



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

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

Tuesday, December 5

Board Meeting 7:00 PM
Host – Karen Martin

Saturday, December 9

Holiday LUNCHEON and Chinese Auction
Time and Location: TBD

Friday, December 22

Saturday, December 23

Sunday, December 24

Holiday Gift Wrap Fundraiser
Barnes & Noble
Nanuet

Wednesday, Jan 3

Board Meeting 7:00PM
Conference Call 1-712-432-0460
Access Code 454779

In lieu of the President's Message this month, we offer these "Election Reflections" (mostly) from Ann Mulligan.....

The ballot for a New York Constitutional Convention was rejected by a wide margin. Although AAUW-NYS did not take a stand on the 'Con Con' proposal, it is clear that a constitutional convention could have posed threats to minimum wage, pensions of teachers, fire fighters, police officers; free public education, right to work, providing insurance for employees, paid family leave, the right to unionize, nursing home residents protection laws and absentee voting. Any protection not mandated by the federal government could disappear in a constitutional convention. Additionally, the cost would likely be extravagant, with delegates to the convention needing to be paid, and any new staff needing to be hired.

On the local scene ... Maureen Porette, who was substantially ahead of Ed Day on Tuesday evening, saw her lead shrink and eventually be overcome by Day's supporters. Porette made an impressive showing, so we hope she will run again for County Executive in 2021.

In the Senate ... Some Senators met with success in their run for other positions, however, the balance of power will be the same in 2018 as it was in 2017. The eight (8) Democrats in the IDC have refused to go back to the Democratic side so the State Senate will continue to be skewed to give the Republicans a majority. Senator Andrea Stewart-Cousins will continue to hold the title and responsibilities of the Minority Leader. The county also has a new Surrogate Court Judge, Keith Cornell, who beat incumbent Michael Koplin. He will serve in this capacity for the next 10 years

The other two other ballots included approval for judges to reduce or revoke a public officer's pension if the officer is convicted of a felony related to job responsibilities. This was approved. The final ballot involved forest preserve. The state would create a 250 acre land bank. Local government could request forest preserve land for projects in exchange for the state acquiring 250 acres for the forest preserves. This ballot was also approved.

In the House ... Nita Lowey was re-elected to her seat in the US House of Representatives.

Commemorative March and Rally for the Centennial of Women's Suffrage in New York State

Sunday, November 5, 2017, 12-4 pm | Rockland County Courthouse and HSRC History Center | FREE!

In November 1917, suffragists won their long-fought battle for women's right to vote in New York State. To honor the centennial of that event, a historical rally will be held in New City, Rockland County's seat, with a march to the Courthouse steps. After the rally, everyone is invited to join us at the Historical Society of Rockland County, 20 Zukor Road, New City, for the closing reception for our special exhibition "Rockland Voices: Voting Rights for Women," featuring...

- A special gallery talk by Katharine "Kickie" Fulmor
- The Suffrage era in song, a program with [Linda Russell](#)
- Oral histories compiled by the New City Library
- Refreshments

This event is sponsored by the HSRC, LWV, **AAUW** and the New City Library. We will convene at the SAIN Bldg at 12:00PM.



N.B. At the time of the publication and distribution of this edition of Facets, the Chapter wishes to thank Karen Martin, Nancy Matarese, Sylvia Miller and Myrna Silberman for carrying the AAUW Rockland Branch Banner in the Suffrage Centennial March and Rally on Sunday, November 5.



Branch MEETING
Wednesday, November 15th
Nanuet Library at 7:00PM



On Sunday, October 29, AAUW –Rockland co-sponsored a Candidates’ Forum with the League of Women’s Voters, and a host of other community organizations at JCC. The event was well attended and informative... well worth braving the rain!



The AAUW – Rockland Book Club meets in the Conference Room of the New City Library on the 3rd Monday of each month from 2:30 - 4:00 P.M. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Nov. 20 Beartown, by Frederick Backman

On October 28, 2017 the AAUW- NYS District V Conference was held at the Greenburgh Public Library in Elmsford, NY. The theme of the event was “Who’s Wearing the Hat? Women in Non-Traditional Careers”. Panelists were Channel 12 Reporter, Lisa LaRocca (moderator), Jamoire O. Johnson, an aspiring fire fighter, Dione Koerner, biochemist and educator, Leah Rambo, Director of Training for the Sheet Metal Workers Union, and Lourdes Rivas, Architectural Engineer on the Tappan Zee (Mario Cuomo) Bridge Project. The event was attended by members of several District V branches, and there were also a number of high school and college students in attendance.

