



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

Friday, December 22
Saturday, December 23
Sunday, December 24

Holiday Gift Wrap Fundraiser
Barnes & Noble
Nanuet

Wednesday, January 3

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

Saturday, January 20

Branch Meeting
11:30 am – 1:30 pm, Nanuet Library

Tuesday, February 6

Board Meeting
7:00 pm, Home of April Biggs

Saturday, February 24

Diversity Brunch
St. Charles AME Zion Church, Sparkill

Tuesday, March 6

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

Saturday, March 24

Branch Meeting
1:00 – 4:00 pm, **Valley Cottage Library**
Women's History Month Celebration
Women in Entertainment

President's Message

Happy Holidays to all the members of AAUW Rockland Branch. It is hard to believe that it is already December and we are getting ready to bring in another year.

This year we celebrated the 100th Anniversary of a women's right to vote in New York. In celebration of this milestone, AAUW NYS is passing The Torch of Liberty to branches throughout the state. I received the torch from NYS AAUW President Roli Wendorf, who represented the Westchester AAUW Branch. (see below) I will be passing the torch on to the Kingston AAUW Branch President, Adele Calcavecchio in a few days.

As I have stated in previous messages the theme for the 2017 -2018 year is "ARE WE RELEVANT. DO WE MATTER?" Please let us know your thoughts on how our Branch can meet the needs of our AAUW members and the community at large.

As we enter this Holiday season, let us remember those things that we are thankful for and think of ways that we can continue the work of AAUW in the New Year. Our work is not done until we see that women and girls have the same rights and opportunities as their male counterparts.

Wishing you the best of this holiday season and a Happy New Year.

Suzanne Young-Mercer





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.

THERE WILL BE NO DECEMBER MEETING

*January 15 Still Life, by Louise Penny

**Check with Library to confirm the date.*



Branch MEETING
Saturday, January 20th
Nanuet Library at 11:30 am



At the Branch Meeting on November 15th, Claire Sheridan from the Rockland Historical Society made a presentation on the history of the women's suffrage movement from the late 1880's to 1917. With her was Katherine Fulmore, granddaughter of featured suffragist, Caroline Lexow Babcock, who offered an intimate glimpse into the life of one of Rockland County's most prominent suffrage rights heroines.



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

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

136th

***On November 28, 2017
AAUW National
celebrated its 136th
Anniversary.***

***We are all to be
congratulated as we
continue to advance
and promote equity for
women and girls
throughout the world.***

Important Skill-Training Webinar Series by National: National AAUW has started a free monthly skill-training webinar series to be held on the ***second Tuesday of every month at 7:00 PM***. Check out this worthwhile series in the comfort of your own home: Go to.... and sign up TODAY!

<http://www.aauw.org/event/2017/09/skill-training-webinars/>

2017–18 Skill-Training Webinars

Upcoming events

January 9, 2018: Fundraising from Other Pockets

Tired of always asking the same people for funds? Join us for a discussion on how to raise funds from businesses and individuals in your community.

February 13, 2018: Inclusion and Equity Committee

Learn more about how to welcome and engage a diverse membership.

March 13, 2018: How to Get Publicity

Your branch holds great events and does wonderful things in your community. How do you get the publicity you deserve?

April, 2018

Hiatus for state conventions.

May 8, 2018: Writing to Engage

Find out how to make the most of your websites, brochures, newsletters, and emails!

June 12, 2018: Creating the Value of Membership

Learn how to help current and future members feel connected to AAUW's work and realize the value of their membership.

See website for archives of the past seminars

September 12, 2017: Social Media Made Easy

This webinar outlines what you should and shouldn't do when running social media.

October 10, 2017: Small but Mighty

Find out how small branches can have a big impact!

November 14, 2017: Diversity and Inclusion Task Force

Learn how to create a more welcoming community for all.

December 12, 2017: Transition and Succession Planning

Get strategies to plan for the future of your state and branch leadership.

