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Saturday, May 16, 2020

Virtual Branch Meeting 2:00 PM

To join the video meeting, click or cut and paste this link: <https://meet.google.com/nbh-rqnt-vni>

OR

To join by phone, dial +1 240-803-2701
and enter this PIN: 596 914 942#

(Note: Google Meet will not work with Internet Explorer as your browser. Chrome or Firefox are needed.)

May 20, 2020 **(POSTPONED to May 2021)**

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

Tentative Year- end Schedule

Wednesday, May 7, 2020

Member Webinar: How to Boost Your Network

Monday, May 18, 2020

DEADLINE to vote in the AAUW National Election

Tuesday, May 26, 2020

Board Meeting*
Conference Call
(605)472-5295 | Access code: 541290

June 1-8, 2020

AAUW-NYS Elections – ALL delegates to be notified by
May 18th

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 to join the call

President's Message



As some of you may know, our president, Suzanne Young-Mercer, is currently undergoing treatment for breast cancer. Suzanne is doing extremely well and remains in good spirits as she continues to keep up with the business of AAUW.

Suzanne will be our keynote speaker at the virtual branch meeting on Saturday, May 16th delivering her presentation entitled "Intersectionality: Diversity, Feminism and AAUW." We look forward to hearing from her at that time and wish her a peaceful respite as she regains her strength and health. Feel free to reach out to her, as she gladly welcomes all encouragement and support.



Los Angeles (AFP) - A federal judge dismissed the United States women's soccer team's bid for equal pay on Friday (5/1), rejecting claims the players had been underpaid in a crushing defeat for the reigning world champions.

In a 32-page ruling, Judge Gary Klausner of the US District Court for Central California in Los Angeles tossed the women's claim of pay discrimination, ruling in favor of the United States Soccer Federation. Klausner did allow the women's case for unfair treatment in areas such as travel, housing and medical support to proceed to trial, set for June 16 in Los Angeles. But the judge said the equal pay claims -- the central plank of the case -- had been dismissed because there was evidence the women had turned down an offer to be paid along the lines of the US men's team.

"Accordingly, plaintiffs cannot now retroactively deem their CBA (collective bargaining agreement) worse than the MNT CBA by reference to what they would have made had they been paid under the MNT's pay-to-play terms structure when they themselves rejected such a structure," he said.

The US women were left stunned by their defeat on the pay issue. The women had been seeking back pay of \$66 million under the Equal Pay Act.

Excerpt taken from an internet article <https://sports.yahoo.com/judge-rules-against-us-womens-soccer-team-equal-012153180--sow.html>

WHAT'S HAPPENING.

COMMUNICATIONS: HELLO FROM AAUW ROCKLAND **PHONE CHAIN.** In the near future, you will receive a phone call from one of our Phone Chain members. We just want to say hello and find out how you are doing during this Covid/19, pandemic. If you wish to share any special stories with us, please feel free to do so. You can contact me, Sylvia Miller, Communications Chair, at aauwsam@optonline.net or send information to our newsletter editor, Doria Hillsman at dehillsman@earthlink.net – Sylvia Miller

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

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 SHOULD HAVE RECEIVED an email providing information regarding the opportunity to renew directly online. **IF YOU DID NOT RECEIVE THE EMAIL AND WOULD LIKE TO RENEW ONLINE, CONTACT SANDY BLASY AT** yoga54ny@gmail.com

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: April Biggs

If you value the future of the Rockland Branch of the AAUW, please consider forming a coalition to work together on the Co-President position. Suzanne needs to end her extended tenure as President by 2021." - Frances Blauvelt

WOMAN OF ACHIEVEMENT: DINNER POSTPONED UNTIL MAY 2021. – Sandy Masiello

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH: EVENT (TENTATIVELY) RESCHEDULED FOR AUGUST 15, 2020 from 2-4- PM – Myrna Silberman

Click on this link to vote in the AAUW 2020-2022 National Election. You will need your Member ID and Pin. The deadline is May 18th. [National Election](#)



Are **YOU** interested in serving on an AAUW National Committee? Sign up by 6:00 PM on Friday May 8th at this address:

<https://www.aauw.org/resources/member/governance-tools/committees>



The League of Women Voters (Westchester) is hosting a
VIRTUAL CANDIDATES' FORUM
for Candidates running in the 2020 Primary Election for the
U.S. House of Representatives in the 17th Congressional District on

Tuesday, May 19th 7:00 – 8:30 PM.

Contact: Stephen Cohen lwww.cf@gmail.com; for details on how to register.

AAUW-NYS SPECIAL ELECTION

May 1 Call to Nominations for the 2020-2022 elections for the positions of:

- President
- Program Vice President
- Development Vice President

See AAUW-NYS for application packet, due to Special Election Chair,
Suzanne Young-Mercer by May 18, 2020.



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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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