



# FACETS

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

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Tuesday, October 2

Board Meeting 7:00 PM  
April Bigg's Home

Thursday, October 4

STEM Coaches' Luncheon  
Summit Park Elementary School

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 Home

Wednesday, November 7

Engineering Workshop for Secondary School Students  
(Please see inside for details)

Saturday, November 17

Branch Meeting 1:00 PM  
New City Library

Tuesday, December 4

Board Meeting 7:00 PM  
Myrna Silberman's Home

Saturday December 8

Holiday Luncheon/ Fundraiser  
Time and location TBD

December 23 and 24

Barnes and Noble Gift-Wrapping Fundraiser  
Nanuet Store



## **AAUW Reacts to Kavanaugh Confirmation**

**October 06, 2018**

WASHINGTON — American Association of University Women (AAUW) Chief Executive Officer Kim Churches issued the following statement following the U.S. Senate’s vote to confirm Judge Brett Kavanaugh as an Associate Justice to the Supreme Court.

“AAUW denounces the Senate’s vote today to confirm Judge Kavanaugh to a seat on the Supreme Court. The integrity of the Court, which has the final say on the health, education, and economic security of women and girls, will be forever altered by the confirmation of a Justice rushed through a partisan process.

We have been watching this process closely and, from the very beginning, called for a full and fair vetting process for any nominee, including a careful examination of their record, qualifications, and temperament.

Judge Kavanaugh did not meet any of those standards. AAUW opposed Judge Kavanaugh’s confirmation on the basis of his available record, which demonstrated his hostility to AAUW’s policy priorities. When credible allegations of sexual assault surfaced, we called on the Senate to allow a comprehensive inquiry by the FBI — not the prescribed-by-politicians, time-limited, and superficial investigation that we saw. And when last week’s hearing revealed Judge Kavanaugh’s troubling biases, we called for his nomination to be withdrawn.

By each and every one of AAUW’s standards, Judge Kavanaugh does not belong on the Supreme Court, and we are dismayed that he was confirmed by the Senate. Votes matter, and Senators should expect to continue to hear from AAUW members and supporters every day.”

<https://www.aauw.org/article/aauw-reacts-to-kavanaugh-confirmation/>

The AAUW – Rockland Book Club meets in the Conference Room of the New City Library on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month from 2:30 - 4:00 P.M.

All are welcome.

October 15, "Little Fires Everywhere",  
by Celeste Ng

November 19, "The American Spirit"  
By David McCullough

*Contact Fran Carlson for more information.*



**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 28**

**Candidates' Forum**

**Sponsored in part by**

**AAUW Rockland**

**2:00 PM**

**JCC – West Nyack Campus**

**450 W. Nyack Road | W. Nyack, NY**

**Welcome to Dolores Bechtel** who was a previous member and has rejoined. She is a retired counselor and lives in New City. She received a BA from St. John's University and a masters degree from Manhattan College.



Special Thanks to **Kathleen Sullivan** for coordinating the refreshments for the Kick-off Meeting last month. We had a great turnout and a pleasant and informative evening.

**AAUW Rockland's Annual Barnes and Noble Gift Wrapping  
Friend and Fund Raiser  
December 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> Mark your Calendar!!!**



# WHAT'S HAPPENING.

**E.O.F.** 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 Amicus Brief *Moussouris v. Microsoft***

The case is currently before the US Court of Appeals for the 9<sup>th</sup> Circuit. The case seeks to clarify Federal Procedure Rule 23 for class certification standards which limit women's ability to pursue joint action challenging systemic discrimination. The case has been brought on behalf of 8,000 both current and former Microsoft employees who have been discriminated against under Microsoft's pay and promotion systems. AAUW joined an amicus brief because, "We advocate for equitable access and advancement in employment, including vigorous enforcement of employment discrimination statutes and the right to challenge discriminatory employment practices through class actions." The case is not yet scheduled for oral argument. More to follow.

