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## The League Of Women Voters and *Iron-Jawed Angels*

In honor of the 90th birthday of the League of Women Voters, the League of Women Voters of the Hamptons will be showing the movie *Iron-Jawed Angels* on July 12, 2010, at 7:00 p.m. at the Ross School on Goodfriend Drive, East Hampton. Please join us at 6:30 for light refreshments.

HBO's *Iron-Jawed Angels* recounts for a modern audience a key chapter in U.S. history: the story of suffragists who fought for the right to vote. The movie focuses on two young women, Alice Paul and Lucy Burns, and their fight to build on the previous work of the National American Women's Suffrage Association (NAWSA).

In 1900, Carrie Chapman Catt, founder of the League of Women Voters, succeeded Susan B. Anthony as the NAWSA president. Anthony saw in Catt the passion and strength needed to keep the women's suffrage movement on track. As president, Catt created a highly organized movement by enhancing the organization and educating people about the movement. Catt sought to reach out to all women, regardless of party, to help win equal voting rights.

One of the many women inspired by Catt's enthusiasm and passion for women's suffrage was Alice Paul. Paul felt that the fight for women's rights was one that required passion. She advocated tactics that were more radical and attention grabbing. The position that Catt and NAWSA held in the fight for women's suffrage allowed Paul to branch off and create the National Women's Party. Although the two groups were separate, they were unified by their common goal.

For Catt, suffragists' strategy was to galvanize support from within the states for the introduction of an amendment to Congress. This state-by-state support would then guarantee the amendment's passage and ratification. The involvement had to be at all levels to be effective; she stated, "we must do both and do them together." Her plan was to introduce women's suffrage legislation at the beginning of the state legislative sessions, thereby taking the opposition by surprise and not allowing them to establish the resources to create an opposing campaign.

Catt proposed the idea for a League of Women Voters to enable others

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### GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

*Special Viewing Of The Emmy  
Award-Winning HBO Production*

### *Iron-Jawed Angels*

JULY 12, 2010

7:00 PM

Refreshments at 6:30

Ross School, Lecture Hall  
Senior Thesis Building  
9 Goodfriend Drive (off Route 114),  
East Hampton

**ALL ARE WELCOME**

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.

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## President's Message

*Keep gittin' in the way.*

-Address of U.S. Congressman John Lewis (D-GA) to National Convention of the League of Women Voters

We just returned from the National Convention where Terri Levin Davgin and I spent five days immersed in everything League. A full report will be sent out to those of you for whom I have e-mail addresses and will be posted on the website. A shorter report will be included in the next *Voter*. For now, some impressions and observations.

Congressman John Lewis, a stalwart of the civil rights movement, exhorted us, as an organization, to "Just keep gittin' in the way" of people who say we cannot change the way things are, of impediments to good government, of those who would deny equal rights and opportunities to all, of those who oppose change and innovation. I truly believe that the convention demonstrated that we have taken, are taking, and will take those words of advice from Congressman Lewis to heart.

The League leapt forward on several important issues: through concurrences, we adopted a position in favor of Marriage Equality for same-gender couples and in favor of the National Popular Vote as one acceptable way in which to achieve popular election of the President of the United States. Through resolution, we made strong statements on support of safe drilling and mining for energy resources, on the responsibility for clean-up of the oil in the Gulf, on further progress toward a single-payer system for health insurance, in favor of limiting (not eliminating) the use of the filibuster in the Senate, in favor of relaxed restrictions on travel to Cuba, and to add the principle of transparency to our SARA (Secure, Accurate, Recountable, Accessible) Resolution defining our guiding principles on election systems. We adopted two studies: on the federal role in education, and on privatization: the policy agenda to transfer governmental functions to the private sector.

In adopting this ambitious program and agenda, the League showed that it will continue to "git in the way" of those who would treat some of our citizens as unequal, who would place the acquisition of energy above, rather than alongside, the need to preserve our environment, of those who would resist improvements to our election and electoral systems, and of those who say that the hard issues—such as the place of the federal government in public education and the advisability of using the private sector to provide governmental services—are too complicated for the League to study.

