



ROCKLAND COUNTY (NY) BRANCH



# FACETS

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

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Tuesday, April 2

Board Meeting\*  
Ann Mulligan's Home 7:00 PM

EQUAL PAY DAY

Saturday, April 6

"What's Cool?" Conference  
Finkelstein Memorial Library 1:30 PM

Wednesday, April 10

STEM- Family Math Night  
Summit Park Elementary School 7:00 PM

Tuesday, April 16

**Branch Business Meeting**  
New City Library 7:00 PM

April 26 – 28

AAUW – NYS Convention  
Cooperstown, NY

Tuesday, May 7

Board Meeting\*  
Charlotte Sorger's Home 7:00 PM

Wednesday, May 15

Woman of Achievement Award Dinner  
Nyack Seaport Restaurant 6:00 PM  
*See inside for details*

Tuesday, June 4

Board Meeting\*  
TBD

Tuesday, June 11

Branch Meeting  
TBD

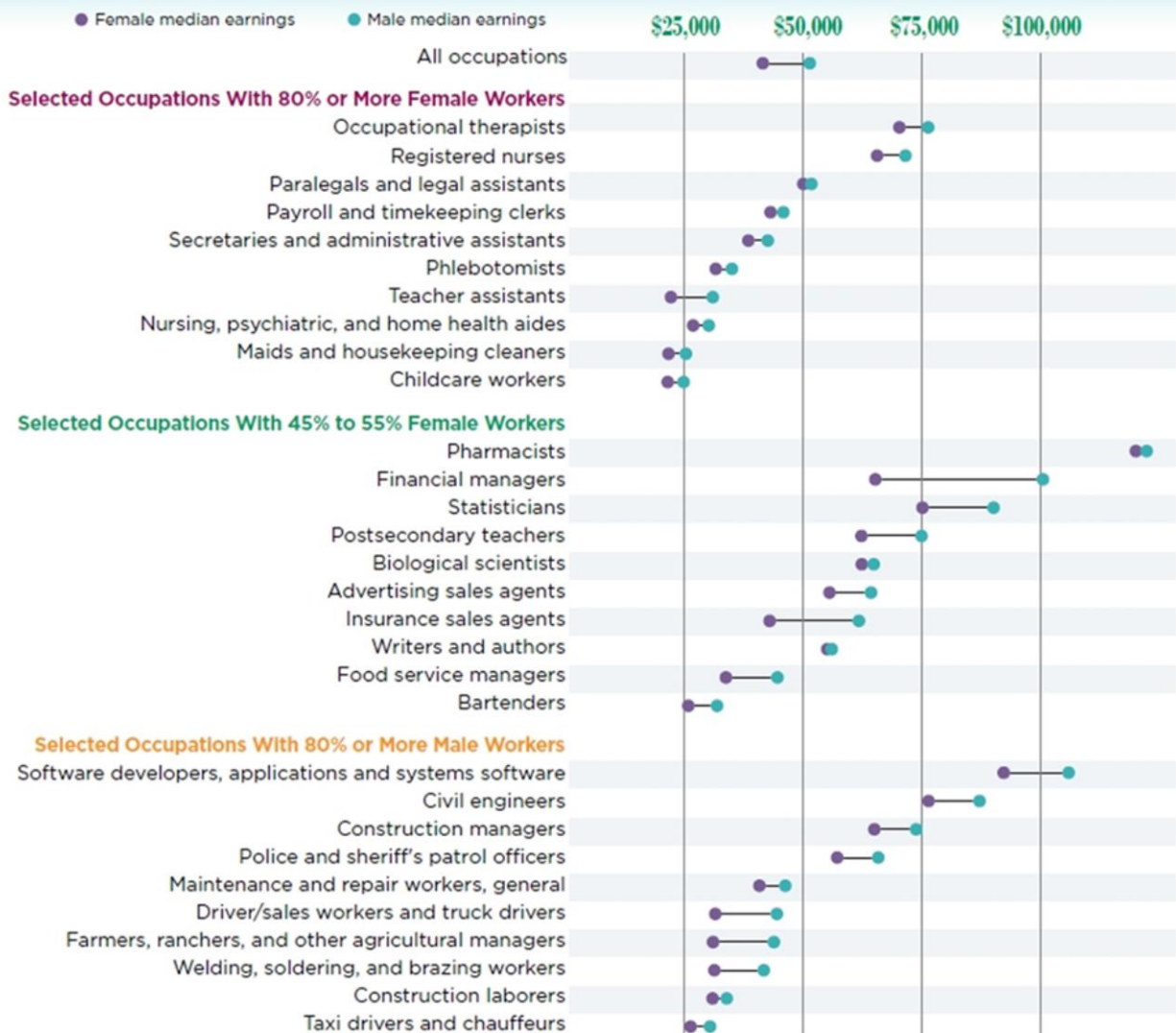
\*ALL are welcome

# EQUAL PAY DAY 4.2.19

<https://www.census.gov/newsroom/stories/2019/equal-pay.html>

## Women's Earnings by Occupation

Median Earnings of Full-Time, Year-Round Workers in the Past 12 Months by Sex and Occupation