**STEM** – STEM at Summit Park is a math and reading coaching program where volunteer coaches work at least one day per week with individuals or small groups of 2 – 6 students to promote academic success. It began in the fall of 2008 with eleven math coaches. The program is a collaboration with the East Ramapo School District. Starting the first year with 3<sup>rd</sup> grade math classes and 11 coaches, the program now involves 50 plus coaches supporting grades 1-3 in reading and math. It utilizes lots of love and special low-key strategies to promote the success of students, especially girls, to enable them to successfully choose careers in the fields of Science, Technology, Engineering and Math.

Coaches are solicited from AAUW, RSVP, friends of coaches and other organizations with similar missions. The primary qualification is to love reading and/or math and be willing to share that love. Based on tenets of AAUW publications, "Where the Girls Are," "Under the Microscope," and "Why So Few?" as well as "Supplemental Education" by Rockland County resident, Dr. Edmund Gordon, the program seeks to provide an enjoyable entry into learning at an early age.

Coaching services are provided 5 days per week. The program joins with the school district Family Resource Facilitator and math and reading staff developers to support Family Math and Reading Nights structured to help parents learn how to help their children in fun stress-less ways, especially during vacation periods. Clubs in arts and crafts, chess, LEGO building, science, knitting, coding and book clubs are available to students during recess. Additional clubs that develop visual discrimination, creative inquiry and critical thinking will be added as staffing and facilities become available. Books that are functionally and age appropriate are given to every student in the school two to three times a year to help them to build a personal library at home. In the spring of 2018 Rosalind Maxwell, secretary and coordinator of the STEM at Summit Park, who had been with us since the idea of the program was conceived passed away. She is sorely missed.

**Joyce Brown**

**Public Policy:** AAUW- Rockland with the League of Women Voters, the JCC and several other co-sponsors is hosting a Candidates' Forum on **Sunday, October 28th at 2:00 PM at the JCC West Nyack Campus** | 450 W. Nyack Road | W. Nyack, NY. Candidate debates are scheduled as follows...

97<sup>th</sup> NYS Assembly District – Assemblywoman (and AAUW Rockland member) Ellen Jaffee v. Rosario Presti

38<sup>th</sup> NYS Senate District – Senator David Carlucci v. Scott Vanderhoef

98<sup>th</sup> NYS Assembly District – Scott Martens v. Assemblyman Karl Brabenec

***Please be sure to join us for these debates – they promise to be stimulating and informative!***

**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.

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**WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH:** Will be held on March 23, 2019. Save the date and mark your calendar!

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE:** Seeking members in advance of this year's round of elections! Sign up TODAY!  
Call Frances Blauvelt at (845) 356-3081.

**COMMUNICATIONS:** AAUW DIRECTORY for 2018-2019 will be available soon. If you would prefer to have the file e-mailed to you rather than receiving a printed copy, please contact Sylvia Miller at [@aauwsam@optonline.net](mailto:@aauwsam@optonline.net) or (845) 358-1680.



**AAUW-Rockland 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Engineering Workshop for High School Students**  
**Wednesday, November 7, 2018**  
**10:00 AM - 1:00 PM**  
**King's Daughters Library | 10 W. Ramapo Road | Garnerville, NY**

**Keynote Address: Alixandria D. Lane, Project Engineer**  
**Turner Construction Corporation.**

**Contact D.E. Hillsman at (845) 598-8520 [dehillsman@earthlink.net](mailto:dehillsman@earthlink.net) for more information.**

**This event is co-sponsored by Rockland Branches of the American Association of University Women and the NY State Society of Professional Engineers, Inc.**

## Notices and Acknowledgments...

*During the summer, we learned of the passing of three (3) past members of AAUW Rockland – Laurie Pina, Marsha Schneider and Karen Kotecha. Our condolences have been extended to their families.*



AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN

## 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.org](http://WWW.AAUW-NYS.org). \$10.00 REGISTRATION FEE

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## District V Meeting, 2018

Check out



[www.rivertownfilm.org](http://www.rivertownfilm.org)

To see their fantastic lineup  
for the year...

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

*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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