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The Government Committee Prepares For The Money-In-Politics Consensus Meeting

By Estelle Gellman

At the November 9th Public Information Meeting, members of the Government Committee gave a presentation that not only informed the public about the issues involved in campaign financing but also provided background information relevant to the issues to be addressed at the Money-in-Politics consensus meeting to be held this month. Joan Hughes explained the different types of money involved in political campaigns, e.g., the difference between hard money and soft money; Julia Kayser discussed the amounts of money involved; Carol Mellor discussed the first amendment issues that have to be considered when regulating campaign spending; Judy Samuelson outlined the legislative history regarding the financing of political campaigns; Naomi Epstein explained the implications of the Citizens United decision; and Cathy Peacock discussed the different ways in which the issue may be addressed in the future. The presentation, which was moderated by Estelle Gellman, was well received and elicited a number of comments on the importance of addressing this issue.

At the consensus meeting, members will be asked to address three broad areas: (1) The goals we think regulation of campaign financing should accomplish; (2) How we would balance regulation of campaign spending with first amendment rights; and (3) what methods we see as appropriate for effectuating campaign finance reform. It is through the consensus process that the League determines its positions on the important issues before us and we hope you will join us in this process. Resource material on the topic as well as the consensus questions are available at: <http://www.forum.lwv.org/category/member-resources/our-work/money-in-politics-review>. The consensus meeting will be on January 22 at the Hampton Library, Bridgehampton.



On November 9 at the Hampton Library in Bridgehampton, Government Committee chair Estelle Gellman (at podium) introduced the committee members who made presentations on the Money in Politics issue, in preparation for the LWVUS consensus meeting on January 4. They are, left to right, Cathy Peacock, Naomi Epstein, Judy Samuelson, Carol Mellor, Julia Kayser and Joan Hughes.

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SAVE THE DATE

January, February and March Dates

Monday, January 11th
LWVH Planning Meeting

Bridgehampton Community Center

Bridgehampton-Sag Harbor Turnpike,
Bridgehampton

2:00 P.M. – 4:00 P.M.

Friday, January 22nd

MONEY-IN-POLITICS CONSENSUS MEETING

Hampton Library, Bridgehampton

1:30 P.M. – 3:30 P.M.

Consensus questions and resource materials are available at:

<http://forum.lwv.org/category/member-resources/our-work/money-politics-review>

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 Judy Samuelson

Happy New Year! Looking back at a year of achievements by our committees, I'm proud and impressed. The Education Committee, helmed by Judi Roth, was busier than ever, adding an impressive first "Students Day at the Suffolk Legislature" to their regular projects. Presiding Officer DuWayne Gregory said "Suffolk Students Day was structured to reinforce that government is not merely an idea, but a tangible entity. I commend the League of Women Voters for its commitment to executing this event and to educating the public about the importance of civic engagement." The committee also worked on Students Inside Albany, presented several Vote 18's, went to Youth Court and selected a Desch Scholarship winner.

Gladys Remler and Joanne McEvoy-Samborn really made the Special Events committee sparkle. They began with a spring luncheon/fundraiser with Gail Sheehy as speaker and scored a big hit with "Amazing Amagansett," a tour of that hamlet. Speaker Armineh Ohanian spoke at a sold-out luncheon this fall. The wonderful part of our Special Events outings is that, in addition to raising much-needed funds, they attract non-members, who often join the League.

The Membership committee, led by Estelle Gellman and Joanne McEvoy-Samborn, follow up with frequent contacts to draw new members into more active participation. The reception for ten new members at Gladys Remler's home capped their efforts. The Hamptons League was recognized at the LWV-NY convention as one of only a few leagues to grow rather than lose members. This year, the e-mail list for Constant Contact has 151 names and we mail 135 Voters.

The Voter Services committee sponsored three debates, created the area's first calendar of scheduled debates and registered voters at Naturalization Ceremonies at the County courthouse in Islip. They fielded teams in 10 locations for September's National Voter Registration Day and promoted an information-rich VOTE411.org. We have the organizational skills of Anne Marshall and Carol Mellor to thank.

