



ROCKLAND COUNTY (NY) BRANCH



FACETS

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Advancing equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research

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Dates to Remember

Tuesday, October 10

Kick-Off Branch Meeting 6:00 PM
OPEN HOUSE - New Member Welcome
Nyack Library

Saturday, October 28

District V Conference – “Who’s Wearing the Hat?
Women in Non-Traditional Careers” 10:30 AM
Greenburgh Library, Elmsford, NY
(See flyer for details)

Sunday, October 29

Candidates’ Forum 2:00 PM
JCC| W. Nyack Road| W. Nyack

Sunday, November 5

Women’s Suffrage Centennial Celebration
12:00 PM
Rockland County Courthouse, New City

Tuesday, November 7

****VOTE****

Wednesday, November 8

Board Meeting 7:00 PM
Host – Myrna Silberman

Monday, November 13

STEM Engineer’s Conference 10:00AM
Nanuet Library

Wednesday, November 15

Branch Meeting 7:00 PM
Women’s Suffrage NY Centennial Celebration
Nanuet Library

President's Message ...

On Sunday, October 1, 2017, our branch co-sponsored an event at the Pearl River Library entitled, "The ABC's of the IDC." We had the pleasure of hearing from Andrea Stewart-Cousins, NYS Senator, Westchester County and Michael Gianaris, NYS Senator of Queens/Brooklyn County. They both spoke eloquently about the actions of the IDC (Independent Democratic Conference).

For those who are not aware, the IDC is a group of eight (8) Democrats who have formed a coalition with Republicans in the Senate creating a false Republican majority. This false majority has created gridlock and has affected the passage of a myriad of legislation items which the AAUW supports. It is important, therefore, that we all become informed about the activities of this group of rogue Democrats - which, by the way, includes our own Senator David Carlucci.

2018 will be a very critical election year and if you believe in democratic values, it will be important to elect individuals who represent you and your values. As educated women who advocate for women and girls to share in the rights and privileges that others in our society take for granted, we must be aware of the politics of the day and support those who support our causes and **cast out** those who do not. We cannot accept the scraps that these charlatans throw at us with one hand while hiding what they are really doing to our democracy, (all for money and power) with the other hand.

On October 29, 2017 we will, once again, co-sponsor the Rockland Candidates' Forum at the JCC. It is important that we demonstrate the strength of our organization by coming out in force to hear and witness the platforms and promises of the candidates. Knowledge **is power** and being knowledgeable will provide the tools needed to make the right decisions at the polls. In the perilous times we are in, local political activism is essential to ensure that government officials are working for the people who elected them .**We must stay alert and pay close attention.**

Suzanne Young-Mercer

THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF ROCKLAND COUNTY



Our annual Candidates' Forum will be held on Sunday, October 29th from 2:00 to 4:30 pm at the JCC Rockland in West Nyack. We have invited all the primary candidates running for the offices of **County Executive, Clarkstown Supervisor, Orangetown Supervisor, and Ramapo Supervisor. This event is free and open to the public and is** co-sponsored by the following volunteer, non partisan organizations. ...

JCC Rockland | AARP, Rockland Chapter | **American Association of University Women, Rockland Chapter** | League of Women Voters, Rockland Chapter | National Council of Jewish Women, Rockland Section | Rockland Chapter of the Statewide Senior Action Council | Rockland Children's Advocacy Network | Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Inc. NY | Jewish Federation and Foundation of Rockland County

We never support candidates or parties but do take positions on issues after study and member discussion. PLEASE COME OUT TO SHOW SUPPORT. STAY ALERT AND PAY CLOSE ATTENTION!

For more information: Sylvia Miller (845) 358-1680 OR aauwsam@optonline.net



E.O.F. - Plans for the Annual Holiday Party are underway! Date and location are yet to be determined. Ellie Grossman has asked for Board members, and anyone else, who may be interested, to solicit restaurant gift certificates for the Tricky Tray and for members to consider donating a themed basket to help to raise funds.

L.A.F. - Case Update: **Burhans v. Yale**. Susan Burhans-Landino was hired by Yale University in 1999 as a Communications Specialist and served the university as a security education coordinator. She claims she was discriminated against and eventually terminated after years of attempting to help survivors of sexual assault on campus and alert Yale to potential Title IX violations. In 2012 she filed suit against Yale alleging sex discrimination and unlawful retaliation under Title IX and other laws. Her case was favorably settled in 2017 following the five-year legal battle.

MEMBERSHIP- If you have not renewed, please send in your dues promptly.

