League November Meeting
Spotlights Domestic Violence
by Judi Roth

“The perception that domestic abuse occurs primarily among low income groups is misleading. Abuse occurs among all groups, rich, poor, black and white—and with the downturn in the economy, the Retreat has seen a 56% increase in requests for services,” the Retreat’s Executive Director, Jeffrey Friedman, said in the September 29, 2011 East Hampton Star.

Discussing domestic abuse in an open forum removes some of the stigma attached and can embolden people to seek the help they need. The League’s public meeting on November 14 will provide such a forum. Retreat Shelter Director Minerva Perez and Educator Helen-Atkinson Barnes will discuss the mission of the Retreat and describe some experiences of the women they help. In the audience will be East Hampton Town Police Chief Edward Ecker whose staff usually receive the first call from victims. He can answer questions about how the police deal with domestic violence today as opposed to years ago.

The League’s Betty Desch Scholarship recipient for 2010, Thalia Olaya, who was recognized for her work at the Retreat, will also speak about her work and that of other Retreat Teen Leaders who are particularly focused on dating violence.

Subjects like domestic abuse are difficult to hear about but we must listen. PBS has begun a series titled “Women, War & Peace” which will go beyond our boundaries here and show how women around the world are imprisoned and raped by various armies and still find the strength to come forward and testify in an international court of law.

Join us! Come to the Hampton Library, Bridgehampton, on Monday November 14, 7 PM as your way of showing support for all the brave women who fight back.
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
by Judi Roth, LWVH Co-President

This message is dedicated to our Special Events Committee and all who have ever had the experience of doing “the ask.” Simply put, this term means asking people to give money for your organization – the one you care about. In corporate terms, it used to be called fund-raising, then it became development, then institutional support. Nowadays there are probably even more subtle terms and titles, for the difficult task of doing “the ask.”

When you read the “society pages” of the NY Times on Sunday or the Southampton Press in the summer you see dressed up people having a wonderful time at a gala party catered by XYZ Famous Chef. And they are having a wonderful time but they are paying for it too. When silent auctions offer trips to Bali and handbags from Gucci at “bargain” prices, some company donated those items to the organization holding the auction. Organizations have to be very creative to get people to support them. It may be easier if you are raising money for cancer research or hurricane victims but it requires the same skill set. When I worked at Columbia Presbyterian Medical Center’s Babies Hospital, they were working on its capital campaign and they had a fabulous new idea. They literally priced equipment: $2,500 for a ventilator, $10,000 for an ICU bassinet, $50 for new plush toys. It was a sensational success but not easily repeated.

The League’s Special Events Committee, currently chaired by Ursula Lynch and Gladys Remler, with the experienced assist of Sue Wilson and other dedicated people, is hard at work coming up with events that we will all enjoy and making parting with our money a little easier. Whether it’s the Rotary Flea Market where we donated and sold used items or glamorous house tours, every dollar raised goes toward our programs. There is no overhead in the LWVH. I hope you will join us at our functions and at our educational member meetings. If you can’t attend, please consider a donation, which you can do by visiting our website, www.lwvhamptons.org. And if you might be thinking of following the lead of long-time member and former Southampton school teacher, Betty Desch, and including the LWVH in your estate planning, please let us know. The annual Betty Desch Scholarship for $1,000 has gone to very deserving students from our local high schools for many years now and is an example of what good use we can make of any gifts.

The League of Women Voters of the Hamptons is not a “sexy” cause. We are a “vital” cause. We are the organization that promotes and provides voter education. We are the organization that runs candidate debates where each candidate can be heard in equal time. We are the organization working to bring young voters to the polling place and encouraging young women to run for office. We are the organization that brings substantive topics to the public in our

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Green Choices For Holiday Decorating
by Susan Wilson

Choosing a tree involves more than making sure the branches are symmetrical. Maybe the Natural Resources Committee can help you decide...in favor of the environment. Try this personal preference check-list, checking each item that applies to you.

