



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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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

Tuesday, April 3

Board Meeting 7:00 PM

Sandy Masiello's House

Friday, April 6

19th CTAUN Conference at the United Nations

"Stepping Up to Protect the World's Children"

Tuesday, April 10

EQUAL PAY DAY

Tuesday, April 17

Branch Business Meeting 7:00 PM

"Pay Equity Program" and Election of Officers

April 20 – 22

AAUW STATE CONFERENCE

Corning, NY



Ann Mulligan attended the Women's March in NYC on January 20, 2018. She reports "The crowds were amazing, the speakers were excellent and there were so many little girls, enjoying themselves".

President's Message

On January 21, **2017**, I did not travel to Washington, D.C. or Manhattan to participate in one of the many women's marches planned around the country. I had already committed to attend a Founders' Day luncheon for my sorority, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. But the truth is I could have gone to a march afterwards as several of my friends did. But I was not interested. I wasn't sure that the march was truly connected to issues that mattered to me – pay equity, access to quality education, equal pay, addressing police brutality, and access to healthcare, to name just a few. I wasn't sure it spoke to me as a progressive woman of color interested in actions to address racism, patrimony, misogyny, and other societal and cultural ills.

Fast forward a year to January 20, **2018**, and I felt very differently. I was almost desperate to be surrounded by people, especially progressive women, who were as upset as I was by the constant bombardment of bad news – attacks on our civil liberties, a seeming escalation of senseless gun violence and mass murders, attacks on access to health care and reproductive healthcare, and our societal reckoning with a culture of male empowerment and privilege secured through sexual harassment and other forms of bullying and violence.

Yes, I really, truly needed a women's march. And for me it accomplished a number of things – it strengthened my connection with the advocacy organizations that were organizing around the march and I engaged in advocacy by sending letters to elected officials urging that they prioritize women's issues this legislative session. I interviewed an AAUW member attending the march that morning on my radio program ('City Watch' on WBAI 99.5 FM, Saturdays @ 10 AM), which had a special focus on the #WomensMarchNYC. Unable to connect with the friends I had planned to meet, I made new friends with a group of young women I met as I waited to march. And I had fun – it was a beautiful, albeit cold, day, and we were the beautiful mosaic that Martin Luther King had dreamed of...It was a very good day, indeed.

Edwina Frances Martin, Esq.

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.

***February 26** Maisie Dobbs
by, Jacqueline Winspear

Mar. 19 A Gentleman in Moscow
by, Amor Towles

**Check with Library to confirm the date. Note this date has been changed from the 19th!*

AAUW has A NEW MAILING ADDRESS!!!!

**AAUW Rockland County
PO Box 19
West Nyack, NY 10994-0019**

Please Update Your Personal Directories



Come to the AAUW-NYS Convention

The AAUW-NYS Convention team has an outstanding event planned for **April 20-22 in Corning**. The convention is for ALL AAUW members and is a great chance to connect, re-energize, and come away with lots of action ideas.

Registration is open – check out our website at www.aauw-nys.org

Kimberly Churches

We are very excited to welcome Kimberly Churches, AAUW CEO to our convention. Plan to attend the convention and meet our outstanding new leader.

Kimberly Churches started as AAUW CEO on June 1, 2017. Since her arrival, she has been on a listening tour of AAUW across the country, which included a stop in New York to talk to us at AAUW-NYS. She thinks on a large scale about AAUW's future, asking us to imagine training 10 million people with Start Smart and Work Smart, or becoming the leading international organization on pay equity. Under her leadership, AAUW is embarking on an ambitious strategic planning process aimed at solidifying AAUW's position as a global leader on equity. Prior to coming to AAUW, Kim Churches was the Managing Director at Brookings Institution, where she provided strategic guidance, vision, problem-solving skills, expansive partnerships and fundraising.



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/>

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**



Thinking about attending the NYS AAUW Conference in April? Check this out!...

This year's convention hotel is located in the Gaffer District of Corning and it is located in the heart of Corning's Attractions for Convention Attendees and guests to explore by walking, riding the free Corning Visitor's Bus, or driving your car.

Friday afternoon pre-convention activity will be held at the *Corning Museum of Glass*. Two sessions of sandblasting workshops involving decorating a drinking glass are planned.

Registration is through the Convention Registration Site at \$30 per person by Sunday, April 8, 2018. Individuals do not need to attend the convention to participate in this pre-convention activity. All registered participants must pick-up their convention badges which serve as the museum admission ticket from the Radisson Hotel prior to going to the museum.

On both Saturday and Sunday Mornings of Convention, we will be offering both a guided tour of the Gaffer District and nearby Chemung Riverfront and an exercise walks starting at 6:30am. from the hotel lobby.

On Saturday afternoon, Yoga Instructor Kim Knapp will be leading a gentle yoga class as one of the afternoon workshops. Please note your interest in this workshop on your registration form and please bring exercise clothes and a yoga mat. **On Sunday afternoon**, we have arranged for a post-Convention docent-led activity at the *Rockwell Museum* starting at either 1:00pm. or 1:45pm. for \$9.50 per person through the Convention Registration Site by Sunday, April 8, 2018. After the *Rockwell Museum Tours*, you can stop at the *Corning Museum of Glass* to explore their Earth Day Nature Academy Celebration with hands-on exhibits before heading back home.

On behalf of the Convention Planning Committee, we invite you to join us for this **Moving Onward Empowering Women** Weekend in Corning. Kim Edgar, Co-Director Convention.

The 16th Annual "What's REALLY COOL? –To Empower Young Women" will take place on March 24, 2018 1:30 – 3:00 at the Finkelstein Library. Sponsored by Rockland Success Team / MHA, American Association of University Women (RC Branch) Fielding Room 24 Chestnut St. Spring Valley, NY 10977 (845) 352 5700 Refreshments served. Community Service Credit available.



