



FACETS

OCTOBER 2015

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

Rockland County Branch AAUW
P. O. Box 962 Monsey, NY 10952-0962

OUR WEB SITE: <http://rocklandcounty-ny.aauw.net/>

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

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DATES TO REMEMBER

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

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

*Monday, October 19 AAUW Book Group New City Library at 4:00 p.m.
* Note change of day. *The Bluest Eye and God Help the Child* by Toni Morrison

Saturday, October 24 AAUW NEW MEMBER "Meet and Greet" at 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
New City Library (Storytime Room lower level) See details within.

Sunday, October 25 Branch meeting/Candidates' Forum at 2:00 – 4:30 p.m.
JCC Jewish Community Center,
450 West Nyack Road, West Nyack, NY 10994
In conjunction with AARP, LWV, and many more
See details within.

Friday, October 30 AAUW "Ladies Who Lunch" at Alfredo's Restaurant, 189 Main St., New City, NY.
At 12:30 p.m. Call Charlotte Sorger if you plan to attend at (845) 352-1488.

Tuesday, November 3 AAUW Board Meeting at Sandy Masiello's at 7:00 p.m.
64 Green Road, West Nyack, NY (845) 358-4840
Please let Sandy know if you will or will not attend.

Thursday, November 5 AAUW 'Rockland Readers Book Club' at 1:00 p.m.
Barnes & Noble NANUET
The Light Between Oceans by M L Stedman

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

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.*

President's MESSAGE Suzanne Young-Mercer

As I begin my first year as President of the Rockland branch of AAUW, my mantra will be new membership. What I learned in Cazenovia this summer is that we cannot continue to do what we have been doing because it is not sustainable. We need new membership to help support our existing committees and programs and to provide ideas for new ones.

We are a vibrant organization with working committees and programs that are renowned in the community, but we cannot stand on our laurels. What an organization must do to survive is to bring in new membership with an emphasis on creating new leaders. We need to bring up the next group of leaders to move the organization to the next level. That being said, I need a commitment from our existing members to reach out in your communities and introduce the mission of AAUW to your neighbors, friends and acquaintances.

We are also moving into an off year election season and as we all know, voting is the cornerstone of our democracy. We need to make sure that we vote for people who will support the issues that advance the achievement of woman and girls.

I am excited and honored to be given the opportunity to lead the organization through this new year and look forward to working with all of you as we work toward making life better for women and girls in our community and the world.

BRANCH NOTES.

We again extend our sincere sympathy to families and friends for the many losses this year: our corresponding secretary, Jean Cademartori, Ann Mulligan's friend Oliver Timmons, member Joan Williams, Marcia Gordon's son, Debby Frank's mother, member Frances Yeransian, Patricia Lopez's father and Cora Wilder's daughter.

Pat Cropsey has recently learned that a long time member **Claire McEvoy**, who moved to South Carolina many years ago, died last year. She had been in a nursing home for the past several years.

Message from Ann Mulligan: **Saturday, October 17, 2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Celebrating the Life and work of Oliver Timmons** at the Shadowcliff Mansion of the Fellowship of Reconciliation, (F.O.R.) 521 North Broadway, Nyack, NY 10960. Whether you knew Oliver for a day, a year, a decade, a lifetime or somewhere in between, his smile and laughter, his dedication to the spirit of justice, giving and making a difference were inspiring and contagious...always inviting us to 'go higher.' Please join us in honoring his memory in the company of each other, with music and food (two of the things he loved most!) Bring a dish to share, a song, a poem, a story, a contribution*...whatever moves you! (* to continue the work that Oliver began in his name.)

Congratulations to **Wylene Branton Wood** and **Dr. Cliff Wood** who are being honored at the VCS 45th Anniversary Celebration on October 8 at The View On the Hudson.

Happy recovery to **Holly Brown, Dorothea Flieger** and **Rita Garner**. Hope you are all feeling better.