___ Tradition is important; I’m not willing to change
___ I’m ready to try something new
___ I will be diligent about watering my cut tree
___ Watering the tree is the last thing on my mind during the holidays
___ I don’t want the mess of a live, cut tree (dropped needles and sap)
___ I like the ease of a pre-lit artificial tree
___ I’ll donate/recycle my artificial tree instead of sending it to a landfill
___ I’m not having a holiday tree this year

Next, consider these facts:

- Impact on the economy. The holiday tree industry in the US employs about 100,000 people with “tree farms” in 50 states. More than 85% of artificial trees are manufactured in China.
- Impact on your pocketbook. While initially much more expensive than a live cut tree, an artificial tree’s many years of use make it an economical choice for many.
- Longevity. Artificial trees remain useful for five or six years. A properly watered live cut tree will hold up well for one holiday season.
- Environmental impact. While alive, fresh cut trees absorb carbon dioxide and contribute oxygen, remove pollen and dust from the air, protect soil from erosion and provide refuge for wildlife. Grown on farms like other crops, holiday trees are both renewable and biodegradable. Artificial trees contain non-biodegradable plastics and potentially dangerous toxins such as lead. They remain in landfills for years after disposal.
- Safety. As fresh cut trees dry out, they become a fire hazard. Most artificial trees are sprayed with fire retardant.

Sources: Lewin Farms, Wading River, NY; National Christmas Tree Association; Frontgate.com

Dial Down Holiday Electric Bills

You can still protect the environment with the type of holiday lights you choose. Flip the “on” switch for energy-efficient decorating with LED (light emitting diode) and fiber-optic lighting products and turn off higher electric bills. LEDs convert energy into light rather than heat; each light in a string uses only .04 watts for up to 90% efficiency over incandescents. LED lights contain no mercury or other toxins and the sturdy epoxy bulbs can last more than 50,000 hours. Plus, if one light goes out, the rest of the string is unaffected.

Compare Costs

Average cost to light an 8’ holiday tree with 300 lights for an entire holiday season (30 days for 6 hours per day)

Old-style lights .................................................$33.80
Mini incandescents enclosed in flexible plastic tubing ................................$ 4.81
LED lights ..........................................................$  .89

The variety and versatility of LED and fiber-optic lighting products are better than ever and these dazzling decorations help reduce pollution and greenhouse gas emissions, provide longer-lasting light and slash energy bills as they add sparkle to your home.

Fiber-optic trees, garlands and wreaths are also good choices for energy-efficient lighting. A single low-wattage incandescent bulb sends light out through tiny fibers integrated with the tree or garland’s needles. The result is cool-touch lighting that can be further enhanced with changing colors and special effects.

Sources: Long Island Power Authority - www.lipower.org; NSTAR MASS (investor owned electric & gas utility; Washington State University: Extension Energy Program

Armed with this information and an honest appraisal of your own preferences, you’re ready to choose the tree that’s best for you and your community.

Or how about this? Don’t buy any tree, and in the holiday spirit, donate the money to the non-profit of your choice!
As part of an ongoing study of alternative sources of energy, the Natural Resources Committee visited the 20-acre Mahoney Farm & Nursery on Long Lane in East Hampton to view Steven Mahoney’s Bergey Wind Turbine.

On a clear, breezy October morning, committee members Joanne Samborn, Glorian Berk, Joy Cordery, Barbara McClancey and I stood on a beautifully manicured section of the farm near the base of the turbine tower, gazed skyward and listened to Steven Mahoney describe the down-to-earth town approval process and construction of the 120' tower which supports the turbine. The only noticeable sounds were Mr. Mahoney's voice and an occasional bird. The turbine was whisper quiet.

The turbine is connected to the national grid. A solar data collection panel tracks the wind speed, temperature and electrical output. As the one-year anniversary of the project nears, Mr. Mahoney is pleased to report that the turbine has...
East Hampton Encourages Wind Power

This project clearly shows that wind power can be harnessed and is a viable source of energy on eastern Long Island. In September 2011, The Amagansett Fire District constructed a wind turbine on private property behind Pacific East. East Hampton Town also recently approved construction of a wind turbine on the Iocono Farm property on Long Lane. For more information, go to: www.mahoneyfarm.com or www.easthampton.patch.com
Held October 5, 2011

INFORMATION ITEMS

- Hofstra University grant application was denied. Judi Roth reported that together with the Huntington and Smithtown Leagues, we will survey the other Leagues in Suffolk County to gather good practices for recruiting new members. Judy Samuelson will help develop the survey through Constant Contact.

- LWVSC Post Election Brunch will be Nov. 13 at 10:30 a.m. at the Bellport Country Club; Rich Brand, a political reporter with Newsday, will speak. Anne Marshall volunteered to recap Hamptons local election & LWVH activities.

