**“RUNNING AND WINNING” OFF TO A GOOD START**

It’s a very good feeling to be welcomed into our local high schools and to find such receptivity to our new League program “Running and Winning.” This program brings together 6 to 8 junior and senior girls from each of the area high schools for an opportunity to meet and interview women legislators and to engage in “campaign” activity on a subject of interest. (Subjects of interest can range from “Should civil liberties be abridged during a national crisis?” to “Should there be drilling for oil on environmentally sensitive lands?”) In addition to exposing the girls to successful women as role models, the program also exposes the girls to girls from other area schools and fosters networking.

The very active and dedicated “Running Team” includes Arlene Hinkemeyer, Arlene Makl, Joy Lupoletti, Beth Barth, Ursula Lynch, Jane Dell, Jane Lapple, Anne Marshall, Terri Levin-Davgin, Afton DiSunno, and myself. We will be welcoming new members, Saundra Escuder and Mary Blake, at our next meeting on October 31 (9:30 a.m., Rogers Memorial Library).

Where are we now? Well, as of Thursday, October 16, we have commitments from Hampton Bays, Southampton, Bridgehampton, and East Hampton High Schools. Members have meetings scheduled before October 31 with...

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LWVH invites you to a free public forum on

**The Riverhead Resorts Plan in Calverton**

Hear all points of view on the project.

Bring your questions for the panel:

**Phil Cardinalle**, Supervisor, Town of Riverhead  
**Robert DeLuca**, President, Group for the East End  
**Patricia Manzi**, Pine Barrens Site Director, The Nature Conservancy  
**Mitch Pally**, Attorney, representing Riverhead Resorts  
**Brenda Prusinowski**, Deputy Commissioner of Planning, Town of Brookhaven

**Monday, November 10, 2008, 7:00 p.m.**

**Southampton Town Senior Center in Hampton Bays**  
25 Ponquogue Avenue, across from Hampton Bays Post Office  
(Parking is behind Senior Center, in King Kullen Shopping Center)

For further information on the meeting, call the LWVH at (631) 283-2638.
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*The League of Women Voters of the Hamptons*

Mission Statement
The League of Women Voters of the Hamptons, a nonpartisan political organization, encourages the informed and active participation of citizens in government, and influences public policy through education and advocacy.

Diversity Policy
The League of Women Voters of the Hamptons, in both its values and practices, is committed to diversity and pluralism. This means that there shall be no barriers to participation in any activity of the League on the basis of economic position, gender, race, creed, age, sexual orientation, national origin or disability. The League of Women Voters of the Hamptons recognizes that diverse perspectives are important and necessary for responsible and representative decision-making. The League of Women Voters of the Hamptons subscribes to the belief that diversity and pluralism are fundamental to the values it upholds and that inclusiveness enhances the organization’s ability to respond more effectively to changing conditions and needs. The League of Women Voters of the Hamptons affirms its commitment to reflecting the diversity of the East End.

Membership
Any person who supports the mission of the League may become a member.

*The Voter Newsletter*
The newsletter of the Hamptons League, *The Voter*, is dedicated to bringing useful information, background, perspective and commentary on public policy issues confronting League members and other community citizens in Southampton and East Hampton, Suffolk County and the State of New York. It explores the work of the League to promote positive solutions, and it empowers people to make a difference in their communities.

*The Voter* is published ten times a year by the League of Women Voters of the Hamptons, P. O. Box 2253, East Hampton, NY 11937.

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PROPOSAL NUMBER ONE, AN AMENDMENT

Amendment to Article 5, section 6 of the Constitution, in relation to additional civil service credit for members of the armed forces of the United States.

The proposed amendment would eliminate the requirement that veterans who were disabled in the actual performance of duty in any war be receiving disability payments from the United States Veterans Administration in order to qualify for additional points on a civil service examination for appointment or promotion. Under the proposed amendment, the disability must only be certified to exist by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs. The proposed amendment would also update the reference to the “United States Veterans Administration” to instead refer to the “United States Department of Veterans Affairs” to reflect current federal government structure. Shall the proposed amendment be approved?

Discussion

Applicants for many jobs in New York state and local government are required to take a civil service examination, and applicants are appointed or promoted to these positions based on their scores on the examination. Disabled veterans who were disabled in the actual performance of duty in any war also receive a defined amount of extra points on these examinations to increase their scores, giving them preferential status on the lists of those who qualify.

The purpose of the proposal is to eliminate the requirement that disabled veterans be receiving disability payments from the federal government in order to qualify for additional credit on civil service examinations.

