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TRIAD President's Message

There's a chill in the air and Halloween decorations are going up on homes and lawns. It really is starting to feel like fall.

As explained in September, Frances Blauvelt, Karen Martin and Anita Nessin will be rotating the job of writing the Presidents' message each month for *Facets*, our newsletter. This month's message is brought to you by Anita.

As of this writing, we have 14 members who have responded to the survey to determine interest in computer help- 64.28% expressed interest in learning more. Weekdays during the day seemed to be the preferred time. 64.24% felt they could offer some level of help to others. We feel that small group tutorials would work better than a large class, since skill levels vary and it's best for participants to learn and practice on their own device.

The survey is at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/TD6DFXY>. If you have not yet taken it, please do. Even if you're not interested – we'd like to know your technology status. I have a confession to make. I goofed. We have the results of the survey, *but not the names of those who took it*. **If you have already replied to the survey and are interested in computer help, email triad.aauw@gmail.com.** We need to get your name. Enter "Computer Help" on the subject line.

We would like to highlight one member each month in *Facets*. Read more about this new initiative inside on page 7. As you go out and about, remember to spread the word about AAUW Rockland. Prospective members are always welcome at branch meetings and can be placed on our mailing list, if they wish.

Working together,
Anita Nessin



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, October 12, 2021

Board Meeting – 7:00 p.m.*

Tuesday, October 26, 2021

**Candidates’ Forum (County Executive)
w/League of Women Voters
Virtual Event**

Tuesday, November 2, 2021

ELECTION DAY - VOTE

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.

Tuesday, December 7, 2021

Board Meeting – 7:00 p.m.*

Tuesday, December 14, 2021

EOF Holiday Party – 7:00 p.m. (virtual)

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



The Rockland League of Women Voters is sponsoring a County Executive Candidates’ Forum on **Tuesday, October 26, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. via ZOOM**. Mark your calendar! Join information is coming soon!



12th Annual Secondary School Engineering Conference

(Virtual - via ZOOM)

- Meet the engineers.
- Learn about engineering.
- Get info on college programs and scholarships in engineering.
- Enter a contest and win a PRIZE!

REGISTER TODAY!!!

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2021

11:00 a.m.

Join information will be sent to registered participants

Call (845) 598-8520 for more information

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



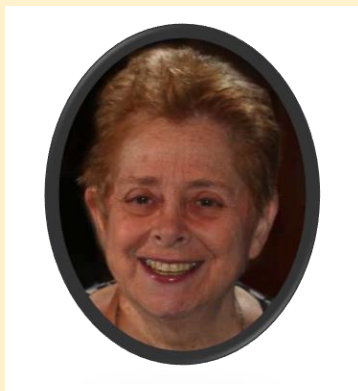
The AAUW – Rockland Book Club meets at the New City Public Library at 3:00 p.m. on the 2nd Monday of each month.

ALL ARE WELCOME!
Contact Fran Carlson for more information.

October 14, 2021 “Hamnet”, by Maggie O’Farrell

(note: due to Columbus Day, meeting will take place on 2nd Thursday)

November 8, 2021 “The Four Winds, by Kristin Hannah



Our member, **Sandy Gordon**, is being honored by the Elmwood Playhouse with a **life member award at their dinner October 17, 2021**. Sandy and her family moved to New City in 1972 and shortly thereafter, she joined The Elmwood Playhouse. She was first cast as a tough no-nonsense nurse. From that day to this she has enjoyed several other roles, made wonderful friends, cleaned every corner of the play house, served on the Elmwood Board of Directors, helped build/paint sets, prepared props, served food, had the pleasure of producing many wonderful shows and helped with costumes. Except for directing, she has had a finger in many other areas and sometimes came directly to the playhouse after teaching in the Bronx all day. She hopes to keep doing all of this for years to come.

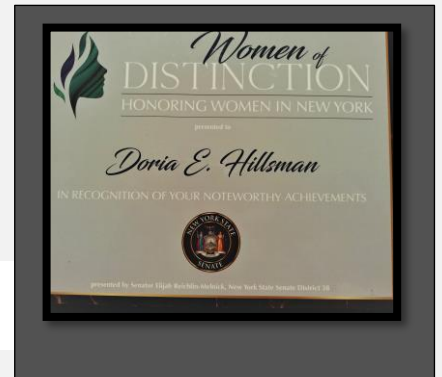
Congratulations Sandy. Keep up the good work!

(If you would like to attend the award dinner, please see invitation on page 5.)

Congratulations to member **Doria E. Hillsman** who was chosen as the 38th Congressional District’s **2021 Woman of Distinction** by NY State Senator, Elijah Reichlin- Melnick. The award ceremony was held on Sunday, September 26th at Spring Valley High School.



L-R, Suzanne Young- Mercer, Doria Hillsman, Karen Martin, April Biggs, (Sylvia Miller not pictured)



Doria Hillsman and Hon. Elijah Reichlin- Melnick (D-NY)

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 aausam@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 two more members 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, and Maureen Brown. Contact me if you want to know more: frblauvelt@msn.com Nominating Chairperson, Frances Riley Blauvelt.



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

Upcoming Events:

ELECTION DAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2021

Absentee ballots may be returned in person to the Board of Elections during regular business hours. A **secure drop box** is located outside of the office main entrance for afterhours drop off. Absentee Ballots may also be returned via mail or dropped off at a polling place during early voting and on election day.

IMPORTANT: Absentee ballots must be postmarked by Tuesday, November 2, 2021 or dropped off at the Board of Elections or a poll site by **9:00PM**. The secure drop box will be closed promptly at 9:00PM on Tuesday, November 2, 2021 and the slot will be locked. After hours drop off is not available on November 2, 2021.