Barbara McClancy organized Natural Resources' historic tour of Plum Island in October. Committee Chair Susan Wilson noted that the group was among the first to be permitted to visit this government-owned site. They also co-sponsored a PIM with the Health Committee (chair is Valerie King). The June meeting, titled "Drinking Water-- Faucet, Filtered or Bottled--Informed Choices," was entertaining as well as informative, with an informal water tast-

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Holiday Party A Big Success

The holiday party on December 7th was a big success. The food, prepared by the Board, was delicious; the ambience at the Unitarian Universalist Meeting House was warm and inviting; and we were delighted that so many members, friends and public officials could join us for the festivities.



Current Southampton Town Board member/newly-elected Suffolk County Legislator Bridget Fleming, Nada Barry, Beth Barth at the Holiday Party.



Co-president Glorian Berk, Southampton Town Supervisor Anna Throne-Holst, Tip Brolin, and current Suffolk County Legislator/newly-elected Southampton Town Supervisor Jay Schneiderman at the Holiday Party.



Right: Sally James, Judi Roth, Estelle Gellman and Richard Davgin enjoying the Holiday Party.

Barbara McClancy Receives Voter Services Award

By Anne Marshall

At the annual Suffolk County League of Women Voters post-election luncheon Barbara McClancy received the LWVH Voter Services award for her many contributions during 2015.

The nature and variety of the tasks she assumed made her the perfect recipient. She did all the following and more with continued energy and willingness to jump in and follow through at every turn:

- Going to Islip to register new citizens....traveling from

Amagansett to do so

- Taking on the often tedious job of finding, reserving locations for our debates and at times contacting candidates
- Participating in National Voter Registration Day
- Serving as a most efficient timer at each of the debates
- Providing sage and professionally delivered advice for improvements to these processes.

Congratulations to Barbara and thanks from all of us.

Memories Of The Fall Luncheon At Trumpets On The Bay

By Gladys Remler and Joanne McEvoy-Sanborn

October 26, 2015 was the date of our LWWH fall luncheon at "Trumpets on the Bay" in Eastport. The restaurant has panoramic views of the bay and on this clear day, the bay sparkled. The decor of the room was set for the forthcoming Halloween festivities of the season which added to a relaxing ambiance.

Our featured speaker was author Armineh Ohanian who has written five books and is contemplating her new work. Armineh's husband Constantine was present and he brought slides which were shown during Armineh's talk. Her daughter Maria Vanvloedrop read material to us from Armineh's latest novel.

We were there to learn about the role of women in Iran and the Middle East in the past and present, a timely topic

always. Armineh did not disappoint. Her talk and reminiscences of her life growing up in Iran, including the women she met and knew along the way, painted an informed picture of life throughout the Middle East, then and now. Many felt it was particularly enlightening to learn of the differences between Iranian and Saudi Arabian women.

The LWWH fall 2015 luncheon was a major success for us. We were sold out and, to our regret, had to turn people away. The good news was that several new members submitted membership applications at the luncheon. To those we had to turn way, we are truly sorry. Please stay with us as there will be more interesting and informative events. We missed you. We all came to learn and have a wonderful afternoon and so we did.



Special Events committee co-chairs Gladys Remler and Joanne Samborn, standing, welcomed the table of the speaker and her family, left to right, husband Constantine Ohanian, daughter Maria Van Vloedrop and speaker/author/LWWH member Armineh Ohanian.



Enjoying the luncheon was a table of members and guests, left to right, Mary O'Brien, Joan Hughes, Sharon Stein, Carol Lee Nespole and Lesley Lustgarten.



Speaker Armineh Ohanian spoke about the life of women in Iran and other nations in the Middle East and, afterwards, signed copies of her memoir and novels.



Attendees enjoying the Fall Luncheon.

Voter Services Statistics

By Anne Marshall and Carol Mellor

Thanks to a core group of committed members, The Voter Services Committee was quite active during 2015 in fulfilling its responsibilities in the following key areas:

Candidates' Meetings

- * March 9: Public Information Meeting: Elected trustees from both towns discussed their similarities, differences and challenges.
- * October 13: Sponsored three debates in East Hampton:
 - For Suffolk County Legislature, 2nd L.D
 - For Town Supervisor:
 - For Town Council: (2 seats)
- * Taped for repeated broadcast on LTV-TV, East Hampton.
- * October 22: Held three debates co-sponsored with Rogers Memorial Library & The Southampton Press.
 - For Suffolk County Legislature, 2nd Legislative District
 - For Town Supervisor:
 - For Town Council: (2 seats):
- * Taped for repeated broadcast on SEA-TV, Southampton.

