

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

Celebrating Women's History Month

Tuesday, March 1 AAUW Board Meeting CONFERENCE CALL 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, March 3 AAUW 'Rockland Readers Book Club' at 1:00 p.m.
Barnes & Noble NANUET
Redeployment by Phil Klay

Thursday, March 3 INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

Saturday, March 12 **AAUW BRANCH MEETING 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.**
Celebrating Women's History Month
"Women in the Military: Past, Present and Future"
Valley Cottage Library
110 Route 303 North
Valley Cottage, NY 10989

Speakers from West Point and Rockland County Veterans Service

Free and open to the public. Refreshments. See details within.

Tuesday, March 15 AAUW Book Group New City Library at 2:00 - 3:30 p.m. **NOTE Day & Time Change**
The Dream Lover by Elizabeth Berg

Sunday, March 20 League of Women Voters, AAUW Rockland, VCS and NOW present
the film "She's Beautiful When She's Angry"
Nyack Public Library, South Broadway, Nyack, NY 10960 at 2:30 p.m.

Tuesday, April 5 AAUW Board Meeting at Karen Martin's home
Be sure to let Karen know if you will or will not attend.

Thursday, April 7 AAUW 'Rockland Readers Book Club' at 1:00 p.m.
Barnes & Noble NANUET
Savage Harvest by Carl Hoffman

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

March is Women's History Month and like Black History Month, it is a time to reflect on all the achievements that women have brought to the American experience that are often forgotten and certainly underrepresented.

At our recent Diversity Brunch, our AAUW State President, Edwina Martin, reminded us that in 1913 women made 78% of what men made for the same type of work and in 2016 this statistic remains the same. It would appear that we are standing still in the face of what seems to be progress all around us.

This month we will be celebrating Women's History Month with a salute to Women in the Military; certainly an area in which we see much achievement by women but also much of the same kind of discrimination that we see in civilian life.

It makes me proud to be a member of AAUW, an organization whose mission is to advance equity for women and girls, and especially of the Rockland branch which demonstrates through our programs and activities our dedication to this mission. Thank you.

BRANCH NOTES.

Get well wishes to **Frances Blauvelt** and her husband Ralph. And continuing recovery from recent surgery for **Angela Olden Camiolo**.

Who is going to the AAUW NYS Convention in Saratoga Springs next month? For car pooling information, contact Sylvia Miller at (845) 358-160 or aauwsam@optonline.net.

By-Laws Committee will meet at Karen Martin's home on Saturday, March 19 at 2:00 p.m.

Ladies Who Lunch will be back in business in April. Restaurant suggestions should be sent to Charlotte Sorger at (845) 352-1488 after March 31.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Nominating Committee presents our proposed slate of officers to be elected at the branch annual meeting Tuesday, April 19, 2016.

Recording Secretary - April Biggs

Co-President - _____

If anyone is interested in the co-president position, please contact Frances Blauvelt at frblauvelt@msn.com.

All positions are open for additional candidates. Nominations can be made from the floor at the April meeting *provided the person being nominated has agreed to do so prior to that meeting.*

Diversity Brunch

Thanks to **Ann Mulligan** and her AAUW helpers: Dorothe Flieger, Sandy Masiello, Sylvia Miller and Bach Tuyet Pham for another outstanding brunch. We were honored to have Assemblywoman (and AAUW member) **Ellen Jaffee** spontaneously join the speaker's panel to provide detail about the efforts in the state legislature regarding East Ramapo. Our very own AAUW State President, **Edwina Martin**, journeyed in from Staten Island and provided an informative talk about AAUW's mission and motivation.

STEM

Plans for Family Math Night on March 16 are well under way. The STEM program at Summit Park Elementary School was part of the recent observation by the new District Superintendent Wortham. The Journal News interviewed Joyce Brown about the STEM program at Summit Park Elementary. The chess club was in action during the interview. Be sure to look for the article in the coming weeks.

LEGAL ADVOCACY FUND (LAF)

AAUW joined an amicus brief in the U.S. Supreme Court case *Whole Women's Health v. Cole*, challenging a Texas state law that imposes significant restrictions on clinics that provide abortion care. The law would have the effect of closing the majority of the abortion care clinics in Texas. AAUW supports choice in the determination of one's reproductive life and increased access to health care and family planning services.

MARCH BRANCH MEETING - CELEBRATING WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

Saturday, March 12, at the Valley Cottage Library, 110 Route 303 North, Valley Cottage, NY 10989 at 2:00 p.m.

"Women in the Military: Past, Present and Future"

In celebration of Women's History Month, the AAUW Rockland program for March will focus on U.S. Military Women and Veterans: Past, Present and Future. **Major Shauna Hann** of West Point will give a historical perspective of women in the military. **Captain Jessica Dawson**, an instructor in the Sociology Department at West Point, will also speak. She is an author and served in Iraq. **Captain Susan Branam**, an Apache helicopter pilot and a deputy officer of the Rockland County Veterans Service, will also speak about her experiences. Join us for this exciting and informative program. Refreshments will be served. Free and open to the public. For information, call (845) 358-8240.

AAUW NYS 2016 Convention SAVE THE DATE

"AAUW Women on the Move: Achieving Women's Economic Justice"

April 15 - 17, 2016 Hilton Inn, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866

Some of the highlights of the Convention 2016 will be:

A pre-convention "Culture Walk"

Guest speaker **Beverly Neufeld**, founder of PowherNY, a statewide network committed to securing economic equality for all New York women

New Leadership Track for college and graduate students, featuring Dr. Nada Amid, Dean, NY Institute of Technology
Breakout sessions on: Paid Family Leave; the upcoming women's Suffrage centennials; women and STEM careers; and education as a tool to lift women out of poverty

A Know Your Rights workshop focusing on recent state legislation impacting women and families and the Medicaid Long-Term Care System

Branch awards and "FUN"-raising opportunities for cherished AAUW funds, old and new

Opportunities to re-connect with old friends, make new ones, create lasting memories and recharge your AAUW batteries!