At the 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...

**YOU DON’T WANT TO MISS
 THIS ONE!!!!**



E.O.F. December Holiday LUNCHEON!!! SOMETHING DIFFERENT THIS YEAR

Attending wintertime evening events can sometimes be a challenge, so it was decided that this year we will have a Holiday Luncheon at a local Chinese restaurant for our annual Holiday Party/EOF Fundraiser. The date has been tentatively set for **December 9th at noon**. We will have the Chinese Auction/Tricky Tray the same as last year, so find some nice new (re) gift items for the selection. Final details will be coming soon....

L.A.F Supported plaintiff Aileen Rizo's pay equity case is returning to the appeals court in California for a full hearing. Rizo originally filed suit against the Fresno County Office of Education when she learned that her employer paid a male colleague more merely on the basis of prior salary even though Rizo had more experience than he. A three-judge panel of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit handed down a decision stating that using prior salary alone to calculate current wages can be permissible under the Equal Pay Act as a "factor other than sex" if the defendant shows that its use of prior salary was reasonable and followed a business policy. AAUW joined an amicus brief that supported Rizo's petition for rehearing en banc (in front of all the judges of a court rather than only a selected panel) and urged the Ninth Circuit to reconsider. The Ninth Circuit granted Rizo's petition. Stay tuned...

MEMBERSHIP– We welcome **Frances (Fran) E. Carlson** from New City to the AAUW. She is a graduate of Harpur College and is active in the Book Group. We wish to remind those few members who have not renewed this year to do so within the next few days as National will be dropping you from the rosters at the end of November. PLEASE send in your \$80.00 renewal check payable to the "Rockland County AAUW" to our Membership VP, Sandra Masiello |95 Green Road| West Nyack, NY 10994 as soon as possible. Your attention to this is important and is appreciated.

PUBLIC POLICY – Ann Mulligan was asked to write a letter to the Trump administration to **STOP its attack on Affirmative Action...** so she did. She asks you to consider joining her.

Friend, I wrote a letter for the Action Network letter campaign "Tell the Trump administration to stop its attack on affirmative action".

Affirmative action has been a target on the GOP chopping block for many years. Despite advocates' mobilization efforts -- and even a Supreme Court decision upholding the policy on constitutional grounds -- Donald Trump and Jeff Sessions are seeking to undo progress on civil rights in higher education. In a disturbingly Orwellian twist, Trump and Sessions are seeking to use the Civil Rights Division of the Department of Justice to investigate and sue universities over their diversity admissions programs, on the grounds that they discriminate against white students. Champions of civil rights know that affirmative action and other inclusivity policies have positively impacted not only oppressed populations but the entire higher education system overall.

Losing affirmative action would set a dangerous precedent. Affirmative action and similar policies serve as a start to remedying centuries of deep rooted white supremacy and oppression, and Republicans have proven that they cannot be entrusted to lead the agenda for equity and inclusion. Now is the time to raise our collective voice and denounce these clear efforts to roll back civil rights and protect white privilege. Demand that Trump's DOJ end their attack on affirmative action and civil rights now.

Participating Organizations:|Center for Media Justice |Daily Kos |Franciscan Action Network |People Demanding Action

People For the American Way |Presente.org |Watchdog.net Can you join me and write a letter? Click here:<https://actionnetwork.org/letters/tell-the-trump-administration-to-stop-its-attack-on-affirmative-action?source=email&> - Ann

STEM – The Annual AAUW-Rockland STEM Engineering Workshop will be held on **MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13th** at the Nanuet Library beginning at 10:30 AM. All are welcome.

WOMEN'S HISTORY- At the **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!

