



# FACETS

September 2016

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

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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

- Wednesday, August 31 AAUW Board Meeting at Sylvia Miller's home
- Thursday, Sept. 8 AAUW 'Rockland Readers Book Club' at 1:00 p.m.  
Barnes & Noble NANUET  
*The Weather in Berlin: A Novel* by Ward Just
- TUESDAY, SEP. 13 **PRIMARY DAY VOTE VOTE**  
97th District (Orangetown, Pearl River, Spring Valley, Ramapo, Nanuet)  
**VERY IMPORTANT - BE SURE TO VOTE THIS YEAR**
- Monday, Sept. 19 AAUW Book Group New City Library at 2:30 - 4:00 p.m.  
*A Man Called Ove* by Fredrik Bachman

Tuesday, Sept. 20 **AAUW BRANCH OPEN HOUSE/KICK-OFF MEETING 6:00 P.M.**  
Nanuet Library Community Room  
149 Church Street, Nanuet, NY 10964

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 15.

- Wednesday, Oct. 5 AAUW Board Meeting at Sandy Masiello's home 7:00 p.m.  
Be sure to let Sandy know if you will or will not attend.
- Thursday, Oct. 6 AAUW 'Rockland Readers Book Club' at 1:00 p.m.  
Barnes & Noble NANUET  
*Operation Mincemeat*: by Ben Macintyre
- Saturday, October 15 DISTRICT V CONFERENCE, Mt. Sinai Hospital NYC  
See Details within

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**

Welcome to a new year of AAUW Rockland. I hope everyone had a wonderful and productive summer. I welcome all our new and old members to a new year full of interesting programming and activities.

Our first branch meeting is September 20 and it will be an introduction to our programs and events and a time to meet and network with our membership. We have some new members who I believe we all should get to know. It will also be a time to meet some of our regulars whom you may not have seen during the past several months.

As I believe I have indicated in past messages, AAUW Rockland Branch cannot survive without the enthusiastic participation of its membership. YOU are AAUW Rockland Branch, and we need YOU to participate on committees and more importantly come and support our meetings and programs.

I look forward to the coming year and sharing with you all the plans we have in store. So please come out to our September 20 Open House and bring a dish, dessert or beverage. Details to follow below.

The District V Conference will be held Saturday, October 15 at Mount Sinai Hospital in Manhattan. See details below.

Best regards, Suzanne Young-Mercer

## **BRANCH NOTES.**

Get well wishes to **Rosalind Maxwell**. Ros is currently at Helen Hayes Hospital, Route 9W, Haverstraw, for rehab and will be there until September 23. Best times to visit are 3 - 5 p.m. or 6 - 7 pm.

Welcome New Member **Rebecca Hyman**, a recipient of AAUW's *Give a Grad a Gift* program. She is a graduate of SUNY New Paltz and just started teaching at PS 33 - Chelsea Prep Elementary School in NYC.????

**Frances Blauvelt** warns that a new scam is out and about - using AAUW member's names to address a Microsoft problem. DO NOT OPEN!

## **CONGRATULATIONS AAUW ROCKLAND MEMBERS**

The following members will be receiving special acknowledgement for their years of service to AAUW Rockland at our September branch meeting:

**Laurel Karas** - 50 years  
**Ann Brennan** - 10 years  
**Peter Arvanites** - 5 years  
**Ellie Grossman** - 5 years.

## **SAVE THE DATE - ELMWOOD PLAYHOUSE FUNDRAISER SATURDAY, NOV. 12, 8:00 P.M.**

**PLAY "AN AMERICAN DAUGHTER"** TICKETS AVAILABLE AT SEPTEMBER BRANCH MEETING.

**FROM THE TREASURER'S DESK:**

The proposed budget for 2016-2017 was approved by the board at the August meeting and will be presented at the annual branch meeting on September 20. Please review the proposed budget and if you have any questions, contact Sandy Blasy at [aauwrockland62@gmail.com](mailto:aauwrockland62@gmail.com).

