



FACETS

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

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Wednesday, September 5

Board Meeting 7:00 PM
Sylvia Miller's House

Saturday, September 8

Vanya and Sonia and Masha and Spike
Fundraiser – Elmwood Playhouse 8:00 PM

Thursday, September 13

PRIMARY ELECTION DAY – VOTE

Saturday, September 15

Program Committee Meeting 11:00 AM
New City Library

Tuesday, September 25

Kick Off Meeting 6:30 PM
Nanuet Library

Tuesday, October 2

Board Meeting 7:00 PM
April Bigg's House

Saturday, October 20

AAUW District V Meeting
(Please see inside for details)

Sunday, October 28

LWV/AAUW/JCC Candidates' Forum 2:00 PM
JCC West Nyack Campus

Tuesday, November 6

ELECTION DAY - VOTE

Wednesday, November 7

Board Meeting 7:00 PM
Karen Martin's House

President's Message

Welcome AAUW Rockland members to the 2018-2019 new year! On June 20, 2018, about 20 members of the branch met to discuss the question: “**Are we relevant as a branch?**” and many other themes that relate to the question of relevance. As we move into the new business year, I ask you each to reflect on the following....

- **Why are you a member of AAUW?**
- **What prevents you from attending branch meetings? (if you don't regularly attend)**
- **What are you looking for from the branch?**
- **What are you willing to do for the branch?**

In addition to our interest groups, we need to provide mission-based programming that advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, and research. National is moving us in a more structured direction which will require more collaborations with other like minded organizations. Following National AAUW's lead it is important that we also make small changes to help keep us relevant in Rockland County.

We have a new Engineering Workshop Committee and we are looking forward to a seamless transition and a successful program for them. Also, Edwina F. Martin, former president of AAUW NY and former co-president of AAUW Rockland, will chair our Diversity Brunch this year and plans are already underway for that program.

On October 20, 2018 we will participate and partner with an AAUW- NYS program called **Jump Start** that will train 40 to 80 young women starting out in the workplace in “**Start Smart**” which is an AAUW training that equips women in the tools of interviewing and salary negotiations. The program will take place from 9am to 4pm, featuring both morning and afternoon sessions. AAUW-Rockland has been asked to volunteer. I will have more information on our role in this training and it will serve as our District V Conference. I would like to ensure that every young woman who wishes to is able to attend and at the very least, I would like to rent a bus to transport them from Rockland down to the City for this event. It will be held at the Hunter College Campus. (*see more information below*)

The meeting and discussion in June identified many items of interest to the members. Some of these interests will be further developed and worked upon by our Program committee. Ultimately, we hope we provide for you the members an avenue for your participation. As you identify for yourselves the answer to the questions presented above, I again welcome you to a new year and hope that you will find a way to make the branch what you want it. We are only as great as our membership.

Suzanne Young-Mercer

Erratum: N.B. The June edition of FACETS stated that photographer extraordinaire, Manny Guevara, our photographer for the Woman of Excellence Award Dinner, was formerly a photographer with National Geographic. He was, in fact with the New York Times. We apologize, Manny.

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.

All are welcome.

September 17, “The Last Days of Night”, by Graham Moore

October 15, “Little Fires Everywhere”, by Celeste Ng

Fran Carlson is the new coordinator for the Club. Thank you, Fran!



BRANCH KICK-OFF MEETING ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25TH AT 6:30 PM IN THE NANUET LIBRARY.

PLEASE CALL OUR FOOD COORDINATOR **KATHLEEN SULLIVAN** at (845) 735-3824 TO TELL HER WHAT FOOD ITEM YOU WILL BRING. Small plate finger foods are the menu of the day. Please plan to serve 6 – 8 people.

Call Kathleen by September 20!!!
COME EARLY TO BRING YOUR GOODIES SO THE MEETING CAN BEGIN PROMPTLY BY 6:30 PM

Welcome new member **Betty Handelman** from New City. She received her BS in education from Long Island University and also New York University. Welcome back **Tanya Rothstein** of Spring Valley who achieved her BA from Coe College and MA from the University of Chicago.



Coming Soon!
AAUW Rockland's
Annual Barnes and Noble
Gift Wrapping
December 23rd and 24th
Mark your Calendar!!!



ALL are Invited to Lunch With

Ladies Who Lunch

Friday, September 28
12:45 PM

Belissimo Restaurant
12 S. Kinderkamack Road,
Montvale, NJ 07645
(201) 746 6669

Call Charlotte Sorger at 845 352-1488 if you can attend.
The food is good, the atmosphere is pleasant and fine dining can be done at a leisurely pace.

WHAT'S HAPPENING.

E.O.F.: EOF Cook out and fundraiser which was held on August 11, 2018 was well attended and fun was had by all. Many thanks to Ellie Grossman for planning and to Patricia Lopez for so graciously opening her home. Plans are already being made for the annual Holiday Party which will take place on Saturday, December 8, 2018. Mark your calendar!

L.A.F. AAUW Signs on to Two Amicus Briefs: *Parker v. Reema Consulting Services Inc.* The US Court of Appeals will consider whether rumors that Evangeline Parker, an employee at Reema Consulting Services, Inc. was promoted by “sleeping her way to the top” are actionable. Parker alleges that she was subjected to a false and degrading rumor that she was promoted because she engaged in sexual activity with a male manager. The rumor resulted in harassment, discrimination, retaliation and ultimately, termination.