You are invited to an AAUW Rockland County Branch "Meet and Greet" for New Members and Prospective New Members!!! Come and find out more about the AAUW and meet our branch officers. Refreshments will be provided.

Date: Saturday, October 24, 2015

Time: 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Place: New City Library (Storytime Room). Lower Level. Elevator Available.

Squadron Boulevard, New City, New York 10956

RSPV: Sandy Masiello, Membership

(845) 358-8240 or sandymasi22@yahoo.com

Please RSVP by Tuesday, October 20th

We hope you can come!!!

Treasurers Report – The 2015-2016 Budget

Column1	2014-2015	2015-2016
	Actual	Approved
REVENUE		
Membership Dues		
National @ \$49	\$ 3,773.00	\$ 3,920.00
State @ \$13	\$ 1,001.00	\$ 1,040.00
Local @ \$15	\$ 1,155.00	\$ 1,200.00
Miscellaneous Income		
Educational Foundation Contributions	\$ 173.50	\$ 100.00
Legal Advocacy Foundation Contributions	\$ 260.00	\$ 250.00
Newsletter Contributions	\$ 80.00	\$ 100.00
Undesignated Contributions	\$ 52.00	\$ 50.00
Special Activities		
Women of Achievement Annual Dinner	\$ 2,300.00	\$ 3,000.00
Barnes & Noble Gift Wrap	\$ 441.25	\$ 500.00
Elmwood Playhouse	\$ 1,015.00	\$ 750.00
Engineering Luncheon	\$ 175.00	\$ -
Other		
Designated M. Korb Scholarship Monies	\$ 3,000.00	\$ -
Additional Fundraiser/Contributions	\$ -	\$ 1,185.00
Total Revenue	\$ 13,425.75	\$ 12,095.00
EXPENSES		
National Dues	\$ 3,773.00	\$ 3,920.00
State Dues	\$ 1,001.00	\$ 1,040.00
Educational Foundation (\$25x 80 members)	\$ 1,120.00	\$ 2,000.00
Legal Advocacy Fund (\$5 x 80 members)	\$ 29.58	\$ 400.00
M. Korb Scholarship to Dominican College	\$ 3,000.00	\$ -
Directory	\$ 14.99	\$ -
Administrative		
Hospitality - Food & Paper Supplies	\$ -	\$ 50.00
Insurance (branch)	\$ 175.00	\$ 175.00
Supplies	\$ -	\$ 50.00
Newsletter Printing	\$ 258.35	\$ 250.00
Postage	\$ 166.60	\$ 150.00
PO Box	\$ 154.00	\$ 160.00
Special Activities		
Women of Achievement Annual Dinner	\$ 2,153.69	\$ 3,000.00
Program Speakers	\$ -	\$ 200.00
Engineering Luncheon (STEM)	\$ 300.74	\$ 400.00
Legacy Advocacy Fund Baskets	\$ 29.58	\$ 75.00
Elmwood Playhouse	\$ 400.00	\$ 225.00
Total Expenses	\$ 12,576.53	\$ 12,095.00
Profit/Loss	\$ 849.22	\$ -

The budget committee met in August and presented the proposed budget for the current Fiscal Year to the board. The budget was unanimously approved and was presented to the members at our first branch meeting on September 17. The budget assumes 80 members which affects both our income as well as our expenses in paying dues to National and New York State. All other expenses basically stayed the same.

In addition, to the membership dues to National we have EOF and LAF contributions that are based on our member numbers. With that in mind we are being asked to raise approximately \$2000 to contribute to the two funds. Based on our current budget we have a shortfall of about \$1100 so additional fundraising and/or contributions is a reality in order to keep our budget balanced. So please support our fundraising activities in this coming year. Every dollar you give helps to provide educational and legal assistance and to improve the lives of millions of women and their families.

As a final note I would like to thank our members who have sent in a donation to help with our newsletter expenses.