The State Constitution currently requires two things for the disabled veteran to qualify for the additional points: 1) the veteran must be receiving disability payments from the United States Veterans Administration; and 2) the United States Veterans Administration must certify that the veteran’s disability exists at the time that the veteran applies for appointment of promotion.

The proposed amendment would eliminate the first requirement – that a veteran who was disabled in the actual performance of duty in any war be receiving disability payments from the federal veterans department in order to qualify for additional points on a civil service examination. Instead, the proposed amendment would only require that the United States Department of Veterans Affairs certify that the veteran’s disability exists at the time that the veteran applies for appointment or promotion.

The proposed amendment would also change the reference to the “United States Veterans Administration” currently in this section to the “United States Department of Veterans Affairs” to reflect the Veterans Administration’s re-designation as the Department of Veterans Affairs under Federal Law.

Pro: There is a long history (indeed, since the Civil War) of veterans, particularly disabled veterans, being afforded preferential treatment in qualifying for and being retrained for positions in the civilian world. Preferential treatment is recognition of veterans’ sacrifice and service to our country, and also serves to make military service more attractive. Voting against this amendment will continue the status quo, which makes it harder for disabled veterans to qualify for additional points on civil service examinations. This in turn makes it harder for them to be appointed or promoted to positions in the civil service.

Con: The League can identify no arguments against this proposal.

Anne K. Marshall, Chair 537-3257
The busy Voter Services Committee headed by Anne Marshall organized three debates in October. The first was the standing-room-only Congressional Candidates Debate on October 16 at the Southampton Town Senior Center in Hampton Bays. Moderator was LWVH member Joy Lupoletti at the podium. On right are the candidates, Congressman Tim Bishop and Lee Zeldin. Posing the questions was a panel of newspaper editors—David Rattray of the *East Hampton Star*, Joe Shaw of the *Southampton Press*, and Bryan Boyhan of the *Sag Harbor Express*. The questions covered a wide range of subjects including the economy, earmarks, education, immigration, health care, energy, social security, and the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. (*Photo by Arlene Hinkemeyer.*)
# NOVEMBER 2008

*Note: Meeting dates and times are subject to change. Please confirm with committee chairperson.*

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Natural Resources

The Natural Resources Committee will host the November member meeting, which will take place on November 10 at the Southampton Town Senior Center in Hampton Bays at 7:00 p.m. There will be a panel discussion of Riverhead Resorts, a theme park being planned at the former Grumman aircraft site at Enterprise Park in Calverton (EPCAL) in the Town of Riverhead. This is a controversial project which has engendered strong objections from environmental and civic groups, but which is being supported by Riverhead Town because of the potential revenue and jobs that the project could create.

The panel members will include: Philip Cardinale, Riverhead Town Supervisor; Mitch Pally, an attorney representing Riverhead Resorts; Robert DeLuca, President of the Group for the East End; Patricia Manzi of the Nature Conservancy; and Brenda Prusinowski, Deputy Commissioner of Planning for the Town of Brookhaven.

This promises to be an interesting and exciting evening. Please attend.

2008 UN BRIEFINGS—GLOBAL WARMING

On Tuesday, December 2, 2008, the New York State League will sponsor its annual briefings at the United Nations. This year’s event will be “Briefings on the Impact of Global Warming on Women and Children Around the World.” The briefings will begin with an optional tour and lunch in the delegate’s dining room, with the briefings to follow in the afternoon. The cost is $55 for League members, $45 for students, and $70 for others.

In conjunction with this year’s briefing, the League is pleased to offer individual sponsorships for $250. Each individual sponsor will be listed as a patron in the program and will receive a complementary ticket for the tour, lunch, and admission to the briefings.

More information and the registration form can be found on page 15.

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Westhampton Beach, Pierson Sag Harbor, and the Ross School. We are pushing to run the program on Thursday, May 21, at the Southampton Cultural Center. Each of the schools can provide transportation and most likely will be sending teachers to be facilitators.

Nancy Lynott of Southampton Youth Services has said that the Town will help us by doing xeroxing of material and waiving the fee for rental of the space. We will also be applying for a Human Services Grant to obtain funds for the breakfast and lunch that we will be providing for the attendees. Committee members are also approaching banks and other companies for possible contributions.

Stay tuned for further developments and contact me at 283-0759 or rothhandj@yahoo.com for information.