Voter Registration

- * Distribution of voter registration forms & absentee ballot applications at all League meetings & at other community events by individual Voter Services committee members.
- * Participation in National Voter Registration Day, September 22:
 - Montauk Post Office
 - East Hampton Post Office
 - Bridgehampton Post Office
 - Springs One Stop Market
 - Schiavoni's Market, Sag Harbor
 - King Kullen Market, Hampton Bays

- Rogers Memorial Library, Southampton
- Stop & Shop Supermarket, Hampton Bays
- Simon's Beach Bakery, Westhampton Beach

- * In December, August and November: Participation in offering Voter Registration assistance to newly naturalized citizens immediately after their swearing-in ceremonies at the Federal Courthouse in Islip; mailing registration application forms to respective Boards of Election.

Voter Education/Voter Service

- * Distribution of a number of LWVNYS Voters Guide 2015 PART I at Public Information Meetings, debates and public buildings
- * Distribution of Directories of Public Officials at similar locations and events
- * Participation in VOTE411.org initiative. Set up the site for the towns of East Hampton & Southampton.
- * LWVH was selected as the pre-election focus in the Sag Harbor Express newspaper: "Conversations with Carol Mellor" about voting and encouraging voter turnout.
- * Continually throughout the year—Responded to telephone queries on Hamptons League phone.
- * Publicized widely via print, on-line, TV and radio information about debates & National Voter Registration Day.

Highlights of Minutes of December 2, 2015, Board Meeting

Information Items

- Anne Marshall sent the Voter Services activity recap to LWVNY
- We will send two students to “Students inside Albany”
- The “Money In Politics” consensus is due by February 1, 2016

Upcoming Events:

- December 7 is our Holiday Party at the Unitarian Universalist Church in Bridgehampton. The Membership Committee will call and reiterate the invitation to our newest members.
- January 11 – Annual Planning meeting for the membership
- January 22 is the Consensus on Money in Politics (MIP).
- The “Blah’s Lunch” will be in February because of so much activity in January.

Discussion Items:

- 2016 Nominating Committee (co-chairs Afton DiSunno and Vicki Umans plus Marilyn Montgomery) and two appointed Board members must begin work.
- The Annual Meeting will be on Sunday, May 15, 2016, tentatively at the Southampton Cultural Center. A discussion followed with suggestions for a speaker. Barbara McClancy volunteered to follow up on our first choice.
- Estelle will edit the Jan/Feb/March Voter. The copy deadline is Dec 15.
- The tentative PIM schedule for 2016 is:
 - January – Planning meeting
 - March –Voter Services to present
 - April – TBD
 - June – Health Committee

Committee Reports:

- Anne Marshall reports that the LWVH was well represented at the LWV/SC Post Election Luncheon, where Barbara

McClancy received the Voter Services award. November was our month to cover the naturalization ceremonies in Islip.

- Estelle Gellman, Government Committee, reminded us that the PIM on MIP was on Nov. 9. A consensus meeting follows on Friday, Jan. 22 from 1:30 – 3:30 PM, Find background material on MIP at <http://forum.lwv.org/category/member-resources/our-work/money-politics-review>.
- Judi Roth reported the Education Committee will send two students from Bridgehampton High School to the 2016 session of Students Inside Albany. Anne and Judi will work with the BHS Guidance Counselor to make the selection.
- Susan Wilson reports that Natural Resources is studying Geothermal Energy systems.
- Valerie King notes that the Health Committee is planning for their upcoming PIM, June 13, 2016, on the merger of Southampton and Stony Brook Hospitals. Robert Chaloner will speak at a video and panel presentation. Various committee members will visit “The Retreat” on Dec. 7 and the new Hospice Center at WHB on Dec 16.
- Arlene Hinkemeyer indicates that we received pre-event publicity in four newspapers and 27east.com for the Nov. 9 program on MIP. Julia Kayser will join Arlene for the December Adopt-a-Road cleanup in East Hampton.
- The Membership Committee co-chaired by Estelle and Joanne Samborn reported four renewals, totaling 101 paid members. We also have three new members from Westhampton and Quogue. The committee asks the Board to review the membership list of unpaid members to determine their intentions.

