

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

Thursday, June 1

AAUW 'Rockland Readers Book Club' at 1:00 p.m.
Barnes & Noble NANUET
H is for Hawk by Peter Macdonald

Tuesday, June 6

AAUW Board Meeting at Ellie Grossman's at her Suffern address at 7:00 p.m.
Be sure to let Ellie know if you will or will not attend.
New and current board members are invited to attend.

TUESDAY, June 13

AAUW ROCKLAND BRANCH MEETING, 7:00 p.m.
Nanuet Library Community Room
149 Church Street, Nanuet, NY 10954

Topic: Meet and Greet Our Scholarship Recipients

**Have you paid your dues so you can be entered in our drawing for free national membership?
See details within.**

June 14 - 17

AAUW NATIONAL CONVENTION, WASHINGTON, D.C.

Thursday, June 15

FINAL DAY TO VOTE FOR AAUW NATIONAL OFFICERS, ETC.
Remember - ONE MEMBER ONE VOTE See details within.

June 16-18

Celebration of Retirement of Reverend Saunders of the St. Charles AME Zion Church
See details within.

Monday, June 19

AAUW Book Group New City
Organizational meeting luncheon

Saturday, July 15

Program Planning Meeting at Charlotte Sorger's at 10:00 a.m.

July 21-23

AAUW Summer Leadership Conference Cazenovia College, Cazenovia, NY.

Saturday, August 12

EOF Fundraiser luncheon at Patricia Lopez's home

Have a wonderful summer

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.

CO-PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It's June and we have reached the end of the Rockland AAUW activity year and what a year it has been.

In 2016-2017 AAUW Rockland celebrated Women and what we can do to secure our place in this society. From the Women's March in Washington in January to legislation regarding pay equity, women and girls issues were at the forefront of our concerns this year.

I had a great year as President of the Branch, representing Rockland County AAUW as the NYS Diversity Director and District V Coordinator. We had successful branch programs from nutrition and healthy weight loss to celebrating Sylvia Miller as our Women of Achievement, to encouraging women to get involved in the political landscape, or understanding how exercise has some relationship to combating Alzheimer's. We celebrated women who make a difference in the lives of women and girls in our community because change happens on the ground in our neighborhoods and moves up.

I want to thank all our members for making this a successful year and look forward to working with all of you in the 2017-2018 season as I continue in my role as Co-President. Please remember that we belong to an organization that makes a difference in the lives of women and girls but it does not happen without your participation.

Finally, remember that elections are open for our national representatives on the AAUW Board and as a member, it is your duty to VOTE to ensure that AAUW continues to represent you in the way that you want to be represented. Elections will close June 15, so please make your voices heard.

Respectfully, Suzanne Young-Mercer

BRANCH NOTES

Thank you to **Phyllis Morena** for a fun-filled program at our April Branch Meeting once our business meeting was adjourned. This program based on Briggs-Meyer Inventory called True Colors was an activity of Opportunity and Interaction for like-minded folks to brainstorm interests and ideas for AAUW. And we all learned something about ourselves!

Thank you to the Dinner Committee headed by **Sandy Masiello**, and committee members: **Dorothie Flieger, Ellie Grossman, Bach Tuyet Pham, Kathleen Sullivan, and Charlotte Sorger** for a wonderful evening at our Woman of Achievement Dinner. It was outstanding!

And a special thank you to our professional photographer **Manny Guevara** for wonderful pictures of the dinner. You can see them on our website in the very near future. If you ever need a good photographer, here is his information

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Manny Guevara, Sr.
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6 Deerwood Drive, New City, NY 10956
845-641-4558
manyp@optonline.net or www.mannyphoto.com

HAPPY BIRTHDAY AAUW MEMBERS **Anita Nessin**, our Corresponding Secretary, has suggested that we honor each of our members on their birthday with a card. Currently, we do not have that information. If you would like to participate, just send your birthday Month and Date (year is not required) to Anita at Amn46@hotmail.com.

Editor's Note: At this time, I am saying farewell as Editor of our monthly newsletter FACETS. Thank you to all those who have faithfully contributed to the newsletter these past 12 years. Your cooperation has been greatly appreciated. It is time for me to retire from that position and hand it over to **Doria Hillsman** who will do an exceptional job in the future (providing you all send all newsletter articles to her *on a timely basis*). I will still be Communications Chair and would be happy to give that up too if anyone would like to take it on. It's a great way to be *in the know* about AAUW Rockland. And thank you to **Peter Arvanites** who has been the chief proof reader of the newsletter these past few years. He did an outstanding job. Peter is also ending his proof reading activity for us so I wanted to be sure to let him know how much we appreciated all his efforts.