- Board members each chose a month to handle calls to our new LWVH cell phone. Anne will finish October when Mireille goes away, then Glorian will cover November.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- Lisa Scott created palm cards for naturalization ceremonies. The question of how many to order from LWVNY was tabled until November’s meeting.

- Get Out The Vote campaign. Anne Marshall will incorporate the theme in her remarks at all debates. Judi Roth suggested adding it to future program planning. The board agree that we need to review a related DVD the state league is creating before sharing with membership.

- “How to Run a Meeting” fact sheet was reviewed. We approved the concept, and will organize steps by role rather than by task. This reference tool should be helpful to new committee heads and future board members.

- American Association of University Women is also experiencing dwindling membership. We will explore co-sponsoring a meeting and working together, as our visions and goals are similar.

- Next meetings. We reviewed plans for the November meeting (The Retreat speakers, Bridgehampton Library location). Constant Contact will be sent in late October.

- Holiday party. Judy Samuelson volunteered to coordinate food for our December 12 holiday party at the Marshall’s home.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Voter Services – Anne Marshall.
  - Anne reported that several defects in the programming of vote411.com reduce its efficiency as an online source of information for voters about the candidates.
  - Debates: There cannot be a Town Supervisor’s debate in Southampton because Linda Kabot is not on the ballot. In East Hampton, there are three debates: Supervisor, Town Board and County Legislator, while Southampton has only the latter two.
    - There is one proposition on the Southampton ballot: to require a super majority when voting on Planned Development Districts. The committee will prepare its customary explanation of a proposition.
    - Anne asked for a Constant Contact survey soliciting members’ questions for possible inclusion at the debates.

- Special Events – Ursula Lynch and Gladys Remler
  - We gained a few new members as a result of attending the Sept. Community Picnic.
  - Fall luncheon at Trumpets planning in place. Constant Contact to be sent promoting attendance. Board asked to solicit donations from merchants for Chinese auction and to contribute a bottle of wine to a basket “from board of LWVH” for auction. Board also advised to be sure someone welcomes and sits at a table with every politician.

- Education – Mary Blake and Terri Levin Davgin
  - Students In Albany. The committee had to scrap the plan to choose attendees by drawing at the Running and Winning event because the deadline is too early. Instead, they will use a list of potential and past R&W candidates to select the two students and two alternates.
  - Running & Winning will be March 14, 2012. The question will relate directly to Getting Out the Vote. Details are being worked on and committee members are meeting with school officials.

- Natural Resources – Sue Wilson
  - As a follow-up to the June membership meeting, Southampton is conducting energy audits and workshops.
  - The committee is contacting other environmental groups in an effort to build closer ties and eliminate duplication of effort.
  - On October 4, committee members explored alternative sources of energy by observing the wind turbine at the Mahoney farm in East Hampton.

- Government Services – Naomi Epstein
  - The committee has contacted all groups on its original list regarding whether they support the manager/council model of town government. The government committee will set up a schedule to meet with Jay Schneiderman to keep informed about local and county legislative issues. It will also decide what further actions to take with the
Still Reaching Out To Groups In Support Of The Manager/Council Form Of Government
by Naomi Epstein

In September, the government committee contacted all groups, including Citizens’ Advisory Committees (CAC), with whom we communicated last year. Letters were e-mailed or mailed, with content that varied depending on whether the groups had hosted our presentations, received material and/or had not responded to our original inquiries. Organizations to whom the committee had made presentations were asked if they had made a decision to support the manager/council model of town government. The remaining organizations were asked if they would like to receive information or have their group view the video of our 2009 Town Manager Forum.

Following the November 8 elections, the committee will decide what further actions will be taken on this issue. The committee also intends to set up a schedule to meet periodically with Jay Schneiderman, our County Legislator, to keep current about legislative issues that impact both our county and local government.

Education Committee Prepares For Running & Winning
by Mary Blake

Preparations for our 2012 Running and Winning event are underway. In advance of our November meeting, members of the Education Committee will confer with the principals of participating high schools in East Hampton, Sag Harbor, Southampton, Westhampton, Hampton Bays and the head of the Ross School and introduce them to this year's topic—Getting Out the Vote. Members will solicit administrative and faculty support in selecting student-participants, explain the criteria for selecting candidates for Students Inside Albany, and answer any questions that may arise.

Getting Out the Vote is 2012 Topic

Our objective is to make the League an important and ongoing resource for schools—available to help register eligible students to vote this year, in the 2012 presidential election, and beyond. This year's Running and Winning topic provides a logical and seamless introduction to that initiative. Throughout this year and next, we will work closely with the Voter Services Committee to accomplish this important League goal.