L.A.F. Update on *Janet Conney v. the Regents of the University of California* et al. Janet Conney claimed that she began experiencing a hostile work environment in 2001, after male colleagues made inappropriate comments about her and other women, including comments about their bodies. She also learned that men working in positions similar to hers were making 50 – 100% more than she was. She complained about the harassment and pay inequity and her position was subsequently terminated in 2002. Conney filed a claim in 2003, and LAF began supporting the case in 2004. After trial in 2004, she was awarded a total of \$2.95 million in damages. The university appealed, but in 2006, the California Supreme Court declined to contest the original verdict and awarded Conney an additional \$4.07 million.

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 - Friday, February 9 is **ROCKLAND READ-IN DAY**. All are invited to come read to the students at Summit Park Elementary School. The read-in is from 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. and registration is required – call the school (845) 577-6290 or contact Librarian Eileen Hurley at ehurley@ercsd.org for registration information. Refreshments will be served. **Joyce Brown** extends a special invitation to all AAUW members to join in the **book distribution** from 12:30 – 2:00 p.m. when each student in the school will be allowed to choose two books to take home as their very own. Joyce also needs help Thursday 2/8 afternoon and Friday 2/9 morning sorting all the books by grade level. **PLEASE CALL JOYCE IF YOU CAN HELP 845-352-3275.**

WOMEN'S HISTORY- In celebration of **Women's History Month**, the AAUW will present a group of **“Women in the Performing Arts”** who will discuss their backgrounds, training, experiences, and women's issues. We are fortunate in having on our panel the following artists:

TV Emmy Award Winner, Film and Documentary Producer - Suzanne Mitchell

Jazz Vocalist - Shirley Crabbe

Producer and Director - Dana Duff

Dancer, Choreographer and Artistic Director - Diane Coupe Frankel

Director and Producer of the Children's Shakespeare Theatre - Diana Green

Stage Manager - Patricia Sosnow

The event will take place at the Valley Cottage Library at 1 PM on March 24.

Did you know: that **Sarah J. Tompkins Garnet** (1831-1911) was the first African-American woman to found a suffrage organization? She also was the first African-American female principal in the New York City public school system. She fought against racial discrimination and was a strong advocate for equal pay for equal work.

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

FROM SYLVIA MILLER - Women's March in Nyack, January 20. Since I was unable to go to NYC for the March, I went to Nyack instead. A gathering of 100 or so people participated at the Veterans Park on Main Street, many holding signs and wearing their pink hats from last year. Our member and State Assemblywoman Ellen Jaffee gave a highly motivated speech as did many other speakers. We sang and chanted and had a great time.

19th ANNUAL DIVERSITY BRUNCH

HOSTED BY

THE ROCKLAND COUNTY BRANCHES OF
THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN, INC.
AAUW of Rockland NY
and
AAUW Empire State Virtual (NY)

In collaboration with the women
of
Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.
Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.
Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.
Rockland Women's Political Caucus

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2018
10:30 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.
ST. CHARLES A.M.E. ZION CHURCH
432 VALENTINE AVE.
SPARKILL, NY 10976

***TOPIC: TAKE ANOTHER STEP:
Empowering Women Again in the Political Arena:***

\$25.00 ADVANCE DONATIONS/\$30.00 DOOR SALES

Make all checks payable to:

American Association of University Women (AAUW) – Rockland Branch

Mail to: AAUW Rockland Branch c/o Sylvia Miller, 98 Foxwood Road, West Nyack, NY 10994

Contact: Ann Mulligan @ 845-694-9708

RESERVE NOW – SEATING IS LIMITED

Beverly Cooper Neufeld - Founder and President, PowHer New York (Keynote Speaker)

To address the slow progress on women's economic issues, Bev Neufeld envisioned PowHer New York: a community working across typical barriers to connect people, energize a movement, and accelerate progress. Ms. Neufeld is the President of BCN Consulting Group LLC, which helps nonprofits create change through advocacy, programming, and organizational development. As former President of the New York Women's Agenda, Beverly led the campaign for pay equity reform, now a signature program of PowHer New York, which influenced the passage of the NYS Women's Equality Act and the NYS Equal Pay Act. Beverly is a member of the national Paycheck Fairness Taskforce and the steering committee of the 850 member, NYS Women's Equality Coalition.

As E.D. of the White House Project she oversaw research on women's leadership and helped develop SheSource and Vote, Run, Lead. Beverly was Finance Director for Congresswoman Nita Lowey. Her board service includes 2020 Women on Boards, Free the Children, Sing for Hope, Women's Campaign Forum, and Westchester Children's Association.

AAUW Rockland Diversity Brunch

“Take Another Step”

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CHECK FOR \$ _____ DIVERSITY BRUNCH PLEASE RESERVE # _____ SEATS

Covers Brunch for: _____ (Myself)

_____ (Guest)

AAUW empowers 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 the organization on the basis of gender, race, creed, sexual orientation, national origin, disability or class.

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.

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The Legacy of Rhythm:

Exploring the African Diaspora Through Dance

FREE and Open to the Public

Featuring: Forces of Nature Dance Theater

Wednesday, February 28, 2018 @ 7PM

Cultural Arts Theater (handicapped accessible)

Rockland Community College

145 College Rd, Suffern, NY 10901



Take a journey that explores various themes within the African Diaspora through dance, music, drumming, storytelling, and spoken word, featuring FORCES OF NATURE DANCE THEATER. This award winning company blends traditional West African dance with forms as diverse as contemporary, ballet, hip-hop, and martial arts.

For more information, contact the AAHS at:
AAHSrockland@gmail.com

Presented by the African American Historical Society of Rockland County, the African American History Month Committee (RCC) And



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