Registration is now available on the state website at www.AAUW-NYS.org. Late fee after March 10.

LAF Auction Basket. We are planning a basket with the theme "Over the Water" focusing on the new bridge. Contributions could include local wine and cheese, lego bridges, New New York pamphlets, Hudson River memorabilia, etc. We need your help to make this basket marketable. Money made on the basket will be credited to our branch. Please **contact Sylvia Miller at (845) 358-1680 or aauwsam@optonline.net** who will be glad to pick up any and all donations for the basket.

EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES FUND (EOF) Patricia Lopez

Did you know that AAUW is one of the world's largest sources of funding for women pursuing graduate degrees? For the 2015-2016 academic year, AAUW is providing more than \$3.7 million to fund more than 241 fellowships and grants to non-profit organizations and women who are pursuing degrees in a broad range of disciplines. Donations to AAUW EOF enable women of diverse backgrounds to pursue educational opportunities and break through barriers which have previously kept women from reaching their educational and economic potential.

PUBLIC POLICY by Ann Mulligan

Ann had the opportunity to attend a meeting with Gov. Andrew Cuomo here in Rockland County in which he discussed paid family leave. Details to follow.

Relationships

Success

College

Jobs

Empowering Yourself

14th Annual

"What's Really Cool?" Conference
to empower young women

Open to all **young women** grades 7 - 12 (**ONLY**)

Saturday, April 9th, 2016 1:30 - 3:00 pm

Career

Fulfilling Your Purpose

Making a Difference

Sponsored by
Rockland Success Team / MHA and
American Association of University Women (RC Branch)

Finkelstein Memorial Library Fielding Room

24 Chestnut St. Spring Valley, NY 10977 (845) 352 5700

Refreshments served, Community Service Credit

Call 267 2172 ext 324 with questions

Self-Confidence

Helping Others

Money

Happiness

ONLY 100 GIRLS admitted (no younger siblings)

EACH GETS A GOODY BAG

(DOORS OPEN AT 1:00 pm - ADMISSION ENDS AT 1:30 pm)

Did you know?

That **Rebecca Lee Crumpler** became the first black woman to receive an American medical degree from the New England Female Medical College in Boston in 1864.

Ida B. Wells Barnett (1862-1931) was best known for her work with the anti-lynching campaign. She began her activist work at the age of 22 after being forced from her first-class seat, in favor of a white man, on a train ride from Memphis. She became a successful journalist. In 1892, three of her friends were lynched. Wells wrote about the lynching, as a result of which white citizens burned down her newspaper office and ran her out of town. She moved to Chicago and founded numerous organizations for African American women and became involved in the suffrage movement. Along with Jane Addams, she successfully prevented Chicago from establishing segregated schools.

HAPPENINGS

Sunday, Mar. 6 - **Rockland County Youthfest** in Partnership with the **Rockland County Government Day** at Rockland County Community College Fieldhouse 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Wednesday, Mar. 9 – **Rivertown Film** presents **Youth** at the Nyack Center, Nyack, NY, 8:00 p.m.

Sunday, Mar. 13 - **Assembly woman Ellen Jaffee invites you to a very special reception** at the Crown Plaza Hotel, Suffern, NY at 4:00 p.m. RSVP ecjcampaign2016@gmail.com.

Sunday, Mar. 20 - **League of Women Voters, AAUW Rockland, VCS and NOW** cosponsor the film "**She's Beautiful When She's Angry**" at the Nyack Public Library, Broadway, Nyack, NY at 2:30 p.m. To celebrate Women's History Month we present this film on the early years of the Women's movement in the 1970's.

VCS presents **Woman to Woman - A Lesbian Support Group** on Tuesdays, Jan. 26, Feb. 23, Mar. 22, April 26, & May 24 from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. at the Nyack Center's Middle Room, 58 Depew Ave., Nyack.

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

SAVE THE DATE

THURS. MAR 3	INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY
SAT. MAR. 12	BRANCH MEETING, 2:00 PM Celebration of Women's History Month, Valley Cottage Library
THURS. MAR. 17	HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY
SUN. MAR. 20	LWV/AAUW/VCS/NOW cosponsor the movie "She's Beautiful When She's Angry" Nyack Library, 2:30 p.m.
TUES. APR. 5	BOARD MEETING, 7:00 PM At Karen Martin's
SAT. APR. 9	'WHAT'S REALLY COOL' CONFERENCE Finkelstein Library, Spring Valley, NY
APRIL 15-17	AAUW NY STATE CONVENTION Holiday Inn, Saratoga Springs, NY
TUES. APRIL 19	BRANCH BUSINESS MEETING, "Pay Equity Program" & Election of Officers
TUES. May 3	BOARD MEETING, 7:00 PM at Charlotte Sorger's
WED. MAY 18	ANNUAL DINNER/Woman of Achievement, 6:00 PM Nyack Seaport Restaurant
JUNE 2 - 4	NCCWSL, University of Maryland, College Park, MD
TUES. JUNE 7	JOINT BOARD MEETING, 7:00 PM New and old board members
JULY 22-24	AAUW NYS Leadership Conference, Cazenovia College, Cazenovia, NY