

INDIVIDUAL PROJECT/ PROGRAM/ EVENT 2011-2012:

Note: Any program since last year's deadline is eligible.

Category: (Please circle or highlight the category for which this program is being submitted.)

- Women – Education – Community – International – Cultural – Diversity – Public Policy

Title: She Can Reach The Top

Part I:

- Other community groups** involved, if any (list):(5 points) See page 2
- Number of members involved in planning or putting on** the program (5 points) 10
- Number of nonmembers involved** in the program (5 points) 5
- Number of members who attended or benefitted** (5 points) 21
- Number of nonmembers** who attended or benefitted (5 points) 26
- Number of new members** who joined (if any)(5 points) 8

Part II:

Describe your project/ program/ event in 75-150 **words**. Be sure to include:

- how the project addressed **AAUW's mission** (15 points)
- branch goals** in doing this program (10 points)
- specific action steps** in planning this program (15 points)
- steps taken for **community visibility** (Attach newsletter and newspaper articles.)(10 points)
- measurable **impact on the community** (10 points)
- lessons learned** for future programs/ projects/ events (10 points)

Attach copies of newsletter and newspaper articles about this project/ program/ event.

(No more than 4 pages maximum)

Mail or email the original of your entire application with supporting materials to:

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Part I - Other community groups

Orange and Rockland Utilities

Retired and Senior Volunteers Program

Rockland Teachers' Center

Rockland Community College

Part II: Modelled on the NYC/Westchester EYO Conference as well as visits to similar programs and virtual reviews of similar AAUW programs around the country, AAUW Rockland developed "She Can Reach the Top", implementing the national mission to promote equity for girls in areas where they are unrepresented, on the local level.

- Action Steps:
1. Formed board of members and non-members, same goals
 2. Conducted visits and research
 3. Conducted feasibility study/time and content
 4. Developed a plan
 5. Sought partners/funding
 6. Set timeline
 7. Developed subcommittees
 8. Implemented plan

Community visibility

1. Contacted county school superintendents
2. Established contacts in all county middle schools
3. Established contacts in other community organizations, Greek letter organizations
4. Invited newspaper coverage on day of event

Impact on Community

Student attendees were anxious to connect with workshop presenters. Parents sought AAUW recommendations for additional STEM activities for their daughters. Eight new members were recruited.

Lessons learned

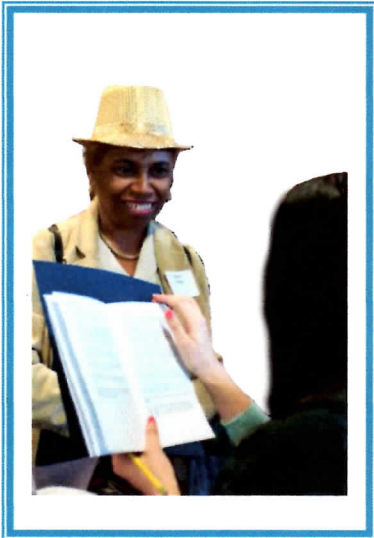
1. Interest in STEM programs is very high in Rockland.
2. Improve the in-school contacts
3. Improve handling of presenters and Mystery Women