State of California et al v. Health and Human Services. AAUW supports a preliminary injunction preventing the Dept. of Health and Human Services from enforcing the “exemption rules” which allow religiously affiliated nonprofits, such as universities, hospitals, etc. to stop providing contraceptive services based on religious and moral convictions.

LAF mourns the death of its founder, Katherine “Kappy” Eaton who passed away earlier this month at age 94. She was well known throughout AAUW and valued greatly within her AAUW member state of Oregon. During her longstanding commitment to the organization she served as the executive vice president of AAUW and started the Legal Advocacy Fund during the 1981 AAUW National Convention. Since then LAF has provided millions of dollars to balance the scales of justice for people working toward gender equity through the legal system. Thank you, Kappy Eaton, for your visionary leadership.

STEM - The Engineering Workshop subcommittee in conjunction with the NY State Society of Professional Engineers, (NYSSPE) will host AAUW- Rockland’s 9th Annual Engineering Workshop for High School Students on November 7, 2018 at the King’s Daughters Library in Garnerville, NY from 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM. All members are welcome to attend.

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

Mimi Korb Scholarship: The Mimi Korb scholarship was awarded this year in the amount of \$3000 to Chrystin Brestolli, a student at Dominican College. The **Barbara Myneder Scholarship** was awarded to Melinda Salvador at RCC in the amount of \$3000. Another lesser amount was given to RCC student, Brianna Carty, subsidizing her tuition and allowing her to receive the diploma she’d earned.

Public Policy: “AAUW’s expectation is that our next Supreme Court justice will support the fundamental rights of all individuals and understand that his or her decisions have a very real impact on the daily lives of women and their families. **After careful review of Judge Brett Kavanaugh’s available record, it is clear to us that he would not be that justice.** ... While we continue to urge that Judge Kavanaugh’s full record be released to the American public, his available record makes clear that he stands in opposition to the values and mission of AAUW”. AAUW CEO, Kimberly Churches 8/3/18
Call Senators Schumer and Gillibrand to urge them to oppose Judge Kavanaugh’s confirmation.



AAUW is one of the world’s leading supporters of graduate women’s education, having awarded more than \$115 million in fellowships, grants and awards to 13,000 women from more than 145 countries since 1888. For the 2018–19 academic year, AAUW awarded a total of \$3.9 million through six fellowships’ and grants’ programs to 250 scholars, research projects, and programs promoting education and equity for women and girls.



AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN - NYS

PROFESSIONAL JUMP START FOR COLLEGE WOMEN 2018

PRACTICAL CAREER ADVICE:

AAUW START SMART WORKSHOP REFINE YOUR RESUME
ACE THE INTERVIEW DRESS FOR SUCCESS SOCIAL MEDIA SAVVY

20 OCTOBER 2018

8 AM - 4 PM

The Roosevelt House 47-49 East 65th St. New York, NY 10065

REGISTER ONLINE @WWW.AAUW-NYS. \$10.00 REGISTRATION FEE

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District V Meeting, 2018



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www.rivertownfilm.org

To see their fantastic lineup for the year...

Showing: Wednesday, September 26 – 8:00 PM
TO A MORE PERFECT UNION: United States v. Windsor

Nyack Center

Showing: Saturday, October 6 – 8:00 PM --

NEIL BERG'S 100 YEARS OF HOLLYWOOD

Nyack Center

Showing: Thursday, October 25 – 7:00 PM -

DRACULA (1931) with live musical accompaniment, presented with ArtsRock and Arts Angels

Nyack High School

Notices and Acknowledgments...

Laurie Pina died September 1, 2018. Laurie, who taught at RCC, was involved with our CASS project in years past. A memorial service was held Thursday, September 6, at Joseph W. Sorce Funeral Home, 728 West Nyack Rd., West Nyack, NY 10994 from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. (Her obituary was in the Journal News Wednesday, September 5.) Memorial donations in lieu of flowers can be made to Hi Tor Animal Shelter, 65 Fireman's Memorial Drive, Pomona, NY 10970 or the Lustgarten Foundation for Pancreatic Cancer Research, 415 Crossways Park Drive, Suite D, Woodbury, NY 11797.

Marilyn Marsha Schneider passed away on September 3, 2018. Marilyn was an avid member of the book club for many years. Funeral service was held Thursday, September 6, 2018 at 11:00 a.m. at Hellman Memorial Chapels, 15 State Street, Spring Valley, NY 10977. Interment was at Rose Hills Memorial Park, Mill Street, Putnam Valley, NY.

As always, donations can be made to AAUW Rockland, or EOF or the Mimi Korb Scholarship in memory of those we have lost.

Our condolences go out to the families of both Laurie and Marilyn. They will be missed.

Sister Cecilia La Pietra, our 2018 Woman of Excellence wrote....

"... Thank you to the AAUW for honoring me and my ministry of One to One Learning. The event was well organized, the food delicious and the décor in purple so special. The flowers went into our chapel and survived for many days.

I was happy to learn more about all that the members do to promote the cause of women. I was happy that some friends, teachers and board members could join me.

Continue to let your light shine. Special thanks to the committee...Peace, Sister Cecilia"

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 economic barriers, so that all women and girls have a fair chance.

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