United States™  
**Census**  
Bureau

U.S. Department of Commerce  
Economics and Statistics Administration  
U.S. CENSUS BUREAU  
**census.gov**

Source: 2017 American Community Survey  
[www.census.gov/topics/employment/industry-occupation/data/tables.html](https://www.census.gov/topics/employment/industry-occupation/data/tables.html)

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

\*April 15, 2019 “Pachinko”  
by Min Lee

\*May 20, 2019 “The Women in the Castle”, by Jessica Shattuck

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



**REGISTER NOW for our  
2019 AAUW-NYS Convention**

**It's NOT TOO LATE TO  
REGISTER!!!**

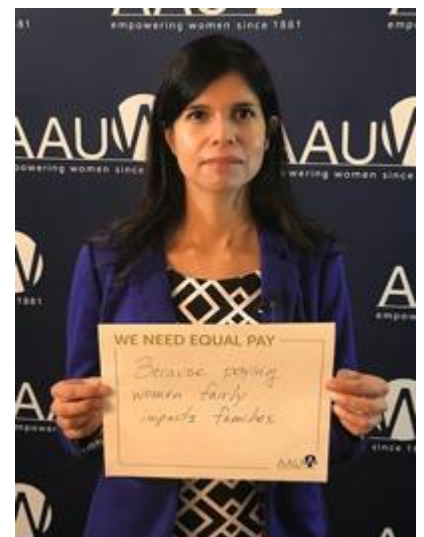
**April 26-28, 2019  
Cooperstown, NY**

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

### **Aileen Rizo's Fight for Fair Pay Continues.**

On August 30, 2018, Fresno County Superintendent of Schools filed a petition for appeal with the Supreme Court of the United States to challenge the decision of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, which had found in favor of Aileen Rizo's Equal Pay Act case. The Ninth Circuit had held that using prior salary alone, as a “factor other than sex” or in combination with other factors, cannot justify a wage differential under the Equal Pay Act.

AAUW has been fighting for Rizo and others by advocating for pay equity and fairness in compensation and benefits as a means to achieve economic self-sufficiency for all women. We will continue to support her case through our legal case support program.





## From Your Treasurer

### Spring is here! Time for membership renewal.

Shortly an email will be coming your way providing you with the opportunity to renew directly online by credit/debit card or to mail your check to the branch.

***This year's renewal dues will be \$85.*** That is \$59 for AAUW National; \$13 for New York State and \$13 for the

Rockland County Branch.

If you would like to be included in our branch directory that is distributed in September, your check should reach us ***by June 30.***

Also, if you have computer access, please consider receiving our newsletter via email. It saves the branch money and as well as trees!

***Thank you for your continued support to AAUW's mission.***

***Sandy Blasy, Treasurer***



**New member, Sandra F. Countee** lives in Upper Nyack. She graduated from Kansas University BS), Columbia University (MSW) and New York University (MPA and PhD)

**Returning Member, Melissa Roy.** Tufts University (BA), Boston University School of Law (JD)



***We wish a complete and speedy recovery to our members who have been ill and are on the mend... GET WELL SOON!!!***

***Shirley Brindle  
Marsha Gordon  
Felice Morris***

**AAUW – Rockland, the  
Rockland Success Team  
and**

**MHA Rockland  
*present***

## **"Making Your Mark in the World"**

**16<sup>th</sup> Annual "What's Cool?"  
Conference to empower young  
women.**

**Free and Open to all *young*  
women in 7th - 12th grades  
(ONLY)**

**Saturday, April 6th,  
2019 1:30-3:00 pm  
Finkelstein Memorial Library**



## SOME PHOTOS FROM OUR MARCH EVENTS

### Women's History Month Celebration 3-23-19



Sandy Masiello, Dr. Robin Bell (Guest Speaker), Myrna Silberman, Karen Martin, Elda Graff



WHM Committee Chair, Myrna Silberman  
introducing Dr. Bell

### ENGINEERING EXPO 3-30-19



April Biggs with some of her former students



Engineering Workshop Committee Chair, Doria Hillsman

# WHAT'S HAPPENING.

**FROMCORRESPONDING 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](mailto:Amn46@hotmail.com)

**WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH:** Our annual Women's History program was held on Saturday March 23rd. Our guest speaker, Dr. Robin Bell, gave us a two topic presentation entitled, "Climate Change from the Poles to our Gardens". The artful presentation blended and interwove the topic of sexual harassment experienced in her field and the topic of climate change. This included the effects of melting ice sheets and ice shelves in the Antarctica on our climate. Dr. Bell mingled with the audience before and after her presentation making it easier for our interested audience to ask pertinent questions. We all came away with some concepts and facts we didn't know before. A good time was had by all. Myrna Silberman

**PUBLIC POLICY:** The N.Y. Reproductive Health Bill passed. | There is now a ban on plastic bags in NYC and in Rockland County. | The Governor proposed closing 2 prisons in NYS. The fight against mass incarceration is succeeding." | NYS has the highest paid Lieutenant Governor and Governor in the USA. | A proposal for automatic voter registration when a person reaches the age to vote is awaiting a decision.

