



# FACETS

OCTOBER 2019

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Monday, October 14

AAUW Book Club 2:30 PM  
New City Library

Tuesday, October 22

Board Meeting\* 7:00 PM  
Myrna Silberman's Home

Sunday, October 27

Candidates' Forum and Debate 2:00 – 4:00 PM  
JCC Campus

Tuesday, November 5

**ELECTION DAY – VOTE**

Tuesday, November 12

Membership Meeting 7:00 PM  
New City Library

Monday, November 18, 2019

10<sup>th</sup> Annual Secondary School Engineering Conference  
King's Daughters Library 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Tuesday, November 19, 2019

Board Meeting\* 7:00 PM  
April Biggs' Home

Saturday, December 7 (14?), 2019

EOF Holiday Party 11:00 AM – 3:00 PM  
Golden Mushroom Restaurant

Tuesday, December 17, 2019

Board Meeting \* 7:00 PM  
Conference Call

\*All are Welcome

# *President's Message*

## *AAUW DIVERSITY STATEMENT*

*(Excerpts from NYS AAUW Focus – Fall 2019)*

*In principle and in practice, AAUW values and seeks an inclusive membership, workforce, leadership team, and board of directors. There shall be no barriers to full participation in this organization on the basis of age, disability, ethnicity, gender, gender equity, geographical location, national origin, race, religious belief, sexual orientation or socioeconomic status.*

*Do we in New York State AAUW live up to this statement? Look around at your membership and determine if you have done enough to be inclusive in the communities where you live. Have you done enough to encourage participation in your branch from members in your community who are not like you or who do not conform to the defined norms of our society? Is your branch the same as its always been? Do you want or need help to determine your next steps to improve outreach within your community?*

*I believe that intersectionality is one of the ways to better understand many of the diverse perspectives that individuals deal with daily and how those perspectives are needed to enhance our mission of equity for women and girls through advocacy, education and research.*

*Suzanne Young-Mercer*

The AAUW- Rockland Book Club meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> monday of each month  
New City Library at 2:30 PM.

*Contact Fran Carlson for more details.*

October 14<sup>th</sup> – “Educated”, by Tara Westover

November 11<sup>th</sup> - “Howard’s End”, by E. M. Forester



**VOTE November 5<sup>th</sup>**



**Daitasha Miller.** Daitasha achieved her BS and BA in Nursing and Economics from SUNY Stony Brook, her MA and DNP from Rutgers University and another MA from UMASS-Amherst.



In lieu of our

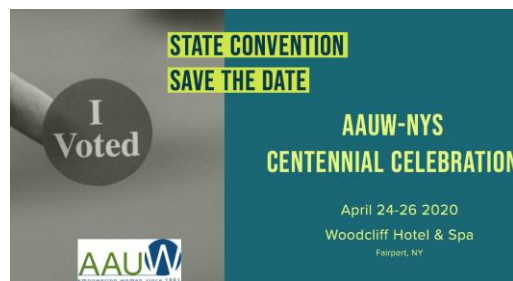
### OCTOBER MEETING

AAUW Rockland is co-sponsoring a  
Candidates’ Forum  
with the League of Women Voters  
Join us on SUNDAY, October 27<sup>th</sup>

JCC – Rockland

450 W. Nyack Road | Nyack, NY

2-4 PM



### Directory



AAUW Rockland Directory for 2019-2020 is now available. It will be mailed to members shortly.

If you would like the directory via e-mail, contact Sylvia Miller ASAP at [aauwsam@optonline.net](mailto:aauwsam@optonline.net) or 845 358-1680.

(You can have it *both* ways! 😊 )



AAUW Rockland’s 10<sup>th</sup> Annual  
Secondary School Engineering Conference will  
be held on Monday, November 18<sup>th</sup> at the  
King’s Daughters Library in Garnerville from  
10 AM – 1 PM .

**ALL are welcome! Save the DATE!**

*This event is sponsored in part by NYS-AAUW*



**Act and stay informed. Sign up for your own copy of “Update” TODAY!**

<https://www.aauw.org/resource/washington-update/>

- Newly released data from the U.S. Census Bureau shows that the gender pay gap remains unchanged. While women now typically make 82 cents on the dollar compared to men, this is because the Census Bureau adjusted its pay data methodology for the 2018 data. This doesn't represent real change in America — the gap is not statistically different from last year. Another year with no change in the pay gap is unacceptable. Contact your senators today and urge them to pass the Paycheck Fairness Act to help close the gender pay gap!