The next meeting will be at 5:30 PM on January 6, 2015 at the Bridgehampton National Bank.

Welcome New Member Victoria Kahn

by Marsha Kranes

Victoria was born in New York and raised in California. After graduating from UC-Berkeley in architecture, she moved to France, where she studied at the Sorbonne. She then returned to New York, completed her MBA at NYU and embarked on a career in finance. In 2007 she moved to Southampton, where she owns two businesses –

Agawam Town & Village Realty and Hamptons Virtual Office Center – and serves as a Rogers Memorial Library trustee. An avid believer in community involvement and exercising the right to vote, Victoria feels it’s important to understand local, state and national issues, and to make our voices heard. She joined the League at the suggestion of member Carol Mellor (our state League grassroots director).



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December 2015

LWVSC Board Meeting: 10:00 am Wednesday December 16 at SCCC, Main St., Riverhead
-followed by holiday lunch at Digger's Pub (short walk from SCCC)

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October 8, 2015: Student Day at the Suffolk County Legislature

Students debate mock bill to ban drones over school property



Suffolk County Legislature Presiding Officer DuWayne Gregory and the League of Women Voters of Suffolk County on Oct. 8 hosted 27 high school students from Hauppauge High School, Commack High School, Smithtown High School East, Huntington High School and North Babylon High School for a Student Day at the William H. Rogers Legislature Building in Hauppauge.

"I was immensely impressed by the intellect and enthusiasm of these young people," said Presiding Officer Gregory. "Student Day was structured to reinforce that government is not merely an abstract idea, but a tangible entity that is powered by the people it serves. I commend the League of Women Voters for its commitment to executing this event and to educating the public about the importance of civic engagement."

"This innovative and valuable program created by the Suffolk County Legislature and the League of Women Voters exceeded all our expectations," said Lisa Scott, president of the League of Women Voters of Suffolk County. "We are proud of the enthusiasm, intelligence and skills of our local high school participants and look forward to working with the Legislature and the schools on future Student Days and other good government forums and initiatives. The League is a nonprofit, non-partisan organization that encourages the informed and active participation of citizens in government, and this program served to expose our students to the workings of their county legislature, and actually experience, via role-playing, how a bill becomes a law in Suffolk County."

Following presentations from officials representing various county agencies, students broke into caucuses to discuss mock legislation that would ban the use of drones over school property. In a simulated General Meeting, students portrayed legislators and concerned citizens who argued for or against the bill. After lively debate, the bill failed to obtain the majority needed to pass, as the vote tied at 9-9.

"Student Day at the Suffolk County Legislature was a valuable experience that helped me better my communication skills and increase my knowledge of our local government," said Ally McFadyen, a senior at Smithtown High School East. "I loved posing as the Presiding Officer

because it gave me the power to conduct a General Meeting and understand how the Legislature functions. I plan on incorporating the skills I acquired during this exercise into my daily life by addressing issues clearly and working in a group to find the best solution to a problem. I would like to thank the Suffolk County Legislature and the League of Women Voters for organizing this event, which has inspired me to get more involved in my community."



Visit to the Retreat

By Naomi Epstein

The Retreat domestic violence service agency has been a community-based, not-for-profit organization providing safety, shelter and support services for victims of domestic crimes on eastern Long Island since 1987. A wide array of direct services, such as a residential shelter for women and children, a 24 hour domestic violence hotline, individual and group counseling, legal advocacy for all victims of domestic violence, programs to engage troubled fathers and other men at risk of committing family violence, and an in-school violence prevention education program, are provided free of charge.

Over the last number of years there have been administrative changes at the agency as well as delivery of health care in our area. The Health Committee of the League decided it was time to update how both of these have impacted the service this organization delivers. On December 7th Valerie King, chair of the committee and Naomi Epstein, prior committee chair, met with Lisa Longnecker, LCSW - Clinical Director, and Maggie Goldfarb, Director of Development, at the Retreat.

