

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



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TRIAD President's Message

*The month of September elicits images of schools reopening, routines resuming at work, and life in general returning to "normal." Hold onto that thought, as we look forward to our **Kick-Off Meeting, September 14th**. More information inside!*

Welcome to a New Year with AAUW – Rockland.

As you can see by our name above – "TRIAD" - the branch's presidential responsibilities will be managed by three volunteers: Frances Blauvelt, Karen Martin, and Anita Nessin. We will provide a cohesive presence while the next leadership for the branch is being developed/determined. Are you 'The One'? Together with Suzanne Young-Mercer, our past President serving as mentor, we will continue the work of the branch. Our vision will also focus on increasing membership of all ages, with an eye towards younger members.

Please note that the names and titles of folks who can be a resource for helping to launch your new ideas for the branch or for getting any information regarding AAUW Rockland are right in the left margin of this page! We thank Doria Hillsman for continuing as VP of Programming and Sandra Blasy who continues as our Treasurer. We are fortunate to welcome Kimberly Weston, a new member, who will be our new Corresponding Secretary. We are thankful for each leader!

Ever mindful of Covid-19 and the challenges that it continues to present, we will continue engaging thru Zoom meetings. To this end, we have prepared [a survey](#) to determine interest in computer help to enable ALL member participation. Please click here <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/TD6DFXY> and complete this important survey so that we can plan to serve you better.

Membership is vital to our organization. As you go about meeting and greeting your friends and acquaintances, offer your reason for joining AAUW-Rockland to an engaging person. Bring them on board! Come out to support current programming as we wish you all a very productive year.

Working together,

Frances, Karen, and Anita

"Never underestimate the power of dreams and the influence of the human spirit. We are all the same in this notion: The potential for greatness lives within each of us." – Wilma Rudolph



Would you like to join AAUW Rockland?

Check out our [website](#) or

Contact Elda Graff at eldagraff@gmail.com

N.B. Unless otherwise indicated, all events will be held virtually via Zoom.

Tuesday, September 14, 2021

2021-22 Kick-off Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
(Zoom Info Inside!)

Tuesday, September 28, 2021

Board Meeting – 7:00 p.m.*

Tuesday, October 12, 2021

Board Meeting – 7:00 p.m.*

Sunday, October 17, 2021

**Candidates' Forum
w/League of Women Voters
JCC Auditorium (In -person event)**

Tuesday, November 9, 2021

Board Meeting – 7:00 p.m.*

Saturday, November 13, 2021

**AAUW- NYSPE SSEC - 11:00 a.m.
Secondary School Engineering Conference**

Tuesday, November 16, 2021

Branch Meeting - 7:00 p.m.

**All members are welcome to attend board meetings. Call (845) 598-8520 for join information.*



WELCOME!!!! New member **Dr. Bernadette Connors** who received her BA in '92 and her PhD. from the SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry. Dr. Connors is the newly appointed Science Department Chair at Dominican College.



AAUW NYS Needs YOU!

The AAUW NY State DEI Committee is seeking new members. If you have ever thought about serving on a state committee, here's your sign...



Contact Suzanne Young-Mercer (845) 406-5156

AAUW ROCKLAND



2021-2022 Kick-off Meeting

Via ZOOM



Tuesday, September 14, 2021
7:00 PM

[Join Zoom Meeting](#) or Dial-in 1 646 876 9923

Meeting ID: 811 7309 2738

Passcode: 218216

Thanks to recent contributions from **MEMBERS LIKE YOU**, AAUW- Rockland recently contributed \$500.00 to the **Ellen Jaffee Scholarship Fund** which is managed by the Spring Valley NAACP. Congratulations AAUW-Rockland!!!

**YOU
ROCK!**



The AAUW – Rockland Book Club meets at
the New City Public Library at 3:00 p.m.
on the 2nd Monday of each month.

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Contact Fran Carlson for more information.

September 13, 2021 “*Caste*”, by Isabel Wilkerson

October 11, 2021 “*Hamnet*”, by Maggie O’Farrell

WHAT'S HAPPENING.

FROM CORRESPONDING SECRETARY, KIMBERLY WESTON: 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.
kimberlyweston@msn.com

COMMUNICATIONS: Directory Request. Please review all your personal pertinent information in the 2020-2021 Directory. If any changes are necessary, please send them to Sylvia Miller at aauwsam@optonline.net or call (845) 358-1680. Thank you.

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

LEGAL ADVOCACY FUND: Check out the latest court cases that AAUW publicly and financially supports <https://www.aauw.org/resources/legal/laf/> or contact LAF Chair, Charlotte Sorger

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: There is room for one more member to join the Nominating Committee for 2021-2022. This is a great place to get started being an important part of our great organization. If you are new to the group, you will have the opportunity to get to know some of the “old-timers”, as well as to provide an important service. The committee will begin meetings in January, 2022 to discuss identifying people to fill office positions. This will be done via telephone or Zoom. Annual elections are in April. As past chair, I will be on hand to offer my experience and advice as needed. You will have the pleasure of working with Sandy Masiello, Ellie Grossman, Anita Nessin and Maureen Brown. Contact me if you want to know more: frblauvelt@msn.com Nominating Chairperson, Frances Riley Blauvelt.



Our hearts and prayers go out to the families and friends of AAUW Rockland member, *Felicia Morris* and former member, *Dr. Joyce Simon* who recently passed away. If you would like to send condolences and need contact information, get in touch with Sylvia Miller. (845) 358-1680

New York Chief Judge Janet DiFiore, left, swears in Kathy Hochul, right, as the first woman to be New York's governor while her husband Bill Hochul holds a bible during a swearing-in ceremony at the state Capitol early Tuesday in Albany, N.Y. *Hans Pennink/AP*



***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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