



Local Women Of Leadership Past and Present



FRANCES PRATT
RETIRED PRESIDENT AFTER 40
YEARS OF THE NYACK NAACP
&
A NURSE FOR 53 YEARS AT
NYACK HOSPITAL

Francis Pratt was president of the village's NAACP branch for 40 years, When Pratt — who worked 53 years as a nurse at Nyack Hospital, including as head nurse in the E.R. — was elected to her first term as Nyack NAACP president in 1980, Ronald Reagan had just been elected. "It would not be Nyack without a Frances Pratt," Hazel Dukes said. "She knows how to interact with every segment of the community. She has made Nyack a place where people can dialogue, have differences and come together for the betterment of a community. She's a good negotiator, a listener and a doer and she's made that community what it is today." She received the Hazel N. Dukes Distinguished Leadership Award on Saturday, April 6, 2019. More information about Dr. Frances Pratt is in Bill Batson's Nyack Sketch Log here: [Dr. Frances Pratt Steps Down, Nikki Hines Steps Up at Nyack NAACP](#)