrowing the Presidential Council that had governed the West African nation since 1970. Kérékou changed the nation's name to the People's Republic of Benin as part of a movement toward Marxism-Leninism, but later guided the nation toward democracy.

Source(s): [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/October\\_1972](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/October_1972)



Don't miss the October 13, 2012 meeting . . .

Have you ever resolved to keep a diary, write in your new journal every day, tell the truth of your life, or record your family's stories, yet found your good intentions falling away? **Jeanne Zell** will offer tips, techniques and exercises from her *Personal Journal Writing groups* to encourage writing your stories.

Anyone attending this meeting will receive an AAUW Journal. Paid members not attending will receive a journal at the next meeting attended (while supplies last).. Supply is limited so **RSVP ASAP!**



In her Personal Journal Writing groups, **Jeanne Zell** draws on her education (English major from Clarion, Masters in American Studies from Notre Dame, Masters in Counseling from Indiana University). She has 20 years of experience with journal writing. While in private practice in Houston, Texas, Jeanne created a therapy process, which included writing, for adult children of alcoholics and other survivors of trauma, neglect, and abuse, including veterans.

A voracious reader but sporadic writer, she currently guides writing groups in Sewickley, at both the library and at Masonic Village Senior Residence. Both groups have been together for over seven years, sharing their stories, with lots of laughter, some tears, and the joy of connecting.

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 October 10, 2012 to reserve your seat! Cost of lunch is \$20.00 payable upon arrival.

For more information or to reserve your seat and your journal, please send an email to [aauwpgh@aauwpgh.org](mailto:aauwpgh@aauwpgh.org)

## AAUW MISSION

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

## Happy Birthday

**October** is the tenth month of the year in the Julian and Gregorian Calendars and one of seven months with a length of 31 days. The eighth month in the old Roman calendar, October retained its name (from the Latin "octo" meaning "eight") after January and February were inserted into the calendar that had originally been created by the Romans.

This month we have only one branch member whose birthday falls in October.

Marci Henzy – 10/1

Happy Birthday, Marci!!

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



## 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 [aauwpgh@aauwpgh.org](mailto:aauwpgh@aauwpgh.org).



## Receive the Newsletter Electronically

If you are finding the print in the newsletter a little small and hard to read, you can now sign up to have the newsletter emailed to you when it is published. To have the newsletter emailed to you in a PDF format, contact send an email to [aauwpgh@aauwpgh.org](mailto:aauwpgh@aauwpgh.org)



## TIDBITS . . . Did You Know

Coal has been mined in the state of Pennsylvania since the 1700s. Bituminous coal was first mined from Coal Hill, also known as Mount Washington, across the Monongahela River from Pittsburgh.



In the early history of Pittsburgh, Mount Washington was known as Coal Hill, but Coal Hill was actually on the south bank of the Monongahela River. Easy access to the Pittsburgh coal seam's outcrop near the base of Mt. Washington allowed several mines to operate there.

By 1876, the name had been changed to Mount Washington, and a year later, the view of the City of Pittsburgh was first drawn from Mt. Washington.

Many photos of the Pittsburgh skyline are from Mt. Washington, because of the view.

Also, rock was quarried from the hill. Gray sandstone, for example, was quarried at Coal Hill for the second Allegheny County Courthouse.



The second courthouse was built on a tract of land on the corner of Fourth and Grant Streets, on Grant's Hill. Construction took place between 1834 and 1840 and completed in 1841. Due to corrosion caused by coal smoke, the building deteriorated: the dressed surface of the facade dropped off, some of the cornices near the roof began to fall, and the building had a scaly appearance. Even in its deteriorated state, it was a handsome structure. On May 7, 1882, a fire broke out and ruined the building. Subsequently, it was demolished. The third, and present, courthouse was erected on the same spot.



Sources: [americanprofile.com](http://americanprofile.com)  
[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Allegheny\\_County\\_Courthouse](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Allegheny_County_Courthouse)  
[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mount\\_Washington\\_\(Pittsburgh\)](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mount_Washington_(Pittsburgh))

## Pittsburgh Branch Officers and Board

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Nominations Committee, Karin Neilson and Gwendolyn Ormes

## SAVE THE DATES

This year we have four exciting events planned.

The first will be the Barnes & Noble Holiday Gift Wrapping on December 14, 15, & 16, 2012, times will be 3:00 to 9:00 p.m.



each day. We'll break that down into two shifts (3-6, 6-9) each day. We are looking for volunteers to come out and help. Please contact [aauwpgh@aauwpgh.org](mailto:aauwpgh@aauwpgh.org) for more information and watch for more information in the November newsletter.

World Book Night – April 23, 2013



This is an event that the board is very excited about. Learn more at <http://www.us.worldbooknight.org/> and watch for more information in future issues of the newsletter. It would be great if we can get everyone to participate in this very important event.

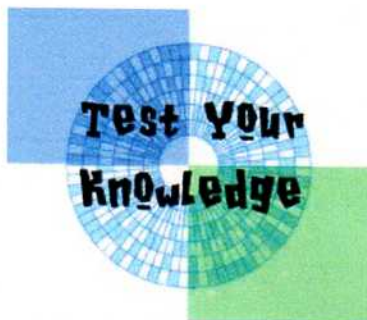
AAUW Pittsburgh Branch Blood Drive – date not yet set. We are trying to connect with a local university to sponsor a blood drive. Volunteers will be needed to pass out refreshments. More details will follow.



First Annual Wine Tasting – date not yet set. Watch for details in future newsletters.



## An American History Quiz



How well do you know your American history?

