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SAVE THE DATES
Monday, October 16, 7 p.m.
East Hampton Town Supervisor and
Town Council Candidates Debate
Emergency Services Bldg., Cedar St.

Thursday, October 19, 6 p.m.
East Hampton Library Tom Twomey
Program on Suffrage Anniversary;
Antonia Petrash/Arlene Hinkemeyer speak.
Emcee Judith Hope; host Brooke Kroeger.
Exhibit, rally video, reception, other specials.
Co-sponsored by LWV, Town & Village of E.H.

Thursday, October 26, 7 p.m.
Southampton Town Supervisor and
Town Council Candidates Debate
Rogers Memorial Library

Thursday, November 2, 3 p.m.
New Member Reception/Orientation
Home of Glorian Berk, Water Mill

Monday, November 13, 6:30 p.m.
Health Committee presentation on
“End of Life Choices & Decisions.”
Hospital’s Parrish Memorial Hall, South.

Sunday, November 19, 3 p.m.
LWVH co-sponsors “Ladies of Liberty,”
a suffrage musical revue.
South, Arts Center, Jobs Lane, $10.

Voters Are Reminded of Important Debates and Dates
By Anne Marshall, Voter Services Co-Chair
Tis the Season….Election Season, that is, and with it comes a reminder that
the general election is Tuesday, November 7. Polls are open from 6 a.m.
to 9 p.m.
On this, an odd-numbered year, voters turn their attention to the candidates
vying in local elections for town and county offices.

CANDIDATE DEBATES
We have scheduled two debates for candidates running for some of these
positions.

In East Hampton Town: Monday October 16, 7 p.m. at Emergency Serv-
ices Building on Cedar St.
• Candidates for Town Supervisor: Peter Van Scoyoc and Manny Vilar
• Candidates for Town Council: Paul Giardina and Jerry Larsen, Jeff Brag-
man and Kathie Burke-Gonzalez.

In Southampton Town: Thursday, October 26, 7 p.m. at Rogers Memo-
rial Library, Coopers Farm Rd.

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The League of Women Voters of the Hamptons

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

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

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

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

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Co-Presidents’ Message
By Estelle Gellman

By the time you get this issue of The Voter, National Voter Registration Day on September 26 will have passed, and we will have already distributed voter registration forms, absentee ballot applications and voter information at many sites on the East End. Now we have to turn our thoughts to voting.

While there is no dramatic national race this year, there are local elections and propositions to be voted on in November, and the outcome of these elections have as much - if not more - of an effect on our daily life. Unfortunately, voter turnout - which is low to start with in New York State - tends to be even lower in years when there are no presidential or congressional elections. Let’s try to do all we can to reverse that trend. Be sure to vote and remind everyone you know to do the same.

Of course, we want your vote to be an educated vote, and the League is doing our part to see that it is. We have already held two Public Information Meetings about the upcoming vote on whether or not to have a New York State Constitutional Convention and have co-sponsored with the Group for Good Government an August 28 debate among the candidates in the Democratic primary for East Hampton Town Board. We will be holding additional debates for the candidates for Supervisor and Town Board of East Hampton on Monday, October 16th; for the candidates for Supervisor and Town Board of Southampton on Thursday, October 26th; and if there are two candidates available, for the candidates for Suffolk County Legislator on Monday, October 30th.

In addition, look for our proposition guides regarding the three propositions that will be on the ballot: (1) whether or not to hold a NYS Constitutional Convention; (2) whether to authorize judges to reduce or revoke the public pension of a public officer convicted of a felony related to his or her official duties; and (3) whether to create a 250-acre land bank, which would allow local governments to request state Forest Preserve land for qualifying projects in exchange for the state adding 250 new acres to the preserve and allowing bike paths, sewer lines, and utility lines within the width of highways on preserve land. And, of course, you can always look up voter information on Vote411.org. Armed with all that information, be sure to vote on November 7th!