One of the most remarkable things about our national convention is that we accomplished all of this work without gittin' in each other's way. The conversations, debate, and discussions were robust and yet civil. Our members know how to acknowledge, listen to, and respect the ideas of others, whether there is agreement on the position taken or not. It is a glorious process to watch, and I am so proud to be a part of this organization.

Carol Mellor 537-6998

### League Urges Strong Support for Action to Counter Recent Supreme Court Decision

The LWVUS and LWVNYS have strong records of supporting campaign finance reform. Over the past decade our own Hamptons League Government Committee has lobbied in Albany for such action, and campaign finance reform continues to be one of the priorities of the state League. That issue has taken on added urgency with a recent U.S. Supreme Court decision allowing corporate and union donations to campaigns. As highlighted on the LWVUS website with additional publicity in their newsletter, the following rationale combines the need for legislation in three related areas.

**In the wake of *Citizens United vs. FEC (2010)*, which threw out vital protections against corporate and union spending in elections, the League's Money and Elections work takes even greater precedence. While special interest money was always a concern in elections, corporations—including foreign corporations—may now intervene directly in elections, taking power away from voters. To mitigate the corruption that will inevitably increase following the Court's tragic mistake, the League strongly supports legislation that will enhance disclosure, fix the public financing system for presidential candidates, and establish congressional public financing.**

An article by LWVUS President Mary Wilson, *5 Reasons to Take Back Our Elections* (reprinted below), succinctly but strongly gives us motivation to take action and support such legislation.

*Earlier this year the Supreme Court handed down a far-reaching decision allowing corporations and unions to spend unlimited advertising funds in candidate elections. Making matters worse, Citizens United v. FEC allows this unlimited spending to be done in secret! Fair and clean elections, determined by the votes of American citizens, should be at the center of our democracy. The League has taken up this cause, and now we're asking our supporters to join us in the fight. Here are 5 reasons you should add your voice to this debate:*

*1. Secret money has no place in American democracy. Corporations and unions should not be allowed to spend money in elections without full disclosure to the American public. The role of the voter—not the corporation or organization—in determining elections must be protected.*

*2. Corporations and unions should have to stand by their ads. When huge sums are spent to urge voters to take a certain action through advertisements, it should be clear who footed the bill. The "stand by your ad" system in elections works for candidates—we need it in place for corporate America too.*

*3. Federal bailout money should stay out of electioneering. Companies that receive federal bailouts should not be able to spend money in elections. This is a clear conflict of interest that is even more damaging without full disclosure.*

*4. Coordinated spending should be open spending. When a candidate, corporation or union gets together to encourage voters to support or oppose a candidate, it should be clear who paid for any advertising or media.*

*5. Foreign corporations should never have a hand in American elections. As it currently stands, Citizens United allows foreign corporations to spend unlimited amounts of money, secretly, on campaign advertising to influence the outcome of elections. A company controlled from outside the United States should not spend huge sums to support or oppose candidates.*

*Legislation to require disclosure of corporate and union electioneering, known as the DISCLOSE Act, has been introduced in the House and Senate, and the League of Women Voters is strongly supporting this bill. Our elected officials must protect the rights of voters. Congress must pass a fair and balanced bill before the 2010 elections to ensure these rights. Your voice matters: Encourage your Senators and Representative to support campaign finance reform today.*

*Thanks,  
Mary G. Wilson, President, LWVUS  
P.S. Join in the conversation on the League's Facebook page.*

## Special Events Committee

Thanks to everyone who helped make LWWH's celebration of the League's 90th birthday a huge success.

