



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



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## *President's Message*

### **Happy New Year, and Welcome to 2022!**

It seems really strange to say that. Can it really be 22 years since we worried that all the computers worldwide would fail as the 20<sup>th</sup> century turned into the 21<sup>st</sup>? Where did the time go? On top of that, numerous studies have shown that for many of us the pandemic has distorted our perception of the passage of time. Perhaps you are experiencing that also. Life has changed in many ways, but the camaraderie that can be found in AAUW has remained the same.

We had hoped that our holiday party this year might be in person, but that didn't work out. That said, Ellie planned a very fun party on Zoom, and those who attended had lots of laughs during our purse-based scavenger hunt. Karen provided board members with festive reindeer antlers and a good time was had by all. Our holiday gathering is a fund raiser for the Education and Training Fund, so if you haven't yet contributed, please go to [www.aauw.org](http://www.aauw.org) or mail your checks to:

**AAUW Development, PO Box 98045, Washington, D.C. 20090-8045.**

I hope you have **January 25, at 7:00 pm** marked on your calendar for our branch meeting. Our guest speaker, Mary McLean-Hely will discuss the effects of technology on women in the workplace.

The results of our computer interest survey indicated that there is interest in improving computer skills. If you are interested in working one on one with another member to improve your computer skills, send an email to [triad.aauw@gmail.com](mailto:triad.aauw@gmail.com). If you would like to see yourself in our "Member Spotlight" send a short autobiography and a picture to [triad.aauw@gmail.com](mailto:triad.aauw@gmail.com)

I don't make New Year's resolutions, but I do set an intention in a word or phrase to be mindful of for the coming year. Whatever you do, have a happy and safe New Year.

Working together,

*Anita Nessin*



**Would you like to join AAUW Rockland?**

**Check out our [website](#) or**

**Contact Elda Graff at [eldagraff@gmail.com](mailto:eldagraff@gmail.com)**

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

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| <b>Tuesday, January 11, 2022</b>   | <b>Board Meeting – 7:00 p.m.*</b>   |
| <b>Tuesday, January 25, 2022</b>   | <b>Branch Meeting – 7:00 p.m.</b>   |
| <b>Tuesday, February 8, 2022</b>   | <b>Board Meeting – 7:00 p.m.*</b>   |
| <b>Saturday, February 26, 2022</b> | <b>Diversity Brunch (<i>Virtual</i>) 11:00 a.m.</b>                                   |
| <b>Tuesday, March 8, 2022</b>      | <b>Board Meeting – 7:00 p.m.*</b>   |
| <b>Saturday, March 26, 2022</b>    | <b>Women’s History Month Celebration<br/><i>Women in Education Administration</i></b> |
| <b>Tuesday, April 12, 2022</b>     | <b>Board Meeting – 7:00 p.m.*</b>   |
| <b>Tuesday, April 26, 2022</b>     | <b>Business/ Budget Meeting</b>   |
| <b>Tuesday, May 10, 2022</b>       | <b>Board Meeting – 7:00 p.m.*</b>   |
| <b>Tuesday, May 24, 2022</b>       | <b>WOA Award Dinner</b>   |
| <b>Tuesday, June 14, 2022</b>      | <b>Board Meeting – 7:00 p.m.*</b>   |
| <b>Tuesday, June 28, 2022</b>      | <b>Scholarship Presentations – 7:00 p.m.</b>  |

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



The AAUW – Rockland Book Club will meet at the New City Public Library from 3:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Contact Betty Handelman for more info.

**ALL ARE WELCOME!**

*January 10, 2022 “The Girl with the Louding Voice”, by Abi Dare*

*February 14, 2022 “Beneath a Scarlet Sky”, by Mark Sullivan*



### **January Branch Meeting - January 25, 2022 at 7:00PM**

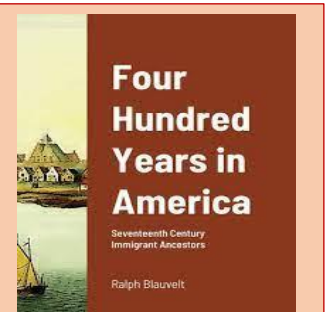
**Mary McLean-Hely, Director of Dominican College Online, IT Coordinator and Professor of Computer Science will discuss the impact of technology on women in the workplace.**

[Join Zoom Meeting](#) or Dial- In 646.876.9923

Meeting ID: 811 7309 2738 Passcode: 218216

### **Four Hundred Years in America**

Frances’ husband, Ralph Blauvelt will be giving a presentation at **the New City Library on January 18, at 2:00 p.m.**, discussing his new book, *Four Hundred Years in America*. It tells the story of selected seventeenth century immigrants who settled in the Dutch colony of New Netherland and in 1624 the city of New Amsterdam; which in 1664 was reborn to become the city of New York.