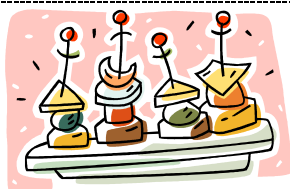
**AAUW Rockland Branch Treasurer's Report**

	FY 2016	FY 2017
<b>OPERATING Budget</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Proposed Budget</b>
<b>Income</b>		
<b>Membership Dues</b> (74 members for FY2017)	<b>\$ 6,160.00</b>	<b>\$ 5,920.00</b>
<b>Special Activities</b>	<b>\$ 4,250.00</b>	<b>\$ 4,375.00</b>
Holiday Gift Wrap (Engineering STEM Luncheon)	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Elmwood Playhouse	\$ 750.00	\$ 875.00
Women of Achievement Annual Dinner	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
<b>Other Income</b>	<b>\$ 100.00</b>	<b>\$ 150.00</b>
Newsletter Contributions	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
Unrestricted Contributions	\$ -	\$ 50.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 10,510.00</b>	<b>\$ 10,445.00</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>		
<b>Membership Dues</b> (74 members for FY2017)	<b>\$ 4,960.00</b>	<b>\$ 4,588.00</b>
National	\$ 3,920.00	\$ 3,626.00
State	\$ 1,001.00	\$ 962.00
<b>Special Activities</b>	<b>\$ 3,625.00</b>	<b>\$ 3,700.00</b>
Women of Achievement Annual Dinner	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
Barnes & Noble Holiday Gift Wrap	\$ -	\$ -
Elmwood Playhouse	\$ 225.00	\$ 300.00
Engineering STEM Luncheon	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00
<b>Administrative</b>	<b>\$ 1,110.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,520.00</b>
Directory- Printing/Mailing	\$ -	\$ 50.00
Hospitality- Food/Beverages/Paper Supplies	\$ 50.00	\$ 125.00
Fundraising- (EOF & LAF)	\$ 75.00	\$ 150.00
Insurance	\$ 175.00	\$ 185.00
Membership- Printing/Mailings	\$ -	\$ 125.00
Newsletter- Printing/Mailings	\$ 400.00	\$ 300.00
Other- Post Office Box	\$ 160.00	\$ 160.00
Programs- Speakers/Mailings	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
Public Relations	\$ -	\$ 100.00
Stewardship/General Correspondence	\$ -	\$ 50.00
Supplies	\$ 50.00	\$ 75.00
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 9,695.00</b>	<b>\$ 9,808.00</b>
<b>Operating Budget: Net income/Loss</b>	<b>\$ 815.00</b>	<b>\$ 637.00</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 10,510.00</b>	<b>\$ 10,445.00</b>

**AAUW 2016 Fundraising Budget (Jan. to Dec. 2016)**

	As of August 31, 2016		
	Projected \$ Due Nat'l	Nat'l Direct \$ Rec'd	Branch \$ Raised
EOF Fundraiser Contributions (25 x 74)	\$ 1,850.00	\$ 465.00	\$ 920.00
LAF Fundraiser Contributions (5 x 74)	\$ 370.00	\$ 80.00	\$ 367.00
AAUW FUND Contributions (Undesignated)	\$ -	\$ 126.00	\$ -
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 2,220.00</b>	<b>\$ 671.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,287.00</b>

Submitted by S. Blasy August 31, 2016



**OPENING BRANCH MEETING OPEN HOUSE/KICK-OFF Tuesday, Sept. 20, 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.**  
**Nanuet Library Community Room, 149 Church Street, Nanuet, 10964**

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 15** 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.

### **DISTRICT V CONFERENCE**

**Saturday, October 15, 2016**

**Mount Sinai Hospital, 1470 Madison Avenue between 101st and 102nd St. New York**

**10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.**

**Guest Speaker - Letitia James, Public Advocate, New York City**

**Panel discussion to follow**

**Topic: Advocating for Diversity and Inclusion in the Work Place**

**Registration form and cost (no more than \$30) will be available soon.**

### **STEM**

The STEM program at Summit Park Elementary School is in its preparation period for this new school year.

The coaches' workshop/luncheon is scheduled for October 6.

Openings are always available for new coaches. Contact Joyce Brown at 845-352-3275.

