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President's Message

While perusing the messages that we, (the Triad Presidents), have each written so far this year for FACETS, I noticed all of them contained an invitation for members to take an active part in our branch! We continue to encourage you to attend our monthly meetings, write an article for our newsletter, and this month – to ZOOM to our Holiday Party! (See more info inside.)

In October, we asked you to complete our technology survey, regarding your level of comfort in using ZOOM. We are asking EVERYONE to take or re-take the survey. We did not request names in the first survey – so thank you if you already completed it, but please take 3 minutes to fill it out again (www.surveymonkey.com/r/TD6DFXY) by December 7th. We want to get everyone on board!

In November, we out- did ourselves! Sandy Gordon was honored with a lifetime member award at Elmwood Playhouse. The Playhouse is back up and running: pick a play, pick a partner and enjoy an evening out. Anita and I attended the Scholarship Recognition Dinner at Dominican College and spent a delightful time meeting one of our 2021 scholarship recipients, Danielle Corry and her parents. Our Branch sponsored its 12th AAUW-NYSPE SSEC (Secondary School Engineering Conference) which was attended by nearly 50 area high school students, and Kate Nielson, AAUW National's Senior Director of Public Policy did a presentation on the past, present and future of LAF. We hosted 35 attendees including our NY State President and President-Elect.

There's more to come! Be sure to attend our Holiday Party on the 14th and mark your calendar for our January Branch meeting where our guest speaker, Mary McLean-Hely will discuss the effects of technology on women in the workplace. Looking back over this year, we ask, "Have we been faithful to our mission?" If you'd like to find out join us at our next (Zoom) Board Meeting on Dec. 7th to see what's going on.

Going forward into the year ahead, stay safe and stay connected. Invite a friend to join you in attending a meeting – or invite them just to join!

Working together,

Karen Martin

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, 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 (*Virtual*) 11:00 a.m.

Tuesday, March 8, 2022

Board Meeting – 7:00 p.m.*

Saturday, March 26, 2022

**Women's History Month Celebration
*Women in Education Administration***

Tuesday, April 12, 2022

Board Meeting – 7:00 p.m.*

Tuesday, April 26, 2022

Business/ Budget Meeting

Tuesday, May 10, 2022

Board Meeting – 7:00 p.m.*

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



The AAUW – Rockland Book Club will meet at a time and place to be announced due to renovations at the New City Public Library.

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Contact Fran Carlson for more information

**December 13, 2021 “The Midnight Library”, by Mark Hoeg
January 10, 2022 “The Girl with the Louding Voice”, by Abi Dare**

AAUW ROCKLAND’S



TUESDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2021 at 7:00 PM

Hosted by the EOF Committee

[Click HERE to Join](#) or Dial -In 646 876 9923

Meeting ID: 811 7309 2738 Passcode: 218216

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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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 has been mailed. If you would also like to have it emailed to you, please let me know. Sylvia Miller at auwsam@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.



January Branch Meeting, January 25, 2022 at 7:00PM

Mary McLean-Hely, Director of Dominican College Online, IT Coordinator and Professor of Computer Science will talk about the impact of technology on women in the workplace.



This month's Member Spotlight is on *Anita Nessin*

I'm born in the Bronx, but from the age of 9 grew up on Long Island. I attended Boston University for two years and finished my bachelor's degree at Queens College, CUNY with a major in English/Education. In September 1969, I started working for the NYC Board of Education in a Bronx junior high school just one year after a 2-month teacher strike which left many raw wounds in the community. In 1975, I participated in a 5-day teacher strike. Over the course of the next 35 years I was transferred to the high school level, got a master's degree in special education and one in educational supervision, took two childcare leaves to have my sons, got involved with a Tech Prep program, participated in, and then supervised a program in hospitality and tourism and retired after almost 30 years in the classroom as an English teacher.

I found retirement a bit boring, so I certified through BOCES as a medical assistant and worked in a couple of medical offices, primarily in a pediatrics office. I took another BOCES course and certified as a phlebotomist. A few years later, I got a Masters degree in holistic health and nutrition education and tried to start a business. I struggled with that for a few years but closed down when the pandemic hit.

One travel highlight was my trip to India. I participated in a volunteer program in New Delhi for 3 weeks then spent a week on my own in Jaipur. I now have a class C motorhome and hope to spend many happy weeks traveling this country.

Acting Presidents attend Dominican College Scholarship Recognition Dinner for Danielle Corry, AAUW Rockland 2021 Mimi Korb Scholarship Recipient



Karen Martin, Anita Nessin, Danielle Corry, Mrs. & Mr. Corry



The TRIAD would like all members to write a brief article about themselves for our new "Spotlight" byline so that we can get to know each other better. 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 Anita Nessin at triad.aauw@gmail.com

AAUW Celebrated 140 years of Research, Education, and Advocacy on November 18, 2021



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