The Retreat has approximately 1000 non-residential and 120 sheltered clients yearly. There is a complete intake process for all clients. This process takes into account the needs of the client, including confidentiality. Usually it takes a few weeks for clients to feel comfortable whether they are in house or not. Clients who stay at the Shelter can do so for 90 days. Walk in Centers are utilized for non-residential clients. The Retreat's focus is on domestic violence and a release is asked from the client to get the information needed. All clients have a Case Manager and individual and group counseling is provided for adults and children. Referrals are made to the proper Health Care Provider.

Access to health services have improved, especially the expansion of the Mental Health Program. Local hospitals, community healthcare facilities and specialty doctors have become more available and sensitive to the needs of pa-

tients who are clients of the Retreat; safety and confidentiality are maintained while receiving health services.

Clients are supported by the program to utilize legal services and have an understanding of their legal rights. Trained legal advocates accompany victims to court, explain the legal process and assist in obtaining orders of protection and custody. Local law enforcement is supportive of the program with the Retreat providing immediate confidential response and assistance to victims of domestic violence.

The Retreat does not service the abuser. However, their main concern is with the whole family and they have initiated a voluntary or mandated program run by Christopher Hall that has really made a positive difference to this concern. The SHARPE (Structured Help Anti-violence Re-education) program works with domestic violence offenders and provides opportunities to end abusive and violent behavior while building healthy and respectful alternatives. This program is available to participants who are required

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Valerie King (left), LWVH Health Committee Chair and Naomi Epstein (right), past-chair of the LWVH Health Committee met with Lisa Longnecker (center left), Clinical Director of the Retreat and Maggie Goldfarb (center right), the Retreat's Director of Development.

Education Committee Doings

By Judi Roth

After our successful program at the Suffolk County Legislature attended by over 25 East End high school students, the Education Committee is taking a little time off. Our next endeavor will be to bring our modified version of Vote 18 to four to six classes in two high schools. One of those schools will be Pierson/Sag Harbor and the second yet to be decided. This is scheduled for February 24 and 25, 2016.

As Off-Board Chair of the State Youth Services Committee, I have been reading about the activities of other Education/Youth Services Committees around the state both on the state League website, www.lwvny.org and in the newsletters that are sent to Committee chairs. I am really impressed by the scope of the programs that are being done; many use Vote 18 and Running and Winning which I'm proud to say originated in New York (by way of Walt Townes and the Camden, NJ League respectively) in our Hampton League. The League in Rochester, NY has developed a Power Point presentation used in conjunction with live discussion for high school classrooms. I have ordered

the DVD and will show it to our committee to see if we can adapt this for our use. I am a firm believer in using other people's good ideas!

Anne Marshall and I visited Danielle Doscher, Head of Guidance at Bridgehampton High School, to give her the good news that we have selected Bridgehampton High School as the source for the two students who will be sent to Students Inside Albany in late May. We went over the guidelines of the program and stressed that the students selected should be outgoing and have an interest in what is going on in the larger community and world. We also talked about the feedback we want to get from the attendees; Mrs. Doscher suggested that we give the students some questions in advance that they can think about so they will have a focus for the brief essays we expect them to write upon their return.

The Betty Desch Scholarship applications have already gone out to Southampton and East Hampton High Schools and will be going out to the other schools shortly.

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Visit to the Retreat

to complete a domestic violence class by the court system, Child Protective Services, mental health and/or substance abuse treatment providers or probation/parole. They also welcome voluntary self-referrals. The program consists of 32 weekly sessions, two hours each, with a 52-session option for DV court referrals. There is also a Fatherhood Program that comes out of Hauppauge. They run programs at the Children's Museum of the East End.

We asked if they had a wish list. The response was to be able to enhance staffing for both legal and custodial care, and another bi-lingual counselor. There are many ways to make a contribution or volunteer your services to the only

domestic violence organization on the East End. If interested, call 631-329-2200.