She can reach the top
with ability
opportunity
preparation



A few highlights
Mystery Woman Game

2011



Breaking through Barriers
for Women and Girls



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STEM CONFERENCE FOR SEVENTH AND EIGHTH GRADE GIRLS

The Super STEM Scholar Conference, "She Can Reach The Top" for 7th and 8th grade girls, was held on Saturday, October 22, 2011 at SUNY Rockland Community College, 8:30 AM to 2:30 PM. One hundred fifty students, volunteers and sponsors participated in 12 hands-on workshops. The day began with continental breakfast during which the girls interviewed 10 Mystery Women, identified by sequined fedoras, who work or have retired from careers in STEM fields. The program was moderated by Dr. Jacqueline Washington, Chair of the Biology and Chemistry Department at Nyack College. The young women heard from Kim Campbell, Manager of Public Affairs at Orange & Rockland Utilities, Inc. and member of the Metropolitan NY Chapter of UN National Committee for UN Women, who spoke of pay inequity between men and women and how there is less of a gap in the STEM fields. She also encouraged the girls not to let anyone tell them they can't do something. The young women, then, departed for the workshops. Student guides from RCC ushered the students to their workshops followed by lunch. After lunch, students heard from Doreen Zarcone, Event Planner at SUNY RCC, who spoke about financial aid, and from Michaela Metcalfe, who is doing her graduate work at Columbia University, supported by an AAUW Education Foundation grant. Parents attended separate workshops: Origami, led by Seung-Yoon Son and Jeff Lim Li, students at RCC; Financial Aid – "Starting Now" led by Joyce Brown; and CareerZone led by Thom Kleiner, the proud parent of a participant. Everyone successfully completed the Mystery Women contest and received a prize for doing so. After turning in their evaluations, students were given a string back pack filled with science "stuff." Some students went on a tour of the campus. Others left at 2:00PM. Within less than 24 hours, a workshop presenter received this letter.

Hi Dr P,

I attended your workshop over the weekend, "Who Killed Strawberry Shortcake?" I am very interested in forensic science. I want to master criminal justice in John Jay College of Criminal Justice. I hope one day to grow up and work for the FBI. I would like to know how you got to where you are now. I would also like to know if you are a forensic scientist. If so, do you master or specialize in any certain area? I hope that you have time with your busy schedule to answer my questions. I hope that we can stay in contact for any future questions.

A.L. (James A. Farley 7th grade student)

This conference was made possible by a generous, dedicated board, some generous AAUW members and friends, and by a grant from Orange and Rockland Utilities.

Our next conference is scheduled for October 20, 2012

STEM AT SUMMIT PARK BEGINS ITS FOURTH YEAR

In three years STEM at Summit Park has grown from 8 volunteers focusing on 3rd grade math, to 40+ coaches servicing students in reading and math for grades 1-3. The fourth year began with a luncheon on October 12 provided by the Principal, Mrs. Kim A. Hewlett, to welcome all volunteers. Math coaches began attending Singapore Math workshops as early as October 3rd and attended continuing workshops beginning at 9:30 AM on 10/12. Reading teachers' workshops began at 11:00 AM. All volunteers working at Summit Park ES received starter bags of supplies from AAUW thanks in part to the generosity of Office Depot, Nanuet store. A special thanks to the manager, Sal.

The volunteers now have a classroom which reduces the number of coaches who must find space in hallways and alcoves. We look forward to another successful year of classes. Coaches provide services Tuesday through Friday. If you are interested, please contact Rosalind Maxwell Maxwellros@yahoo.com or 371-4110. The more coaches we have, the smaller the groups and the more opportunities for individual assistance.

BRANCH MEETING TUESDAY, November 15 7:00 p.m.

New City Library

Member Betty Vallone will give a power point presentation entitled "Constance de Hauteville and the Italy Nobody Knows." Betty will be happy to sign her latest historical-fiction book Barbarossa's Princess after the presentation.

Patrick McGuire Professor of English, University of Wisconsin submits the following review.

"Elizabeth Vallone's Barbarossa's Princess is a veritable page turner. From the very first line, we are swept away on an adventure through the corridors of power in the 12th century. We taste and smell the meals, we see the unusual medical practices, we hear all the raucous sounds of life in an age more refined and more coarse than even our own. At the center of this delightful tale is Constance de Hauteville, a woman drawn from a nunnery to become empress of a continent. She becomes the bearer of the next emperor of the Holy Roman Empire. An innocent, along with her maid-servant, Constance enters the corridors of power and grows to become as forceful as those who would use her for their own gain. Vallone portrays Constance de Hauteville as a woman of chutzpah and humility, a mother who endures the humiliations of women in an earlier time, but who triumphs and endures."