## TAKE ACTION

- The U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission announced last month that they plan to halt their pay data collection, which is intended to help them understand and address gender and racial pay gaps. AAUW opposes this decision — pay data collection helps employers and enforcement agencies to better analyze and act on pay disparities. Stay tuned for opportunities for action.
- The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services proposed a rule that would roll back critical protections guaranteed by Section 1557 of the Affordable Care Act. AAUW submitted comments in opposition to the proposed regulation, which would result in many people who are particularly vulnerable to discrimination, including LGBTQ people, people who need reproductive health care including abortion, and women of color, facing barriers when accessing health care.
- Despite a legal battle, the administration's rule to prohibit health care providers that receive Title X family planning funding from discussing abortion with their patients has now gone into effect. Several providers, including Planned Parenthood, were forced to withdraw from the program due to the change, which will have the greatest impact on low-income patients. Some states have stepped in to cover costs, and AAUW continues to urge the House and Senate to stop the rule.
- Following advocacy from AAUW and others, the Forced Arbitration Injustice Repeal (FAIR) Act (H.R. 1423) passed out of the House Judiciary Committee on September 10, 2019.
- A federal district court in Virginia sided with transgender student Gavin Grimm in August, ruling that his former high school's refusal to let him use the bathroom that aligned with his gender identity constituted discrimination under Title IX. AAUW signed on to an amicus brief in *Gloucester County School Board v. GG*.

## Connect

- Lifetime AAUW member Antonia Glasse passed away early this summer. Glasse was a pivotal part of the Cornell 11 case, which helped to launch AAUW's Legal Advocacy Fund.
- AAUW signed on to a letter urging the House Judiciary Committee to support the Equal Rights Amendment and hold a vote on H.J. Res. 38.
- Negotiations continue in Congress over the reauthorization of the Higher Education Act, which will impact AAUW priorities including campus safety and student debt. AAUW recently weighed in with two letters to the committees responsible for the reauthorization.
- AAUW helped to draft and joined a large group of organizations in outlining civil rights principles for safe, healthy, and inclusive school climates.

# 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: AAUW offers *Know Your Rights* Primers**

The AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund recently updated all of our Know Your Rights at Work and Know Your Rights on Campus resources. These primers, developed by our in-house experts, provide up-to-date content and reflect the latest legal developments, so you know you're getting current information on some of your basic questions about your workplace and campus rights. See AAUW.org to learn how to order a copy for you or for someone you know.

**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

**MEMBERSHIP:** The season for online membership registration is past, but you can become a member TODAY by contacting Ellie Grossman (845) 642-5226 or go to <https://rocklandcounty-ny.aauw.net/membership/> and print out a membership form. Complete and mail it with your **check of \$85.00** to AAUW Rockland Branch | PO Box 19 | West Nyack, NY 10994 – 0019. What are you waiting for?

**STEM:** Director of Volunteers for the STEM at Summit Park Program and Program Founder, Joyce Brown will be retiring effective October 10, 2019. Principal, Kim Hewlett and all of the coaches involved would like to see the program continue. The program is in need of a new director – if you or anyone you know is interested, please contact Suzanne Young-Mercer ASAP. – Joyce Brown

**COMMUNICATIONS:** **CANDIDATES FORUM Sunday, October 27, 2019 from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. at JCC, the Jewish Community Center, 450 West Nyack Road, West Nyack, NY 10994.** In lieu of our regular branch meeting in October, we are cosponsoring this Candidates Forum with the Rockland County League of Women Voters, JCC, and many other non-profit organizations. There will be debates for the various **town supervisor races**. **All 17 Rockland County Legislators** are up for re-election this year. Tables will be available for each Legislative District so you can meet your District Legislator (and opponent) there. This is a great opportunity to become an informed voter! Bring your friends and neighbors too. The event is free and open to the public.



The League of Women Voters of the State of New York has published a brochure to give details and information on Early Voting in New York. If you are interested in finding the answers to any of the questions below, check out their website...

**[www.nyearlyvoting.org](http://www.nyearlyvoting.org)**

**OR CALL (518) 465-4162**

## FAQs

- WHAT DOES EARLY VOTING DO?
- ON THE GENERAL ELECTION DAY, NOVEMBER 5th, YOU MUST GO TO YOUR USUAL ASSIGNED POLL SITE TO VOTE?
- WHAT CAN I EXPECT AT THE EARLY VOTING POLL SITE?
- DO I NEED TO BE REGISTERED TO VOTE EARLY OR CAN I REGISTER AT AN EARLY VOTING POLL SITE?
- HOW WILL EVERY POLLING SITE HAVE THE POLLBOOKS WITH A LIST OF REGISTERED VOTERS?
- WILL THE BALLOT LOOK THE SAME AT EARLY VOTING POLL SITES AND GENERAL ELECTION DAY POLL SITES?
- WHEN WILL MY VOTE BE COUNTED IF I VOTE EARLY?
- CAN I CHANGE MY VOTE IF I VOTE EARLY?
- WHAT IF MY NAME IS NOT IN THE PAPER POLL BOOK OR ELECTRONIC POLL BOOK?
- WHAT IF I MOVED OR AM MOVING DURING THE EARLY VOTING PERIOD?
- OTHER VOTING REFORMS PASSED BY THE LEGISLATURE IN SEPTEMBER 2019