# 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](mailto: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](mailto: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:** It's that time of year again to nominate the following officers for two-year terms, 2022-2024. Maureen Brown will be the chairperson for the committee this year, so all communications should be directed to her email address, [mbrownsss74@gmail.com](mailto:mbrownsss74@gmail.com) or the committee members, Ellie Grossman, Suzanne Young-Mercer, and Sandy Masiello. Offices which will be open for nominations are:

**President-** The Triad's "term" is over as of July 1, 2022. We need someone to take this position. (A new "team" of presidents is another possibility)

**Vice-President of Membership-** We hope Elda Graff will continue to serve her second term.

**Recording Secretary-** April Biggs has finished her third term (six years), and we need someone else to fill that position. Please think about joining the board, helping us to continue our great work

***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.***

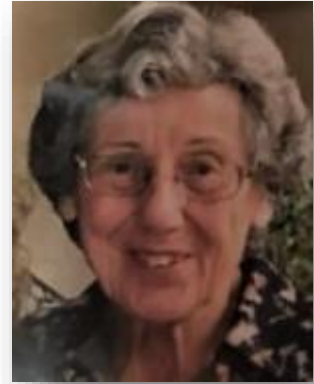
***By joining AAUW, you belong to a community that breaks through economic barriers, so that all women and girls have a fair chance.***

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

***Charlotte Forger***



A Short Summary of a Long Life

I was born in the Bronx, attended James Monroe High School and commuted to Hunter College by subway. Biology was my major and Chemistry my minor. Following graduation, I continued my education in Bio & Chem and teaching courses at CCMU for an MA and shortly began my 25-year career as a NYC high school science teacher.

During those years I became a wife, a mother of a daughter and a son and a homeowner in Rockland County. My husband who had worked in Manhattan opened an importing business here in Spring Valley. We employed several local high school students, and after my retirement from teaching I worked in the business. Four years later my husband died and I took over the business – my second career! We supplied various items to pharmaceutical companies, large corporations like UPS and FedEx and several catalogs that could be imprinted with company logos and advertising messages. Our sources were overseas and so I attended a number of huge, multi-day trade shows for advertising specialties- interesting and exhausting, in Germany and Italy. I finally sold the business to one of my customers and retired for the 2<sup>nd</sup> time.

Now I had time for the gym, card playing and socializing. In my 2<sup>nd</sup> year of teaching I saved some money and used it for a 6 week trip to Mexico. It was the start of my travels throughout my life. My 27-day trip to China and Tibet was probably the most interesting and exciting. There were trips to many parts of the US and 35 countries on all continents. Machu Pichu and the Galapagos stand out from some of those trips. I think I got the travel bug from my father who also traveled to see the world.

One day I saw an announcement in the local paper for a science lecture at an AAUW meeting, so I attended. Thus began the next part of my life as a volunteer member, treasurer, VP, and President of Rockland AAUW, making friends with some of the best and smartest women I know to further our mission.

*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](mailto:triad.aauw@gmail.com)*

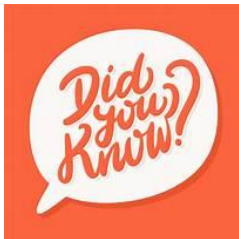
## 2021 AAUW ALUMNAE RECOGNITION AWARDEE – DR. NGOZI OKONJO-IWEALA

The AAUW Alumnae Recognition Award honors a past recipient of an AAUW fellowship or grant who has attained outstanding success and distinction in their chosen profession. Through this award, which was established in 2013, AAUW also recognizes the accomplishments of alumnae who inspire women and girls and advance our mission of achieving gender equity.



Dr. Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala is a global finance expert, economist and international development professional with over 30 years of experience working in Asia, Africa, Europe, Latin America and North America. A 1977-78 AAUW International Fellow, she received her Ph.D. in regional economics and development from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. She served twice as Nigeria’s Finance Minister and shortly as Foreign Minister in 2006, the first woman to hold both positions. Currently, she is Director-General of the World Trade Organization, the first African and first woman to serve in that role.