For information regarding applying for absentee ballot see

https://rocklandgov.com/files/7716/1124/9759/BOE_NYS_Absentee_Ballot_Application.pdf

Our own Frances Blauvelt's husband, Ralph has published a book which is **due to be released on October 15, 2021** entitled "400 Years in America" chronicling the early Dutch immigrants in "New Amsterdam". Congratulations Frances and Ralph!

Publication Announcement

Four Hundred Years in America
Seventeenth Century Immigrant Ancestors
Ralph Blauvelt

"In the Spring of 1624 the *Eendracht*, a small ship from the Netherlands, entered New York Harbor. Among its passengers were the first permanent settlers of New Netherland. A few months later another ship, the *Nieuw Amsterdam*, arrived with more settlers destined for the Dutch colony in North America. The year 2024 marks the four-hundred-year anniversary of these events."
The first immigrants on the southern tip of Manhattan Island called the settlement New Amsterdam. It became the base of operations for the Dutch West India Company of their North American colony. It stretched along the east coast from the Delaware Bay to the Connecticut River and north along the shores of the Hudson River to the area of Albany, NY.
The story of the first immigrant settlers in New Netherland is the story of strangers in a strange land, individuals and families who struggled to make a clearing in the wilderness to build a home and make a life. They were the founders of the New York metropolis and the ancestors of millions of Americans. The author reconstructs the lives of selected ancestors from the documents they left behind, from contemporary writings, and the historical accounts of those who came after. The story that emerges is incomplete and fragmented, but it records the voices of our ancestors, reminding us of our immigrant heritage.

Four Hundred Years in America will be available in bookstores and online by October 15, 2021.

You are cordially invited to attend the
Elmwood Playhouse
Dinner Dance

In Honor of the new Life Members

Sandy Gordon
&
James Lugo

Sunday October 17, 2021
4:00 PM
\$85.00 per person
Cocktail Hour • Dinner • Cash Bar
(Tickets will not be sold at the door)

Terrace On The Hudson
21 S. Route 9W
Haverstraw, NY

The League of Women Voters has released a statement supporting their positions on the ballot propositions for this year's election. A summary for their positions appears below. Their position on Proposition 2 is also a "yes" vote. Click the link for more detailed information.

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1hipbhP7_aSgTvmSL59Wc_6WbC9Yt_D8P/edit?usp=sharing&oid=108317953743891468584&rtpof=true&sd=true

REJECT REGRESSIVE REDISTRICTING; EXPAND VOTING RIGHTS!

<p>Vote NO Proposition 1</p> <p style="color: red;">Oppose Redistricting Rollbacks!</p> <p>This amendment would unfairly empower the majority party during the redistricting process by preventing the minority party from having input into the final proposed legislative maps.</p>	<p>Vote YES Proposition 3</p> <p style="color: green;">Support Enhancing Voter Registration</p> <p>This amendment will enfranchise more voters by shortening or eliminating the deadline to register to vote. This proposal would allow the Legislature to implement same-day voter registration.</p>	<p>Vote YES Proposition 4</p> <p style="color: green;">Support No-Excuse Absentee Voting</p> <p>This amendment would increase voter access to elections by allowing any voter to request an absentee ballot.</p>
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AAUW- Rockland's Scholarship Committee, Charlotte Sorger, Patricia Lopez and Elda Graff disbursed a total of \$9,000 this year in the form of three (3) scholarships to three very deserving young women.

Mimi Korb Scholarship recipient – **Danielle Corry** received **\$3,000**. (Dominican College)
Barbara Myneder Scholarship recipients – **Carina Genova** received **\$3,000** (RCC)
Yadira Gonzalez received **\$3,000** (RCC)

This disbursement marks the end of the Myneder Scholarship. When Barbara died in 1979 her husband Charles began giving an annual contribution to our branch for a scholarship fund in her memory. When he died in 1987, their daughter Devon continued the tradition for several years after that. This provided our branch with a substantial amount which was deposited in a special account. While the principal remained, the interest was designated to be applied to a scholarship which was awarded every other year to "a woman in need" returning to college. The account has depleted over the years and this is the last year that the Barbara Myneder Scholarship will be offered.

Two of our scholarship awardees have sent thank you notes here are their special acknowledgements of thanks....

Dear Ms. Sorger,

I wanted to say how honored I am to have been chosen to receive the AAUW Mimi Korb Scholarship. I recently started my semester at Dominican College and am very excited for my classes. This scholarship is going to make a difference for my academic junior year and I am so excited to be that much closer to achieving my degree and pursuing a future in the STEM field. I am super thankful for the scholarship support from the American Association of University Women.

Sincerely,

Danielle Corry

Dear Charlotte and the wonderful ladies of the American Association of University Women,

I wanted to thank you so very much for allowing me the honor of receiving your scholarship! I am truly so grateful for this incredible gift and for the opportunity to go back to school and I cannot thank you enough for helping to make that possible.

I will be sure to keep in touch.

Gratefully yours,

Carina



The TRIAD would like to feature a member each month as a way for branch members to get to know each other better. Won't you please send some information about yourself that you'd like everyone to know... something that they probably don't already know... It can be as long or as short as you like. Feel free to include a photo as well... Send your article to aauwtriad@gmail.com

Along similar lines, we here at Facets – well, OK... ME here sitting at my desk – would like to begin a monthly article on “Women in the News” or “This Month in Women’s History”; some interesting newsworthy thing done or said by a woman or girl recently or in the publication month last year, or 1,000 years ago. I am envisioning one or two people who could dedicate themselves to writing this short article monthly. If this sounds like something you'd like to do, let's talk. Call (845) 598-8520.



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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