The LWVH Health Committee has an active agenda as we close out 2015 and head into the new year. A small group of committee members will visit the new Westhampton Beach Hospice program on December 16th. Also, save the date: Monday, June 13th, for the Health Committee sponsored PIM (Public Information Meeting) on the merger of Southampton Hospital and Stony Brook Medical Center. If you are interested in joining the LWVH Health Committee, please contact: Valerie King at valeriekingphd@gmail.com.



15 STEPS YOU CAN TAKE TO REDUCE YOUR RISK OF GETTING A HOSPITAL INFECTION

By Joanne McEvoy-Samborn

This is a repeat article written many years ago (2007) but is still important in light of the article in a medical journal recently from Denmark on drug resistant E Coli found in hospital patients there.

1. Ask that hospital staff clean their hands before treating you, and ask your visitors to do the same
2. Before your Doctor uses a stethoscope, ask that the diaphragm be wiped with alcohol
3. If you need a "central line" catheter, ask your Doctor about the benefits of one that is antibiotic-impregnated or antiseptic-coated to reduce infections
4. If you need surgery, choose a surgeon with a low infection rate
5. Beginning 3-5 days before surgery, shower or bathe daily with chlorhexidine soap
6. Ask your surgeon to have you tested for MRSA at least one week before coming to the hospital.
7. Stop smoking weeks in advance of surgery
8. Remind your Doctor that you may need an antibiotic

one hour before the first incision

9. Ask your Doctor about keeping you warm during surgery
10. Do not shave the surgical site
11. Wash your hands frequently, avoid touching your hands to your mouth or eyes, and do not set food or utensils on furniture or bed sheets
12. Avoid a urinary catheter if possible. It is a common cause of infection.
13. Ask your Doctor about monitoring your glucose levels continuously during and after surgery, especially if you are having cardiac surgery
14. If you must have an I.V., make sure that it is inserted and removed under clean conditions and changed every 3-4 days
15. If you are planning to have your baby by Cesarean, follow the steps listed above

Source: "Better Hygiene and New Technologies Make Infection Prevention Possible" by Betsy McCaughey, RID Chairwoman

Membership Committee Report

Welcoming 11 New Members!

By Estelle Gellman and Joanne McEvoy-Samborn

The Membership Committee is delighted to welcome 11 new members who have joined us in 2015. They are: Rosemary Barber; Anne Cassels, Liz Corker, Rita Diggs, Nancy Harley, Victoria Kahn, Rita Karyo, Marcia Morgenstern, Sharon Olender, Margaret Stevenson and Suzanne Sylvor. We look forward to working with our new members on committees and hope they will join us at our upcoming consensus meeting, at the Blahs Luncheon, at special events and at our Public Information Meetings.

The League's Special Events and Public Information Meetings have served as our introduction to many of our new members. We encourage all our members to invite prospective members to these events and to discuss the benefits of League membership with them. And we remind all our continuing members who haven't yet done so to renew their membership; if your dues renewal letter is still sitting under a pile of papers, now is the time to find it and remit your dues. We invite all interested members, old and new, to join the committee. If interested, contact membership@lwvhamptons.com.

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ing activity. The Health committee also did a great job of contributing solidly informative articles to each issue of The Voter.

When Estelle Gellman became chair of the Government Committee, she hit the ground running. Assisted by input from former LWVH President Carol Mellor, the committee sponsored "consideration of consensus questions" on How the Constitution is Amended; reached consensus with the Ohio League's position on Raising the Age (of juvenile justice) and presented a PIM on Money-in-Politics preparatory to a January 22, 2016 Consensus Meeting.

Still, no one would have known anything about us if not for skilled media placement by our PR agent supreme, Ar-

lene Hinkemeyer. I support her with Constant Contact e-blasts, Facebook and our website. The Voter would cease to exist without the valiant efforts of Cathy Peacock, who took over as Advertising Manager following the sad loss of Joy Cordery. There would be no content without Estelle Gellman, Judi Roth and Arlene Hinkemeyer, who rotate as editors of our award-winning publication. Thanks to all who volunteer along with your committee responsibilities.

Here's hoping that the triumphs of 2015 inspire you to work on a committee in 2016. You can start by joining us on January 11 for our 2016 Planning Meeting. It's at 1:30 pm at Southampton Town Community Center located on the Bridgehampton/Sag Harbor Turnpike. See you soon!

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