



ROCKLAND COUNTY (NY) BRANCH

# FACETS

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

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## *President's Message*

*Welcome to a New Year with AAUW- Rockland! I hope that you and your loved ones are safe and well.*

*2020 has been a very challenging year in our new normal, nevertheless, we were able to plan events that demonstrated our commitment to our mission. Although we were unable to have our regularly scheduled events, the branch remained active throughout the summer and we utilized Zoom to host some very informative member meetings.*

- Suzanne Young-Mercer - Intersectionality Workshop
- Janice Brown AAUW-NYS President -Wage Inequality
- Myrna Silberman - Women's History Month Women's Panel

*Elda Graff and April Biggs are our new Membership VP and Recording Secretary respectively and we congratulate them and wish them each a productive term.*

*We will continue to do the work of AAUW- Rockland utilizing the technology available until we can meet again in person. I would like you all to consider how your AAUW board can better facilitate member meetings of interest. If you have ideas please bring them to our Kick-off Meeting scheduled on September 15, 2020.*

*Stay safe and keep well,*

*Suzanne Young-Mercer*



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Tuesday, September 13

**\*Annual Kick-Off Meeting**  
7:00 PM via ZOOM (*see below*)

Tuesday, September 22

**Board Meeting**  
7:00 PM via ZOOM

Tuesday, October 6

**Branch Meeting**  
7:00 PM via ZOOM  
Linda Berns, Guest Speaker

Tuesday, October 20

**Board Meeting**  
7:00 PM via ZOOM

Friday, October 24

**EARLY VOTING BEGINS**  
(*See inside for details*)

Thursday, October 29

**DEADLINE for Absentee Ballot**  
(Mail-in Voting) registration

Tuesday, November 3

**ELECTION DAY - VOTE**

Tuesday, November 11

**Branch Meeting**  
7:00 PM via ZOOM  
Domestic Violence in Rockland

**\*Annual Kick-Off Meeting Join Information**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89568555439?pwd=Rk1rdmcxNOVIZnpzbFpwd080dUhvQT09>

or Dial-In 1 646 876 9923

Meeting ID: 895 6855 5439    Passcode: 327254

# HERE'S WHAT WE'VE BEEN UP TO...

On Saturday, August 15<sup>th</sup> AAUW- Rockland hosted nearly 60 women from all over the state who attended our long-awaited celebration of Women's History Month. Our celebration highlighted the Centennial of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment with a panel discussion entitled, "Women in Public Service". Our seven panelists - Nita Lowey, Harriet Cornell, Ellen Jaffee, Constance Frazier, Teresa Kenny, Larraine Feiden, and Donna Lightfoot- Cooper, shared their personal and professional experiences and addressed our questions in a meaningful and informative way. Several of the panelists knew each other which added to the camaraderie. If you missed it and would like to watch it (or watch it again) , click [AAUW Rockland's Women's History Month 2020](#)



The AAUW – Rockland Book Club will meet at the home of Fran Carlson (outdoors) on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month as long as weather permits from 2:30 - 4:00 P.M

\*September 14, 2020 –  
“The Storyteller’s Secret” , by  
Sejal Badani  
(Rain date - September 21<sup>st</sup>)

\*October 12, 2020 “The Book  
Woman of Troublesome Creek”,  
by Kim Michele Richardson

*\*Contact Fran Carlson for more  
information (845) 634-9648*



**IN PERSON –  
NOVEMBER 3, 2020  
All polling sites in Rockland will  
be open 6:00 am – 9:00 pm**

**ABSENTEE BALLOT – Get application**

<https://www.elections.ny.gov/VotingAbsentee.html>

**DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION TO BE RECEIVED BY  
MAIL IS OCTOBER 27, 2020**

**BALLOT MUST BE POSTMARKED BY NOV. 3<sup>rd</sup>, AND  
RECEIVED NO LATER THAN NOV. 10<sup>th</sup>.**

**EARLY VOTING –OCTOBER 24 – NOVEMBER 1**

Clarkstown Town Hall, 10 Maple Avenue, New City  
Haverstraw Town Hall, 1 Rosman Road, Garnerville  
Orangetown Town Hall, 26 West Orangeburg Rd,  
Orangeburg  
Ramapo Town Hall, 237 Route 59, Suffern