Written by Judi Roth
REGISTRATION FORM
The League of Women Voters of New York State
in association with
The United Nations Department of Public Information
(additional co-sponsors to be named at a later date)

INVITE YOU TO ATTEND

BRIEFINGS ON THE IMPACT OF GLOBAL WARMING
ON WOMEN AND CHILDREN AROUND THE WORLD

Tuesday, December 2, 2008 from 1:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
at the United Nations Headquarters in NYC – First Avenue at 46th Street

(*LWVNYS Registration Desk will be open from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m., Briefings will start promptly at 1:30 p.m.*)

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☐ 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Optional Lunch Buffet in the Delegates’ Dining Room
   Includes International Buffet, Dessert Bar and Coffee/Tea only $ 40
   The Delegates’ Dining Room Staff have reserved for this event tables of 10
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   $55 League Members or Members of Sponsoring Organizations
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REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS NOVEMBER 18, 2008

www.lwv-suffolkcounty.org/Hamptons.htm
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Possible Solutions

Various studies have been made to find solutions to the cost of running the facility. Previous County Executives have proposed privatization, transfer to Social Services, and the creation of a separate Department of Infirmary Services. Because of the Legislature’s commitment to protecting the public health and safety of Suffolk residents, Local Law 20-1997 of the Administrative Code established specific requirements and procedures for changes in the delivery of services performed by the Department of Health Services, including the Skilled Nursing Facility. It established requirements and procedures for consideration of any initiatives to replace services by the SCDOHS with services provided by another entity (quasi-public or private) to ensure the highest level of scrutiny to any such proposal.

Other studies of the Nursing Facility include the Suffolk County Blue Ribbon Commission in 1997, the JJFSNF Task Force Report in 2004, and the 2008 report by consultants Horan, Martell and Morrone (HMM). The recent Berger Commission did not mention the JJFSNF, although it did recommend a reduction of the number of nursing home beds and a shift of resources to the home and community-based services and supportive housing need categories. There are currently 8,781 current nursing home beds in Suffolk County, already below the Berger recommendations, and utilization is higher than expected; the Budget Review Office projects that the expected demand for nursing home beds will increase to 13,500 by 2016, based on state nursing home utilization by age cohort.

Impact on patients if facility is closed

If agreement is reached on closing the facility, will voluntary and proprietary homes be willing to accept patients from the JJFSNF? Of the 530 empty beds (estimated at the end of March 2008 by the Center of Medicaid and Medicare Services), 90 beds are in continuing care retirement facilities, which have rates that are too high for current JJFSNF residents, 37 beds are in facilities that already have occupancy greater than 97%, and 127 beds are in homes that lost money in 2008 and that will suffer greater losses if they accept more Medicaid patients. In the event that the nursing home is closed, it is likely that some patients could be placed in facilities outside of Suffolk County or off Long Island. How long will it take, and what will be the impact of moving patients to locations far from their families?

Some options presented by B.R.O.

It may be possible to minimize the General Fund subsidy by adding to the resources:

--About $1.6 million from rebasing Medicaid from 1983-2002, a one-time revenue
--Cost savings through more efficient operation of the facility and improvements made possible by a grant from the NYS Dormitory Authority recently awarded to JJFSNF
--Resumption of Medicare Part B billing for physical and occupational therapy
--Improved relations with feeder hospitals
--Recognition as a provider by insurers such as Suffolk County Employee Medical Health Plan and Tri-Care

These initiatives, all underway or expected, will make it possible for the new Director to use the year 2009 as a year to invest resources into the facility. If there is also an increase in the General Fund transfer of $4.5 million, it will make it possible for the County to subsidize the facility at a reduced rate in 2010 of $6 million. (The projection of $15 million in the County Executive’s Recommended Budget does not reflect recent increases in MA and Medicaid, and includes increased staffing.) Also, additional costs will be incurred if closure takes place:

--Loss of reimbursement from Medicaid for $25 million in debt service for 18 years
--Obligation for employee health insurance for 165 retirees
--$7.9 million to refit the facility

Other options for raising funds to subsidize the JJFSNF include:

--Raising money through a surcharge on non-publicly-owned nursing homes
--Enacting a health district property tax levy or sales tax
--Creating a public benefit corporation with JJFSNF partnering with a hospital or health clinics
--Contracting out the management and operation of the facility or outsourcing some or all of the functions
--Selling the assets to a nonprofit or profit provider and transferring the bed license (it would be advisable to require prospective buyers to have the ability to maintain the existing level of hard-to-place patients.) Would a new provider replace the current workforce with lower cost employees?

