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TRIAD President's Message

Greetings from the third member of your Presidential Triad. It has been a wonderful experience sharing the presidency this year with two great ladies, Karen Martin and Anita Nessin.

It is already November, and we will soon observe and celebrate several holidays, albeit carefully, due to the continuing danger of the pandemic. Instead of wallowing in all the bad news, let us celebrate with an attitude of "Gratitude". What am I grateful for when it comes to AAUW? First on my list, is the Rockland Branch of AAUW. I originally joined because I needed friends. Now I have a whole sisterhood. Second, I am able to socialize again with real vs. digital people, now that COVID is coming under control. Third, I am grateful for Zoom. Even "digital" contact was better than no contact at all. Just this past week, for example, we witnessed an interesting debate of the two candidates running for County Executive on Zoom and throughout the year, we have had many interesting and informative guest speakers, keeping us in touch and in tune with the mission of AAUW.

We've got important events to be grateful for this month! Most importantly, I hope you voted on November 2nd! Also, on Saturday, November 13th, our 12th Annual High School Engineering Conference will be on Zoom. Members are invited to attend. Last year it became interstate! On Tuesday, November 16th, Kate Nielson, AAUW Senior Director of Public Policy, Legal Advocacy and Research will speak to us about the AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund (LAF) at our November Branch Meeting. This is a very important part of our mission, so remember to "Zoom In" to learn about how it functions. You don't have to go out in the cold!

Don't forget to "talk up" AAUW with your friends. I got an old friend interested, just by talking about my "new job" in Triad. Recruiting is probably easier than you think!

Working Together,

Frances Blauvelt



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.

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| 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.
<i>Join information is inside. Don't miss this!</i> |
| Tuesday, December 7, 2021 | Board Meeting – 7:00 p.m.* |
| Tuesday, December 14, 2021 | EOF Holiday Party – 7:00 p.m. (virtual) |
| Tuesday, January 11, 2022 | Board Meeting – 7:00 p.m.* |
| Tuesday, January 25, 2022 | Branch Meeting – 7:00 p.m. |
| Tuesday, February 8, 2022 | Board Meeting – 7:00 p.m.* |
| Saturday, February 26, 2022 | Diversity Brunch (<i>Virtual</i>) 11:00 a.m. |

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



UPCOMING EVENTS



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.

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

December 13, 2021 “The Midnight Library”, by Matt Hoeg



*Alixandria Lane,
Project Engineer
Turner Construction*



*Ursula Monaghan,
Electrical and Systems Engineer
Turner Engineering (TENCO)*



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

AAUW ROCKLAND NOVEMBER BRANCH MEETING TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.



GUEST SPEAKER- KATE NIELSON,

Senior Director of Public Policy, Legal Advocacy and Research

“AAUW’s L.A.F ~ Past, Present and Future”

Join Zoom Meeting
– CLICK HERE

**OR DIAL IN 1-646-
876-9923**

**Meeting ID: 811
7309 2738**

Passcode: 218216

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: The **2021-2022 DIRECTORY** is now available and will be mailed soon. If you prefer to have it emailed to you, please let me know. Sylvia Miller at aauwsam@optonline.net

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



This month's Member Spotlight is on

Patricia Lopez

"I have returned to school to study what I wanted to study the first time around, but allowed myself to be talked out of. I am a second degree student at CUNY Hunter majoring in Latin. Why? ... When I told my mother in 1981 that I wanted to be a Latinist, she asked, in a deafening decibel, "Who are you going to talk to? If you want to talk to dead people, go see a medium! I'm not paying good money for you to pursue a rich girl's dream!" So that was the end of Latin. Until now..."

Patricia is a retired teacher of English as a Second Language (ESL) and is currently also pursuing a degree in Special Education. She is a wife, mother of an 11-year-old daughter and a 13-year-old son and serves as the AAUW Rockland Chair of the College/University Relations Committee and a member of the Scholarship Committee.

Thank you for sharing, Patricia!

Science Seminar: Food Justice is More than Growing Food and Feeding People

Date: Tuesday, November 9, 2021

Time: 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm

Location: Via Zoom



Food Justice is More than Growing Food and Feeding People

People are often told that if they want to be food secure all they have to do is grow some food, drink water and exercise without looking at the structural determinants that reinforce racism in today's society. We will examine to see if the food system is truly fair, or is it just broken and needs to be fixed.