You can support women and girls every time you shop on Amazon! Go to smile.amazon.com, and search and select American Association of University Women as your charity to make your holiday shopping **count**.





EOF - December Holiday LUNCHEON!!! SOMETHING DIFFERENT THIS YEAR

Braving the first winter snow, we had our "Something Different This Year" Holiday party at the Ocean Empire Chinese Restaurant in Pomona. We had a truly delightful time. Details to follow in next month's edition. Many thanks to Ellie Grossman for another great holiday event.

LAF - (from Charlotte Sorger) LAF recently awarded four Campus Outreach Grants to AAUW student organizations and branches. **Campus Outreach Grants** support events, programs, and resources that educate campuses around issues that affect Title IX and women's equity. AAUW student organizations, branches and Younger Women's Task Force chapters can apply for up to \$750 in funding. (This funding comes from our contributions to EOF and LAF.)

MEMBERSHIP - We wish to remind those few members who have not renewed this year to do so. 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.

MIMI KORB SCHOLARSHIP - Since we did not have a special fundraising event this year, we want to remind you that **contributions to the Mimi Korb Scholarship** (tax deductible) can be made to honor any occasion or to generously support this most worthwhile endeavor as you have in the past. Please make your tax deductible check payable to AAUW Rockland County Branch and write "**Mimi Korb Scholarship**" on the detail line. Mail your check to: Sandra Blasy | 29 Hickory Hill Lane | Tappan, NY 10983

STEM - The Annual AAUW-Rockland STEM Engineering Workshop was held on **MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13th** at the Nanuet Library and was once again, a great success. 67 high school students from all over the County participated in a day of awareness and opportunities in the field of engineering; they also had a very nice time.

WOMEN'S HISTORY - The March meeting will take place at the Valley Cottage Library and will feature a distinguished panel of local women in the arts and entertainment industries. Contact Myrna Silberman for more information as it becomes available.

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

WOMAN OF ACHIEVEMENT: Time for Nominations. Each year at our Annual Dinner in May, our branch recognizes a **Rockland county woman who has affected a positive change in our community**. Branch members are asked to submit nominations for this award in the form of a one-page biography and reason for recommendation (approximately 100 words). Send to Sylvia Miller, 98 Foxwood Road, West Nyack, NY 10994 or aauwsam@optonline.net **by December 31, 2017.**

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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 STILL NEEDED!!!! (2hour shifts)

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



**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://aauwnyswp.aauw-nys.org/wp/>***

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
branch record form request to:*

AAUW Rockland County Branch
P.O. Box 962
Monsey, NY 10952-0962

OR email:
aauwrockland62@gmail.com
or phone (845) 358-8240

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

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

Grandparents, Relatives and Family Friends can Care for Children




GRANDPARENTS AND CAREGIVERS

Assemblywoman Jaffee, Catholic Charities Community Services of Rockland, and St. Joseph's Parish is pleased to partner with A Program of Catholic Family Center, The New York State Kinship Navigator, to provide information on available resources in New York State for grandparents and relatives raising children.

Having to leave the country?
Worried about how to care for a child?

Ways to arrange for:

- Your Parental Rights
- Parental Powers of Attorney
- Custody and Guardianship Petitions
- Rights, Benefits, and Resources for Non-Parent Caregivers
- Financial Assistance for Caregivers



Assemblywoman
Ellen C. Jaffee

Chair, Committee on Children and Families





For more information on this or any community issue, please contact Assemblywoman Jaffee's office at 845-624-4601.

Location:
St. Joseph Catholic Church
245 North Main St.
Spring Valley, NY 10977

Date:
December 17th

Workshop Times:
12:15-2:15
and
3:15-5:15

For more information or to RSVP call 845-624-4601 or email jaffee@nyassembly.gov

Spanish and Creole interpreters will be present.

Light Refreshments

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