It takes the hard work of many members to provide the services we do, and we not only thank those who have already given so much but welcome all our members to become more involved. We provide many opportunities that will enable you to contribute to our community while making like-minded new friends. Look at the committee reports in this issue to see what our committees are doing and join them. And if you are not yet a member, this issue also has a membership form. We look forward to working with you.
Recent Events: Voter Services

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Voters Are Reminded of Important Debates and Dates In This Election Season

• Candidates for Town Supervisor: Ray Overton and Jay Schneiderman
• Candidates for Town Council: Stan Glinka and Thea Dom- browski-Fry, Julie Lofstad and Tommy John Schiavoni

For Suffolk County Legislator, 2nd L.D. (previously scheduled for Monday, October 30, 7 p.m. at Hampton Bays Senior Center)

As of this writing, because we have been unable to reach the Republican candidate, Heather Collins, to ascertain her availability to participate, we have invited her opponent, Bridget Fleming, to make an appearance at the two scheduled events listed above.

VOTER INFORMATION & REGISTRATIONS
During the months of August, September and October, League members provided voter information and registration at a number of events, including the East Hampton Street Fair, Sag Harbor Fest, the Southampton Town Anti-Bias Task Force picnic in Hampton Bays, the East Hampton Primary Debate, and the League’s public information meetings. Most visibly on September 26, as part of National Voter Registration Day, they fanned out to 11 different sites from Montauk to Westhampton Beach and the North Fork.

BALLOT PROPOSITIONS
An important piece of information that we shared at these events was the presence of three New York State propositions on this year’s ballot. Explanations of each of these can be read in the article by Voter Services Co-Chair Carol Mellor in the September Voter. Also, www.lwvny.org has developed a Voters Guide, Part II, with detailed pros and cons on the three issues. The pamphlets will be available at each of the League’s candidate debates in October.

Voters are reminded to turn their ballots over to find these propositions.

OTHER IMPORTANT DATES
October 13: Voter Registration Form Mail-In Deadline
October 31: Request for Absentee Ballot Mail-In Deadline

VOTE NOVEMBER 7, 2017!!!

Registering voters at Sag Harbor Fest on September 9 was Joan McGivern with help from pet Mr. D.

Handing out voter registration forms and other literature at Southampton Town’s Anti-Bias Task Force Picnic in Hampton Bays on September 9 were, left to right, Carol Mellor, Bev Dixon, Gladys Remler and Joanne McEvey-Samborn.

East Hampton GGG (Group for Good Government) chairman Arthur Malman and LWV co-president Estelle Gellman were moderators for the August 28 East Hampton Town Council Primary Debate, sponsored by both groups and the East Hampton Library and drawing an estimated 200 attendees.

Serving as questioners at the August 28 East Hampton Primary Debate were Cathy Peacock of LWV and Steven Schwartz of the GGG.

At the Anti-Bias Task Force Picnic, Norman Remler was honored in memoriam, with proclamations presented to Gladys Remler, right, from Southampton Town Supervisor Jay Schneiderman, left, and Suffolk County Legislator Bridget Fleming, second right, for his tireless work and pivotal role in the organization over the years.
Celebrating the 2017 Centennial of Women’s Vote in NYS

The LWVH’s August 24 Re-Creation of the 1913 Suffrage Rally

By Arlene Hinkemeyer, Chair, LWVH Committee
Celebrating 100th Anniversary of Women’s Vote in NYS

At the start of the rally in front of East Hampton suffragist May Groot Manson’s house, LWVH 100th anniversary committee members, left to right, Cathy Peacock, Judi Roth and Martha Potter signed up the marchers, sold the last of the League’s 100 gold satin “Votes for Women” sashes, and distributed small signs with names of marchers in 1913 and large signs celebrating East Hampton suffragist Manson and the 100th anniversary of women’s vote in NYS.

100th anniversary committee member Barbara McClancy, center, and others assemble.

Before the start of the march down Main Street, the Brocks welcomed the estimated 200 people who had gathered for the re-creation of the 1913 rally. Not all could fit into this photo.

Mary Jane and Charles Brock—the current owners of the historic Thomas L. and May Groot Manson house at 117 Main Street, where the Pomeroy Foundation historic suffrage marker was erected and where the rally began, as it did in 1913.

Arlene Hinkemeyer, 100th anniversary committee chair, who headed the suffrage rally re-creation and emceed the program in the library.