### **Summer Leadership Conference at Cazenovia College July 2016.** - Charlotte Sorger.

Passions, efforts, accomplishments, and inspiration were the takeaway from this event attended by several of our Rockland members this summer. One speaker discussed "Hot Topics on College Campuses" including how women could have more success at STEM, and sexual assault and violence. Another presentation discussed "Start Smart" and Work Smart" - a detailed series of steps to help negotiate salaries for college students and those already in the workplace. The Poughkeepsie branch monitors family court to gather information on domestic violence. There were specific meetings to help inform branch office holders such as program chair and membership. An extensive power point presentation was given regarding the funds within AAUW supported programs that give grants and support for a myriad of activities which we might consider in our branch. We all came away with lots of new ideas and enthusiasm to face the new year of AAUW Rockland.

### **LEGAL ADVOCACY FUND (LAF)**

The U. S. Supreme Court just ended its latest term, and the cases it decided this year will significantly affect the rights of women and girls across the country. Access to reproductive health care, TRAP laws restricting women's access to legal abortion, and affirmative action hung in the balance. Members across the country tuned in on July 19 to hear the analysis of the court's most important cases. If you missed the call, you can still listen to the recording by going to [www.aauw.org/issues/community/](http://www.aauw.org/issues/community/). Scroll down to **2016 Supreme Court Wrap-Up Call**.

### **EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES FUND (EOF)**

Thank you **Patricia Lopez** for hosting another delicious EOF fundraiser at your home in August. Twenty members enjoyed a delightful afternoon of camaraderie and delectable foods and showed their appreciation by contributing to EOF.

### **PUBLIC POLICY** by Ann Mulligan

**There is a very important Democratic primary September 13 for the 97th NYS Assembly District. Assemblywoman Ellen Jaffee**, who represents Orangetown (Pearl River, Tappan, and Nyack) and parts of Ramapo, Spring Valley, and Nanuet will face off against Thomas Gulla. **YOUR VOTE IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT!!!**

### **HAPPENINGS**

Friday, Sep. 9 – **The Artopee Way Drive-in** presents **MARY POPPINS** at 8:00 p.m. at the Artopee Way Parking Lot.

Tuesday, Sep. 13 - **Democratic Primary for NYS Assembly District 97** (Orangetown, parts of Ramapo, Spring Valley, Nanuet)

Wednesday, Sep. 14 - **League of Women Voters Opening Meeting**, 7:00 p.m. at the Suffern Library.

Speaker: NYS League President, Dare Thompson

Topic: Making Democracy Work

Wednesday, Sep. 21 - **Rivertown Film** presents **CAPTAIN FANTASTIC** at 8:00 p.m. at the Nyack Center, Nyack, NY.

Thursday, Sep. 29 - Public Hearing on Suez proposed rate hike. **time?** **place?** New City.

Saturday, Oct. 1 - **Rivertown Film** presents **ON MEDITATION** at 8:00 p.m. at the Nyack Center, Nyack, NY.

Thursday, Oct. 23 - **RSVP volunteers breakfast**

Sunday, Oct. 23 - **LWV, AAUW, JCC** present the **Candidates Forum** at 2:00 p.m. at JCC, West Nyack Road, West Nyack, NY, 10994

**PEOPLE TO PEOPLE FOOD PANTRY** The Back to School with Dignity program is under way. Filled backpacks are distributed to school children. 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](http://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**

WED. Oct. 5	BOARD MEETING, 7:00 PM at Sandy Masiello's
SAT. Oct. 15	DISTRICT V CONFERENCE, Mt. Sinai Hospital Seminar B, Manhattan
TUES. Nov. 1	BOARD MEETING, 7:00 PM at Myrna Silberman's
WED. Nov. 7	STEM Engineer's Conference, Nanuet Library 10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
TUES. Nov. 8	Be sure to VOTE
SAT. Nov, 12	ELMWOOD PLAYHOUSE FUNDRAISER "An American Daughter" 8:00 p.m. Park St. Nyack, NY
TUES. Nov. 15	BRANCH MEETING, 7:00 PM at Nanuet Library
TUES, Dec. 6	BOARD MEETING, 7:00 p.m. at Karen Martin's
WED. Dec. 7 or 14	HOLIDAY POTLUCK DINNER & FUNdraiser, 6:00 p.m. at Rosemary Waltzer's home
December dates	HOLIDAY GIFT WRAP FUNDRAISER, all day at Barnes & Noble, Nanuet