



ROCKLAND COUNTY (NY) BRANCH

FACETS

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

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Membership – Show you Care

(Excerpts from an article written by NYS Membership Chair, our own Karen Martin)

Membership in AAUW means belonging, individually and collectively to a group of like-minded women. We are curious and creative. We see needs and want to get things done! We show loyalty and dedication to our Mission of equality for women and girls, our future.

Normally autumn is the start of interest groups and community initiatives programs. Unfortunately, due to COVID- 19 restrictions, many of these meetings have been changed from in person to Zoom meetings. Your branch Program Chair and their committee have worked diligently to organize programs of your interest. What date is your next happening? Check it out and stay in tune. I like to call a new member and invite her to join me, even if it is on candid camera!

We know this is a hard time to recruit new members, but please invite and give them the opportunity to say “Yes!” **The window for 2020-2021 dues closed October 31, 2020.** If you have not renewed, you can re-join! Thank you to everyone who renewed their dues! With paid dues, you will be receiving the 2020-2021 Membership Booklet available to all members in most branches and the Branch Directory which will be available soon. Unpaid members will not be included in the new booklet or Branch Directory per National guidelines. If you have questions, please contact our branch treasurer, Sandy Blasy, our president, Suzanne Young-Mercer or myself.

I’d like to leave you with 3 thoughts:

1. We ALL are responsible for bringing in new members!
2. Membership isn’t JUST about paying dues - it’s about your presence and participation in working toward achieving the AAUW Mission.
3. Encourage a neighbor or friend to vote or offer a ride if needed. Show someone YOU care.

Karen Martin
AAUW- NY Membership Chair





**Make an
Impact**

Be a POLL WORKER

For more information on how to become a paid
Poll Worker or Election Inspector call: (845) 638-5172

Tuesday, November 3

ELECTION DAY - VOTE

Tuesday, November 10

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

Saturday, November 21

**Secondary School
Engineering Conference 11 :00AM
*All are welcome! See inside for details***

Tuesday, December 15

Board Meeting – 7:00 PM

December

**EOF Holiday Party (tentative)
*More information to follow***

Tuesday, January 19

**January Branch Meeting
7:00 PM via ZOOM**

Tuesday, January 26

Board Meeting – 7:00 PM

Tuesday, February 16

Board Meeting – 7:00 PM

Saturday, February 27

AAUW Diversity Brunch

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

*November 16, 2020 “The Night Watchman”, by Louise Erdrich

* December 14, 2020 “The Island of Sea Women”, by Lisa See

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

**PLAN
YOUR
VOTE.**



**ABSENTEE BALLOT MUST BE POSTMARKED BY NOV. 3rd,
AND RECEIVED NO LATER THAN NOV. 10th.**

IN PERSON – NOVEMBER 3, 2020 6:00 am – 9:00 pm

Most regular polling sites in Rockland will be open.

Check <https://rocklandgov.com/departments/board-of-elections/election-day-information/>

Or

Phone: 845-638-5172

Hours: Monday - Friday 9:00am - 5:00pm

Email: voterinfo@co.rockland.ny.us



AAUW- ROCKLAND
November Branch Meeting
Tuesday, November 10, 2020 at 7:00 PM



**Special Guest Speaker - Elizabeth Santiago,
Chief Executive Officer
Center for Safety and Change
“ Profiles of Domestic and Gender Based Violence
in Rockland County”**

**Come and learn what AAUW can do to
*make a difference.***

Click here to [Join Zoom Meeting](#) **OR DIAL IN 646 876 9923**

Meeting ID: 863 8553 5771 Passcode: 302065

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.

Amn46@hotmail.com

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. Work is in progress for our next Directory. Just a reminder that ONLY PAID-UP MEMBERS WILL BE INCLUDED IN THE 2020-2021 DIRECTORY. Any changes to your information in the Directory should be sent to Sylvia Miller at aauwsam@optonline.net or call 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

EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES FUND (Now the Education and Training Fund): Please send whatever you would like to contribute in lieu of our fund raiser activities to the 'Education and Training Fund'. Mail your check to: AAUW Development, P.O. Box 98045 Washington, D.C. 20090-8045 – Ellie Grossman

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

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: AAOW Rockland| P.O. Box 19| West Nyack, NY 10994-0019

ROCKLAND WOMEN'S HISTORY BOOK GIVE-AWAY: 1984 book "Imprints on Rockland County History: Biographies of 12 Women", which our members researched, wrote and published to work with a curriculum for 4th graders learning local history. The women featured are: Jane Colden, Arlene Clinkscale, Mollie Sneden, Helen Hayes, Caroline Lexow Babcock, Judith Kessler, Dr. Virginia Davies, Kathleen Lukens, Mary Mowbray-Clarke, Isabelle Keating Savell, Mary Lawrence Tonetti and Alexandra Tolstoy. Whether you want it as AAUW memorabilia or because you're the parent or grandparent of a young student who may learn about Rockland's history from reading and doing the activities, you're welcome to it. Contact Phyllis Morena for details.

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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ROCKLAND CHAPTER
NEW YORK STATE SOCIETY OF
PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS

11th Annual Engineering Conference

(via ZOOM)

REGISTER TODAY!!!

- **Meet these outstanding engineers.**
- **Learn about the different fields of engineering.**
- **Get info on new college engineering programs and engineering scholarships.**
- **Enter a contest to see how much you've learned and... win a prize to prove it!**

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2020

11:00 AM

Pre-registration required – Click [HERE](#) to register

► **Call (845) 598-8520 for more information**



Congratulations to Pat Cropsey for achieving AAUW HONORARY LIFE MEMBERSHIP!

“An individual member who has paid Association dues for fifty (50) years shall become a life member and shall thereafter be exempt from payment of Association dues.” In 1969, Pat joined AAUW New City (which later became AAUW Rockland County Branch). During her tenure, she has been branch treasurer, branch president, Woman of Achievement Award recipient, Directory editor, Barbara Myneder scholarship chair, hosted many meetings at her home as well as wonderful summer fundraiser steak dinners on their porch and lawn with her husband Jim, and held many AAUW fundraiser garage sales in their green house. We thank Pat for her many years of exceptional service to AAUW Rockland!

Also ...

Congratulations to our member **Phyllis Frank** who has joined the *Center for Safety & Change*.

After four (4) decades with the Volunteer Counseling Services of Rockland, civil rights activist Phyllis is taking her social justice advocacy to the Center for Safety & Change where she will be the center's chief program officer. She looks forward to continuing her advocacy with the Center. Good luck Phyllis.