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The Rockland County Branch of the American Association of University Women, Inc.

Rockland County Branch AAUW
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Mission: AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research.

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DATES TO REMEMBER

Tuesday, September 1 AAUW Board Meeting at Dorothie Flieger's 7:00 p.m.
Please let Dorothie know if you will or will not attend.

Thursday, September 10 AAUW 'Rockland Readers Book Club' at 1:00 p.m.
Barnes & Noble NANUET
Bone Hollow by Bill Braine

*Monday, September 21 AAUW Book Group New City Library 4:00 p.m. * Note change of day.
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Thursday, September 17 AAUW BRANCH OPEN HOUSE/KICK-OFF MEETING 6:00 P.M.
Nanuet Library Community Room
149 Church Street, Nanuet, NY 10954

Welcome new members, learn of our activities for this coming year, and enjoy some delicious hors d'oeuvres.

CALL Kathleen Sullivan at 845 735-3824 with your contribution to the finger food menu by September 12. See details within.

Thursday, October 1 AAUW 'Rockland Readers Book Club' at 1:00 p.m.
Barnes & Noble NANUET
A Rip in Heaven by Jeanine Cummins

Saturday, October 3 DISTRICT V CONFERENCE at New York Institute of Technology 2 – 5 p.m.
16 West 61st Street, 11th floor auditorium, New York, NY 10023
Registration form will be forthcoming.

Tuesday, October 6 AAUW Board Meeting at Sylvia Miller's 7:00 p.m.
Please let Sylvia know if you will or will not attend.

VISION STATEMENT: AAUW will be a powerful advocate and visible leader in equity and education through research,

philanthropy, and measurable change in critical areas impacting the lives of women and girls.

DIVERSITY STATEMENT: *In principle and practice, AAUW values and seeks a diverse membership. There shall be no barriers to full participation in this organization on the basis of gender,*

AAUW VALUE PROMISE: *By joining AAUW, we belong to a community that breaks through educational and economic barriers so that all women have a fair chance.*

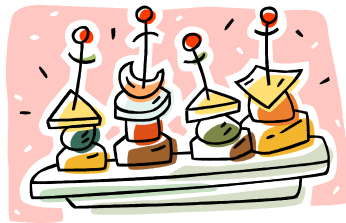
race, creed, age, sexual orientation, national origin, disability, or class.

BRANCH NOTES.

Welcome back to a new AAUW year. This year promises to be exciting with new programs, new officers and lots of enthusiasm from all those who attended the Summer Conference at Cazenovia. Come join us and have fun!

Our recording secretary, **Ellie Grossman**, has moved to Goshen. Her new address is 1 Sunset Court, Goshen, NY 10924. Her new home phone is 845-294-7520. She assures us that she will continue her duties with our branch. Happy new home Ellie!

Congratulations to our **Melissa Guardaro** (also AAUW's representative to the United Nations) who completed her graduate studies in Environmental Management and Sustainability at Harvard University this year. Well done!



OPENING BRANCH MEETING OPEN HOUSE/KICK-OFF THURSDAY, Sept. 17, 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.
Nanuet Library Community Room, 149 Church Street, Nanuet

Meet our officers and new members and learn about our programs. Committee Chairs and Special Interest Groups will speak about their areas of interest.

Small plate finger foods, contributed by members, will be served. **PLEASE CALL our Food Coordinator Kathleen Sullivan 735-3824** by September 12 to tell her what food item you will bring. Please plan to serve 6 – 8 people.

The meeting set-up is at 5:30 p.m. so bring your goodies then so the meeting can begin promptly by 6:00 p.m.

Bring your friends, relatives, prospects. This is always a very enjoyable, informative and tasty event.

LEGAL ADVOCACY FUND (LAF)

Appeals Court Blocks Unconstitutional Abortion Restriction in North Dakota. In late July, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 8th Circuit struck down a North Dakota law that would have banned all abortions after approximately six weeks of pregnancy – arguably the most severe abortion restriction in the country. The 8th Circuit ruled that the law was unconstitutional under *Roe v Wade*. Although the court's ruling means that the law will not go into effect for now, North Dakota may appeal the court's decision to the U.S. Supreme Court. Even if the state doesn't do so, challenges to similar early bans look likely to reach the Supreme Court next term.

STEM

STEM activities at the Summit Park Elementary School will begin in October. A luncheon for the coaches and updated training sessions will take place before coaching activities commence. We have over 50 volunteers working with the students this year. Kudos to one and all for all you have done in the past and for what will be done this year. With your help, the students are thriving.



