



ROCKLAND COUNTY (NY) BRANCH

FACETS

January 2018

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

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Wednesday, January 3

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

Saturday, January 20

Women's March in lieu of Branch Meeting
#WeekendofWomen NYC
Rally 11:30 am | March 12:30 pm (*See inside for details*)

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

Thursday, March 8

International Women's Day

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 New Year to the members of AAUW Rockland Branch. I wish you ALL health and happiness in this New Year.

We had a very successful Holiday Luncheon and Holiday Gift Wrap at Barnes and Noble and I want to thank all members who participated in these events.

I hope that we will get more member participation in our activities in 2018. Upcoming events include the Diversity Brunch on February 24, 2018, and our Women's History Month program in March. In April we will have our business meeting, in which we will nominate and elect candidates for expired positions. In May, we will be celebrating our Women of Achievement. Please submit your nominees for that recognition and if you are interested in a board position please submit your name for consideration.

*My continued theme for 2018 is "**ARE WE RELEVANT?**" It is important that if we want to be a viable organization in the Rockland area that we ensure that **we are relevant to our community**. This year we celebrate the first anniversary of the Women's March and we should remember how significant an impact the march had in inspiring more women to become involved in the political arena. We need to keep the momentum of this movement going! Please encourage your family, friends and neighbors to participate in our meetings this year, to introduce them to AAUW and to make it clear how important this organization is to our community, our nation and our global society*

*Again, Happy New Year... **Let's make this year more significant.***

Suzanne Young-Mercer

BARNES & NOBLE

We wrapped books and gifts at Barnes and Noble in Nanuet from December 22-24. Those who were able to volunteer had a pleasant time meeting customers, collecting their donations, wrapping gifts and spreading the word about AAUW!!! Many thanks to store manager, Jocelyn Ford for giving us such prime time for our fundraiser. All donations received will go toward our public programs.

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.

*January 15 Still Life, by, Louise Penny

*February 19 Maisie Dobbs by, Jacqueline Winspear

**Check with Library to confirm the date.*



A word of special thanks to **Elaine Drummond** for her generous donation to the Mimi Korb Scholarship and to the STEM Program. Thank you, Elaine, your kind gifts are deeply appreciated and will be put to very good use...

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



A great holiday time was had by the 23 Members who attended the AAUW “Something Different This Year” Party. There was a host of lovely “Tricky Tray” items to bid on, a feast of great food and a lot of good fellowship and fun. If you missed it – we missed you. Don’t miss out next year, Missy!

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/>

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.

AAUW National suggests the following for the new year...



- 1. Know your rights at work*
- 2. VOTE*
- 3. Negotiate your salary*
- 4. Support the next generation of innovators*
- 5. Help young women find their voices*
- 6. Be an ally*
- 7. GET INVOLVED*





E.O.F. We had a great time at our annual Holiday party at Ocean Empire Restaurant in Pomona. We raised \$382 for EOF from the Tricky Tray auction! Thank you everyone for your generosity! Ellie thanks everyone on the committee and the Board for their help and support.

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

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). The Executive Board will review the nominations and vote for one at the February Board meeting. Send nominations to Sylvia Miller, 98 Foxwood Road, West Nyack, NY 10994 or aausam@optonline.net **by January 31, 2018.**

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

*By joining AAUW, you belong to a
community that breaks through educational
and economic barriers so that all women
and girls have a fair chance*



Edwina Martin recently attended a POWHER (NY) conference call. Her summary of the call and some reference sites are attached. Minutes of the December meeting are also available by contacting Edwina directly.