Karen Washington is a farmer and community activist. She has worked with Bronx neighborhoods to turn empty lots into community gardens and has spoken out for garden protection and preservation. She helped launch a City Farms Market, bringing fresh vegetables to the community. She has led workshops on growing food and food justice across the country and she is the recipient of multiple awards for her leadership. Since retiring in 2014 from being a Physical Therapist, Karen is Co-owner of the Rise & Root Farm in Chester, New York.

Register here to get the zoom link:

<https://dc-edu.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJwpf-GvrzsqHNYdPO71kzv1ogNuyPe9rNGy>

The TRIAD would like all members to write a brief article about themselves so that we can get to know each other better for our new "Spotlight" byline. Please include something that you'd like everyone to know... It can be as long or as short as you like. Please include a photo as well... Send your article to aauwtriad@gmail.com

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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DOMINICAN COLLEGE AND O & R HOST ENVIRONMENTAL WORKSHOPS

Come learn about our local environment! This monthly free workshop series will cover diverse topics geared towards learning about our local environment and what we can all do to become good stewards of our communities. Workshops will be led by experts and are free to members of the community. Participants can sign up for individual sessions or the whole series.

Hudson River Fish Advisory: Can you Eat that Fish from the Hudson? Bi-Lingual Zoom Webinar (English-Spanish) **NOVEMBER 17, 2021, 7:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M.** Can you eat that fish from the Hudson? Did you know that due to chemical contamination, women and children should not eat any fish from the Hudson River? Or that certain fish are so contaminated, that nobody should eat them? Join us for a bi-lingual webinar in both English and Spanish to find out about the NYS Department of Health's Hudson River Fish Advisory, and learn about alternate locations in Rockland to catch fish the whole family can eat! Workshop leader: Jen Zunino-Smith, Environmental Educator from Cornell Cooperative Extension, Rockland County with a master's in Environmental Science from Pace University

Capturing the Moment: Seeing the Natural World in New Ways **DECEMBER 5, 2021, 10:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M.** Get hands-on practice experimenting with composition, angles, and basic camera settings to capture the landscapes and natural surroundings of Rockland County, and discuss equipment and editing techniques that can take your photography further. Workshop leader: Russ Kuhner, Freelance photographer with a master's in Environmental Science & Policy from Columbia University, and former Apple Store Photo Walk instructor

FOR MORE DETAILS OR TO REGISTER, EMAIL DCWORKSHOPS@DC.EDU



November 9: A Roundtable for Managers

People managers and HR professionals have a big role to play in creating fairer workplaces for all. Join us at 12 p.m. ET on Tuesday, November 9, 2021, as we engage a panel of managerial experts to share their insights, tips and success stories. Panelists include: Nupur Sutaria of Apple (above); Terehas Edwards, program manager at a technology company and 2017-18 AAUW Career Development Grantee; and Dr. Sandra Hampton, associate dean for general education at [a higher learning institution in New Jersey](#).

[REGISTER NOW](#)

Laura Cereta



Laura Cereta (September 1469 – 1499), was one of the great humanist and feminist writers of fifteenth-century Italy. Cereta was the first to put women's issues and her friendships with women front and center in her work. Cereta was one of the best scholars in Brescia, Verona, and Venice in 1488–92, known for her writing in the form of letters to other intellectuals. Her letters contained her personal matters and childhood memories, and discussed themes such as women's education, war, and marriage.

Like the first great humanist Petrarch, Cereta claimed to seek fame and immortality through her writing. It appeared that her letters were intended for a general audience.

☑ For daring to be a learned woman calling for better education for women, by the age of nineteen she was regularly harassed in the streets. In a letter to Cardinal Ascanio Maria Sforza, she writes that her *humilis oratio multorum sibi, conflavit invidiam, qui livoris dentes tanquam gladios in me*. ("humble oration stirred up the envy of a number of men, who cruelly sharpened the teeth of their spite against me"). As she left, they spat upon her- *sputis non sunt veriti dedecorare me* ("These men did not hesitate to dishonor me with their spittle").

Excerpts from <https://www.skyeshirley.com/blog> and https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Laura_Cereta

~Thanks to Patricia Lopez