**DO YOU NEED INFORMATION ABOUT THE CANDIDATES RUNNING ON YOUR BALLOT?**

**DO YOU STILL NEED TO REGISTER TO VOTE? GO to [VOTE411.org](http://VOTE411.org)**

**Type in your address and you will see a list of candidates who will appear on your ballot. Specific information about the candidates is offered. You can even register here to vote!!!**

**ONE STOP SHOPPING FOR ALL YOUR VOTING NEEDS**

***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  
PO Box 19 | West Nyack, NY 10994-0019**



# Town Talk.

## Repair Café

Toss it? No way!



Neighbors Helping Neighbors Fix their Stuff. **FOR FREE.**

A Repair Café is a local meeting place that brings together people with broken items and repair coaches, or volunteers, with the expertise to fix them

**Sunday, October 20th, 2019 10 am – 2 pm**

**Suffern Village Community Center**

41 Washington Ave, Suffern, NY 10901

All Rockland Residents Welcome!

If it's broken, ripped or inoperable & you can carry it in, repair coaches will try to fix it. (But no gas engines, please.)

### Repair Stations

- Lamps/Electrical
- Small Appliances
- Computers
- Digital Devices
- Jewelry
- Wood Items
- Clothing



### Repairable Items

- Radios, blenders, coffee makers, TVs, DVD players, vacuum cleaners, computers
- Link and clasp repair, bead re-stringing
- Chairs, tables, frames
- Blankets, buttons, hems & hole repair
- ...and more!

2 item limit per person\*

WANT TO ASK ABOUT A REPAIR? MORE INFORMATION? TO VOLUNTEER?  
845-364-2932 [rcsc@co.rockland.ny.us](mailto:rcsc@co.rockland.ny.us)

Sponsored By: RC Solid Waste Management Authority, Rockland Conservation & Service Corps and Village of Suffern



### Movement for Joy

This is a class where gentle movement brings well-being, friendships, and joy!

This class is for people with all types of movement challenges including Parkinson's, MS, arthritis, aging, etc. (presented for 10 years)

Join us

on Mondays, 10:30 AM  
at Adult Learning Center  
(Meals on Wheels),

121 West Nyack Rd., Nanuet.

\$10 donation suggested, free parking, ground floor-no-steps-entrance.

For questions call Jim Evers at 914-263-1164



**rivertown film**  
DOCUMENTARY | FOREIGN | INDEPENDENT

**Showing: Wednesday, October 16 – 8:00 PM**

**Title: THE BIGGEST LITTLE FARM**

**Year: 2018**

**Country: USA**



John Chester and his wife Molly left Los Angeles to establish a farm where they could live in anti-corporate harmony with nature. Nature gives but it also takes away, and eventually they learn to embrace biodiversity, stocking their land with all forms of plant and animal life. Their story is an uplifting, educational, and entertaining look at the sometimes weird and awesome ways in which humans can help nature do its work. 2018, USA, 91 minutes, documentary, rated PG

## PETE SEEGER 100 YEARS



### A Celebration of His Life, Music and Message

and supporting the growth of the progressive movements in Rockland County



### With performances by

The Rains Brothers  
Jan Pousette-Dart  
Astec Two-Step 2.0.  
Sam Wayman &  
Jeff Doctorow  
Adam Falcon  
Joe D'Urso  
Claudia Coenen  
of the legendary Bergerfolk  
Pat Keating  
Shirley Crabbe  
Patrick Stanfield Jones  
w/ Roy "Diggit" Diermer  
David & Jacoba Bernz  
Gary Solomon  
Big Jim Wheeler  
Wally Glickman  
Leo Vera, Cool Mess

Proceeds to benefit The Hudson River Sloop Clearwater

**Nyack Center**  
58 Depew Ave  
Nyack, NY 10960

**OCT 6, 2019**  
**4PM - 7PM**

For Tickets & info visit facebook go to Pete Seeger Centennial Celebration  
Or search: Pete Seeger Centennial Celebration Eventbrite

Sponsors for this event include:  
The Turning Point  
Rockland Citizens Action Network  
Rockland United/Rockland Water Coalition  
NYSAC Spring Valley & Towns  
Sierra Club/50 NJ Rockland  
Community of Living Traditions & Stray Pt Cntr  
Riverkeeper  
Sparkill Creek Watershed Alliance  
Power Of Ten, SPAC2  
Rockland Immigration Coalition  
Nyack Park Conservancy  
Rockland County Pride Center