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE:** The Nominating Committee proposed Slate of Officers to be elected at the **April 16<sup>th</sup> Meeting** is as follows - Co- President: Suzanne Young- Mercer, 3<sup>rd</sup> term, Alternate Co-President one year term (open) Programming Vice- President: Doria E. Hillsman, Treasurer: Sandy Blasy, 3<sup>rd</sup> term. Additional candidates for these positions may be nominated from the floor at the meeting *provided that the nominee has consented to the nomination*. Seeking members in advance of this year's round of elections! Sign up TODAY! Call Frances Blauvelt for more information 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

**STEM:** On Sunday, March 31, April Biggs and Doria Hillsman were AAUW exhibitors at the **Engineering Expo at White Plains High School** which hosted over 2,500 students from the entire region (and their parents). They offered packets of information highlighting the many historical contributions that women have made in the field of engineering and a fact sheet of the status of women in the various engineering fields. The table also had a video presentation called Engineering 101 which offered general information about the field. They met and spoke with hundreds of youngsters encouraging them to consider STEM careers.

**WOMEN OF ACHIEVEMENT AWARD:** The Executive Board is happy to announce the selection of this year's Woman of Achievement. Kathy Galione is a staff member of the Rockland County Youth Bureau and is the Youth Program Coordinator of the Rockland Conservation and Service Corps. Her service and commitment to environmental causes has impacted all ages and aspects of our community. See last page for details. – Sandy Masiello

## ABSENTEE BALLOT for AAUW Officers for 2019-2020

In case you will not be able to attend the April 16<sup>th</sup> Branch Meeting, please complete this Absentee Ballot and return it to Sylvia Miller by April 16<sup>th</sup>. A quorum is required to vote for officers so PLEASE send this in to the address below promptly OR email it to [aauwsam@optonline.net](mailto:aauwsam@optonline.net)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

	Yes	No
Co-President – Suzanne Young-Mercer	_____	_____
Programming Vice President – Doria E. Hillsman	_____	_____
Treasurer – Sandra Blasy	_____	_____

Mail to Sylvia Miller, 98 Foxwood Road, West Nyack, NY 10994 **MUST BE RECEIVED BY APRIL 16<sup>th</sup>**



To use the ballot...highlight the entire ballot “Copy” and “Paste” it to a new word document. Print it out and mail it in.

***AAUW empowers all women and girls to reach their highest potential.***

<https://www.aauw.org/article/a-victory-for-equal-pay/>

***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

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<http://rocklandcounty-ny.aauw.net> *educational*

**Town  
Talk.**

United States  
**Census  
2020**

**DAVID CARLUCCI IS HOSTING A MEETING ON  
THURSDAY, APRIL 11<sup>TH</sup> FOR ANYONE INTERESTED  
IN HELPING TO PROMOTE AND EDUCATE THE  
COMMUNITY ON THE 2020 CENSUS.**

**Nanuet Library | 149 Church Street  
9:00 AM**

*Please RSVP by April 10, 2019, to his office at  
845-623-3627 or  
email [carlucci@nysenate.gov](mailto:carlucci@nysenate.gov).*



**NYACK NAACP Membership Renewal  
and Recruitment Dinner**

**Thursday, April 25, 2019 at 6:00 PM**

**Pearl River Hilton | 500 Veterans Memorial Drive |  
Pearl River, NY 10965**

For reservations, contact Voncile Oliver (845) 268-6626 or  
Maria Whittingham (845) 664-8492

**AAUW- Rockland's Own**

**Deborah Barnes is an honoree at this  
event!!!**

**CONGRATULATIONS, DEBORAH!!**

**Ticket Price \$85.00 includes a one- year  
membership in the NAACP.**



### REPAIR CAFÉ

Sunday, May 5, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Jesse Kaplan  
School, 9 McCarthy Way, West Nyack, NY  
10994. The Rockland Conservation Service  
Corps is once again offering the Repair Café,  
where **neighbors help neighbors fix their  
stuff for Free!** Repair stations are set up for  
lamps, electrical, small appliances, computers  
& digital devices, jewelry, wood items,  
clothing.

Call 845 364-2932 [rcsc@co.rockland.ny.us](mailto:rcsc@co.rockland.ny.us)

*Music by Ralph Blauvelt (Frances),  
Opus 19 is available online at Spotify,  
iTunes, Apple Music Amazon,  
Google Play, Pandora, etc.*







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

*In Honor of*

**Kathy Galione**

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

**Wednesday, May 15, 2019**

**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 5, 2019 to (845) 358-8240**

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**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Number of Reservations** \_\_\_\_\_ **at \$55.00 each = \$** \_\_\_\_\_