Sandy Blasy, Treasurer

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FUND (EOF)

As a follow up to Treasurer Sandy Blasy's budget report, here is the perfect opportunity to assist with our annual contribution to AAUW National for EOF. A donation in memory of a loved one, as a birthday or anniversary gift, or just to help us meet our goal would be greatly appreciated. Checks should be made out to **AAUW Funds** and mailed to our EOF VP Patricia Lopez at 2 Doris Drive, Nanuet, NY 10964.

LEGAL ADVOCACY FUND (LAF)

Join us on October 15 for a call to analyze the U. S. Supreme Court's upcoming term. Federal courts are sometimes the last, best hope for victims of discrimination in education, employment, or health care. This term the Supreme Court will hear a number of cases that could significantly affect the rights of women and girls. As in our SCOTUS preview call last October, we'll highlight and summarize the court's most important cases. Save your spot by registering today. Go to **aauw supreme court preview register**. Be sure to register by October 13.

2015 AAUW CAZENOVIA REPORT by Sandy Masiello

This past July five of our Rockland AAUW members attended the summer leadership conference at Cazenovia College in Cazenovia, New York (located near Syracuse, NY). The five attendees were: Sandy Blasy, Karen Martin, Sandy Masiello, Suzanne Young-Mercer, and Bach Tuyet Pham. The theme of this summer's meeting was: "Connecting AAUW's Mission at the Branch Level to Local Communities." On Friday evening, we were introduced to the officers of the AAUW state board and Kimberly Pollard, the AAUW Regional Field Representative, who gave the keynote address. Saturday's talks centered around the topic of "Living the Mission-Preparing Branches to Better Connect Activities to Community Needs." On Sunday, counterpart sessions were held for presidents, program, membership, and fundraising. It was a wonderful opportunity to meet members from other branches and share our thoughts, ideas, and projects. A good time was had by all.

STEM

STEM activities at the Summit Park Elementary School began last week with a delicious luncheon for the coaches followed by updating training sessions before coaching activities commence next week.

The STEM Engineering Committee is planning its annual Engineering Conference for girls and boys in grades 9 – 12 at the Nanuet Library on Wednesday, November 18 from 10:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

AAUW MEMBERSHIP DUES – Where are they?

Several members have agreed to pay but the checks have not been received yet. Please send ASAP so your name will be included in our Directory. That deadline is now. Checks for \$80 made out to *AAUW Rockland* should be sent to AAUW Rockland Branch, P. O. Box 962, Monsey, NY 10952-0962.

TAKE A LOOK AT OUR WEBSITE!!! <http://rocklandcounty-ny.aauw.net/>

Not only is **Sandy Blasy**, our new treasurer, doing an excellent job as treasurer (bringing us into the 21st century), but she has also brought our website up to date and it looks great! Take a look. We will continue adding more information and more photos. All contributions gratefully received. Please send articles, pictures, etc. to Sylvia Miller at aauwsam@optonline.net and we will gladly include them. Thank you and **THANK YOU, SANDY** for all your help.

Candidates' Forum (AAUW Branch Meeting)

Sunday, October 25th

2:00 - 4:30 PM

At JCC Rockland, 450 West Nyack Road, West Nyack, NY 10994

This program is free & open to the public

Sheriff Louis Falco vs. Richard Vasquez

Clarkstown Supervisor Alexander Gromack vs. George Hoehmann

Orangetown Supervisor Andrew Stewart vs. Michael Moroney

Ramapo Supervisor Christopher St. Lawrence vs. Michael Parietti

9 Sponsoring Organizations are all volunteer, non-partisan organizations.

We never support candidates or parties.

