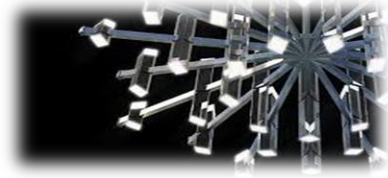




ROCKLAND COUNTY (NY) BRANCH



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February 2019

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

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Tuesday, February 5

Board Meeting*
Sylvia Miller's Home 7:00 PM

Friday, February 8

Rockland Read- In Day
Summit Park Elementary School
(more information inside)

Sunday, February 10

NYS Health Care Act Forum
Nanuet Library 2:00 PM

Saturday, February 23

Diversity Brunch
Pearl River Elks Lodge, Nanuet, NY
(more information inside)

Tuesday, March 5

Board Meeting
Conference Call 7:00 PM

Saturday, March 23

Branch Meeting – Women's History Month Program
Valley Cottage Library 2:00 PM

Tuesday, April 2

Equal Pay Day
Board Meeting*
Ellie Grossman's Home 7:00 PM

Tuesday, April 16

Branch Business Meeting
Election of Officers, etc.

April 26 – 28

AAUW – NYS Convention
Copperstown, NY

*ALL members are welcome to attend

From National



Support the Paycheck Fairness Act!

You've heard the statistics — women working full time in the United States are typically paid just 80 percent of what men are paid, and the gap is even wider for many women of color. Despite federal and state equal pay laws, the gender pay gap persists. But Congressional action can help change this.

The Paycheck Fairness Act, [introduced](#) on January 30, 2019, would take meaningful steps to update and strengthen the Equal Pay Act of 1963 to help close the gender pay gap, including:

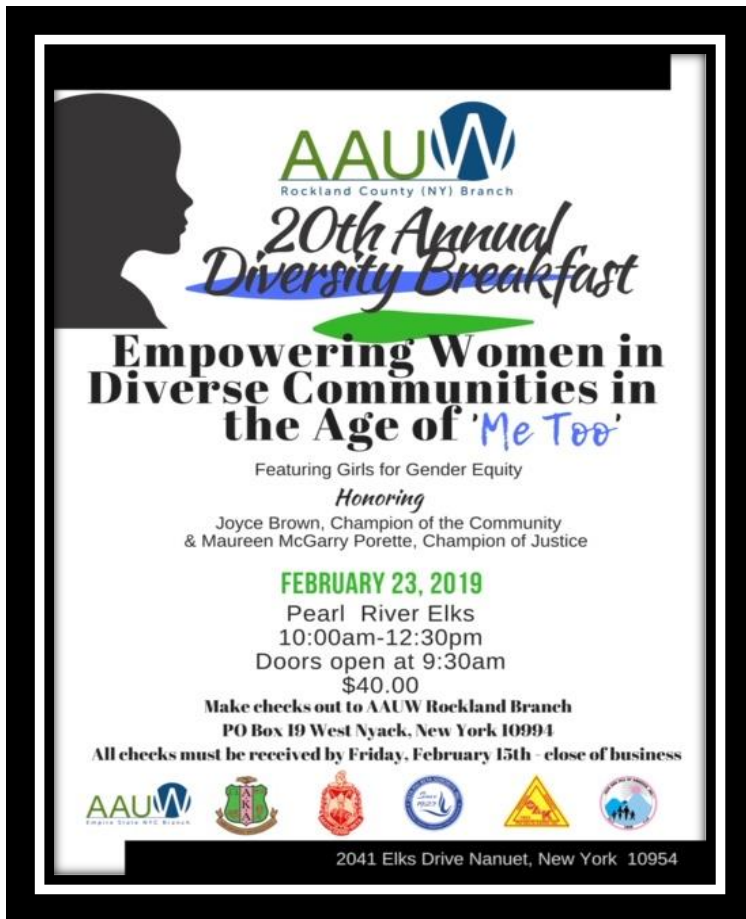
- closing loopholes that have weakened the law over time to allow employers to justify paying workers unfairly,
- creating more robust remedies for those who have suffered discrimination,
- preventing employers from retaliating against workers who discuss or disclose their wages,
- prohibiting employers from relying on salary history to set wages, and
- providing much needed training and technical assistance, as well as data collection and research.