Special thanks to:

- ▶ Songwriter and activist Sandy Rapp who got our re-creation of a suffragette rally off to a rousing start with her moving song: "Remember Rose: A Song for Choice"
- ▶ Ron Vissallo, of Apple Honda for lending us the eco-friendly Honda Crosstour
- ▶ Lt. Ryan of The Southampton Village Police Department for his help with traffic control
- ▶ Kristen Lonnie of the Southampton Cultural Center

- ▶ Eileen Musarra, Southampton Village Deputy Clerk
- ▶ Alissa Smith of SMITH and the three models who staged our mini-fashion show featuring "green" clothing and a glimpse of young summer fashions

Thanks to the members of the Special Events Committee who are always there to get the job done: Stanley Badzinski, Joy Cordery, Terri and Rich Davgin, Eموke Forman, Arlene Hinkemeyer, Mireille and Peter Lister, George and Ursula Lynch, Arlene and Gene Makl, Carol Mellor, Gladys Remler, and Joanne Samborn.

Susan Wilson, Chair - 631/283-6549 & 631/495-9288



1st ROW, L-R

On the occasion of the LWWUS 90th anniversary, Southampton Town Board member Nancy Graboski presented a town proclamation to the Hamptons LWWV. Also attending with a proclamation was a representative of State Senator Kenneth LaValle.

Past presidents of the LWWH were honored at the celebration. Gathered on the steps of the Southampton Cultural Center were, left to right, Jacqui Lofaro, Joy Lupoletti, Sandra Ferguson, Barbara Jordan, Susan Wilson and Carol Mellor.

2nd Row, L-R

Looking to the future, the Suffragette Rally featured an Apple Honda Crosstour fuel-efficient car carrying young women dressed in "green" garb from Smith's in Southampton.

Recipient of the 2010 Carrie Chapman Catt Award for service to the Hamptons League was longtime LWWH treasurer Eموke Forman, left.

*Photographs by Arlene Hinkemeyer and Joanne Samborn*

## Special Events Committee



Top, L-R  
Events Committee Chair Susan Wilson welcome mem-  
bers and friends to the event.

Singer/songwriter Sandy Rapp of East Hampton per-  
formed two songs about women's rights.

LWWH Education Committee member Beth Barth presen-  
ted the Betty Desch Student Leadership Award of \$1,000

to Katelyn Boyle of Speonk, a senior at Westhampton  
Beach H.S.

Above  
LWWH Special Events chair Susan Wilson organized and  
emceed the "Women's Suffragette Rally" on the steps of  
the Southampton Cultural Center.

*Photographs by Arlene Hinkemeyer and Joanne Samborn*

## Education Committee Report

### Pushing the Swing—Women Candidates Are on the Move

A lot has happened since the League held its Running and Winning program for high school girls and local elected women officials. Five women have emerged as victors in primaries held on Tuesday, June 8. Says Democratic pollster, Mark Meliman, in the *Wall Street Journal* (6/10/10), “At a time when voters are hostile to the establishment, to the old boys’ network, few candidates look less like old boys than young women.”

And these women are all over the spectrum—with ideas like privatizing Social Security and Medicare (Sharron Angle of Nevada), to a Democrat fighting against the unions (Blanche Lincoln of Arkansas), to two big-time former CEO’s (Carly Fiorina of Hewlett Packard and Meg Whitman of eBay of California), to a woman who could be the second Indian-American governor in the nation (Nikki Haley of South Carolina). Some spent their personal fortunes on their campaigns—does that sound familiar to current and former New York City residents? And others spent little but capitalized on their outsider status and the fact that they are women in politics, a field still dominated by men.

Ms. Angle and Ms. Haley both came up through their state assemblies after being a teacher and an accountant, respectively. All of the women have followed and are following similar paths to men who have been successful in politics, but what is heartening is that their numbers are growing and that it will not be unusual for there to be two women running against each other (Carly Fiorina versus incumbent Barbara Boxer, for example) or for a woman to be the “first” female to be the governor of a state.

Gerald Seib, writing in the *Wall Street Journal* in “Women Candidates Come Into Their Own” (6/10/10), may have it right when he says that this is a “natural progression factor.” He goes on, “A generation’s worth of advances by women to the upper reaches of a wide variety of American institutions have empowered and credentialled waves of women, some of whom now are naturally moving into politics at a high level.”

