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October 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, October 5 AAUW Board Meeting at Sandy Masiello's home at 7:00 p.m.
Be sure to let Sandy know if you will or will not attend.
- Thursday, October 6 AAUW 'Rockland Readers Book Club' at 1:00 p.m.
Barnes & Noble NANUET
Operation Mincemeat:.... by Ben Macintyre
- Saturday, October 15 AAUW-NYS DISTRICT V CONFERENCE, at 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Mt. Sinai Hospital, 1470 Madison Ave., NYC
See details within.
- Monday, October 17 AAUW Book Group New City Library at 2:30 - 4:00 p.m.
The Marriage of Opposites by Alice Hoffman
- Sunday, October 23 AAUW/LWV/JCC CANDIDATES FORUM at 2:00 p.m.
JCC, West Nyack Road, West Nyack
- Tuesday, November 1 Board Meeting at Myrna Silberman's home at 7:00 p.m.
Be sure to let Myrna know if you will or will not attend.
- Thursday, November 3 AAUW 'Rockland Readers Book Club' at 1:00 p.m.
Barnes & Noble NANUET
The Nightingale by Kristin Hannah
- Monday, November 7 STEM Engineer's Conference at 10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
Nanuet Library Community Room
- Tuesday, November 8 VOTE !!!
- Saturday, November 12 Elmwood Playhouse Fundraiser at 8:00 p.m.
45 Park Place, Nyack, NY
"An American Daughter"

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.*

PRESIDENTS'S MESSAGE

Welcome to October and another Fall season of leaves changing, weather getting colder and interesting activities on the horizon for AAUW members.

We have two events coming up this month that would be of interest to many of our members as it relates to challenges that women face in today's workplace. October 15, 2016 is the **District V Conference** which will be held in New York City (more details below in the newsletter). The topic is *Diversity and Inclusion in Today's Workplace*. Although I realize that many of our members are now enjoying retirement, I know you have friends and family who are still on or starting their career pathways and would find this topic of interest. Please consider passing this on to them or attending and sharing the information you learn.

We are also co-sponsoring with the League of Women Voters and 5 other organizations a **Candidates Forum** on October 23, 2016 at the JCC. This year is a very important election year where many important decisions are going to be made by our new President. We are fortunate to have representatives from the Clinton and Trump campaigns participating in discussions with us as to why their candidate should be considered for the highest office in the land. This is a discussion not to be missed.

As an organization that advances equity for women and girls, we need to continue to be knowledgeable about the challenges facing women and girls in this ever changing environment, so I ask you to please stay vigilant and remain active. Thank you.

Suzanne Young-Mercer

BRANCH NOTES

Welcome new members!!!

Edwina Martin (past AAUW state President) is joining our branch.
Judy Kurland has returned after several years away from the branch.
Zenya Cleveland, a newer member, has rejoined.

DISTRICT V CONFERENCE

Saturday, October 15, 2016, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

**Mount Sinai Hospital Hess Center for Science & Medicine
1470 Madison Avenue, 2nd floor, Seminar Room B**

Theme: Diversity and Inclusion in Today's Workplace

Keynote speaker: Letitia James, Public Advocate NYC

See registration form at end of newsletter

SAVE THE DATE - ELMWOOD PLAYHOUSE FUNDRAISER SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12, AT 8:00 P.M.
PLAY "AN AMERICAN DAUGHTER" Call Karen Martin for tickets at (845) 425-6489 or (914) 419-0613.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23 AAUW BRANCH MEETING - CANDIDATES FORUM 2 - 4 PM at
JCC Rockland, 450 West Nyack Road, West Nyack, NY 10994

We are co-sponsors of this event along with JCC Rockland, Rockland Chapter of AARP, Rockland Chapter League of Women Voters, Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc., Rockland Section of National Council of Jewish Women, and many other non partisan organizations. Candidates from the NYS Senate District 38, Assembly Districts 97 and 98 and invited representatives of the Presidential Candidates will participate.

STEM

The **STEM program at Summit Park Elementary School** started off with a luncheon for the coaches on Thursday, October 6. Dr. Cliff Wood, RCC President, was a welcome visitor at the event. It was followed by training sessions, and now the coaches are on their way. Currently there are 64 coaches willing to assist the Kindergarten through third grade classes with English and Math this year.

Have a great year coaches!

The **STEM Engineering subcommittee** is again presenting their Engineer's Conference for high school students on Monday, November 7 at the Nanuet Library community room from 10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. The New York State Society of Engineers, Rockland Chapter is collaborating with us again this year. The keynote speaker is Michelle LaFond, a chemical engineer and Director, Bioreactor Scale-Up and Development Preclinical Manufacturing and Process Development at Regeneron in Tarrytown.

LEGAL ADVOCACY FUND (LAF)

You're invited to the LAF Supreme Court Preview Call October 13 from 7 - 8 p.m. This is a *members only* call to discuss important issues pending before the U.S. Supreme Court as it begins its 2016-2017 term. Federal courts are sometimes the last, best hope for victims of discrimination in education, employment, or health care. Yet this Supreme Court enters its second term without a full complement of justices. How could this historic vacancy impact the Supreme Court and its docket? What cases should AAUW members pay particular attention to in this historic term? Join Lisa Maatz, VP for Government Relations & Advocacy, and Erin Prangle, Assoc. Director for Public Policy, for a discussion about the high court's most important cases related to AAUW's Public Policy Program. Online registration is now open.