FROM CORRESPONDING SECRETARY, ANITA NESSIN: Please forward any information regarding special events, such as weddings, illnesses, graduations, surgeries etc. She will be happy to send a greeting card. Please forward your birthday month and date (year is NOT necessary) so that your name can be placed on her special birthday roster. Amn46@hotmail.com

LIKE US on Facebook!

AAUW- Rockland now has a Facebook Page!!!! It contains recent photos and upcoming event information. The address is <https://www.facebook.com/aauwrockland> Sandy Blasy is the creator and administrator of the page - check it out and "LIKE" it. Ann Mulligan has created a Public Policy FB page – check it out....!!!!



AAUW ROCKLAND BARNES & NOBLE GIFT WRAPPING

12/22, 9:00 AM –9:00 PM

12/23 9:00 AM – 9:00 PM

12/24 9:00AM – 6:00 PM

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!! (2hour shifts)

Contact Suzanne Young-Mercer to sign up! (845) 425-8559

Congratulations!

Congratulations to our **Co-President Edwina Martin** who has been invited by AAUW CEO Kim Churches to be part of a strategic planning process AAUW will be undertaking over the next year and a half.

**DID YOU
KNOW?**

.... Thursday, November 2nd marks “LATINA’S EQUAL PAY DAY”, the symbolic day when Hispanic and Latina women’s earnings “catch up” to non-Hispanic white men’s earnings for the year.....

.... Jeannette Rankin of Montana became the first woman elected to Congress, winning a seat in the U.S. House of Representatives in 1916.

-Charlotte Sanger



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!!!!

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.

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Graduation Year

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American Association of University Women New York State Convention



April 20 to 22, 2018

Held At Radisson Hotel in Corning, NY

One Year After The Women's March
Moving Onward: Empowering Women

AAUW & Non-AAUW Members Welcome

More information on speakers & workshops will be published by December 2017

*For more information go to AAUW NYS website
at <http://aaunyswp.aauw-nys.org/wp/>*

In and About Town....



OUR MEETINGS ARE AT THE NYACK CENTER

The monthly meetings are especially for "graduates" of the Undoing Racism Workshop. Those who have not yet taken it, however, are also invited.

The goal is to have discussion which is facilitated in a manner that is consistent with the tenets of the **Undoing Racism Workshop**. **Daytime** : 9am - 10:30am on the 2nd Wednesday every month

Location: Nyack Center, 58 Depew Ave, Nyack (Middle Room)

Next Meeting: **Nov. 8, 2017, Dec. 13, 2017 Evening** : 6:30 - 8pm on the 4th Wednesday every month

Location: Nyack Center, 58 Depew Ave, Nyack (Downstairs Room)

Next Meeting: **Next evening meeting is Dec. 27, 2017**

THE ARTS COUNCIL OF ROCKLAND
Presents:
IDEA CITY
A county-wide convening of Artists, Patrons, Performers & Arts Advocates

Moderated by: Kate Mitchell
Executive Director, Arts Council of Rockland
Mistress of Ceremonies: Shirley Crabbe
Guest Panelists:
Daly Flanagan
Executive Director, Rockland Center for the Arts
Bill Batson
Editor, Nyack News and Views

**Tuesday, November 14th
7:00 PM**

Rockland Center for the Arts, 27 Greenbush Road, West Nyack, NY 10994
Doors open at 6:30 pm to view the exhibit "DWELLINGS"
Light refreshments will be served
Idea City is free and open to the public.
For more information visit www.artscouncilofrockland.org
info@artscouncilofrockland.org / 845 598 9421
Keep the conversation going!
Twitter @ACORRockland / Facebook Arts Council of Rockland

BEFORE IDEA CITY
Please help set the agenda for the Arts in Rockland. Please [link](#) to respond to a short survey.

The Arts Council of Rockland hosts its 3rd **Idea City** – a convocation of local artists, and patrons of the arts for the purpose of networking, noshing and sharing ideas.... The event is free and open to the public. Panel discussion will be held by Nyack Sketch Log artist, Bill Batson and ROCA Executive Director, Daly Flanagan.

Tuesday, November 14th at 7:00 PM at the Rockland Center for the Arts | 27 Greenbush Road | West Nyack, NY

TELL A FRIEND!

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