I hope that our Running and Winning girls are reading about this and will put it into their hearts and minds for their futures. And isn’t it grand that this is all happening as we celebrate the League of Women Voters’ 90th birthday?!

Judi Roth 283-0759

### Summary of the LWVH Board Meeting, June 2, 2010

#### INFORMATION ITEMS

- ▶ The Southampton parade will take place on Monday, July 5, with Richard Lupoletti and Gene Makl as co-chairs. All are encouraged to attend.
- ▶ Carol and the Board extended kudos to Sue Wilson and Arlene Hinkemeyer for their outstanding work organizing the Annual Meeting.
- ▶ Judi reported that Running and Winning was attended by 45 girls and 15 elected officials. They had an excellent speaker. Hampton Coffee was thanked for their support.

#### DISCUSSION ITEMS

- ▶ Sue reported that most in attendance at the Trivia Quiz were not League members. Revenue totaled \$1575 with a number of donations but, with expenses, the profit was \$1002. The Breast Center of Southampton Hospital and the LWVH each received \$501.
- ▶ Naomi Epstein, chair of the 2011 Nominating Committee, stated that her committee would benefit from some direction from the Board. It was noted that the bylaws now allow for an Executive Committee to head the Board.
- ▶ Carol led a discussion of the programs for each month in the fiscal year 2010-2011.
- ▶ Carol reviewed all the directions to the Board from the annual meeting and the action steps for each direction.
- ▶ A proposal to convert the League’s tapes to digital so they could be downloaded to our website would cost \$300 per year. The sense of the Board was that the information would attract little interest.
- ▶ Arlene Makl reviewed the sign-up process and the tasks of hostesses for member meetings.
- ▶ Gladys Remler with her committee members led a lively pro-con discussion relative to proposed changes to

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## Everything Old Is New Again Sale

The LWVH “Everything Old Is New Again Sale” will be taking place at the Rotary Flea Market on the main lawn in Westhampton on August 14 and 15. All members are invited to help us in our booth at this fundraising event. Last year, LWVH’s visibility was increased as we spoke to one and all, passed out brochures, displayed our banners, and signed up new members as we sold them our merchandise, which was so generously donated by our members.

We seek items in good condition only – no furniture, no clothing, no books. We need tableware, kitchen goods, gadgets, gently used designer handbags, pretty scarves, good costume jewelry as well as “good” jewelry, antique

toys, collectibles, luggage, etc. We will be accepting items until August 11. Please, no last-minute donations.

Items can be dropped off at three locations:  
 Carol Mellor’s home in East Hampton (537-6998);  
 Joy Cordery’s home in Southampton (283-7863); or  
 Ursula Lynch’s home in Westhampton Beach (288-4721).  
 Please call before making your delivery.

Our booth will be open from 9:00 to 5:00 on Saturday (8/14) and from 11:00 to 5:00 on Sunday (8/15). We need people to help us set up on Saturday. There will be two-hour slots for “manning” the booth. Please e-mail your preferences for time to GRemlerdesign@aol.com. Let us make this collaborative event for the LWVH a huge success.

Gladys Remler (288-9021) and  
 Ursula Lynch (288-4721), Co-chairs

## Why Women Must Always Vote!

BECAUSE many women before us fought for and suffered greatly to obtain that right for us, that’s why.

Join fellow Leaguers and friends on Monday, July 12, to view the Emmy Award-winning HBO production, *Iron Jawed Angels*, which presents the story of a group of young women activists who took the “women’s suffrage movement by storm” and turned it upside down. These women believed the leaders of the women’s suffrage movement had to lead, follow or get out of the way and

when that did not happen, they defiantly took matters into their own hands. These young women did not always play by the rules and, after picketing the White House, they were sent to jail where their leaders were brutally treated. Hilary Swank and Angelica Houston give riveting performances that you will long remember.