Snare drummer Bruce Beyer and LWVH co-presidents Estelle Gallman and Susan Wilson, holding the suffrage banner and the American flag, led the march down Main Street from the Manson home to the East Hampton Library.
The LWVH’s August 24 Re-Creation of the 1913 Suffrage Rally

East Hampton Historical Society executive director Jill Malusky and curator Richard Barons, on left, and East Hampton Star editor David Rattray, right, spoke to the marchers as they passed by their offices on Main Street. With them is Lt. Governor Kathy Hochul.

The picturesque crowd, facing the E.H. Historical Society’s Clinton Academy, listens to the speakers.

Keynote speaker, Lt. Governor Kathy Hochul, Chair of the NYS Women’s Suffrage 100th Anniversary Commemoration Commission, declared the E.H. suffrage rally a model for others in the state. She detailed the long struggle from the 1848 Seneca Falls Women’s Rights Convention until 1917; the audacity of Susan B. Anthony and other women wanting the vote; and the now-humorous reasons why some men opposed it (“Who will cook our dinners?” “Who will darn our socks?”). She also introduced East Hampton Town Supervisor Larry Cantwell and women elected officials in the audience, including Suffolk County Legislator Bridget Fleming, E.H. Town Councilmember Kathee Burke-Gonzalez, and the first female Town Supervisor on Long Island, East Hampton’s Judith Hope.

LWVH co-presidents Susan Wilson and Estelle Gellman welcomed the marchers for the program inside the East Hampton Library.

Arlene Hinkemeyer thanked East Hampton Village officials for working with her to acquire the May Manson suffrage marker, and Mayor Paul F. Rickenbach, Jr., left, and historian Hugh King then spoke to the audience.

Closing the program was featured speaker Coline Jenkins of Greenwich, Connecticut, left, the great granddaughter of Harriot Stanton Blatch, who spoke at the East Hampton rally in 1913, and the great, great granddaughter of Seneca Falls conference co-head Elizabeth Cady Stanton. Ms. Jenkins (who wore H.S. Blatch’s academic robe) introduced her daughter Elizabeth Jenkins-Sahlin, right, and holding a photo of E.C. Stanton, they read from her “Declaration of Sentiments” from 1848.
Opening Business:

- The whole Board extended its congratulations to Arlene H. and the 100th Anniversary committee for the success of the August 24th suffrage rally in East Hampton and also for the introduction of our co-presidents at the annual Artists v. Writers Charity Softball Game on August 19. They both generated great publicity.
- Barbara M. suggested that the Board consider ordering LWVH stationery to be used for thank you notes, sympathy cards and other purposes. She presented a motion which was passed, and Nancy W-Y volunteered.

Discussion Items:

- Voter Editors. The LWV needs more volunteers to serve as editors of the Voter, which is published seven times a year. Arlene was editor of the July/August, the September, and the upcoming October issue, whose deadline is September 15. Glorian volunteered to learn the editing process for the November/December issue.
- Web Developments. Judy S. reported a substantial number of visitations at the lwvhamptons.org website. She continues to post notices on Facebook and sends out Constant Contacts.
- Two studies passed at the LWVNYS convention in June are to be completed this year, with results sent to LWVNYS by 2/15/18.
  1. One is the “Death with Dignity” concurrence study with LWV Utah. The Health committee is holding a public information forum on this subject on Monday, November 13, 6:30 p.m. at Stony Brook Southampton’s Parrish Hall.
  2. The second is an update on the LWVNYS Charter School position adopted in 2006, to delete the following sentence—“In lieu of amendment of the Charter School Act to increase the total number of charters that could be granted, it supports retention of the current total (100) with amendment of the Charter School Act so that a charter could be reissued if a charter school ceases to function for any reason.” The 100 charter school cap has been exceeded over the years and is no longer a relevant number. This issue will be referred to the Education Committee.
- LWV Suffolk County has formed a committee chaired by Susan Wilson to find a permanent sponsor for the Directory of Public Officials. The County League is exploring a spring event; it is also resolving food costs at “Student Day at the Suffolk County Legislature.”
- Debate reminder from LWVNYS: You need at least two individuals to hold a debate. We do not sponsor “empty chair” debates.
- LWVH Inventory: We need an accurate inventory of LWV equipment such as stationery, banners, flags, table cloths, etc. and where they are currently located. Martha P. volunteered to assemble and maintain on our website an updated list of this property and its location. The League’s horizontal banner and some vertical podium banners used for candidate debates are still missing. Board and committee chairs are asked to return any property promptly.
- In the past the LWVH published a brochure, “Know Your Town,” containing information on town government, schools and other community institutions. Joan M. will look into doing an update for the Town of East Hampton.
- The Holiday Party. Martha will look into the availability of the Unitarian Universalist Church in Bridgehampton, the site of our party last year. If not available, Arlene will contact the Ethan Allen store in Water Mill.