The gender pay gap is persistent and can only be addressed if women have the tools they need to challenge discrimination and employers have the incentives they need to comply with the law. It's time for Congress to make real change for all families by passing the Paycheck Fairness Act.

Many changes are taking place from AAUW National regarding the AAUW Strategic Plan and AAUW Funds Relationships. The name of the funds and the fund numbers change as of January, 2019.

- 1. AAUW Greatest Needs Fund (9110) – new name same number. A donation to the Greatest Needs Fund will help us expand our highly successful, community-based, mission-driven programs, such as Start Smart and Work Smart and the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders, conduct groundbreaking research, and launch innovative initiatives to help women and girls thrive.**
- 2. Education and Training Fund (4450) -Stem Title IX Pathways to Jobs**
- 3. Economic Security Fund (4449) – Pay equity Title VII (Legal Advocacy Fund)**
- 4. Leadership Fund (4452) -Career Workplace Training**

If you have questions, email Carol A. Griffith at cag202@roadrunner.com



AAUW
Rockland County (NY) Branch

20th Annual Diversity Breakfast

Empowering Women in Diverse Communities in the Age of 'Me Too'

Featuring Girls for Gender Equity
Honoring
Joyce Brown, Champion of the Community
& Maureen McGarry Porette, Champion of Justice

FEBRUARY 23, 2019
Pearl River Elks
10:00am-12:30pm
Doors open at 9:30am
\$40.00

Make checks out to AAUW Rockland Branch
PO Box 19 West Nyack, New York 10994
All checks must be received by Friday, February 15th - close of business

AAUW Rockland County (NY) Branch
2041 Elks Drive Nanuet, New York 10954

Contact Sylvia Miller to deliver checks before 2/15
(845) 558-5843

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

*February 18, 2019
“The Daughters of Time” by Josephine Tey

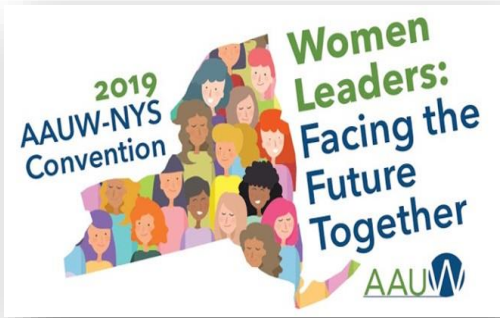
*March 18, 2019
“The Bridal Chair” by Gloria Goldreich

**Contact Fran Carlson for more information and to confirm this date.*

“Save the Date” for our 2019 AAUW-NYS Convention

April 26-28, 2019
Cooperstown, NY

Online registration at:
<https://aauwnyswp.aauw-nys.org/wp/index.php/state-events-2/nys-convention/>




 — SWEARING IN CEREMONY FOR —
Edwina Frances Martin
 AS
PUBLIC ADMINISTRATOR
 of RICHMOND COUNTY

THE MUSIC HALL
 AT SNUG HARBOR
 SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 9
 DOORS OPEN AT 12:30
 CEREMONY FROM 1-3PM
 RECEPTION TO FOLLOW

DIGNITY
for & all
 COMPASSION



A BIG SHOUT OUT to our own EDWINA MARTIN in her new position
 as Public Administrator of Richmond County, NY .
 (AKA the Borough of Staten Island)!!!

We wish you continued SUCCESS Edwina, as you lead your
 community with dignity and compassion.



Mark your Calendar!!!

**Dr. Robin Bell, Lamont Doherty
 Earth Observatory Geophysicist
 will be our guest speaker for the
 Women's History Month
 Meeting on March 23, 2019 from
 2-4 PM at the Valley Cottage
 Library. She will discuss her
 research on climate change and
 her efforts to encourage women
 to pursue careers in science.**

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**SINGLE PAYER
 HEALTH CARE IN NY?**

What's it all about? How do we make it happen?
 Want the facts?
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**HEALTH CARE for ALL
 PEOPLE'S INFO FORUM
 SUNDAY FEB. 10th 2-4PM
 NANUET LIBRARY**

Special Guest: Richard Gottfried
 Chair, Assembly Health Committee
 Lead Sponsor NY HEALTH ACT

The NY Health Act has passed the Assembly 4 times. Find out how
 WE MAKE UNIVERSAL SINGLE PAYER CARE A REALITY in 2019
 Q&A, Advocacy, Refreshments, All Welcome!