Date: July 12, 2010  
 Refreshments: 6:30 pm Film Showing: 7:00 PM sharp  
 Place: Ross School, Lecture Hall, Senior Thesis Bldg.,  
 9 Goodfriend Drive (off Route 114), East Hampton

Barbara Jordan (324-6144)

## LWVH Member Ann Sandford To Speak At Hampton Library

League member Ann Sandford will present a slide show and talk at the Hampton Library in Bridgehampton on Thursday, August 12, at 6:00 p.m. entitled “The Worldly and the Local in One Librarian’s Life—Bridgehampton’s Ernestine Rose (1880-1961).” Among Rose’s many accomplishments was her leadership in establishing the Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture while she was head of the Harlem Branch of the New York Public Library.



About 45 people attended the June 14 meeting on “Lawns: A Dangerous Obsession?” Panelist, shown left to right, were: Peconic Baykeeper Kevin McAllister; landscaper Suzanne Ruggles, Molloy College Sustainability Institute program director Beth Fiteni, and LWVH Natural Resources committee chair Sue Avedon at podium. Photo by Arlene Hinkemeyer



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## CPEP's Groundbreaking Day

The importance of an expansion of CPEP (Comprehensive Psychiatric Emergency Program) at Stony Brook University Medical Center has long been recognized by many who have had concerns about the adequacy of crisis services for SC residents suffering from mental illness. CPEP provides emergency psychiatric assessment and crisis intervention.

The day has finally arrived when all the necessary legislative, executive, legal, and budgetary challenges have been met and that expansion has begun! The ceremony took place on June 4<sup>th</sup> in the Medical Center Lobby. Many dignitaries attended and made presentations acknowledging the history, the need, and deserved credits. Because the League has been committed to this expansion and made it one of our top priorities, Dr. Sedler made note of our support, and a photo of one of our SC Voters with a CPEP editorial was shown on the screen.

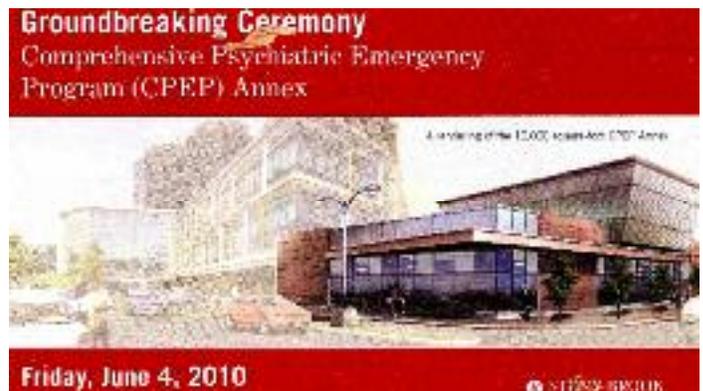
The CPEP Annex is a part of the improvements in Stony Brook Hospital's facilities. It will be a 10,000 square foot, state-of-the-art facility, tripling the capacity of the current program which handles 6,000 visits a year. It has been designed with a focus on creating an enhanced environment of care.

*Katherine Hoak*



*pictured above:*

**Art Flescher**, Act. Director, SC Community Mental Health;  
**Dr. Peter Baigent**, VP of Student Affairs, SBU;  
**Bob Detor**, CEO, South Oaks Hospital;  
**Dr. Mark Sedler**, SBU Chair Psychiatry;  
**Dr. Steven Strongwater**, CEO, SBUH;  
**Robin Krajewski**, Dir. LI Field Office, OMH;  
**John Kennedy**, SC Legislator;  
**Dr. James Tomarken**, SC Commissioner of Health



## SC Legislature Approves Funding for County "Project Sunlight" Database

Introductory Resolution 1003-2010, "Appropriating Funds in Connection with the Implementation of a County Database for Taxpayer Access," was approved during the June 8<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Suffolk County Legislature and now goes before County Executive Steve Levy, who is expected to sign the bill into law. The bill's passage will enable the Suffolk County Department of Information Technology to purchase the initial start-up software and equipment needed to build the website. Once completed, the site will be managed and maintained by existing County personnel at no additional cost to taxpayers. This will allow voters to easily access factual information about their County government and elected representatives on the web.