Committee Reports:

- Education: Judi reports they have successfully made contact with a Girl Scout Service Unit, one that covers the Riverhead area from Calverton to Hampton Bays, and serves about 140 girls of varying ages. The committee will meet with the leaders on October 10th at the Riverhead Middle School to talk about how they can help the girls obtain their suffrage badge. The goal is to do three sessions at the Riverhead Middle School.
- Government: The committee is gearing up for the upcoming public information program on the Constitutional Convention ballot issue, on Monday, September 18, 7 p.m. at the Hampton Bays Senior Center.
- Membership: Members are encouraged to send in their dues for 2017-18. Their next committee meeting will be early October. The New Member Reception/Orientation is scheduled for Thursday, November 2, 3 p.m. at Glorian’s house.
- Health: Continuing to monitor health issues affecting the East End, members of the committee met with Robert Chaloner and Dr. Fred Weinbaum to receive an update on the Stony Brook/Southampton Hospital merger. They also discussed plans for the upcoming public forum on Monday, November 13, 6:30 p.m. on the LWVNYS concurrence study on “Death with Dignity.” They are meeting with Pricilla Ruffin, the Director of East End Hospice, to ask her to join the panel. Other possibilities include a physician from the hospital’s palliative care unit, a theologian and a legal/ethics expert. They welcome the help of any interested League members. Future plans include a visit to the Shinnecock Health Center this winter.
- The Natural Resources Committee looks forward to a meeting with members of the Shinnecock Nation on September 14.
- Adopt-a-Road: Arlene and Vicki Umans cleaned Pantigo Place on July 25; Arlene did it on August 31.
- Publicity: Arlene reported that the August 28 East Hampton Town Board Democratic Primary Debate, which drew an estimated crowd of 200, received front page coverage in the East Hampton Press, East Hampton Star and the Sag Harbor Express. Media announcements for the September 18 program on Con-Con and the September 26 National Voter Registration Day will go out shortly.
- 100th Anniversary Events: After seven months of hard work by Arlene and the Committee, the August 24 re-creation of the August 1913 East Hampton Suffrage Rally was an overwhelming success. The VIP’s attending and speaking included Lt. Governor Kathy Hochul and Elizabeth Cady Stanton descendant, Coline Jenkins. Also speaking were the E.H. Village Mayor Paul Rickenbach, Jr. and Town Crier, Hugh King. Our 100 gold satin “Votes for Women” sashes sold out and made a profit. The estimated 200 marchers proudly wore white, their sashes and carried signs promoting votes for women. Those attending were invigorated by the enthusiasm and sheer numbers of the crowds. The march down Main Street from suffragist leader May Groot Manson’s house to the E.H. Library included stops at the Historical Society’s Clinton Academy and E.H. Star, with remarks by their leaders. The event received extensive coverage.

In addition, there was a book launch at the library on September 1 by Brooke Kroeger, on her recently published book “The Suffragents.”

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LWVSC Board Meeting: 10:00am Wednesday Oct. 18 at Riverhead Library

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LWVSC represented at a “Hot Topics” Town Hall meeting “Charlottesville: What Now?” moderated by Prof. Richard Klein at Touro

The Sept. 13 Touro Law Center program started with an overview of the issue via a VICE news video, continued with Prof. Klein putting the events into chronological format and Pres. Trump’s words over several cays were read.

Student leaders from a wide spectrum of organizations at Touro presented short prepared statements (Black Students Association, The Federalist Society- Touro Chapter, Republican/Conservatives at Touro, Latino Students Association, Jewish Law Society, Federal Bar Association Student Group, New Federalist Society Group and LAMDA).

Paul Glatzer (LWV Smithtown) reported that Prof. Klein gave a supremely professional summary & chronology of what was clearly a very divisive event in our nation’s experience and his ‘balance’ and ‘insight’ was excellent. The eight students who spoke were articulate and sincere and presented their points of view in a true professional manner.

