



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

# FACETS

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Monday, March 16, 2020

**AAUW Rockland Albany Lobby Day 10 AM – 1 PM  
LOB Albany, NY**

Tuesday, March 24, 2020

Board Meeting\*  
Conference Call  
(605)472-5295 | Access code: 913415

Saturday, March 28, 2020

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

Tuesday, April 21, 2020

Branch Business Meeting 7:00 PM  
Suffern Library

April 24-26, 2020

NYS- AAUW State Convention  
Fairport, NY Registration now open)

Tuesday, April 28, 2020

Board Meeting\*  
Home of Karen Martin

May 20, 2020

Woman of Achievement Award Dinner 6:00 PM  
Nyack Seaport, Nyack, NY

Tuesday, May 26, 2020

Board Meeting\*  
Home of Charlotte Sorger

Thursday, June 18, 2020

Branch Business Meeting 7:00 PM  
Location TBD

Tuesday, June 23, 2020

Board Meeting\*  
Home of Doria Hillsman

\*All are Welcome

## *President's Message*

*In March we celebrate women and all that they have accomplished. This year we celebrate 100 years of a woman's right to vote and also 100 years of AAUW – NYS advocating for women and girls.*

*This month the Rotary of Spring Valley is honoring three women whom they have dubbed "Warrior Women for Rotary". They are Joyce Brown, Stella Marris, and Ruth Wein. I know two of these women, I am happy to honor them both.*

*Joyce Brown, former AAUW Rockland Branch President, is well known to you and the community she serves. Joyce is a member of many organizations and has worked tirelessly to improve and increase the educational opportunities for the youth of our community, the state and beyond. Dr. Stella Marris was the executive director of the Martin Luther King Multipurpose Center in Spring Valley for two decades and a former AAUW member. She was instrumental in changing the lives of many children under her care at the Center and in the community at large. Her legacy continues as the MLK Center remains a safe haven of educational enrichment and encouragement for the children served in the community. Sadly, Stella Marris passed away on Tuesday, February 25, 2020 at the age of 92. Our deepest sympathies are with her family.*

*These two women, over the course of their lives, have proved through their advocacy and hard work what women can do, given the opportunity and the drive to get things done. It is so appropriate that they receive this well-deserved honor. So, what can WE do?*

- *On Thursday, March 5, 2020 **attend the Rotary's Celebration** of 85 years of Service to the Spring Valley community as a tribute to Joyce Brown, Dr. Stella Marris and Ruth Wein.*
- *On Monday, March 16, 2020 volunteer to **go to Albany** to meet with our elected officials to bring attention to AAUW's Mission and our legislative needs for women and girls.*
- *On Saturday, March 28, 2020 **attend our Women's History Program** at the Valley Cottage Library celebrating Women in Politics.*
- ***JOIN A COMMITTEE – BECOME INVOLVED.** Your leadership, your time and your talents will help to keep our branch strong.*

*Don't forget the AAUW NYS Convention is April 24-26. Suffrage Rights began in New York.*

*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.

March 9<sup>th</sup> - "Straight Man", by Richard Russo  
 April 6<sup>th</sup> - "The Sun Does Shine", by Anthony Ray Hinton

AAUW- ROCKLAND'S  
 WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH CELEBRATION  
 Saturday, March 28, 2020



WOMEN IN POLITICS

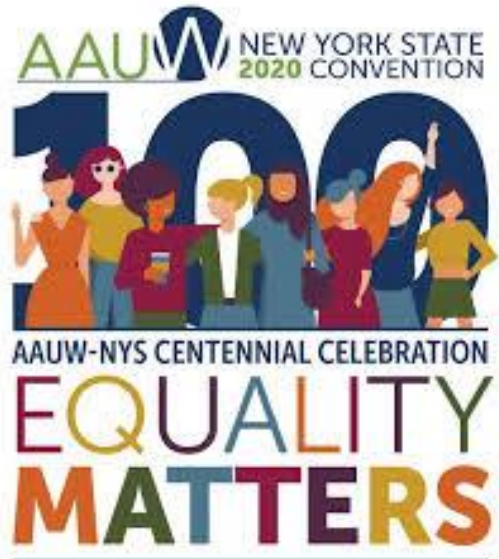
AAUW-Rockland Celebrates the Centennial of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment, with this distinguished panel of public servants. This is one meeting you will not want to miss.

This event is FREE and OPEN to the PUBLIC

Valley Cottage Library  
 110 NY-303 | Valley Cottage, NY

Congratulations to **DR. ARLENE CLINKSCALE**  
 for being honored by the  
 Historical Society of Rockland at their  
 Annual Dinner on Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup> at  
 The View on the Hudson

Call (845) 634-9629 or email at [info@RocklandHistory.org](mailto:info@RocklandHistory.org).



Registration is now open!  
 April 24-26, 2020  
 Rochester, NY Area

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)



Congratulations to **JOYCE BROWN**  
 for being honored by the  
 Rotary Club of Spring Valley  
 at their 85<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration  
 at the Nyack Seaport on  
 Thursday, March 5<sup>th</sup>.

Call Sylvia Miller (845) 358-1680  
 for ticket information.

# 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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## MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE:



### *Membership Matters*

Spring is a new beginning and with AAUW it is the time we renew our commitment and membership in an organization that continues to lobby for gender equity. Membership with AAUW means being part of a community dedicated to improving the 'climate' for women and girls. When we renew our membership, we must also renew our commitment to the branch and to this mission.

We need your financial support and your leadership skills to help our branch remain strong. We cannot continue to rely on the faithful few who have always been willing to work. When renewing your membership, please think of ways that you can serve our branch.