## July-August 2010

*Note: Meeting dates and times are published several weeks in advance and are subject to change. Please contact the Chairs or visit our website at <http://hamptons.ny.lwvnet.org> for updates. There will be no meetings for the Education, Health, Membership, and Voter Services Committees in July or August. The Special Events Committee will not meet in July. Please contact Naomi Epstein for information regarding the Government or Nominating Committees. If you don't see a meeting for a committee of interest, contact the Chair of that committee. Contact information is listed on last inside page of The Voter and on the website.*

<b>July 5 - Monday</b>	Fourth of July Parade, Southampton, NY	Contact Richard Lupoletti (324-1127) or Gene Makl (324-8662) for information.
<b>July 6 - 11:00 AM Tuesday</b>	Natural Resources Committee Meeting	Hampton Library, Bridgehampton, Contact Sue Avedon 329-1830
<b>July 7 - 7:00 PM Wednesday</b>	Board of Directors Meeting	Bridgehampton National Bank, Montauk Highway, Bridgehampton. Members and guests welcome.
<b>July 12 - 6:30 PM Monday</b>	<b>Member Meeting</b>	Showing of film <i>Iron-Jawed Angels</i> in commemoration of League's 90th Birthday. Refreshments served at 6:30. Film starts at 7:00. See page 1 for details.
<b>August 4 - 10:00 AM Wednesday</b>	Special Events Committee Meeting	Eckert's Luncheonette, Westhampton Beach. Contact Sue Wilson 283-6549
<b>August 2 - 7:00 PM Wednesday</b>	Board of Directors Meeting	Bridgehampton National Bank, Montauk Highway, Bridgehampton. Members and guests welcome.
<b>August 14-15 Saturday and Sunday</b>	Flea Market	Rotary Flea Market, Main Lawn, Westhampton. Contact Gladys Remler 288-9021
LOOKING AHEAD		
<b>September 1 - 7:00 PM Wednesday</b>	Board of Directors Meeting	Bridgehampton National Bank, Montauk Highway, Bridgehampton. Members and guests welcome.
TOWN BOARD MEETINGS		
<b>July 1 - 7:00 PM</b>	East Hampton Town Board Meeting	Town Hall Courtroom, 159 Pantigo Rd., East Hampton
<b>July 13 - 1:00 PM</b>	Southampton Town Board Meeting	Town Hall Board Room, Southampton Town Hall, 116 Hampton Rd., Southampton
<b>July 15 - 7:00 PM</b>	East Hampton Town Board Meeting	Town Hall Courtroom, 159 Pantigo Rd., East Hampton
<b>July 27 - 7:00 PM</b>	Southampton Town Board Meeting	Town Hall Board Room, Southampton Town Hall, 116 Hampton Rd. Southampton
<b>August 5 - 7:00 PM</b>	East Hampton Town Board Meeting	Town Hall Courtroom, 159 Pantigo Rd., East Hampton
<b>August 10 - 1:00 PM</b>	Southampton Town Board Meeting	Town Hall Board Room, Southampton Town Hall, 116 Hampton Rd., Southampton
<b>August 19 - 7:00 PM</b>	East Hampton Town Board Meeting	Town Hall Courtroom, 159 Pantigo Rd., East Hampton
<b>August 24 - 7:00 PM</b>	Southampton Town Board Meeting	Town Hall Board Room, Southampton Town Hall, 116 Hampton Rd. Southampton

# Membership Committee Report

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## CALL 211

Several months ago, the L WVH created a committee to assist people in finding help in a time of need. How we were going to go about this was problematic and what this committee was to be called became another challenge.

