



ROCKLAND COUNTY (NY) BRANCH

FACETS

April 2018

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

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Tuesday, April 3

Board Meeting 7:00 PM
Dorothie Flieger's Home

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
New City Library Community Room

April 20 – 22

AAUW STATE CONFERENCE
Corning, NY

Tuesday, May 1

Board Meeting 7:00 PM
Charlotte Sorger's Home

Tuesday, May 15

Woman of Achievement Annual Dinner
Nyack Seaport, Nyack, NY

Tuesday, June 5

Joint Board Meeting 7:00 PM
Location : TBD

Wednesday, June 13

Branch Meeting 7:00 PM
Meet and Greet our Scholarship Recipients
Location: TBD

***We need a quorum for this meeting to elect our new Co-President, Membership Vice President and to pass the new budget. We will also discuss new proposals for National AAUW by-laws amendments. YOUR attendance at this important meeting is essential.**

President's Message

Greetings!

At our February 24th Diversity Brunch we discussed a wide array of legislative and other topics.

Extensive legislative agenda:

- Reproductive rights and codifying Roe v. Wade**
- Maternal mortality and maternal depression**
- Pass ERA**
- Storage of rape kits - 30 days to 5 years**
- Sexual Harassment Policy**
- STEM Fellowship**
- Childcare and Pre-K expansion**
- ***Salary History Ban and Tipped Worker Issue (AM Jaffee), also Childcare subsidies, \$100M ask: Issues we thought we would work on together*****

Other 'take aways':

- Demand parity on boards and commissions**
- Study our county boards and commissions (intern activity?)**
- Joint Legislative Advocacy Workshop Session**
- Begin Planning for 20th anniversary brunch, incorporate HS and college students**
- We must not forget to include our brothers in our efforts, it cannot be only women!**

Finally, we talked about keeping the conversation going on joint activities and to start planning the 20th anniversary Diversity Brunch. One thought is to set up a monthly call, before or after work, like 8:30 on the 1st Monday of the month.

Based on our discussion, I worked with AAUW National and our State public policy VP to prepare 2-Minute Activist Emails, one budget-related asking for \$100M in Childcare allocations in the NYS Budget, and the other a legislative-related letter asking your legislators to support a Salary History Ban and elimination of the lower minimum wage for tipped workers. Below are the links for the letter. It really does just take 2 minutes to send letters to our legislative leaders for issues we support and believe in! Most especially, the state budget will be done in the next couple of days so it is important to send the childcare letters NOW!

—\$100M for Childcare:

http://salsa4.salsalabs.com/o/50796/p/dia/action4/common/public/?action_KEY=24625

—Salary History and tipped wages:

http://salsa4.salsalabs.com/o/50796/p/dia/action4/common/public/?action_KEY=24665

Once you do the 2-Minute activist letters you can sign up for the 2-Minute Activist via text, so that the alerts go straight to your phone, making activism even easier!)

I wish everyone a happy holiday weekend!

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.

Apr. 16 Before You Know Kindness, by Chris Bohjalian

May 21 Commonwealth.

**Check with Library to confirm the date.*



**CALLING ALL MEMBERS....
ALL Hands - ON DECK!!!**

**AAUW- Rockland's
APRIL MEETING**

APRIL 17th at 7:00 PM
New City Library
220 N. Main Street
New City, NY


Your attendance is needed!




Congratulations to our own **Shirley Brindle** who will be honored for her outstanding service to the Rockland Community by the Nyack NAACP On April 19th at the Pearl River Hilton. Contact Doria Hillsman for tickets (845) 598-8520 and further information.

AND to our own **Phyllis B. Frank and Assemblywoman Ellen Jaffee** who are being honored at the JCC Founders Dinner "Celebrating Women in Leadership" on April 29.

**TUESDAY – MAY 15 ANNUAL
WOMEN OF ACHIEVEMENT AWARD DINNER**
SEE Inside for Registration Form



**Need a ride??? Contact:
Suzanne Young Mercer at
(845) 425-8559 or (212) 241-7947**



Spring is Here!... Time for Membership Renewal!

59 (AAUW National)
13 (NY State)
+13 (Rockland)
\$85.00

If you would like to be included in the directory, your dues must be received by **JUNE 30th**
Remember \$82.00 is tax-deductible.

If you would like to enter our drawing for **\$59.00 off** of next year's dues pay by **JUNE 5th** and your name will be **entered automatically.**

Checks payable to: AAUW Rockland County Branch | PO Box 19 | West Nyack, NY 10994



The Nominating Committee presents our proposed slate of officers to be elected at the branch annual business meeting on **TUESDAY, APRIL 17th**.