Education Opportunities Fund (EOF)

Each year, AAUW National suggests that each branch contribute \$25/member to the EOF to support all the research, scholarships, grants, etc. that are offered to members. In order to do so, we need some fund raisers to accomplish this goal. Currently we do not have any fund raisers scheduled for this year yet. So how about bringing your loose change to each meeting and putting it in the **ORANGE BUCKET?** Lighten the load in your purse and contribute to a great cause.

AAUW DISTRICT V CONFERENCE Saturday, October 3, 2015 from 2-5 pm at the New York Institute of Technology, 16 West 61st Street, 11th floor auditorium, New York, NY 10023.

This year the Empire State Virtual Branch and the Younger Women's Task Force are inviting us to this event which is titled ***Focus on Feminism: Past & Present, Near & Far***. Come join them to celebrate International Day of the Girl with an outstanding filmmaker and feminist, Jennifer Hall Lee. Meet members of AAUW NYS District V Branches: Empire State Virtual NY Branch, Rockland Branch, Staten Island Branch and the Westchester Branch.

Watch for the registration form which will be sent to you soon.

Let's carpool – contact Karen Martin at 914 419-0613 or Karen48Martin40@gmail.com

HAPPENINGS

Wednesday, Sep. 16 – **Rivertown Film presents *IRIS***, at the Nyack Center, Nyack, NY, 8:00 p.m.

Friday, Sep. 18 – **Rivertown Film, Nyack Village and Wright Bros. Real Estate present *An Evening of Cartoon Classics*** at Artopee Way Drive-In (AKA Nyack Municipal Parking Lot) at Dusk – free admission.

Friday, Oct. 2 – **Rivertown Film presents *THE AMAZING NINA SIMONE***, at the Nyack Center, Nyack, NY, Music starts at 7:30 p.m. Film at 8:30 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 3 – **The Edmund W. Gordon & Susan G. Gordon Community Partnership and the CEJJES Institute present *“Education Summit: Educating Young Men of Color for Success”*** at RCC Tech Center 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. To participate or attend, contact Earl Miller at earl.miller@nyack.edu 845-675-4791, Rabia Nagin at skyviewra@yahoo.com 845-354-7390. This event is for families, educators and community-based organizations.

Friday, October ? – **AAUW “Ladies Who Lunch”** at??? Greet old and new AAUW friends for lunch and socializing. Respond to Charlotte Sorger at (845) 352-1488. Contact Charlotte with suggestions for restaurants. Watch for details in our October newsletter.

RTC (Rockland Teachers' Center) EVENTS open to everyone! View all programs online at www.rockteach.org. E-mail address for Bilha Berkowitz is bberkowitz@rockteach.org. Additional trips and gallery tours are online. **Reminder:** For a special discount on Air Brook Limousine Service, call 1 800-800-1990 and mention code CC6059.

5% discount on luxury sedan and van service PLUS a 5% donation in your name to the Rockland Teachers' Center.

PEOPLE TO PEOPLE FOOD PANTRY August/September is their *Back to School with Dignity* program which provides backpacks filled with grade-appropriate school supplies to nearly 2,000 children from low-income Rockland families. All school supplies gratefully accepted. Please continue providing canned goods, juices, cereal, soups, peanut butter & jelly, etc. to PTP as often as you can. For more information, go to their web site: www.peopletopeopleinc.org
Hours are Monday through Friday 9:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.; Thursday 9:30 a.m. – 6:30 p.m. at 121 West Nyack Road, Nanuet, NY.
Questions? Call (845) 623-4900 THANK YOU

SAVE THE DATE

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Tuesday, October 6 – BOARD meeting at Sylvia Miller's 7:00 p.m.

*Monday, October 19 - AAUW Book Group, New City Library, 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, October 21 or 28 – BRANCH meeting CANDIDATES' FORUM at JCC in conjunction with JCC, AARP, LWV

Tuesday, November 3 – BOARD meeting at Sandy Masiello's 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, November 5 - Rockland Readers Book Club, Barnes & Noble, Nanuet 1:00 p.m.

*Monday, November 16 - AAUW Book Group, New City Library, 4:00 p.m.

Tuesday, November 17 - BRANCH meeting with author Betty Vallone and her new book, *Heaven, Hell & Hoboken*

Wednesday, November 18 - STEM Engineers' Luncheon at the Nanuet Library

Tuesday, December 1 - BOARD meeting at Karen Martin's 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, December 3 - Rockland Readers Book Club, Barnes & Noble, Nanuet 1:00 p.m.

Wednesday, December 9 - AAUW HOLIDAY BUFFET AND AUCTION 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday, December 23 - AAUW WRAP at Barnes & Noble, NANUET

Thursday, December 24 - AAUW WRAP at Barnes & Noble, NANUET

HAPPY HOLIDAYS