



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

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Saturday, December 7, 2019

EOF Holiday Party 12:00 PM – 3: 00 PM
Golden Mushroom Restaurant

Tuesday, December 17, 2019

Board Meeting * 7:00 PM
Conference Call
(515) 606-5692 | Access code: 913415

December 23-24, 2019

Barnes and Noble Gift Wrapping
Barnes and Noble Book Store, Nanuet

Saturday, January 11, 2020

Branch Meeting 11:00 AM - Work Smart Training
Finkelstein Memorial Library (Computer Lab)

Tuesday, January 28, 2020

Board Meeting* 7:00 PM
Finkelstein Memorial Library

Saturday, February 29, 2020

Diversity Brunch

Tuesday, March 24, 2020

Board Meeting*
Conference Call
(515) 606-5692 | Access code: 913415

Saturday, March 28, 2020

Women's History Month Celebration 2-4 PM
Valley Cottage Library

*All are Welcome

President's Message

As we enter the holiday season, I am reflecting on all we have done this year and how we can continue to be relevant in the coming year. The Rockland Branch has stayed true to the mission of AAUW in promoting equity for women and girls through our advocacy, education and research. We contribute to national to support the funds that will help them become whole and also help them work to promote legislation that support equity for women and girls.

Rockland AAUW continues to educate our membership and the community through our monthly meetings that address issues important to women. We support diversity through our yearly Diversity Brunch (information coming soon) and we provide information to young women on opportunities in STEM careers through our yearly Engineering Conference. Our annual Women's History Month celebration and our Women of Achievement Award both honor and acknowledge the contributions of Rockland County women who exemplify our mission of equity for women and girls. Our Book Club which encourages fellowship and literary discourse and our scholarship endowments which support women returning to complete their college education, are further examples of our commitment to the mission. In addition, we continue to participate actively in the Summit Elementary school tutoring program and we engage local 7-12th grade girls with our "What's Really Cool" conference. All of these initiatives are executed by our members, and I would just like to thank the committee chairs for their efforts in making these valuable programs possible - Joyce Brown, Edwina Martin, Doria Hillsman, Myrna Silberman, Sandy Masiello, Patricia Lopez, Charlotte Sorger. I would also like to thank all of the committee members who assist in these efforts, many of whom serve on several committees.

Much goes into making our branch relevant and able to make an impact in the lives of our members and our community. In the coming year, we will need to continue our collaboration with old friends like, the League of Women Voters and our local Sororities, Rockland Community College (College and University partner), and the NY State Society of Professional Engineers. We must also continue reach out to collaborate with others to make our presence more widely felt. We are currently living at a time when, in my opinion, much more is needed. I am reaching out to you for your assistance in doing all that you can to make Rockland AAUW even more relevant to our members and to our community.

I wish you all the joy of the holiday season and the coming New Year.

Suzanne Young-Mercer



DON'T FORGET YOUR AAUW ROCKLAND BRANCH DUES!

We are at the close of this year's membership drive and if we haven't received your dues, this is a reminder that AAUW values your membership and by being a member you are making a difference in the lives of all girls and women. Please make your check payable to:

AAUW Rockland County Branch
Mail to:
AAUW Membership, PO Box 19, West Nyack, NY 10994

Thank you for your continued support!
Sandy Blasy



The AAUW- Rockland Book Club meets on the 2nd Monday of each month
New City Library at 2:30 PM.

Contact Fran Carlson for more details.

December 9th - "American Heiress", by David Goodwin

January 13th - "The Catalog of Shipwrecked Books", by Edward Wilson Lee



EOF HOLIDAY PARTY 4th ANNUAL TRICKY TRAY FUNDRAISER

Saturday, December 7, 2019 at 12:00 p.m.

Golden Mushroom Restaurant

425 N. Highland Avenue, Nyack, NY 10960

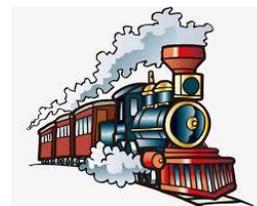
\$20 per person

Call Ellie Grossman at (845) 642-5226 to save your place!

Donations for Tricky Tray Raffle should be given to Sylvia Miller no later than December 5th (845) 358-1680



On Saturday, JANUARY 11, AAUW-Rockland will host an ONLINE WORK SMART Training. This training is recommended by National for EVERY member, no matter where you are on your career path from first jobbers to retirees. It will take place at 11:00 AM at the Finkelstein Library Computer Lab. We will be available to help anyone needing computer assistance. Please plan to attend. We'd like to get everyone 'on board'!



STATE CONVENTION
SAVE THE DATE

AAUW-NYS
CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

April 24-26 2020
Woodcliff Hotel & Spa
Fairport, NY

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AAUW
empowering women since 1881

Images from our 10th Annual Engineering Conference November 18, 2019



Conference attendees represented ALL Rockland High Schools including BOCES and P-TECH



Keynote Engineer, Lourdes Rivas explains her architectural design on the Mario Cuomo Bridge



Students were interested and engaged throughout the conference and most reported that they would recommend the conference to a friend.



Engineer Panelists: Lourdes Rivas, Kevin Leddy, Nicole Byrne, Helen Castle and Ron Collier

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

EOF: The 4th Annual AAUW- Rockland Holiday Party and Tricky Tray will take place at the Golden Mushroom in Nyack on Saturday, December 7 at 12:00 PM. If you would like to contribute to the Tricky Tray by donating something or re-gifting something new, please contact Sylvia Miller at (845) 358-1680 ASAP to drop off your donation(s).

WOMAN OF ACHIEVEMENT: Each year at our Annual Dinner in May, our branch recognizes a Rockland County woman who has affected a positive change in our community. Branch members are asked to submit nominations for this award in the form of a one-page biography and the reason for recommendation (approximately 100 words). Please submit your nomination by December 31st. The Executive Board will review the nominations and make the selection.

Send to: Sandy Masiello, 95 Green Road, West Nyack, NY 10994 or Sandymasi22@yahoo.com .”

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. **The END of our calendar year drive is approaching. *What are you waiting for?***

AAUW GIVING TUESDAY

Matching Gift Challenge

We need you in the fight for the future of women and girls!

Make your gift NOW to have TWICE the impact thanks to a \$68,000 Matching Gift Challenge from the AAUW Board. For questions about giving to a special fund at AAUW, please contact

800.326.2289. **Don't forget that, through December 31, AAUW's board of directors will match — dollar for dollar — every donation you make up to \$68,800.**

<https://ww2.aauw.org/donate-gift-new/>



Upcoming RIVERTOWN Films



TONI MORRISON: THE PIECES I AM

Showing: Wednesday, December 11 – 8:00 PM -- [Nyack Center](#)
Genre: [Biography](#), [Documentary](#)
Director: [Timothy Greenfield-Sanders](#)

Rivertown Film cordially invites you to join us in remembering Toni Morrison (1931–2019), pre-eminent novelist, winner of the Nobel Prize in Literature, recipient of the Presidential Medal of Freedom, and a longtime local resident. Made before she died, the film includes extensive interviews with her.



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



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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