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2014 Public Policy Calendar

April 2014

- Sexual Assault Awareness Month

- **April 1: Deadline for the 2014 NYS Gold Star Public Policy Award**

http://www.aauw-nys.org/attached%20files/branch_forms/Be%20a%20Gold%20Star%20Public%20Policy%20Branch%20in%202014%20form.pdf

- **April 8: Equal Pay Day** – Expect to see an **AAUW Action Alert** on April 3rd with letters to the editor and letters to your legislator’s template to take action.

The effort to get **Equal Pay Day Proclamations** in municipalities large and small all across NY is paying off thanks’ to the efforts of local AAUW Branches and members and our coalition partners in the YW and the League! Great work by everyone and it is not too late to get your community involved.

- **April 25 – 27** – The AAUW-NYS Convention at Honors Haven, Ellenville: <http://www.aauw-nys.org/convention.htm> Register now!

June 2014

- June 10: 51st anniversary of the Equal Pay Act

- June 23: Title IX 42nd anniversary

Women's Equality Agenda Update: Two calls this week!

Please join us on **Friday, March 28th at 4 PM** for an all-member Women's Equality Coalition call. We are eager to discuss the status of the WEA in the 2014 NYS legislature, the #UpgradeNY social media campaign, and next steps for our field work happening across the state. We hope you can join us!

If you want the inside scoop on the **WEA Regional messaging, dial in at 1:30 pm**, if that time works better for your schedule. Beverly Neufeld, the Equal Pay Coalition coordinator, will be speaking about the details of our Week of Action starting April 8th for Equal Pay Day. There will be social media, local PR events, and In-District visits all across the state.

The call-in number: (424) 203-8400

Passcode: 767439#

Stay in touch with WEA at: <http://nywomensequality.org/> and <https://www.facebook.com/NYWomensEquality> for updates!

News from around the state!

Syracuse University will be hosting their first **Elect Her Program** on campus, April 5. Mayor Stephanie Miner will be the keynote speaker <<http://news.syr.edu/mayor-stephanie-miner-to-serve-as-keynote-speaker-for-elect-her-18154/>>.

As part of AAUW-NYS' Impact Grant focusing on Title IX on college campuses, we are co-sponsoring **SUNY Canton's "Coaching for Change: A Game Plan For Life"** Event with Joe Ehrmann <<http://buildingmenandwomen.org/>>, on *April 6-7*. The goal of this conference is to help coaches and educators empower young men and women to treat everyone with dignity and respect, and to use sports as a vehicle to bring together the community. **AAUW-NYS C/U partners are welcome to attend!**

Unfinished Business: Expanding Our Horizons <<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/celebrate-womens-history-with-unfinished-business-exploring-new-horizons-for-societal-change-tickets-10074742827>>.

The National Council of Women of the U.S. is celebrating its 125-year history on March 28, in New York City. The conference looks back at the 19th century and ahead into the 21st century, recognizing that, though much may have been accomplished, there is still much to do! AAUW-NYS' **Greater Rochester Area Branch (GRAB)** has played a key role in making this event a reality.

Here are some important Public Policy resources for you!

✦ **Your Every Question Answered: Advocacy How-To Resources**

<http://www.aauw.org/resource/advocacy-how-tos-guides/>

✦ **The 2013-2015 AAUW Public Policy Program** <http://www.aauw.org/resource/principles-and-priorities/>

✦ **AAUW Action Network and Two-Minute Activist tool** (sign up today if you're not already subscribed to the e-mail list!) <http://www.aauw.org/what-we-do/public-policy/two-minute-activist/>

✦ **AAUW Branch Event Report-Back Form** (so you can share your successes with AAUW national staff and receive recognition!) Bookmark this page!

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1LN7Kle_Pd44DftoRPMzQZ4pgHvoQQEwN7coRrhNHwHo/viewform

AAUW-NYS Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/AAUW.NYS>

Bookmark this page and visit it daily. There is a ton of useful and interesting information that gets posted daily. I can't possibly pass on everything by e-mail, so I use the AAUW-NYS Facebook page as a way to convey information. Many branches are starting to use Facebook as a way to connect to members and communities; please connect to AAUW-NYS in the same way!

You can also use Facebook to find out what AAUW.org and other AAUW states are doing!

Issue Updates:

I know from reading your newsletters that there is a wide range of issues our Branches do follow. Please feel free to visit these pages at my branch website that I do update on a daily and/or weekly basis. <http://www.northnet.org/stlawrenceaauw/federal.htm>

- [Children's Issues](#)
- [Education Bills](#)
- [Elect HER!](#)
- [Federal Welfare Reform Proposals](#)
- [Environmental News & Action Items](#)
- [Equity & Affirmative Action](#)
- [Federal Judicial Nominations](#)
- [Health Care](#)
- [Human Trafficking Issues](#)
- [International News](#)
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- [Poverty Issues](#)
- [Pregnancy & Family Leave Discrimination](#)
- [Reproductive Health](#)
- [Social Security and Retirement](#)
- [Status of Women](#)

- [Title IX Information](#)
- [Veteran's and Military Issues](#)
- [Violence Issues to Watch](#)
- [Voter Education Issues to Watch](#)
- [Women's Economic Equity](#)

For more information: [AAUW Fact Sheets and Position Papers](#) on Affirmative Action, Athletics, Education, Managed Care Reform, Reproductive Rights, and Social Security Reform.