Dr. Okonjo-Iweala has worked with countless government agencies, international organizations, corporate boards and non-profits to make a difference in global environmental sustainability and human welfare. She has received numerous recognitions, as well as honorary degrees from 15 universities worldwide. She co-authored a book, [Women and Leadership: Real Lives, Real Lessons](#), with former Australian Prime Minister Julia Gillard. In 2021, Dr. Okonjo-Iweala was named one of *Time* magazine’s 100 Most Influential People



*Eleanor Roosevelt was an active member of AAUW, joining in 1929. She never attended college.*

### Holiday Greetings from one of our Scholarship Recipients...

*I hope you all are well! I just wanted to write and let you know that I just passed the first semester of school! It was certainly challenging, but I enjoyed it so much. I wanted to thank you all so much again for believing in me and for giving me the opportunity of going back to school. I enjoyed every minute of it and am so appreciative. ♡ (sic)*

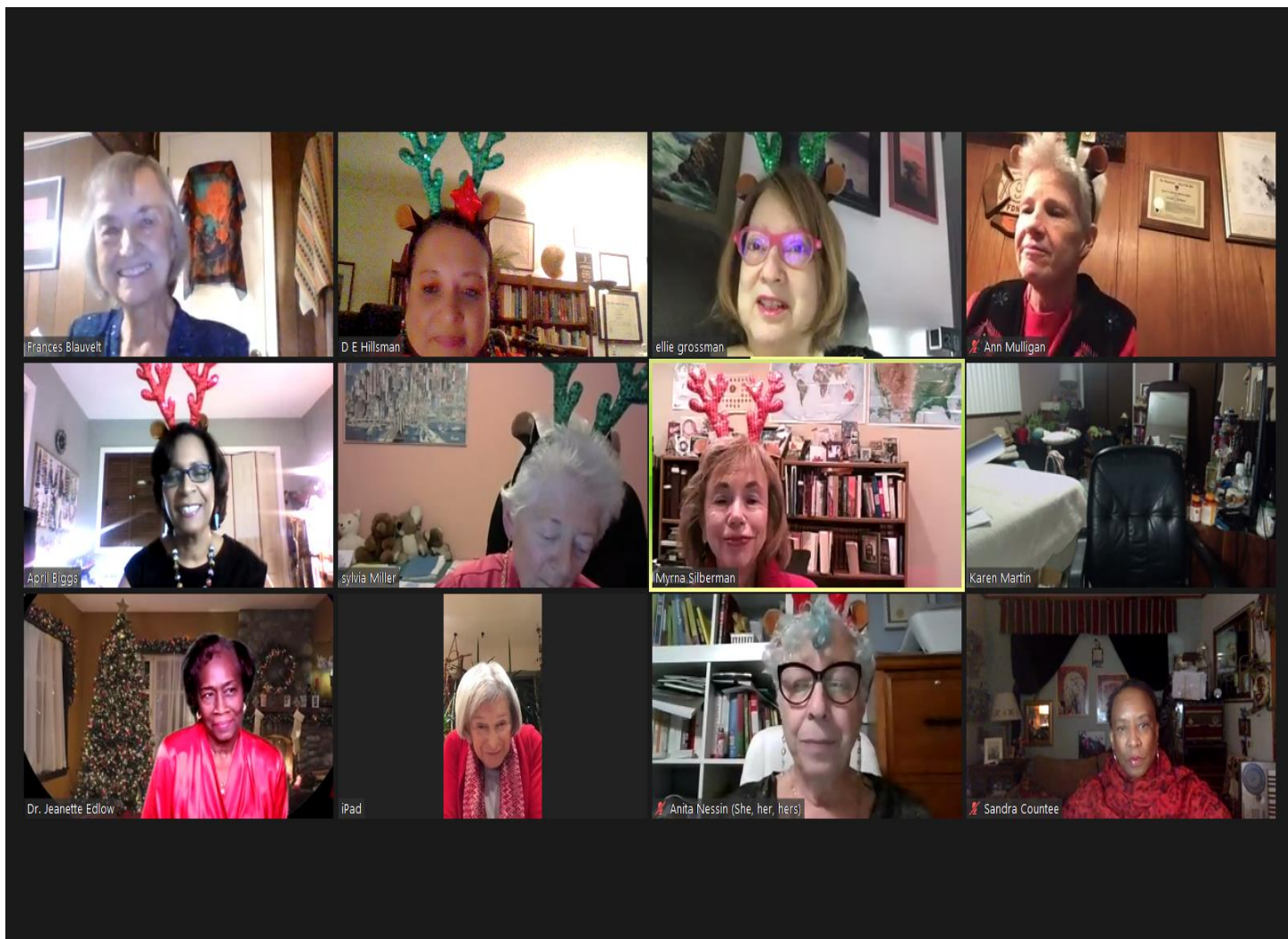
*Wishing you ladies a beautiful holiday season and the happiest, healthiest New Year and all the best to come!*

*I will keep in touch,*

*Carina (Genova)*

# EOF VIRTUAL HOLIDAY PARTY

December 14, 2021



Frances Blauvelt  
April Biggs  
Dr. Jeanette Edlow

Doria Hillsman  
Sylvia Miller  
Elda Graff

Ellie Grossman  
Myrna Silberman  
Anita Nessin

Ann Mulligan  
Karen Martin (not shown)  
Sandra Countee

If you would **STILL** like to contribute, 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.

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