LWVSC is an associate member of PAC (Touro’s Public Advocacy Center) and thus is welcome at various Touro Law Center and PAC programs and events. If you would like to know about Touro programs, visit their “Touro Times” weekly blog at http://www.tourolaw.edu/tourotimes and let Lisa Scott know if you would like to attend any Touro events.

Making Democracy Work: Choose your party’s candidate by voting in a primary on Sept. 12.

“Turnout in local elections and primaries, is historically low … find out if you are eligible to vote in a primary, and make your voice heard.”

“At the Nov. 7 general election you will be voting for Suffolk County district attorney, Suffolk County sheriff, County Court judge and Family Court judge as well as your Suffolk County legislator and many of your town public officials. In addition, there will be three propositions on the back of the ballot, which will be discussed in next month’s column. Learn the facts. Be an educated voter.”

To read the column in full, go to http://tnbnewsmedia.com/making-democracy-work-choose-partys-candidate-voting-primary-sept-12/ For a list of TBR newspapers in Suffolk, go to the website above and click on ePaper.

In Memory of Barbara Jordan
Supporter and board member of LWVSC, passionate advocate for the homeless and for housing issues. We’ll miss the “Barbara gaze” when we had a call and gone off schedule at our Riverhead meetings.

Have you visited the LWVSC website lately?

http://www.lwv-suffolkcounty.org/
from LWV US constituent on DACA Reversal
“The League of Women Voters is opposed to deportation of non-criminal undocumented immigrants and we urge congress to pass a clean Dreamers Act to protect, not turn away, the 800,000 young people who were brought to the United States as children.”

http://www.lwv-suffolkcounty.org/elections.html
LWVNY has published two helpful Voter Guides this year. Both are available in pdf format via the voter information tab on the website. Voter Guide Part II is particularly useful for information on the three 2017 NYS Ballot Propositions.
County and Towns Offer Septic System Rebates

By Glorian Berk, Natural Resources Committee Chair

The Suffolk County Board of Health has approved four new septic systems that significantly reduce the amount of nitrogen that enters the watershed. Scientists have confirmed that nitrogen from septic systems is the main cause of the algal blooms in our surface waters and also impacts the sole source aquifer. Local municipalities have not yet mandated the use of the new systems, but these mandates will be coming shortly.

Suffolk County and the Towns of Southampton and East Hampton have established rebate programs to financially help citizens update their septic systems. Based on a referendum passed last November, up to 20% of CFP funds can now be used for water quality initiatives including septic system rebates. Below is a recap of the programs currently available.

Suffolk County (website: suffolkcountyny.gov)
A rebate of up to $11,000 is available with the preference being that the homes are located in an environmentally sensitive area as defined by the County.

Southampton Town (website: southamptontownny.gov)
The home must be located in medium and high priority areas as defined by the Town. A rebate of 100% of the cost of the system up to $15,000 is available. Household income must be less than $300,000. If the household income is between $300,001 and $500,000, a rebate of 50% of the cost of the system up to $15,000 is available.

East Hampton Town (website: ehamptonny.gov)
If household income is less than $500,000 and the home is located in the water protection district as defined by the Town, a rebate of up to $16,000 is available. If the home is not located in the water protection district, the rebate offered is up to $10,000.

Please refer to the websites above to get further information and find the application forms needed. At present, it is unclear whether a home owner can combine the County rebate offer with one from either Town.

Education Committee to Assist Girl Scouts in Earning Suffrage Patch

By Judi Roth, Education Committee Chair

Education Committee members are eagerly awaiting their meeting on October 10 with the Riverhead Service Unit leaders of the Girl Scouts. The Riverhead Unit covers scouts from Hampton Bays to Eastport and ranges in age from 7-18, encompassing about 140 girls.

To celebrate the centennial of women’s suffrage in New York State, the Girl Scouts have added one of their “patch programs” in collaboration with the NYS Women’s Suffrage Commission and Lt. Governor Kathy Hochul. We will be working with approximately three different groups of girls over the coming year to help them achieve this commemorative badge.