The event is co-sponsored by the following groups:

JCC Rockland

Rockland Chapter of AARP

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

Rockland League of Women Voters

National Council of Jewish Women - Rockland County Section

Rockland County Chapter of Hadassah

Statewide Senior Action Council of Rockland County

Rockland Children's Advocacy Network

Nanuet Hebrew Center

For more information call or email:

Bonnie Wind at JCC (845) 362-4400 ext. 109

bonniew@jccrockland.org

Linda Berns at LWV (845) 357-3568

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**HERITAGE OF WEST NYACK , TOWN OF CLARKSTOWN, AND THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF
ROCKLAND COUNTY
PRESENT**

Third Annual FALL FESTIVAL

OCTOBER 18, 2015 12 – 5 PM Rain or Shine

131 Germonds Road at Germonds Park, West Nyack, NY 10994

Showcasing the Historic Traphagen and Vanderbilt/Budke Houses

And

Live Music, Hayrides, Pony rides, Pumpkin Picking, Games & Crafts, Food, Free Mini Golf and much more.

Free parking at Germonds Park and shuttle buses to and from the properties.

The Rockland County Geriatric Mental Health Alliance presents

CAN WE TALK?

Finding the right words to plan for the future.

Meals on Wheels, 121 West Nyack Rd., Nanuet, NY 10954 7:00 – 8:45 p.m.

Come join us for a panel discussion on how to start the tough conversations with your aging parents.
For more details, please contact our chair Dina Nejman at (845) 300-1659 or dnejman@aginginamerica.org

HAPPENINGS

Wednesday, Oct. 14 – **Rivertown Film presents *ME and Earl and the Dying Girl***, at the Nyack Center, Nyack, NY, 8:00 p.m.

Sunday, Oct. 18 – **VCS presents Social Justice Film Series: *Blue Vinyl***, a documentary uncovering the health and environmental risks associated with widely used plastics, etc., at the Green Meadow Waldorf School, 307 Hungry Hollow Rd., Chestnut Ridge, NY.

Sunday, Oct. 18 – **Heritage of West Nyack, Ltd. presents Third Annual Fall Festival**, 131 Germonds Road at Germonds Park, West Nyack 12:00 – 5:00 p.m. rain or shine. Showcasing the Historic Traphagen and Vanderbilt/Budke Houses and music, rides, pumpkins, games, crafts, free Mini Golf and much, much more. Sponsored with the Town of Clarkstown and the Historical Society of Rockland County.

Saturday, Oct. 24 – **VCS Pride at the Nyack Halloween Parade**. Meet at Memorial Park at 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 28 – **Rivertown Film presents *The Salt of the Earth***, at the Nyack Center, Nyack, NY, 8:00 p.m..

Friday, Oct. 30 – **AAUW “Ladies Who Lunch”** at Alfredo’s Restaurant, 189 So. Main St., New City, NY 10956 12:30 p.m. Greet old and new AAUW friends for lunch and socializing. Respond to Charlotte Sorger at (845) 352-1488.

Sunday, Nov. 8 – **Sierra Club Lower Hudson and the Rockland Water Coalition present The Climate Change Solutions Tour!** at Temple Israel Center, 280 Old Mamaroneck Road, White Plains, 3:00 p.m. Josh Fox (“Gasland” Director) and Zephyr Teachout (Breakaway 2014 Candidate for NY Governor) will speak on solutions to climate change, the most urgent environmental problem of our time!

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 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, 10954.
Questions? Call (845) 623-4900 *THANK YOU*

Charlotte Sorger is looking for members to join her **Scholarship Committee**. If interested, please contact Charlotte at (845) 352-1488.

SAVE THE DATE

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Sunday, October 25 – BRANCH meeting CANDIDATES' FORUM at JCC in conjunction with JCC, AARP, LWV, etc.

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, 10:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

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 or ? – 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

Tuesday, January 5 – BOARD Meeting Conference Call 7:00 p.m.

Friday, January 22 – CTAUN Meeting at the United Nations –“Stewardship for a Sustainable World: Education in the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)”

Saturday, January 23 or

Sunday, January 24 - AAUW Branch Meeting

Saturday, February 27 – Diversity Brunch at St. Charles A.M.E. Zion Church, Sparkill, NY 10:30 a.m.