



The American Association of University Women (AAUW) Bedford-Lexington Branch invites you to a panel of Travel Industry Professionals. The program will take place at 7 pm in the meeting room of the Bedford Free Public Library, 7 Mudge Way. The meeting is open to the public.

Please join AAUW Bedford-Lexington Branch for a panel discussion of travel tips and get recommendations from two local members who are also travel professionals. With over 50 years in the travel industry, Karen Bragaw and Helene Rosenthal will share their personal recommendations to get the most out of your next travel experience.

Karen Bragaw got the travel bug early, while majoring in Journalism at the Ohio State University and spending a semester overseas in Europe. She has spent much of the past 45 years traveling, with 20 years as an Air Force officer and 23 years as a travel and expense management executive with American Express. She is now officially retired, and she and her husband have been adding new travel destinations as often as possible.

Helene Rosenthal, a native New Yorker, lived on Long Island for 39 years before moving to Bedford 4 ½ years ago. As a business major, she decided on a teaching career. She began teaching in Brooklyn, and when she moved to Long Island taught high school and AP college courses at Smithtown High School. Helene was the head of the business department before she retired after 34 years of teaching. Helene traveled and planned very detailed vacations for herself. Soon people asked for her help in planning their vacations. That was the catalyst for going into the travel business in which she has been engaged as a travel agent for the past 30 years. Since then, she's been to all seven continents and over 135 countries; she's still going strong

Helene and Karen will be going over a range of topics, including:

- How to avoid the unexpected and what to do when things go wrong
- Avoid being ripped off
- How to pack properly
- The airline loses your baggage
- Money exchange tips
- Communication while traveling

The Bedford-Lexington AAUW Branch is a local organization working collaboratively for educational, economic and social equity for all women and girls.