Sylvia Miller, Newsletter Editor

HAVE YOU VOTED YET? VOTE NOW for the AAUW Board, Bylaws, and More. AAUW members can vote now until June 15 in our biennial election. Check out the voter guide online at AAUW.org and in the spring *Outlook* magazine and make your voice heard on AAUW's future. Be sure to review page E13 in the Outlook re: Article IV regarding including advocates in membership. Remember - **one member/one vote.**

ELMWOOD PLAYHOUSE FUNDRAISER SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2017 AT 8:00 P.M.

THE ODD COUPLE A VERY HILARIOUS COMEDY

Come to the Branch Meeting Tuesday, June 13 at the Nanuet Library and reserve your tickets.

From Your Treasurer Time for membership renewal.

This year you have two options to renew your dues. You can renew directly online by credit card or mail your check.

This year's renewal dues will remain the same, \$80. That is \$49 for AAUW National; \$13 for New York State and \$18 for the Rockland County Branch. If you would like to be included in our branch directory that is distributed in September, your check should reach us **by June 30**. Additionally, if you would like to be in our drawing for a year of free National dues, see 'News from the Membership VP' below for the cutoff date.

***** Finally please remember that \$77 of your dues is a tax-deductible donation. ****

Thank you for your continued support of our programs.

Sandy Blasy
Treasurer

NEWS FROM THE MEMBERSHIP VP AAUW Renewal Time – WILL YOU BE THE LUCKY WINNER?

This year as an incentive to renew our dues before National's deadline of June 30th, our branch is offering an opportunity for **three of our members to save the \$49.00 portion** of their annual dues. Everyone who sends in their \$80.00 dues before the **June 13** Branch Meeting will have their names entered in a drawing to save the \$49.00 portion of their dues. The Treasurer will then reimburse the winners!! (Executive Board members are excluded from this drawing.) We hope this will encourage many of our members to send in their \$80.00 renewal fee. Hope you are one of the lucky winners!!

Checks should be made payable to: **AAUW Rockland County Branch** for \$80.00 and mailed to: Sandra Masiello, AAUW Membership, 95 Green Road, West Nyack, NY 10994

Sandy Masiello
VP Membership

AAUW BRANCH MEETING TUESDAY, JUNE 13 AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE NANUET LIBRARY COMMUNITY ROOM, 149 Church Street, Nanuet, NY 10954

- Come meet and greet some of our Mimi Korb and Barbara Myneder scholarship winners. They will update us on their achievements to date.
- AND be sure you have sent in your membership dues check or paid online so that you can qualify for the drawing described above.
- Be sure to reserve your tickets for THE ODD COUPLE at the Elmwood Playhouse in Nyack, on Saturday, September 9 - our fundraiser evening.

STEM at Summit Park Elementary School , Joyce Brown, June 2017

We are ending our 9th year at Summit Park Elementary School. Where did the year go? The 3rd graders are preparing for their "Moving Up" ceremony. They have visited Kakiak, their new school. New classes for the 2017-2018 school year at Summit Park have been organized. STEM has been planning as well. Bill Hochhauser, director of our Engineers' Club, did a test run June 6 with current 3rd graders on an initial project. We learned a lot on that venture that will assure success in the fall.

I am very grateful for the dedication and support of 60 coaches who love the students with whom they work. Volunteers initially are asked to commit to one day per week for at least 2 hours. They come from that minimum to a maximum of 5 days per week for 40 hours per week. This coach, Angella Esposito, works with our most fragile population and spends more hours with them than I do in my duties.

Thank you, coaches, for putting up with my two-year absence from the internet and the recent drowning of my cell phone. It's been a tough year but we're planning a great year for 2017-2018.

Thanks to Sandy Blasy, Sandy Masiello, and Sylvia Miller for attending our year-end luncheon and meeting our coaches.

Have a wonderful summer.

(And **AAUW Rockland thanks Joyce Brown** for another outstanding year of super hard work and innovation for STEM and the students at Summit Park E.S.)

EOF - Save the Date!!

Ellie Grossman, our EOF Chair, announced that we will once again have our delicious EOF fundraiser luncheon at Patricia Lopez's home on August 12. So **SAVE THE DATE!**

Details will be forthcoming.

LAF

Our LAF raffle at the Annual Dinner was a huge success. As you know, it is suggested that we contribute \$5/member to the Legal Advocacy Fund to assist with supporting the litigants suing for sex discrimination in higher education and the workplace.

Did you know?

That **Diane Serratore**, executive director of People to People, is being honored by the NYS Senate as their Woman of Distinction for 2017. Congratulations, Diane!

SALMAGUNDI a mixture or medley of interests - something new! DID YOU SIGN UP YET? Call Betty Vallone.

Want to meet new friends, attend educational and cultural events with RC AAUW members who share your interests?

Want to have some fun? Bring a friend. Join the Salmagundi Group.