The requirements are age dependent and based on group, i.e., Daisies, Brownies, Juniors, Cadettes, Seniors/Ambassadors, etc. The girls must complete from three to six of the items. Just a few of the requirements are:

• If, and how, the Women’s Rights Movement is still a part of our current lives.
• What women’s groups were instrumental in passing the 19th Amendment?
• Learn the definition of civil disobedience; discover if there were instances of civil disobedience during the Women’s Rights Movement.

• When was the first Women’s Rights Convention, did many people attend and what was the outcome of the convention?
• Discover how democracy works and why voting is important for women by visiting the League of Women Voters of New York State website. There are several youth programs and resources available for you to learn about voting. (This is one of their items!)
• Create your own Suffrage poster/banner or one based on a current Women’s Rights issue.

If there are any former Girl Scouts among you who would like to join us, please contact me at 631-283-0759 or rothhandj@yahoo.com. For meeting at Riverhead Middle School on Tuesday, October 10, at 7 p.m., car pooling can be arranged.
Get the Facts on New York’s Constitutional Convention Question on the November 7 Ballot

By the LWVH Government Committee

If you missed the two Government Committee presentations on March 13 in Bridgehampton and September 18 in Hampton Bays, here is the text of their handout titled “The Who, What, Where, When, Why and How of the State’s Constitutional Convention Question,” which will also be available at the League’s candidate debates in October.

Background: Amending the Constitution
There are two ways to change the New York State Constitution: through the legislative process and through a constitutional convention.

• Legislative: Requires that identical resolutions be introduced into both houses and passed in two consecutive legislative sessions with an intervening statewide election; then approved by the voters.

• Constitutional Convention: The Constitution mandates that every 20 years, voters be presented with the ballot question: “Shall there be a convention to revise the constitution and amend the same?” A constitutional convention allows delegates, elected by the people, to gather and examine our Constitution. The delegates can strike current text and propose changes and new provisions on any issue.

How a Convention Would Work

• When: If approved, the convention would convene on April 2, 2019 and end in late September 2019.

• Where: In the past, conventions were held in the NYS Assembly chamber. Now legislative sessions extend until June, so an alternative location would be designated (probably a convention center in Albany).

• Who: Three delegates from each NYS Senate district (there are 63) and 15 at-large delegates from across the state—a total of 204. Any citizen can become a delegate by collecting petition signatures in order to appear on the ballot (similar to any elected office).

• Cost: The salaries of the delegates and staff, rent, supplies, and possible webcasting are estimated to total from $50 million to $100 million. Judges and legislators who serve as delegates are eligible (by the Constitution) to receive their regular salaries and a salary for their service as delegates. Some ideas for amendments could save money long term.

• Process: Delegates (with the support of a commission appointed by the Governor) will determine procedures, rules for operations and what issues will be discussed.

When Will I Be Voting?

• November 7, 2017: Vote on whether or not to convene a state constitutional convention

• November 6, 2018: Election of delegates if referendum passes

• November 5, 2019: Estimate for the date of the vote on the convention’s proposed changes.

Possible Convention Issues

• Election law

• Issues of governance

• Ethics

• Judiciary

• Government Funding & Taxation

• Blaine Amendment (which forbids public funds for private schools)

• Forever Wild (Adirondack Park)

• Reproductive Choice

• Public Pensions

Arguments in Favor:

• Best way to effectuate change in a number of areas not likely to be changed by legislative action (e.g., campaign finance)

• Opportunity for people to make change

• Strong message that voters are fed up with corruption and dysfunction in Albany and want to see change.

Arguments Against:

• May introduce amendments that abridge our current rights and remove important protections

• Concern about the role of money from special interests influencing not only the election of delegates but the approval of proposed amendments

• Concern about how the delegate ballot will look or how the proposed amendments will be presented (singly or packaged).

Our Position:

The NYS League supports calling a Constitutional Convention because it will provide New Yorkers with the opportunity to consider critical reforms that Albany has refused to undertake. We believe it is important that voters choose informed and diverse delegates who are committed to fundamental reform.

Want More Information?

Visit the NYS League’s website lwvny.org for more information on the upcoming convention question.
By Judy Samuelson and Joanne McEvoy-Samborn, Membership Committee Co-Chairs

For LWVH, 2016-17 was a banner year, with 21 new members! Of those, seven—Joan Baum, Sara Bertha, Karen Johnson, Judith Kron, Joan McGivern, Elena Rivera-Williams and Ethel Sussman—have already joined one or more committees.