Call (845) 638-5172 for extended hours information



**SAVE THE DATE AND SHOW UP!!!!**

**Tuesday September 15 at 7 PM**

**Come meet and greet  
AAUW- Rockland committee chairs  
and find out what is being planned  
for this year...**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89568555439?pwd=Rk1rdmcxNOVIZnpzbFpwd080dUhvQT09>



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**CANDIDATES' FORUM  
SAVE THE DATES**

**US Congressional 17<sup>th</sup> District  
October 13 (7:00 – 9:00 pm)**

**NY State Senate  
October 20 (7:00 pm)  
*Registration and Join info to follow***

*Note AAUW- Rockland is not co-sponsoring this event  
this year.*

# 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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**COMMUNICATIONS:** Communications are key! With the pandemic continuing to keep us apart, please consider calling other members of our branch just to say hello and see how they are doing. This will also help maintain our verbal socialization skills. Thanks to Doria Hillsman for setting up our ZOOM meetings with conference call capabilities also available. **AAUW- Rockland Directory 2020-2021.** Work is in progress for our next Directory. Just a reminder that ONLY PAID-UP MEMBERS WILL BE INCLUDED IN THE 2020-2021 DIRECTORY. (Some of you have yet to pay your dues so please do so now.) Any changes to your information in the Directory should be sent to Sylvia Miller at [aauwsam@optonline.net](mailto:aauwsam@optonline.net) or 845-358-1680 ASAP. **The 2020-2021 Directory will also be available via email.** Please let me know if you would prefer to have your Directory emailed to you. - Sylvia Miller

**FROM TREASURER, SANDY BLASY:** If you would like to make a donation to National, individual donations can be made directly online <https://www.aauw.org/> or by sending your check directly marking your donation with their new fund name of 'Education and Training' fund. Mail to: AAUW Development, P.O. Box 98045 Washington, D.C. 20090-8045

**WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH:** Our women's history program by Zoom was a huge success. Our seven panelists Nita Lowey, Harriet Cornell, Ellen Jaffee, Constance Frazier, Teresa Kenny, Lorraine Feiden and Donna Lightfoot Cooper were delightful and informative as they shared their experiences and advice. Many thanks to the Women's History Committee: Doria Hillsman, Sandy Masiello, Karen Martin, Elda Graff, Betty Vallone and Linda Berns of the League of Women Voters for their help and wonderful suggestions. I am looking forward to planning our next program for Women's History Month. All are welcome to join the committee. - Myrna Silberman

**MIMI KORB SCHOLARSHIP:** Contributions to the Mimi Korb Scholarship (tax- deductible) can be made to honor any one, 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

**FROM KAREN MARTIN, NY STATE MEMBERSHIP VP -** Deadline for membership renewals is October 31<sup>st</sup>. If your membership lapses, your name will be removed from the branch roster on November 1, 2020.

**FROM CAROL GRIFFITH NY STATE DEVELOPMENT VP -** January 1, 2020, started a new year of donations to AAUW by our New York State members. I am happy to say that as of June 30, 2020. New York State members have donated \$21,802.50. We are a little below our donations for the same time last year, but our members have been continually active contributing to the annual drive. *(See Treasurer's message above for info on donations)*



## Join us for a Fall Gathering!

Receive updated program information on Services for Older Adults their Families. Learn about the new safety practices we have in place. Don't miss the fun and festivities, no cost raffles, goodies and more!

VCS Parking Lot, 77 South Main St., New City, NY  
Friday, September 11, 2020 11am to 1pm



## AAUW Webinar Announcement

Wednesday, September 9, 2020, 4 p.m. ET

### COVID-19 and the Labor Economy: What's Next?

Join us for a conversation with economist Diane Lim where we will discuss how the ongoing pandemic has affected the labor economy and what it means for women, people of color and low-wage workers. Lim has spent her 30-plus year career in a variety of prominent roles in the federal government, nonprofit, and academic sectors.

**Register Now**

***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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