Co-President – Colleen Biavatie
Membership Vice President – Ellie Grossman

All positions are open for additional candidates. Nominations can be made from the floor at the April meeting *provided that the person being nominated has agreed to do so prior to the meeting*. The meeting will involve discussion about major changes currently being proposed in the national organization. **Your presence, your ideas and your input** are needed. We need ALL members to show up and let their voices be heard!

ABSENTEE BALLOT for AAUW Officers for 2018-2019

In case you will not be able to attend the April 17 Branch Meeting, please complete this Absentee Ballot and return it to Sylvia Miller by April 17. A quorum is required to vote for officers so PLEASE send this in promptly OR you can e-mail it to aauwsam@optonline.net

Name _____		
	Yes	No
Co-President - Colleen Biavati	_____	_____
Membership Vice President - Ellie Grossman	_____	_____

Mail to Sylvia Miller, 98 Foxwood Road, West Nyack, NY 10994

Sunday, April 15, 7:15 PM
Regal Cinemas CENTERPIECE FILM HEATHER BOOTH: CHANGING THE WORLD



HEATHER BOOTH: CHANGING THE WORLD Directed by Lilly Rivlin

Documentary
Hudson Valley Premiere
 80 minutes
English and Hebrew, with subtitles
 SPEAKER **Lilly Rivlin**
 HONOREE **Harriet Cornell**
Heather Booth is perhaps the most influential person you never heard of. A renowned organizer and activist, she began her remarkable career at the height of the Civil Rights movement. This film explores Heather's lifelong legacy in progressive politics, from her involvement with the Freedom Summer Project, to her founding of the JANE Underground, to her personal relationships with respected political leaders.
A JCC Film Festival Event
Regal Cinemas - The Shops at Nanuet



Text PLEDGE to 21333 to Join AAUW's Day of Action on April 10

Next week, advocates across the country will observe [Equal Pay Day 2018](#), the date that symbolizes how far women must work into 2018 to bring home the same pay as men did in just 2017 alone.

While the gender pay gap is nothing to celebrate, observing Equal Pay Day is a powerful way to raise awareness about the fight for fair pay — and that's why we're calling on you to take action.

Join AAUW on April 10 in a national Day of Action to close the gender pay gap by texting the word PLEDGE to phone number 21333 on your cell phone.

On Equal Pay Day (April 10), we'll send you a reminder text with a toll-free phone number to reach your state legislators and demand pay equity. When you use our toll-free phone line, you'll hear a simple call script before being connected directly to the office of your state legislator.

Let us know you're committed to fighting for fair pay — text PLEDGE to phone number 21333 now!

L.A.F. There are two new cases which AAUW Legal Advocacy supports - *Sveen v. Melin* and *NIFLA v. Becerra*. The stories are spelled out on the LAF Express website where you can read all about them.

LAF and AAUW have been working toward equal pay for decades. Here is one example:

Weissman v. Albert Einstein College of Medicine of Yeshiva University. Heidi Weissman was a professor of nuclear medicine who filed a sex discrimination lawsuit in the U.S. District Court for Southern New York against the Albert Einstein College of Medicine in New York for paying her substantially less than her colleagues who performed similar work. Weissmann settled in 1994 and was awarded \$900,000 in damages which is believed to be the largest -ever settlement of a medical school sex discrimination case.

– Charlotte Sorger

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 - Family Math Night at Summit Park Elementary School was held Wednesday, March 28, 2018 for 300 plus parents and students. After dinner with pizza and salad, families went to the gym where they travelled through the various stations of math activities introducing parents to the new math instructional philosophy. Next, families returned to the multipurpose room for dessert and raffle. A sincere thank you was extended to the following organizations: RSVP, Spring Valley Rotary's *School To End Poverty*, Barnes & Noble Nanuet, Family Resource Center and Joanne Robinson-Silas, the Summit Park faculty members, and school parents who provided the dessert. We missed Principal and AAUW member Kim Hewlett who is recovering at home as well as super helper and AAUW member Sandy Gordon who is also recovering. It was great to see coaches old and new, active and retired who came out to support Family Math Night. A special thank you to **Debby Frank** and **Joanne Feniger** who always do an outstanding job putting this whole program together. – Joyce Brown

A WORD FROM OUR TREASURER – Please vote on the proposed 2018-2019 budget! We urge you to attend our Branch Business Meeting on April 17th when we will be voting on the new proposed budget. A copy was sent to you in a separate email last month for your review and questions. If you think you will be unable to attend, you may vote in advance of the meeting by sending in an absentee vote to aauwrockland62@gmail.com. -
Sandy Blasy

WOMEN'S HISTORY - In celebration of Women's History Month, our annual women's history event took place on Saturday, March 24th at the Valley Cottage Library. The program this year was "Women in the Entertainment Arts". We had a panel of gifted and creative professionals from theater, film and television. The panelists discussed their personal experiences that led to their success in each of their respective fields. They eloquently expressed their thoughts on women's issues such as pay equity, ageism and sexual harassment and offered insights as to how these issues present themselves in the field of entertainment. Their truthfulness laced with humor made for a lively, inspiring and informative discussion that was appreciated by those who attended. Myrna Silberman.