Betty Vallone will be leading the Salmagundi group. This list will provide an inventory of what members are interested in so small groups with like interests could participate in local events, etc. The goal is to increase the camaraderie among our branch members. Activities are varied. Contact Betty Vallone at epvallone@gmail.com if you would like to be on the committee. For now, let her know what you would like to do. Just check the boxes next to the activities that interest you. Copy , paste and send to Betty at epvallone@gmail.com.

<input type="checkbox"/>	Watch films from various decades, listen/ participate in critical discussion of film.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Go to the movies
<input type="checkbox"/>	Opera - local	<input type="checkbox"/>	Painting/wine party
<input type="checkbox"/>	Show Westchester Broadway Theater	<input type="checkbox"/>	Watch foreign films
<input type="checkbox"/>	Foreign language conversation group	<input type="checkbox"/>	Broadway shows
<input type="checkbox"/>	Museums- local and NYC	<input type="checkbox"/>	Canasta
<input type="checkbox"/>	Bridge	<input type="checkbox"/>	Mah Jong
<input type="checkbox"/>	Write in your idea	<input type="checkbox"/>	Write in your idea

FIRST SALMAGUNDI EVENT will be Friday, June 16 at the Nanuet Library at 10:00 a.m..

The Movie "Harold and Maude" will be screened with a film discussion afterward by an expert film analyst. If AAUW members wish, we can go for pizza afterwards. Meet Betty Vallone at 10:00 a.m. in front of the library. [Please rsvp 845-638-0322 by Thursday, June 15](tel:845-638-0322) so she can know who is interested and who will be coming. The movie is open to the public even though it is presented by the Rockland Teachers.

Join us at



Cazenovia!

AAUW-NYS Summer Leadership Conference

July 21-23, 2017

Cazenovia College

Cazenovia, NY

- Speakers:
Cordy Galligan, AAUW VP for Marketing and Communications: Harnessing our Energy!
Dr. Karen Pastorello, Professor: Labor Feminism
- Programming
Small but Mighty: Simple projects for branch outreach
Skill building for Success: concrete skills for all leaders
- Participation:
ALL AAUW members are invited!
Subsidized by AAUW-NYS
\$115 for the entire weekend (2 nights, 6 meals), \$120 for paper registration
- Register NOW! Go to www.aauw-nys.org

Calling all AAUW Members – The world needs more women leaders. The world needs YOU!

HAPPENINGS

The St. Charles A.M.E. Zion Church cordially invites you to celebrate the Retirement of our Beloved Pastor and First Lady
REV. DR. LOUIS E. SANDERS
MRS. CONNIE H. SANDERS

Tribute & Praise
FRIDAY, JUNE 16, 2017 AT 7:00 PM
ST. CHARLES FELLOWSHIP HALL, 432 Valentine Ave., Sparkill, NY 10976

Retirement Gala
SATURDAY, JUNE 17, 2017 at 6:00 P.M.
THE OLD TAPPAN MANOR, 127 ORANGEBURG ROAD, OLD TAPPAN, NY 07675
\$90.00 per person

Make check payable to St. Charles A.M.E. Zion Church and mail to SANDERS RETIREMENT, C/O Dana G. Stilley, 141 Piermont Ave., Piermont, NY 10968
RSVP no later than June 1.

Worship Service
SUNDAY, JUNE 18, 2017 at 10:45 A.M.

Wednesday, June 14 - **Rivertown Film** presents **GROWN-UPANGER** at 8:00 p.m. at the West Gate Inn, Nyack, NY, 10960.

Wednesday, June 28 - **Rivertown Film** presents **THE SALESMAN** at 8:00 p.m. at the Nyack Center, Nyack, NY.

Friday, July 14 - **Rivertown Film** presents **BACK TO THE FUTURE** at 8:30 p.m. at Memorial Park, Nyack, NY.

Wednesday, July 26 - **Rivertown Film** presents **DON'T THINK TWICE** at 8:00 p.m. at the Nyack Center, Nyack, NY.

Monday, August 7 - **VCS 14th Annual Golf Outing** at the Rockland Country Club to support VCS Child Abuse Prevention Programs. Register at (845) 634-5729 x350, or email blewart@vcs-inc.org.

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. Summertime is almost here and many children will not be getting breakfast and lunch provided by their schools. Please continue providing canned goods, juices, cereal, soups, peanut butter & jelly as often as you can. For more information, go to their web site: **www.peopletopeopleinc.org**. Summer hours are Monday through Wednesday 9:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., Thursday 9:30 a.m. - 6:30 p.m., Friday 9:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. at 121 West Nyack Road, Nanuet, NY 10954. Questions? Call (845) 623-4900. THANK YOU!

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April 21 - 23, 2018 - **AAUW NYS CONVENTION** at the Radisson Hotel in Corning, NY.