You will soon receive an email providing information regarding the opportunity to renew directly online. ***This year's renewal dues are again \$85.*** If you mail a check, **it must be received by June 30th.** The preferred address is: AAUW Membership | AAUW Rockland County Branch | PO Box 19 | West Nyack, NY 10994

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

***Your Membership Committee***

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE:** Nominations for April 21, 2020 Annual Meeting are as follows:

Co-President: none to date

Membership Vice President: Elda Graff

Recording Secretary: none to date

Please consider joining in a coalition of two or three members to fill the position of Co-President. **We must fill the position.** Committee: Sandra Countee, Deborah Barnes, and Kathleen Sullivan. Frances Blauvelt, Chairperson

**WOMAN OF ACHIEVEMENT:** At the January Executive Board Meeting, Deborah Thomas was selected to be our 2020 Woman of Achievement. Deborah was nominated by our past president Joyce Brown and Deborah Thomas was chosen as she has greatly contributed her time, talent, and support to the youth of Rockland County. The dinner will be held on Wednesday, May 20<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 – 9:00 PM. More information is forthcoming.



**AAUW- Rockland will be going to Albany on MARCH 16, 2020** to lobby with Ellen Jaffee, David Carlucci, James Skoufis, and Ken Zebrowski, regarding the political concerns of AAUW on both the local and national levels.

All attendees will be briefed on what these concerns are and will be given a "Calling Card" outlining our positions to leave with each of our elected officials. Interested in coming? Call Doria Hillsman (845) 598-8520  
Carpooling will be available.

**All Are Welcome**

**WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH:** Our March Branch meeting on Saturday, March 28th, 2020 at 2:00PM at the Valley Cottage Library will feature a panel on "Women in Government". The panelists are: Rockland County Legislator Harriet Cornell, Rockland County Human Rights Commissioner Constance Frazier, Lorraine Feiden, Chair of the Rockland Women's Bar Association, Orangetown Supervisor Teresa Kenny, State Assemblywoman Ellen Jaffee, and Congresswoman Nita Lowey. The event is free and open to the public.



## STAY in touch with AAUW-NYS

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***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 and educational barriers, so that all women and girls have a fair chance.***

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# Town Talk.



**MAR 19**  
**An Evening with U.N. Ambassador Susan Rice**

Rockland COMMUNITY COLLEGE

**Date And Time**

Thu, March 19, 2020  
 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM EDT

**Location**

Cultural Arts Theater, Rockland Community College  
 145 College Road  
 Suffern, NY 10901  
[View Map](#)

**WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH**

**TUES. FEB. 25**  
 Women in Jazz  
 12:30-1:30pm, Black Box Studio (7100)  
 Special Bridge Event: African American History Month and WHM

**THURS. FEB. 27**  
 Lady Day at Emerson's Bar & Grill  
 Award-winning play by Lonie Robertson  
 12:30 and 7:30pm, Cultural Arts Center  
 Special Bridge Event: African American History Month and WHM

**MARCH 2-APRIL 3**  
 Women in Photography Group Exhibition  
 Technology Center, 2nd floor Rotunda  
 Friday, March 6, 12-1pm  
 Opening Reception following Artists Talk

**MON. MAR. 2**  
 Elizabeth Loftus Lecture  
 Presented by Sabrina Rieder  
 12-1pm, Tech Center; Ellipse (8180)

**TUES. MAR. 3**  
 Overcoming Challenges Facing Women in Business Presented by Natasha Lubarsky  
 12:30-1:20pm, Academic II, Rm. 2309

**FRI. MAR. 6**  
 Women in Photography Panel Talk  
 11am-12pm, Tech Center; Ellipse (8180)

**MON. MAR. 9**  
 Finding Her Way: Lessons Learned Navigating an Engineering and National Security Career  
 Presented by Jennifer Pederson  
 11-11:50am, Tech Center; Ellipse (8180)

**MON. MAR. 9**  
 She is Beautiful When She is Angry  
 Documentary Film Screening  
 12-2pm, Tech Center; Ellipse (8180)

**TUES. MAR. 10**  
 Women in Sports: How women have erupted into the Sports World and How nutrition is a big part in performance and injury prevention  
 Presented by Pati Zodda and Diana Carey  
 11am-12:15pm, Tech Center; Ellipse (8180)

**TUES. MAR. 10**  
 Women and Finance: Importance of Financial Planning and Investing  
 Presented by George Repic  
 12:30-1:20pm, Academic II, Room 2309

**WED. MAR. 11**  
 Book Discussions: Prairie Fires  
 Books available, contact: Natasha or Sara  
 100-2:30pm, Academic II, Room 2111

**THURS. MAR. 12**  
 Knock Down the House  
 Documentary Film Screening  
 11am-12:15pm, Tech Center; Ellipse (8180)

**THURS. MAR. 12**  
 Book Discussion for Young Minds: HerStory in HisTory with Joan Asch  
 1:00-2:00pm, Campus Fun 'N Learn Center

**MON. MAR. 16**  
 Witchcraft and Women  
 Presented by Dino Risatos and Sabrina Rieder  
 12-1pm, Tech Center; Ellipse (8180)

**WED. MAR. 18**  
 The Moment of Lift, by Melinda Gates  
 Book Discussion  
 12:00-1:00pm, Academic II, Room 2227

**THURS. MAR. 19**  
 Seneca Falls Convention to Tennessee's War of the Roses: A 72 Year Battle for Women's Right to Vote  
 Presented by Maria Flynn  
 9:30-10:45am, Tech Center; Ellipse (8180)

**RCC** Rockland Community College  
 STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH CO-CHAIRS:  
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The COCA-COLA Company has just renewed its \$500,000 grant to AAUW in support of the leadership and workplace negotiation training skills resources offered.