Sponsored by Rockland Citizens Action Network with
 American Association of University Women, Rockland, League of Women
 Voters of Rockland County, Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. Rockland Alumni
 Orangetown Democratic Committee, Rockland Coalition to End the New Jim
 Crow, Rockland County Democratic Legislators, Spring Valley NAACP Health
 Committee

WHAT'S HAPPENING.

L.A.F. AAUW signed on to two amicus briefs challenging the Trump administration's contraceptive coverage rules: *Commonwealth of Pennsylvania v. Donald J. Trump, et. al.* in the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, and *State of California v. Health and Human Services, et. al.* in U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California.

The Trump administration issued final versions of two proposed Interim Final Rules (IFRs) that rolled back the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ACA) contraceptive mandate by exempting organizations with religious or moral objections. These exemption rules were scheduled to become effective earlier this month. Previously, California and Pennsylvania challenged the IFRs in court in order to protect women from the harms that will result from the defendants' attempt to stop the provisions of the ACA that guarantee women equal access to preventive medical care, specifically contraceptive care and services. Now both California and Pennsylvania are reasserting their requests for preliminary injunctions — this time against the final rules. AAUW previously signed on to amicus briefs in the district courts and in the appellate courts challenging the IFRs. We now seek to challenge the final rules.

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

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH: Robin Bell, geophysicist at Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory will be speaking to us about climate change. She will tell us about a volcano which she has discovered and her effort to encourage other women in her field. Dr. Bell has a mountain in Antarctica named after her! This promises to be a most interesting and informative event. SAVE THE DATE

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: Seeking members in advance of this year's round of elections! Sign up TODAY! Open positions are for Co-president and Vice President of the Programming Committee. Call Frances Blauvelt at (845) 356-3081.

MIMI KORB SCHOLARSHIP : 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

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.

AAUW Rockland County Branch
PO Box 19 | West Nyack, NY 10994-0019
aauwrockland62@gmail.com
<http://rocklandcounty-ny.aauw.net> **educational**

IN and ABOUT TOWN

Christ Centered Ministries and the Rockland County Alumnae Chapter
of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.
Present

CROWNS

An Historical Examination of Church Hats in African American Couture
and a Biblical Discussion of CROWNS

Saturday, February 16, 2019
Christ Centered Ministries
115 N. Route 9W Congers, NY
2:00 - 4:00 PM

Sermon- Pastor Daniel F. Roberson
Guest Lecturer - Jamila Shabazz Brathwaite
Hat Fashion, Spoken Word and Song

Free and open to the Public
(845) 598-8520 for more information



IN CELEBRATION OF AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH

Support The Gordon Center for Black Culture and Arts

Celebrate the 20th Anniversary
of **Shades Repertory Theater**
with the performance of

ANTIGONE ON ROBBER ISLAND: MANDELA TAKES THE STAGE

A play by **SAMUEL HARPS**
Prologue by **BILL BATSON**



Join us for a special fundraising performance of *Antigone on Robben Island: Mandela Takes The Stage* on *Saturday, February 16 at 8 PM* at the *Garnerville Arts Center, Works Auditorium Bldg 6, 35 West Railroad Ave, Garnerville, NY 10923*.
By *purchasing paper tickets or mentioning* The Gordon Center for Black Culture and Arts *fundraiser when buying tickets at the door*, a portion of the proceeds of this shc will support our organization. Tickets are \$18 Student(s) (paid in advance) and \$20 General Admission. *Tickets: Bookit247@gmail.com and available at the door.*

The Gordon Center for Black Culture and Arts fund is a component fund of the Rockland Community Foundation, a 501 (c) charitable organization. Ticket purchases and donations are tax-deductible to the extent permitted by law.



Undoing Racism Workshop

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Register Now

There are two Undoing Racism Workshops scheduled in Rockland

March 15 - 17, 2019

March 18 - 20, 2019

Fri evening - Sun afternoon

Mon evening - Wed afternoon

Nyack Public Schools

Stony Point Conference Center

Central Administration Building