Myrna Silberman moderates panel for Women's History Month: From left to right: Suzanne Mitchell, Producer/Activist; Diana Green, Founder of CST; Dana Duff, Actor; Diane Coupè, Dance Instructor, Founder of Coupè Studios; Shirley Crabbe, Jazz Vocalist, Vocal Instructor

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

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, age, national origin, disability or class.

By joining AAUW, you belong to a community that breaks through

PO Box 19 | West Nyack, NY 10994-0019 educational and economic barriers, so that all women and girls have a fair chance.

aauwrockland62@gmail.com

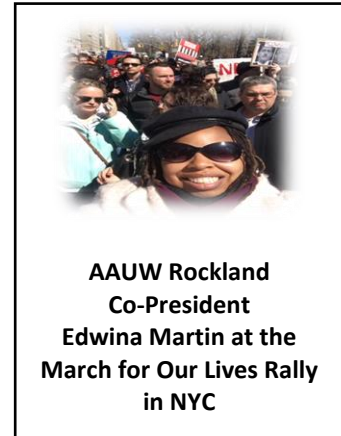
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MARCH FOR OUR LIVES -March 28, 2018



On Saturday, March 24, 2018, students, teachers, parents and allies around the nation met to participate in the MARCH FOR OUR LIVES in Washington DC, New York City and around the country in order to rally for increased gun control and to demand an end to gun violence and mass shootings which take place in our schools and communities. The local sibling rally was held at the Rockland County Courthouse at 10:00 AM and many of our members were in attendance.

-Ann Mulligan



**AAUW Rockland
Co-President
Edwina Martin at the
March for Our Lives Rally
in NYC**

In and About Town

Wild & Scenic Film Festival, presented by Rockland Organized for Sustainability and a Safe Aquifer, and Rivertown Film

Showing: Sunday, April 22, 12:00 PM
Title: Wild & Scenic Film Festival
Year: 2018
Country: USA



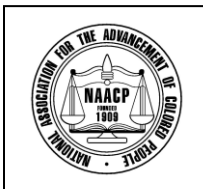
Enjoy the great outdoors in one of the great movie palaces, at the Wild & Scenic Film Festival on Earth Day (Sunday, April 22). Celebrate the Earth's beauty, the challenges facing our planet and the work communities are doing to protect the environment. This is the largest environmental film festival held in the US. After the festival launches in Nevada City, California, it tours the country and is presented annually at the historic Lafayette Theatre in Suffern. Doors open at 12:00 noon. The mighty Wurlitzer organ plays until 12:30. Film program runs from 1:00 to 3:30 PM.

General Admission: \$20 online in advance, \$18 from ticket selling locations, \$22 at the door.

Rivertown Members: \$15 online (use the promo code "FILMS")

For further information and tickets, visit www.SuffernFilmFest.com

Nyack Branch NAACP Annual Membership Renewal and Recruitment Dinner



Thursday, April 19, 2018 at 6:00 PM Pearl River Hilton | 500 Veteran's Memorial Drive |
Pearl River, NY 10965 Adults \$85.00 – Non-Youth Council Member Youth \$60.00

For Reservations Contact: Voncile Oliver (845) 268-6626 | Ann Christian (845) 356-7046 |

Maria Whittingham (845) 664-8492 OR Mail check to:

Nyack NAACP P.O. Box 285 Congers, NY 10920

DEADLINE for Ticket Sales: Monday, April 16, 2018

PLEASE NOTE: Your donation is NOT tax deductible.



**THE ROCKLAND COUNTY BRANCH OF
THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN, INC.**

WOMAN OF ACHIEVEMENT DINNER

In Honor of

Sister Cecilia LaPietra

Celebrating equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research.

Tuesday, May 15, 2018

Cocktails (cash bar) at 6:00 p.m., Dinner at 7:00 p.m.

The Nyack Seaport Restaurant

21 Burd Street
Nyack, NY 10960

\$55.00 per person - Make Check Payable to:

The Rockland County Branch of AAUW

c/o Sandy Masiello, 95 Green Road, West Nyack, NY 10994

RSVP by May 3, 2018 to (845) 358-8240

Cut here

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Phone Number: _____

Number of Reservations _____ at \$55.00 each = \$ _____