Interest in Running & Winning continues to grow within other New York State leagues. Materials are disseminated regularly as we become an important resource for other leagues considering implementation. Additionally, the Education and Voter Services Committees applied for a grant to LWVUS, asking for funds to support our Getting Out the Vote initiative in the schools.

Running Start And Running & Winning: Virtually Mirror Images
by Judi Roth

The things you can find on the Internet! In looking for something else, I came across the website for the Young Women’s Political Leadership Program (YWPL) and their featured program, called “Running Start.” This Washington, D.C.-based program began in 2007 and has trained hundreds of young women in both day-long and week-long training sessions.

Same Goal, Similar Methods

Their aim, similar to that of “Running and Winning,” is to inspire young women to run for political office and to increase the number of women political office holders. Their recent program in NYC for 50 high school girls taught students how to craft a political message, work on an “elevator” speech and network effectively. They hear from women candidates and office holders. They work with the American Association of University Women (AAUS) to teach college women how to run for student government.

YWPL is an organization we hope to work with and learn with and from. Its Board of Directors is quite amazing. The chair, Susan Shakow, has lectured worldwide on how to get women into political office and was invited to Kuwait to advise women candidates seeking public office. Another board member, Nancy Bocskor, is the VP of the Women’s Campaign School at Yale and a commentator on CNN. Its Congressional Board of Directors includes 16 members of the House and Senate, including NYS Senator Kristen Gillebrand.

It is good to know that we are not alone in our efforts to encourage young women to seek political office. YWPL’s website is well worth a look, at www.runningstartonline.org.
League-Sponsored Debates
Draw Large Audiences &
Spark Lively Debates
by Anne Marshall

For the 2011 election, the LWVH sponsored two candidate debates, one in Southampton and the other in East Hampton. Invaluable technical and set-up assistance from the personnel at the two locations—the Rogers Memorial Library and LTV Studios, each providing an especially attractive professional appearance—made it possible for League members, panel members, question vetters, timers, television crews and candidates to focus on the substance of the debates.

Among the issues raised at the debates were:

- the location in the Hamptons of trailers for all of Suffolk County’s sex-offenders; public transportation; the level of candidate backing for LWVH’s support for hiring a Town Manager; budget and related layoffs; beach parking in Southampton and beach access and airport regulations in East Hampton.

At the Southampton debate the League distributed a proposition guide that explained the pros and cons of a ballot proposal related to the percentage of town board approval required when voting on certain proposed Planned Development Districts (PDD’s).

With all of these efforts the Voter Services Committee is continuing to put into action a central part its mission statement: “The League of Women voters of the Hamptons, a non partisan political organization, encourages the informed and active participation if its citizens in government…”
OPPOSITE: SOUTHAMPTON DEBATES: October 13, 2011

1) First up to debate in both Southampton and East Hampton were Suffolk County Legislature candidates, left to right, Cornelius Kelly (R) and Jay Schneiderman (I).

2) Serving on the panel of questioners in Southampton were LWVH co- president Judi Roth, Southampton Press editor Joe Shaw, and Sag Harbor Express editor Bryan Boyhan.

3) Over 80 people filled Rogers Memorial Library for the Southampton Town candidates debate on October 13.

4) LWVH Voter Services chair Anne Marshall served as moderator at the Southampton Town debate.

ABOVE: EAST HAMPTON DEBATES: October 17, 2011

5) Timing the candidates in East Hampton were, left to right, Judy Samuelson and Glorian Berk.

6) With League moderator Carol Mellor at the podium, five East Hampton Town Board candidates debated the issues for the two open seats. They were, left to right, Peter Van Scoyoc (D), Richard Haeg (R), Steven Gaines (R), Sylvia Overby (D) and Marilyn Behan (I). Unable to attend was Bill Mott (I).

7) Following the Suffolk County Legislative debate, East Hampton Town Supervisor candidates, incumbent Bill Wilkinson (R), left, and opponent Zachary Cohen (D), right, took the stage. Approximately 170 people packed the studio at LTV, which televised the debate.

8) The panel of questioners at the East Hampton Town Candidates Debate on October 17 at LTV Studios in Wainscott was composed of, left to right, East Hampton Press editor Stephen Kotz, LWVH Board member Susan Wilson, and East Hampton Star editor David Rattray.

