



ROCKLAND COUNTY (NY) BRANCH

# FACETS

MAY 2019

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

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Tuesday, May 7

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

Tuesday, May 14

Online AAUW National Election Period ends at 6:00 PM ET  
*On April 30, 2019, you received an e-mail reminding you to vote for the leaders of AAUW's Board of Directors and AAUW's 2019-2021 Public Policy Priorities. Your member ID number and Voter PIN number were included along with further details. More information can be found on AAUW's [online voter guide](#). Questions? Contact [connect@aauw.org](mailto:connect@aauw.org) or 1 800.326.2289.*

Wednesday, May 15

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

Tuesday, June 4

Board Meeting\*  
Conference Call 1-712-432-0460  
Access Code 454779

Tuesday, June 11

Branch Meeting  
TBD

\*ALL are welcome

# *President's Message*

***Hello AAUW ROCKLAND!***

***The AAUW-NYS Convention was held in Cooperstown, NY on the weekend of April 26 -28, 2019. This year's theme was entitled: "Women Leaders: Facing the Future Together".***

***As always, I found the convention to be both informative and purposeful. There were workshops that were engaging, interactive and instructive. The location was wonderful and full of "Old World" elegance took you back to another time and place. If you have never been to Cooperstown or have never spent time at the Otesaga Hotel, I highly recommend that you make this trip at least once.***

***If you have never been to an AAUW-NYS Convention or if you haven't been to one lately, next year's should be the one you plan to attend. In 2020, NYS will celebrate 100 years of Suffrage Rights for Women. So next year's Convention promises to be memorable and historic. Look for details coming soon in our newsletter.***

***Remember that on May 15, 2019 we will celebrate our Woman of Achievement at the Nyack Seaport. Seats are still available and I look forward to seeing you all there.***

***Suzanne Young-Mercer***

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

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

\* June 17, 2019  
**ORGANIZATIONAL  
MEETING/LUNCHEON**

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

THERE IS STILL TIME TO GET YOUR TICKETS  
FOR THE AAUW- Rockland

**WOMAN OF ACHIEVEMENT  
AWARD DINNER**

**Wednesday, May 15, 2019**

**The Nyack Seaport  
Restaurant**

**21 Burd Street Nyack, NY**

**\$55.00 per person –**

**CALL Sandy Masiello**

**(845) 358-8240**



*The Nyack Seaport*

**Congratulations**

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AAUW- ROCKLAND WON the following awards  
at the 2019 NYS Convention...

**PLATINUM PROGRAM AWARD WINNER - STEM Educations & Training**

*Only 3 platinum awards in the entire state of New York!!!*

**Newsletter of Excellence**

**Website of Excellence**

**Excellent Visibility**

**One of top five branches for total LAF FUNDS contributions**

**One of top five branches for Total EOF Funds contributions**



## 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*



## LADIES WHO LUNCH

Thursday, MAY 30<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 1:00 PM

AQUATERRA

420 N. Middletown Road | Pearl River, NY

845. 920. 1340

*Please call Charlotte Sorger at 845-352-1488 to reserve your spot.  
Perhaps you might like to bring a potential member to meet us and  
learn about AAUW...*



SPECIAL SHOUT OUT TO OUR OWN

**KAREN MARTIN**

WHO WAS JUST ELECTED AS VICE- PRESIDENT  
OF MEMBERSHIP FOR NYS AAUW

DON'T FORGET  
TO VOTE



AAUW NATIONAL  
ELECTION ONLINE  
VOTING ENDS

MAY 14<sup>th</sup>

*More information can be found on  
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# SOME PHOTOS FROM OUR APRIL EVENTS

## NYS Convention in Cooperstown, New York

NEWLY ELECTED  
AAUW NYS VICE- PRESIDENT OF MEMBERSHIP  
KAREN MARTIN



FRONT: BACH TUYET PHAM, FRIEND OF AAUW,  
KAREN MARTIN, SYLVIA MILLER, BACK: AAUW  
ROCKLAND PRESIDENT, SUZANNE YOUNG-  
MERCER



SYLVIA MILLER AND BACH TUYET PHAM



AAUW ROCKLAND DISPLAY BOARD

# WHAT'S HAPPENING.

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

**LAF:** The Trump Administration has issued final versions of the proposed interim rules rolling back the Affordable Care Act's contraceptive mandate. AAUW signed onto several amicus briefs challenging rollbacks in ACA's contraceptive coverage. Pennsylvania is challenging in *Commonwealth of Pennsylvania v. President of the United State of America, et. al.* alleging that the interim rules violated several constitutional guarantees.

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE:** The Nominating Committee proposed Slate of Officers was approved unanimously at the **April 16<sup>th</sup> Meeting.**

Co- President: Suzanne Young- Mercer, 3<sup>rd</sup> term,

Programming Vice- President: Doria E. Hillsman,

Treasurer: Sandy Blasy, 3<sup>rd</sup> term.

**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

**WOMAN 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. – Sandy Masiello

***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.***

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