We couldn’t be more pleased about this influx of new members. Especially exciting is the fact that more each year hail from the North Fork, where no League presently exists.

The Membership Committee has scheduled the annual New Member Reception/Orientation, for those who have recently joined but are not yet active on a committee, for Thursday November 2, at 3 p.m. at the Water Mill home of former LWVH co-president Glorian Berk. This is a social occasion at which newer members get to meet all the LWVH Board members as well as each other. Light refreshments will be served.

LWVH is pleased to have a total membership of 142. But we would love to have more new members on our Membership Committee, which is presently comprised of Co-Chairs Joanne and Judy, as well as Glorian Berk, Estelle Gellman, Julia Kayser and Vicki Umans.

Membership Committee members serve as greeters at all public information programs and debates, provide sign-in sheets to collect contact information from non-members at these meetings, and manage back office functions like keeping track of memberships and dues payments for state and national Leagues. We also try to attend as many community events (East Hampton Street Fair, Sag Harbor Fest, Southampton 4th of July Parade, etc.) as possible to maintain a visible presence.

New Member Reception Planned for November 2

Lemons—The Versatile Fruit, Part II

By Joanne McEvoy-Samborn

This is the second of two articles on the uses of lemons—a fruit with a wonderful fragrance, great in food and beverages, but also very handy for multiple purposes around the home!

Liime Scale:
Use a half lemon to clean lime scale off sink or taps/faucets: rinse well.

Laundry:
For bleaching purposes, add one-half cup of lemon juice to your washing machine’s rinse cycle and hang clothes outside to dry.
A teaspoonful of lemon juice thrown into your wash can also help your clothes smell fresher.

Dishes:
A teaspoonful of lemon juice added to your dishwasher detergent can help boost grease-cutting power.

Drains:
Hot lemon juice and baking soda is a good drain cleaner that is safe to use in septic systems.
If you have a garbage disposal unit, throw in some lemon peel from time to time while it’s working, in order to keep it smelling fresh.

Glass and Mirrors:
Four tablespoons of lemon juice mixed with a half gallon of water makes an effective window cleaner.

Chopping Boards:
Rub lemon juice into your wooden chopping board, leave overnight and then rinse. Wood chopping boards appear to have anti-bacterial properties anyway, but the lemon will help kill off any remaining nasties and neutralize odors.

Source: Information obtained from Greenlivingtips.com/articles/24-handy-lemon-tips.html

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**Highlights of Sept. 6 Board Meeting**

The last two upcoming 100th anniversary events LWVH is co-sponsoring include: Thursday, October 19, 6 p.m. at E.H. Library a special suffrage lecture featuring Arlene Hinkemeyer and Antonia Petrash, hosted by Brooke Kroeger and moderated by Judith Hope, with video of rally, and a reception; and Sunday, November 19, 3 p.m., a suffrage musical revue directed by Valerie diLorenzo, titled “Ladies of Liberty: Songs to Celebrate the Centennial of Women’s Suffrage in NY” at the Southampton Arts Center.

- **Special Events**: Proposed a fundraising luncheon with a fashion show by Fandango Boutique on October 12th at “The Vineyards,” an event space in Aquebogue. It would also include hairstyle and makeup tips and a door prize of a haircut from the salon. The cost would be $60 with a non-refundable guarantee of 50 attendees. After discussion, the motion was defeated.
- **Voter Services**: Will be meeting on September 13 to review the August 28 debate, plan for the October 16 and October 26 debates, and coordinate sites for National Voter Registration Day on September 26.

The next Board meeting is Wednesday, October 4, 2-4 p.m. at the Bridgehampton Senior Citizen Center.

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**Fashion Show Fundraiser Is Postponed to Spring**

By Joanne McEvoy-Samborn and Gladys Remler, Special Events Committee Co-Chairs

The Special Events Committee regrets the postponement of our first Fashion Show luncheon, featuring members modeling lovely clothes from the Fandango Boutique in Hampton Bays and well-known Kevin Maple of the Kevin Maple Salon, appearing with lessons for women of all ages on flattering hair suggestions and hints on skin care.

We are hoping to schedule this most enjoyable afternoon in the spring. We look forward to your support as always.

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