PUBLIC POLICY – The vote on whether or not to re-write the NY State Constitution comes up every 20 years and will be voted upon in the November election. Members are urged to become informed of the issues and concerns of both those who will vote “NO” and others who will approve the referendum. To date, AAUW NY has not posted a position on this issue. As in congress, the New York State Legislature meets for a biennial session so the legislation introduced in 2017 continues through 2018. Some of the legislation on AAUW issues that will be available for action includes Paid Family Leave and Pay Equity (through a legal prohibition on all questions regarding compensation from prior employers by potential employers). Please be aware that the Federal Department of Education has **revoked** the efforts of the previous administration to bring about the necessary legal reform which would hold colleges and universities responsible and accountable for investigating and prosecuting sexual assaults.

STEM – Our STEM program at Summit Park Elementary School officially began October 4 with a workshop and luncheon for the coaches. Fifty people enjoyed a delicious luncheon (40 coaches, 8 school support staff and others). Dr. Michael Baston, new President of Rockland Community College, was a special guest at the luncheon. He spoke of the pipeline of students from Summit Park to Harvard University by way of Rockland Community College. He looks forward to AAUW Rockland's continued association with RCC.

WOMEN'S HISTORY- At our **Branch Meeting** on November 15th at 7 PM at the Nanuet Library, **Claire Sheridan from the Rockland Historical Society** will speak to us about the history of the women's suffrage movement from the late 1880's to 1917, when women got the right to vote in New York. Her talk will focus on women suffragettes from Rockland County, such as Caroline Lexow Babcock. We will be celebrating the Centennial of the passage of legislation in NY granting women the right to vote – almost four (4) years before the 19th amendment! Mark Your Calendars!



AAUW ROCKLAND OPEN HOUSE/KICK OFF MEETING

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10 | NYACK LIBRARY | 6:00 PM

South Broadway, Nyack, NY 10960

CALL KATHY SULLIVAN

AT 735-3824

WITH YOUR FINGER FOOD CONTRIBUTION

Please bring your finger food items early so that the meeting can begin ON TIME

PICK UP the *latest edition* of the
AAUW DIRECTORY!!!

In Other News

- A Voice from the Past....

About 25 – 30 years ago, Judy Hoffman was given a scholarship by the Rockland AAUW Branch. She was a student at Columbia Teachers College. Subsequently, she became a guidance Counselor at Rockland BOCES. Charlotte Sorger spoke with her recently and she can be reached at JLGHoffman@gmail.com.

- COMING SOON....



AAUW ROCKLAND will be selling T-Shirts to reflect both our fashion sense and solidarity! More information on how to order yours.... SOON!!!!

**AAUW ROCKLAND BARNES & NOBLE GIFT
WRAPPING
12/22, 12/23 and 12/24
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!!**

DISTRICT V CONFERENCE

OCTOBER 28 10:30 – 12:30 PM

GREENBURGH PUBLIC LIBRARY| 300 TARRYTOWN ROAD| ELMSFORD, NY

THIS EVENT IS FREE – NO PRE - REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED



For carpooling call Sylvia Miller at (845) 358-1680
BEFORE THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26

JOIN AAUW Rockland Branch

AAUW Membership is open to anyone with an associate or equivalent, baccalaureate or higher degree from an accredited college or university. To join, please complete the form and send a check payable to "AAUW Rockland Branch" to the address listed below or visit <http://rocklandcounty-ny.aauw.net/membership/> to join online.

Dues for 2017-18 are \$80, of which \$77 are tax deductible. When you join the Rockland County Branch of AAUW, you also become a member of the AAUW New York State and National organizations. The Membership team can also provide you with more information about AAUW- Rockland's activities on our branch record form.

Name: _____
Address _____
City, State, Zip: _____
Phone: _____
E-mail _____

College/ University, degree,
Graduation Year

*Please send check and/or
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In and About Town....



October 20, 2017 – The Spring Valley NAACP will host its annual Gala honoring "Unsung Heroes" in the Rockland Community. The event will be held at Town and Country | 922 Route 9W, Congers | Tickets \$100.00
Call 845.362.6227 or SpValleyNAACP@aol.com for more information.



Great Women of Song
Your Rock, Jazz and Classical Favorites

Saturday, October 7, 2017, 8pm
BOCES [Old Nyack High School]
131 North Midland Ave. Nyack, Entrance on 5th Avenue
Tickets: \$28 in advance/\$35 at the door
[CLICK HERE TO PURCHASE TICKETS](#)



Heritage of West Nyack

The Heritage of West Nyack - Photo 101

5th Annual Fall Festival SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22 12-4 PM | 131 Germonds Road
Revolutionary Militia Men encampment, drills, cooking, hayrides, pumpkin picking
etc...

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