PUBLIC POLICY

Absentee ballot - this is a good time to remind college undergrads for whom this is their first opportunity to vote in a presidential election. Be sure to let them know how to obtain an absentee ballot by picking up an application at their local board of elections in Rockland at 11 New Hempstead Road, New City, NY or downloading off their website. November 1 is the last day to postmark an application or letter of application by mail for an absentee ballot. November 7 is the last day to apply IN PERSON for an absentee ballot. November 7 is the last day to postmark an absentee ballot. It must be received by the local board of elections no later than November 15.

Are you registered to vote? Application must be postmarked no later than October 14 and received by the Board of Elections no later than October 19 to be eligible to vote in the General Election Tuesday, November 8.

A MYSTERY??? Where can we store our archives? Anyone interested in helping us find a place should contact Sylvia Miller at (845) 358-1680.

Did you know?

Belva Lockwood ran for president in 1884. She was nominated by the National Women's Equal Rights Party who believed that presenting a woman presidential candidate would draw attention to women's issues while encouraging women to become politically active. Lockwood claimed to have received 4,711 votes in nine states including Pennsylvania, New Hampshire, New York, Michigan, Illinois, Iowa, Maryland, California and Indiana. She decreed her candidacy a resounding success.

HAPPENINGS

Saturday, Oct 15 - **The Historical Society of Rockland County** presents 400 Years of Haverstraw with the **2016 Historic Homes & Landmarks Tour**. 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. For details call (845) 634-9629.

Sunday, Oct. 16 - **The Orangetown Historical Museum** presents ***A Blauvelt Descendant*** book-signing by Ralph Blauvelt (our Frances Blauvelt's husband) and reception, 2:00 p.m. at the Orangetown Historical Museum and Archives at the Depew House, 196 Chief Bill Harris Way (formerly Blaisdell Road), Orangeburg, NY 10962.

Find out how Ralph discovered his roots among the pioneer settlers of the Tappan community and the first families of Dutch New Amsterdam (New York City).

Thursday, Oct. 20 - **The Historical Society of Rockland County** presents ***The Tappan Zee Bridge: Transforming Rockland County***, a film screening and discussion. HSRS Community Room, 20 Zukor Road, New City. Free but pre-registration is required. Contact info@rocklandhistory.org or call (845) 634-9629.

Saturday, Oct. 22 - **JCC Rockland** presents **THE MUSIC EVENT OF THE YEAR JAZZ Concert** featuring Dick Hyman & Bill Charlap, 8:00 p.m. at RCC Cultural Arts Center, Suffern. To purchase tickets contact jazz@jccrockland.org or call (845) 362-4400.

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

Friday, Oct. 28 - **Rivertown Film** presents **FRANKENSTEIN** at 8:00 p.m. at the Nyack High School Auditorium.

PEOPLE TO PEOPLE FOOD PANTRY - PTP is serving over 1,400 families a month through their Food Pantry Program. That's about 4,000 people per month and nearly 50% of them are 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. 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!

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TUES, Dec. 6 BOARD MEETING, 7:00 p.m. at Karen Martin's
TUES. Dec.13 HOLIDAY POTLUCK DINNER & FUNdraiser, 6:00 p.m. at Rosemary Waltzer's home
Dec. 23 & 24 HOLIDAY GIFT WRAP FUNDRAISER, 9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m. (2 hour shifts)
Volunteers needed



*Office for Diversity
and Inclusion*

**The American Association of University Women and the
Mount Sinai Health System's Office for Diversity and Inclusion
invite you to the
*AAUW-NYS District V Conference***

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**Hess Center for Science and Medicine
1470 Madison Ave, 2nd floor, Seminar Room B**

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Program

10:00 am	Registration and coffee
10:15 am	Introductions (AAUW, Mount Sinai, conference program, introduce keynoter)
10:30 am	Keynote by Letitia James, Public Advocate NYC
11:00 am	Panel discussion
1:00 pm	Lunch and networking
2:00 pm	Departure

Panel

Moderator:

Suzanne Young-Mercer, Diversity Director AAUW-NYS, President AAUW Rockland County Branch and Director, Administrative Services, Emergency Department, The Mount Sinai Hospital

Panelists:

- **Azadeh Khalili**, Executive Director, Commission On Gender Equity, Office of the Mayor, NYC
- **Pamela Abner**, Chief Administrative Officer, Office for Diversity and Inclusion, Mount Sinai
- **Rippi Karda**, Assistant General Counsel, Verizon, Basking Ridge, NJ
- **Gabrielle Lyse Brown**, Director of Diversity and Inclusion, NYC Bar Association

REGISTRATION FORM

Please return this registration form along with a check payable to

Empire State Virtual NY Branch AAUW

And mail it to:

Maria Ellis, 450 W 42 St Apt 27D, New York, NY 10036

If the registration is mailed **by October 10**, the rate is **\$30 for AAUW members & Mount Sinai guests; \$35 for non-members, and \$15 for students**

Thereafter, the rate is \$35 for AAUW members & Mount Sinai guests,
\$40 for non-members and \$20 for students

Name: _____

Address: Street _____

City _____ Zip Code _____

Phone: _____ Email address: _____

Member of which branch and position in branch? Or indicate "guest" _____

If you prefer to pay online via PayPal, please use the following Urls applicable to you:

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