We will be celebrating our nation's 236<sup>th</sup> birthday this year and there are 25 questions developed for *American Profile* by the American Historical Association, the nation's oldest and largest society of history teachers, professors, and historians.

Each month you'll be presented with 5 questions. Are you ready for the first five?

- We celebrate the Fourth of July to commemorate:
  - The day of the Continental Army's victory at Yorktown
  - The adoption of the Declaration of Independence
  - The first day the Continental Congress met in Philadelphia
  - The day the Constitution of the United States took effect.
- Which of these North American cities is the oldest?
  - Montreal, Quebec
  - Jamestown, Virginia
  - St. Augustine, Florida
  - Plymouth, Massachusetts
- Which American Indian tribe has never been native to the Atlantic Coast?
  - Wampanoag
  - Powhatan
  - Cherokee
  - Sioux
- What nearly destroyed the British colonies of New England in 1675-76?
  - Metacom's (or King Philip's) War
  - The French and Indian War
  - The Boston Massacre
  - Barbary pirates
- Which city was the first U.S. capital under the Constitution?
  - Washington, D.C.
  - Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
  - Boston, Massachusetts
  - New York, New York

Source: [www.americanprofile.com](http://www.americanprofile.com)

## Women in Congress



**Terri Sewell**

Born in Huntsville, Madison County, Alabama, on January 1, 1965; graduated from Selma High School, Selma, Ala., 1982; B.A., Princeton University, Princeton, N.J., 1986; M.A., Oxford University, Oxford, U.K., 1988; J.D., Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass., 1992; lawyer, private practice; elected as a Democrat to the One Hundred Twelfth Congress (January 3, 2011-present).

**Terrycina Andrea "Terri" Sewell** is the U.S. Representative for Alabama's 7th congressional district. The district includes most of the Black Belt, as well as most of the predominantly black portions of Birmingham and Tuscaloosa. She is a member of the Democratic Party and the first black woman elected to Congress from Alabama. Sewell is the only Democrat in Alabama's seven-member Congressional delegation. Sewell and Martha Roby are the first women elected to Congress from Alabama in regular elections.

After graduation, Sewell served as a judicial law clerk in Birmingham, Alabama to the Honorable Chief Judge U. W. Clemon, United States District Court (AL-ND), Alabama's first black federal judge.

Sewell began her legal career in 1994 at the Wall Street law firm of Davis Polk & Wardwell. A securities lawyer for more than a decade, she had much exposure to finance and the capital markets. Sewell provided free legal services to the homeless, mentoring girls of color in NYC high schools through the program Dreams into Action and serving on the Alumni Advisory Board of Sponsors of Educational Opportunity, a not-for-profit organization providing education, leadership training and Wall Street internships to students of color. Through her involvement with SEO, she served as the co-chair of the Community Assistance Fund, which provided \$100,000 of aid and assistance to organizations serving communities of color affected by the events of September 11, 2001.

As the first black female partner in the Birmingham law firm of Maynard, Cooper, & Gale, P.C., Sewell has distinguished herself as one of the only black public finance lawyers in the State of Alabama. She served as a lawyer helping to raise money for public projects for some of the state's most underserved public entities, many in the 7th Congressional district, including the City of Selma, Dallas County Water Authority and Lowndes County Board of Education. Sewell made educational finance a particular focus of her practice representing the historically black colleges in the State of Alabama.

Source(s): <http://www.infoplease.com/biography/us/congress/sewell-terri.html> and [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Terri\\_Sewell](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Terri_Sewell)

## Top Ten Famous Women In History

According to Jeff Danelek

A quick review before the most famous woman in history is revealed.

- Harriet Tubman
- Mary Magdalene
- Eleanor Roosevelt
- Marie Curie
- Marie Antoinette
- Indira Gandhi
- Queen Victoria
- Joan of Arc
- Cleopatra

No peeking – watch for number 1 next month.

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

## Famous Woman Inventor



**Dr. Grace Murray Hopper**

Inventor Grace Murray Hopper was a curious child. At the age of seven, she dismantled her alarm clock to figure out how it worked, but was unable to reassemble it. By the time her mother figured out what she had been up to, the young Grace Hopper had gone through seven clocks in the house. This intellectual curiosity would later play an integral part in earning Hopper a place among the ranks of the most famous women inventors.

As she grew up, Grace's parents encouraged her to pursue her educational ambitions. At Vassar College, she obtained a B.A. in mathematics and physics. She continued her education at Yale University by completing a masters and Ph.D. in mathematics. She then returned to Vassar to teach.

During World War II, Hopper joined the Navy and was sworn into the U.S. Naval Reserve in 1943. After training, she was commissioned as a lieutenant and assigned to the Bureau of Ordinance Computation Project at Harvard University. She became the third person to program the Harvard Mark I computer. Much like her clocks, disassembling it and figuring out its operating processes was a challenge that she really enjoyed.

Hopper's naval duties ended a year after the war, and she became a senior programmer with Remington Rand, where she worked on the first large-scale commercial computer – UNIVAC. She became Director of Automatic programming in 1952 and subsequently oversaw the company's endeavor to produce specifications for a common business language. From 1959 to 1961, Hopper led the team that invented COBOL (Common Business-Oriented Language), the first user-friendly business computer software program.

Later, Hopper invested a great deal of time advocating validation procedures to bring about the international standardization of computer languages. She won numerous awards for her career as a famous woman inventor, including the National Medal of Technology, which was presented to her in 1991 by President George Bush. By the time she passed away on January 1, 1992, Dr. Hopper had received honorary degrees from thirty universities.

Source: <http://www.women-inventors.com/Dr-Grace-Murray-Hopper.asp>

Answers: 1. (b), 2. (c), 3. (d), 4. (a), 5. (d)