Photos and captions by Arlene Hinkemeyer.
NEW YORK, Sept 28 (Reuters) - Saying that New York's family courts are "in crisis," a citizen-based court-monitoring program has issued a report making wide-ranging recommendations for the improved functioning of the Suffolk County Family Court, from better interpretation services to alternatives to juvenile detention.

Over 11 months, 32 volunteers (including LWVSC members) visited courthouses in Central Islip and Riverhead, observing hundreds of cases involving child abuse and neglect, custody and visitation, domestic violence and juvenile delinquency, among other issues.

While the monitors said they were "favorably impressed" with many aspects of the family courts' operation, the report identified several areas for improvement. These included scheduling, assistance with paperwork and community involvement in juvenile proceedings.

Among the report's recommendations were that the court should make private spaces available for meetings between parties and their lawyers.

The report also urged the court to "explain orders of protection more thoroughly," and to improve courtroom scheduling and decorum and increase the use of available microphones.

The Fund for Modern Courts began monitoring New York state courts in 1975, and conducts one to two monitoring projects a year in family, county, city and other courts.

Symposium: “Integrating Restorative Practices Into Our Justice System”
Friday, November 18 8am to 3pm
Touro Law Center, Central Islip
www.crp-ny.com to register
November-December 2011

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 www.lwvhamptons.org for updates. 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, www.lwvhamptons.org.

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Town Councils about the Town Manager issue after the Nov. 8 election.

- Membership – No committee chair. Glorian Berk reporting
  - New membership envelopes are being created
  - Each committee member asked to bring names of two potential new members at the next meeting
  - The LWVH Committee brochure must be revised before reprinting. All chairs asked to send copy changes to Terri asap.

- The Voter – Sally James and Joy Cordery.
  - Sally repeated Oct. 15 deadline.

- Public Relations – Arlene Hinkemeyer.
  - Pre- and post-Shinnecock meeting circulated.

Meeting adjourned at 9:04 p.m.
Next meeting will be at bank on November 2 at our winter starting time of 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Judy Samuelson

President’s Message
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monthly meetings and lets people learn about zoning and planning boards, the role of the town trustees, the importance of agriculture and aquaculture on the South Fork. We are the publishers and distributors of the “Suffolk County Elected Officials” booklet that provides information about how to contact people’s elected officials by phone or email. We are the organization that lobbied the Suffolk County Board of Elections to purchase the optical scan voting devices rather than computerized voting machines.

To do all this takes money and as any organization we are dependent on raising funds to help us do our job. We are indebted to the advertisers in our Voter who help us immeasurably. We are thankful to the Long Island Fund for Women and Girls and to Bridgehampton National Bank who have funded our noted program for high school girls, “Running and Winning.” But the daily operation of the League and its committees requires money beyond these and our membership dues to keep us going. More effective fundraising needs to be a goal for the coming year.

I wish you all a very happy Thanksgiving and great holiday season. And most important of all:

DON’T FORGET TO VOTE ON ELECTION DAY, NOVEMBER 8!

Don’t Miss Our Annual Holiday Party

December 12, 6-9 PM
Home of Anne & Bob Marshall
#16 Worchester Court

RSVP 631-324-4637

DIRECTIONS ✯ In Bridgehampton turn north onto the Sag Harbor Turnpike located at the traffic light & flag pole monument. ✯ Travel a little over a mile over railroad tracks past the South Fork Natural History (on right) & Children's museums (on left) and Community Center on right. ✯ Just past the Community Center, turn right onto Woodruff Lane, marked by white fences lit with the sign “BRIDGEWOODS” ✯ Take an immediate right onto Tansey Lane. ✯ Travel 1/4 mile up over hill to Worchester Court—first & only left. ✯ #16 is at end of street on right—at the cul de sac. There is ample parking on the street.
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Meet Our New Member
NINA BEALY
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Nina attended the Members Meeting about the Shinnecock Nation in September, “loved it” and joined the League. “It was very spontaneous,” she said. A Manhattan-born artist and art therapist, she moved to Southampton two years ago after 25 years in Chicago, where she worked with HIV-Aids patients in a county hospital. Since settling here she’s started building a home studio for her carving, print-making and other artistic pursuits; she’s designed a store awning and two store interiors; and she’s been volunteering at Maureen’s Haven, where she teaches art to the homeless. “I’m sort of a community-based artist – I like doing things in the community,” she said. “I’m hoping the League will open up new avenues for me in community involvement.”
Submitted by Marsha Kranes

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