At the start of this project, we learned that each of our towns has many services to offer, but that information about these services is not readily available in one place. After months of research, we had a breakthrough. We discovered two organizations that have the information we had been seeking: Middle Country Public Library, which has a vast database of services and agencies on Long Island, and the United Way, which is a major sponsor of Call 2-1-1 as is Suffolk County, Nassau County, and New York State.

Call 2-1-1 is a free (almost nationwide) community service to help people find answers or solutions in the area of social services, such as employment information, affordable housing options, food pantries, addiction prevention programs, support groups, and much more. A person who calls 211 (or logs on to [www.211longisland.org](http://www.211longisland.org)) and provides a zip code is directed to the appropriate service in the community.

We now call our group the Call 211 Committee and have prepared posters to be distributed in all our surrounding communities to bring attention to the availability of these services.

We are asking the Board and the entire membership to assist us in putting up the posters in many areas and locations. We need to make this a total L WVH commitment rather than a committee undertaking. The posters should be placed in stores, offices, schools, and houses of worship, at bus stops, libraries, and doctors' offices—the list goes on. We are asking everyone to place several posters in a couple of different locations. If we each take and distribute one or two posters, we can assist needy people in our communities in getting the help they may need.

In the next couple of weeks an e-mail via Constant Contact will be sent out to give you information regarding the locations where the posters will be available. We will attempt to have a supply of posters in different towns so they can be picked up more easily.

I decided to write this article under the heading of Membership because an all-out L WVH membership effort is needed. Please help.

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to “finish the fight” that was begun with the passage of the 19th Amendment. She believed that to become effective voters, women needed to understand the rudiments of voting: how and where to register, how to vote, and what to expect at the voting booths. These newly enfranchised women also needed to understand certain issues—such as education, social services and women's rights—that represented the bonding of the sentiments of women.

Catt dedicated the League of Women Voters to those women who were the forerunners. The League would continue their mission. She focused on encouraging women to give back to their community and children by helping them learn and understand their political freedoms. Catt hoped to create an organization that would continue the enfranchisement of women in our country

and in any country where women still struggled. She hoped for a group that would continue to remove the legal discriminations against women, so that other women wouldn't have to surmount these roadblocks. She wanted to make this democracy great and safe for the generations to come.

Today's League of Women Voters continues the proud tradition and remains a nonpartisan political organization that encourages the informed and active participation in government. The League works to increase understanding of major public policy issues and influences public policy through education and advocacy. Established in February of 1920, the League of Women Voters is the instrument for political education and involvement of women originally envisioned by Carrie Chapman Catt.

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the current nonpartisan policy. The key issue is the proposal that Board members with the exception of the President, the Voter Services director and other “sensitive” Board roles would be able to attend fundraising events for political campaigns. The Board will vote on this issue at their July meeting.

- ▶ Arlene Makl reported on the activities of the ad-hoc committee now named the “Call 211 Committee,” which discovered that the United Way and the Middle Country Public Library had created a communications network to handle social service-type inquiries in our area. The group is proposing that the LWVH put up posters that explain this as a public service.

- ▶ Maura Lester and Joy Cordery led a discussion of a proposal to reduce the number of *Voter* issues per year and also to solicit help for Joy in her work on the advertising project. The Board discussed reducing the number of issues from ten to six but finally settled on eight.

will head up the August 14-15 Flea Market and October luncheon in the “West.”

- ▶ Membership: The membership stands at 176 with 56 paid. Arlene M. will e-mail a listing of the venues where her committee will be setting up tables for voting and membership information.

- ▶ Voter Services: Joy Lupoletti will moderate the Westhampton Beach Village debate on June 7.

- ▶ Education: 14 people attended the last meeting, which was a debriefing of *Running and Winning*. All felt the program should continue and made many recommendations.

- ▶ Government: Naomi shared that her committee was contacting other organizations to work with the League on the town manager issue. It is felt that it will be important for League members to attend town Board meetings.

The next Board meeting is July 7 at 7:00 pm at the Bridgehampton Bank. All members are welcome.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

- ▶ Special Events: Sue reported that Gladys and Ursula

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