Impact on staff if facility is closed

Another issue in the decision to close the facility is its staff who would have to find other positions or retire. There is a question of how to abolish all 379 positions mentioned by the County Executive’s budget (actually 283 positions were filled as of October 5, 2008) and how long it will take? The procedures of the Civil Service Law provide an orderly procedure based on seniority and permanent competitive status to determine the impact of bump and retreat. Some labor class titles, such as Food Service Worker, are unique to the Skilled Nursing Facility.

Nancy Marr
The full text of the BRO report is available at www.lwvsuffolkcounty.org.
SUMMARY OF LWVH BOARD MEETING  
September 3, 2008

Information Items
• Congratulations were extended to: Anne Marshall on the handling of the judges debate; to Maura Lester from Lisa Scott on the quality of The Voter; to Arlene Hinkemeyer for volunteering to hold a workshop to help the LWVSC with publicity; to Emoke Forman from the LWVNYS for the great tee shirts; to Arlene Makl for the honor of being invited to join the LWVNYS board.
• We received a thank you letter from the Betty Desch Award winner.

Discussion Items
• After discussion, the Board decided on the following as our recommendations for the NYS legislative priorities: updating voting processes; energy efficiency and alternative energy; property tax reform in funding of schools.
• Anne Marshall reported that volunteers agreed to be at voting sites on November 4 to hand out “I Have Voted Today” stickers. She also reviewed plans for the upcoming debates on October 16, 23, and 30.
• The Board decided not to become involved in the Women’s Initiative for Sustainable Earth Conference at this time but we would like to be kept informed.
• Assemblyman Fred Thiele will speak at the Sunday, November 9, Post-Election Brunch at the Bellport Country Club. All are encouraged to attend. LWVH will donate $100 to the LWVSC to defray the costs of their sponsorship of the brunch.

Special Committee Reports
• Annual Meeting 2009: Sue Wilson and Arlene Makl will meet with the director of Long House Reserve to discuss the possibility of using this location for our Annual Meeting.
• Running and Winning: Judi Roth and Anne Marshall met with the superintendent and other officials of Hampton Bays High School to discuss the Running and Winning program. The attendees favored a program date before Spring break, that is, April 2. Southampton town was approached about funding the project, and the response was an offer of free photocopying and facilities usage. The estimated budget for this program is between $1500 and $3000. We expect about 60 student attendees.
• Town Government Study: The Town Government Study Committee plans to look into towns in NYS that have town managers and interview them.

Committee Reports
• Special Events: The LWVH has challenged WLNG, WEHM, and WLIU and their listeners to “A Trivia Challenge” planned for Sunday, November 16, to benefit the expansion of Southampton Hospital’s EMR. The committee is working on further plans for this event. [Editor’s Note: The “Trivia Challenge” has been postponed to a future date to be determined.]
• Natural Resources: The committee reported that planning for the November 10 members’ meeting on the proposed resort complex in Riverhead is moving forward. There will be five panelists representing the pros and cons of this development.
• Education: The Betty Desch Leadership Award applications will be distributed shortly. It was reported that Vote 18 has gone nationwide with a strong response in Alabama and Oregon.
• Health: The next Health Committee is on October 20, and Nancy Marr from the Suffolk County League Health Committee will attend.
• Publicity: Arlene Hinkemeyer will give a PR workshop for the Suffolk County League.

The Christmas Party will be on December 8. The next Board meeting will be on November 5, 2008, at 7:00 p.m., Bridgehampton National Bank meeting room. All are invited to attend.

Submitted by Joy Lupoletti

Membership

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WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS

Saundra Escuder
74 Oakview Highway, East Hampton, NY 11937

Originally from Michigan, Saundra came to the New York region years ago. During the Cuomo administration, she served as NY State Deputy Secretary of State and has retained an intense interest in politics and government service. Hence, since joining the League this summer, she’s decided to work on the “Running and Winning” program that teams women elected officials with high school/college women interested in running for office. Saundra, a full-time resident of East Hampton, works in real estate management and sales, most recently at a resort in Montauk.

Anita Shelton
35 Fanning Avenue, East Hampton, NY 11937

The League of Women Voters is the first organization Anita joined after recently retiring from a business career and moving full time to her home in East Hampton. She plans to help the Voter Services Committee as well as eventually working with children in some volunteer capacity. She’s also launched a new career as a teacher of Italian, her first language. “I’m learning to relax and enjoy retirement,” Anita says.

Delores Zebrowski
P.O. Box 204, Sag Harbor, NY 11963

Delores is retired after a career in nursing, first in the military and then as Director of Nursing at Southampton Hospital. She joined the League of Women Voters after liking what she heard at our luncheon last June “Celebrating Women in Public Office.” She lives year-round in Sag Harbor.

Written by Judy Samuelson
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