

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS Making Democracy Work.®

**Democracy Is Not A
Spectator Sport...
Get Involved!**

As A Member, You Gain Even More

- Meet bright, articulate men and women of varied ages and backgrounds in a friendly, non-partisan environment
- Join committees aligned with your interests: health care, the environment, government issues, education, election reform, others
- Receive a subscription to The Voter, our award-winning newsletter about League activities

The LWVH welcomes all who are interested in serving our South Fork communities. For more information, visit us at www.LWVHamptons.org or on Facebook. Contact us by phone at 631-324-4637 or email: membership@lwvhamptons.org

Special Events Committee

If you like working on group events, you'll feel at home with the Special Events committee. It plans fundraising activities that also raise LWVH's visibility and attract new members. It provides a diverse range of enjoyable activities open to members and non-members. For example, in 2015 we sponsored a Spring luncheon with author Gail Sheehy, an Amagansett Adventure tour, and a Fall luncheon with local author Armineh Ohanian. Spring 2016 will see a tour of Bridgehampton.

Co-Chairs: Joanne McEvoy-Samborn and Gladys Remler at specialevents@lwvhamptons.org

Voter Services Committee

Do you like being at the heart of political events? The Voter Services Committee represents the League's commitment to encourage citizens to register, vote and participate in government and politics. It is one of our most visible committees. Activities include organizing and presiding over debates; conducting voter registration drives; providing printed, online and telephonic information about voting; and getting out the vote on Election Day. Volunteers attend naturalization ceremonies at the Federal courthouse in Islip and offer the newest citizens voter registration forms.

Co-Chairs: Anne Marshall and Carol Mellor at voterservices@lwvhamptons.org

**your VOTE
is your VOICE**

Join THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

The League Of Women Voters of the Hamptons (LWVH) is part of a national non-partisan, multi-issue grassroots organization whose purpose is to help our democracy flourish. It serves our communities by encouraging informed citizen involvement and influences public policy through education and advocacy. For example, the League:

- Sponsors pre-election candidate debates to help voters make informed decisions
- Educates young people on the democratic process
- Conducts voter registration for citizens
- Researches all sides of local, regional and national issues, then decides by consensus whether to endorse or oppose those issues
- Presents free public information meetings featuring respected experts on relevant local, regional and national topics
- Distributes non-partisan voter guides on candidates and ballot questions and makes such information available on www.VOTE411.org.





JOIN US.



Education Committee

Join this committee to introduce young people to the pleasure, as well as the importance, of participating in government. This innovative committee has held video-creation workshops for students on the subject of voting, helped local Girl Scout troops earn a government badge, spoke to the Southampton Youth Court and registered students turning 18 by the next election. They've presented "Running & Winning," which brings together high school students and women elected officials for an inspiring day. New in 2015 is a "Students in Suffolk County Government," a local one-day version of the acclaimed "Students Inside Albany." The Education Committee selects candidates for the annual Betty Desch Award scholarship and students to attend the Students Inside Albany event.

Chair: Judi Roth at education@lwvhamptons.org.

Government Committee

Government Committee members research and educate the public about issues being considered by governmental bodies, observe town board meetings and interview local and state legislators. The committee also leads our participation in consensus studies of governmental issues initiated by the National or NY State Leagues or our own League. Most recently, the committee studied the issues of Money-in-Politics and the criteria for state constitutional amendments.

Chair: Estelle Gellman at government@lwvhamptons.org

Health Committee

The Health Committee presents information on this rapidly changing area of society, with a focus on how our local area is affected. Such issues include how the Affordable Care Act affects Southampton Hospital and local health care providers and the affiliation between Stony Brook University Hospital and Southampton Hospital. A public forum on delivery of health care in the Hamptons offered a panel including the CEO of Southampton Hospital, the Suffolk County Health Commissioner and the CEO of a Federally Qualified Health Care provider. They asked the Towns to describe available social services. We put the support of the League behind efforts to improve local delivery of behavioral health services. Teaming with the Natural Resources Committee, we presented a public information meeting on drinking water quality.

Chair: Valerie King at health@lwvhamptons.org

Membership Committee

If you like to meet new people and greet friends, join the Membership Committee, which provides a presence at general meetings, debates and community and special events. This committee is also responsible for recruiting new members and spreading the word about what the League stands for. It performs indispensable record keeping and "back office" functions. The popular "Winter Blahs" luncheon is organized by members of the committee. Membership committee volunteers reach out to make new members feel at home.

Co-Chairs: Estelle Gellman and Joanne Mcevoy-Samborn at membership@lwvhamptons.org

Natural Resources Committee

Demonstrate your concern for the environment by joining the Natural Resources Committee. It supports League positions on environmental issues at all levels, while concentrating on specific local issues such as water quality and recycling. Natural Resources has organized seminars on the progress of the Towns toward green initiatives and sponsors appropriate events. It strengthens its voice by co-sponsoring meetings or otherwise interacting with like-minded community groups. Together with the Health Committee, the committee created a public information meeting on drinking water quality.

Chair: Susan Wilson at naturalresources@lwvhamptons.org

Publicity Committee

This committee generates publicity to encourage attendance at our public information meetings and to increase the League's visibility. The Chair maintains a contact information database for all media; contacts reporters; distributes news releases and flyers; and tracks resulting publicity. Committee members maintain our website and Facebook page, keep email lists current and use Constant Contact (an e-blast vehicle) to publicize events and issues.

Chair: Arlene Hinkemeyer at publicity@lwvhamptons.org

Please cut here and mail our membership form in an envelope to: **LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF THE HAMPTONS**

P.O. BOX 2253, EAST HAMPTON, NY 11937

Our dues year is June 1 through May 31

_____ Full-time Student \$ 15 _____ Household \$ 90
 _____ Individual \$ 60 _____ Donation \$ _____

Membership dues checks should be made payable to LWVHamptons. To add a tax-deductible contribution, include a second check payable to "LWVNY Education Foundation."

_____ MEMBER RENEWAL _____ NEW MEMBER

Individual Member's Name _____

Other household Member's Name _____

E-Mail(s) _____

Mailing Address _____

Phone (local) _____ Phone (cell) _____