



# FACETS

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Tuesday, November 5

**ELECTION DAY – VOTE**

Tuesday, November 12

Branch 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, 2019

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

Tuesday, December 17, 2019

Board Meeting \* 7:00 PM  
Conference Call

December 21-24(?)

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

Saturday, January 11, 2020 (TENTATIVE)

Branch Meeting 2:00 PM  
TBD (Work Smart Computer Training)

Tuesday, January 28, 2020

Board Meeting\* 7:00 PM  
Finkelstein Memorial Library

Saturday, February 29, 2020

Diversity Brunch

\*All are Welcome

# *President's Message*

*Happy November! This is the month that we elect the people that we wish to represent us. In 2020, the nation will celebrate 100 years of voting rights for women. The right to vote cannot be taken lightly. The women of New York, many of them AAUW members, fought hard and through many years of struggle to attain this right. It is therefore very important that we elect representatives that support the mission that AAUW members hold most dear and wish to achieve in our lifetime - that every single woman and girl be treated fairly and have equal access to the means will allow her to attain her dreams – whatever they may be.*

*One way to achieve freedom from poverty is to elect representatives that understand that equity begins with equal pay for equal work. It is also important that pay equity works intersectionally, addressing the needs of all women and girls no matter their ethnic, socio-economic, class, sexual orientation, etc.*

*AAUW has lead the way in supporting and sponsoring legislation that addresses these issues. It is our civic duty to vote on November 5, 2019. Together we can put people in office who represent us and what we believe in. I wish you all a very Happy Thanksgiving.*

*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.

November 11<sup>th</sup> - "Howard's End", by E. M. Forester

December 9<sup>th</sup> - "American Heiress", by David Goodwin



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!

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



#### EOF HOLIDAY 4<sup>th</sup> 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!

More details coming soon



Congratulations to **Barbara S.**

**Williams** who was honored at a luncheon hosted by the  
Rockland County Human Rights Commissioner Constance  
Frazier and County Executive Ed Day. Barbara is a former  
Co-President and member of AAUW Rockland. She was  
selected for this honor for her significant contributions to  
the advancement of equality, diversity, human rights and  
civil rights in Rockland County.

AAUW Membership Meeting on

**TUESDAY, November 12<sup>th</sup>** at the  
**New City Library at 7 PM.**

**Kristen Zebrowski-Stavisky**, Chair of  
the Rockland Democratic Party  
presents an update on voting  
legislation and the 2020 Election.

**Angela Vasser-Cooper**, Founder and  
President and CEO of the Women's  
Veterans Association of the Huson  
Valley, Inc. presents information on  
Census 2020.

**You DO NOT want to miss this!**



#### **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**



# Images from our Candidates' Forum on October 28, 2019



Welcome by Rockland League of Women Voters President, Linda Berns



Karen Martin offers an explanation to forum attendee.



Rockland County DA Candidates:  
Retired Judge, Thomas Walsh and Civil Rights Attorney, Michael Diederich



April Biggs facilitates Candidates' Forum



Spring Valley High School Students  
Marvin Pierre, Elianna Butts, Jonathan Obus, Sarah Kelkay  
Help forum attendees find their respective districts

# 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.

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**PUBLIC POLICY:** The coalitions with which state and local branches of AAUW work are currently evaluating the 2019 Legislative Session with respect to the aspects of our mission, the urgency of our needs, and the progress of legislation in 2020. In 2019, we successfully passed laws which made improvements in election procedures by combining the local, state, and federal primaries, providing early voting, (of which many took advantage), and new timeline which decreases the amount of time it takes to switch party affiliation. Also, this year, pay equity law was changed by passage of 4 new bills. Two of which were signed into law, with two additional laws which passed in both houses of the legislature and are under continued discussion to get them signed by the end of the calendar year. Additional information will be available next issue. – Ann Mulligan

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

**STEM:** Our 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Secondary School Engineering Conference will be held at the King's Daughters Library in Garnerville on Monday, November 18<sup>th</sup> from 10 – 1 PM. All members are invited to attend.



**On November 3, 1992, Carol Moseley- Braun became the first African American woman elected to the U.S. Senate. She was the first woman – of any race – to defeat an incumbent in an election.**