Advancing the Domestic Agenda - Governor's SOTS and 2018 Agenda:

- Sexual Harassment agenda (focus on government, e.g. not using taxpayer money for settlements, except proposal that companies that do business with NYS would have to report on sexual harassment claims)
- Guns and domestic violence
- Pension funds and women and minority led companies (divestment)
- Bail reform
- Tipped Workers (not mentioned, but in press releases)
- Salary History Ban (not mentioned in speech, no guarantee on this)
- Childcare not mentioned, which is disappointing
- Voting Rights and access to the ballot (were in last year's speech but he didn't genuinely support)

NYC Council:

- Corey Johnson elected Speaker almost unanimously
- Has committed to staffing the council's Women's Caucus
- Solutions Out of Survival and Struggle - policy recommendations for the speaker (from the speaker forum on women's issues) (here is policy brief:http://avp.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/11/AVP-TGNC_PolicyBrief.pdf)

SAVE THE DATE!!!

African American History Month Event

Saturday, February 24

DIVERSITY BRUNCH

St .Charles AME Zion Church

Sparkill, NY

Will you be marching on Saturday, January 20th?

REGISTRATION IS FREE AT

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2018-womens-march-on-nyc-tickets-39150171216>



Join the world! On January 20th NYC will raise its voice again to demand equality for all humans at the 2018 Women's March on NYC. Over the past year, basic rights for women, immigrants, LGBTQ+, people with disabilities, the religious and nonreligious, people of color and even Mother Earth have struggled to survive under the weight of the current administration. We must stand together to demand and defend our rights. Let your voice echo from the streets of New York City to the capital city.

The main entrance point will be between at 72nd & Central Park West. The rally (starting at 11:30 EST) will be at Central Park West & 61st/62nd street. The full block in front of the stage (61st to 62nd on Central Park West) will be reserved for those with disabilities. The march (starting around 12:30 EST) will go past Columbus Circle, East on 59th Street, and South on 6th Avenue with exits at 45th/44th/43rd streets..

Visit <https://www.aplos.com/aws/give/WomensMarchAllianceCorp/2018wm>



United Way of Rockland 2018 Focus Groups

Please Join the United Way - Your participation is extremely important to us as we gather information about existing services, strengths and gaps in our community. We value your experience and perspective.



EDUCATION Focus Group Tuesday, January 23

(Snow date: Thursday, January 25th)



FINANCIAL STABILITY Focus Group Tuesday, January 30 (Snow date: Thursday, February 1st)

HEALTH Focus Group Tuesday, February 6 (Snow date: Thursday, February 8th)



All Focus Groups will be held at:

Fire Training Center

35 Firemen's Memorial Drive, Pomona, NY

Time: 9:00 – 11:00 a.m.

RSVP to the United Way of Rockland by January 19, 2018
via email to dtreacy@uwrc.org or via fax to (845) 358-8250,
any questions please call (845) 358-8929

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**.

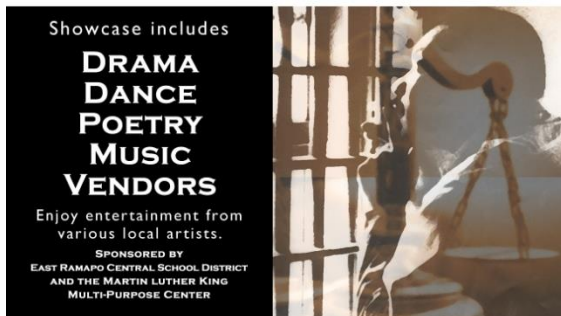
Daytime : 9am - 10:30am on the 2nd Wednesday every month



Our Community United in Love, Peace and Justice

UNITY CELEBRATION

Honoring the Life and Legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.



Nyack Branch NAACP

Presents



**Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.
Interfaith Commemorative Service**

**Come and Celebrate Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.
Day**

Date: Monday, January 15, 2018

Time: 2:00 PM

Place: Pilgrim Baptist Church | 80 N. Franklin Street | Nyack, NY

Message: Pastor Paul Jones, First Church, Nyack, New York

AAUW W impowers all women and girls to reach their highest potential.

In principle and in 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, sexual orientation, national origin, disability or class.

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