LWVH FORMS IMMIGRATION STUDY COMMITTEE TO PARTICIPATE IN NATIONAL LEAGUE STUDY AND CONSENSUS

So as not to miss out on the vitally important LWVUS consensus study of immigration issues, this summer the LWVH formed an Immigration Study Committee. Members include Afton DiSunno, Joy Lupoletti, Ann Sandford, Sue Wilson, and Arlene Hinkemeyer, chair.

A wealth of information is available on the League’s national website (www.lwv.org), and we encourage members to read a few of the articles there, especially the ones that deal with the history of the immigration laws and immigration policies in the United States. The February, June, and October 2007 issues of the National Voter also contain background articles.

On Monday, November 12, at the Membership Meeting (7:00 p.m.), the LWVH Immigration Study Committee will explain and lead a discussion on immigration issues and laws, aided by immigration history expert Dr. Richard Gambino of Sag Harbor. At a later meeting (possibly in early December), we will try to come to consensus, using the LWVUS consensus questions recently published on the League website.

In this article, I will summarize some broad themes and background information on immigration history. In the November Voter, I will summarize some of the complex issues that are being tackled in the current immigration bills.

Immigration History

As we all learned in history class, the desire to escape from persecution, to enjoy freedom of thought, speech and religion, and to improve economic conditions are some of the major factors that have brought immigrants to America. Presently, the desire for improved economic opportunity and family unification are two of the major motives.

Throughout different periods in American history, laws were passed to limit immigration from certain countries. Examples include the Chinese Exclusion Act of 1882 and the Johnson-Reed Act in 1924, which established a quota system for immigrants from southern and eastern Europe.

Recent Legislation

Two important, more recent laws with which we should become familiar are the 1965 Immigration and Nationality Act (INA) and the 1986 Immigration Reform and Control Act (IRCA).

The INA abolished the national quota system established in 1924 that gave preference to European immigrants. This 1965 law gave first preference to relatives of U.S. citizens (who served as their sponsors) and then to immigrants already living in the United States and those with skills needed... continued on page 14
In preparing for this month’s column I took a peek at the one I wrote a year ago at this time. In the October 2006 issue I said matter-of-factly: “By a year from now there should be no more lever-type voting machines at polling sites.” So much for certainty!

So what has happened? A lot and a little. Suffice is it to say that the machines that were in place last year are the same ones we will use not only for this election season but more than likely for the presidential primary in February—and also for the 2008 presidential election.

During the past two years New York has had the unpleasant distinction of being the last state to comply with the federal law called HAVA (Help America Vote Act, 2002) that requires the replacement of lever machines by September 2007. In July, the state legislature passed a bill extending that deadline, and Governor Spitzer signed the bill. Now Congress is also taking a second look. And New York may no longer have to hang its head. An article in the Boston Globe (September 9, 2007) summarizes it well:

“Lawmakers have come full circle after devoting more money to high-tech voting machines following the 2000 election debacle in Florida. They now say a return to the paper trails of old is the key to an honest vote, exasperating state election officials.

“Legislation pending in the House would require a voter-verified paper ballot for every vote cast in national elections beginning with the November 2008 ballot. It also would require random audits in federal elections and specifies that the paper ballot is the vote of record in all recounts and audits.”

Even if the bill passes, New York would still have to have a waiver because our machines don’t necessarily have a paper trail. So the drama continues. Stay tuned.

But let’s remember that there are important local elections in the Hamptons on November 6. Each town will be selecting its supervisor and some of its board members, along with a number of other town officials. Our League’s Voter Services Committee and other members as well have been busy registering voters and reminding them of the dates and requirements for this year’s elections. (See the Voter Services column on page 4.)

Don’t hesitate to call the Suffolk County Board of Elections if you have any questions concerning your eligibility or your status. See you at the polls on November 6!

Anne K. Marshall, Co-President  537-3257

DON’T JUST SIT THERE.
GET INVOLVED!
ASSEMBLYMAN THIELE PARTICIPATES IN NATIONAL POPULAR VOTE FORUM

Assemblyman Fred W. Thiele, Jr., who is a sponsor of the National Popular Vote legislation in New York State, attended the regular League membership meeting on September 10 on that topic, and joined the forum participants in introducing the concept and legislation to our members.

The meeting, which followed a New Members Dinner that was magnificently arranged and hosted by Arlene Makl and the Membership Committee, began with a presentation by Board member, Ursula Lynch, who recounted the manner in which the study on the National Popular Vote came to be adopted at the LWV State Convention. Ursula explained how the attendees at the convention, led by the Saratoga Springs local, overcame the objections and hesitations of the State Board about taking on this study, and brought a vote on the issue to the floor of the Convention. After Ursula’s remarks, Assemblyman Thiele explained some of the aspects of the legislation, and told the audience how he came to be involved in this legislation, which now has bipartisan support in the Assembly, but which, so far, lacks a sponsor in the Senate.

Following Assemblyman Thiele, Carol Mellor briefly reviewed the workings of the Electoral College, and then set out some of the advantages of the legislation, most of which have explained out in the past two issues of The Voter. Then Judi Roth laid out many of the objections that have been voiced about the legislation, including the ability to achieve the same result through the method provided by the Constitution, which is by amendment.

At the present time, members of the LWV State Study Committee are compiling a study guide, which will be used to construct consensus questions and then bring the idea to the membership at a consensus meeting. Anyone wishing to get involved in this study should call Carol Mellor at 631-537-6998.

ARCHIVES PROJECT, CONT.

Work has been continuing on the LWVH archives project. We are concentrating now on assembling material for the local positions we have adopted, specifically the “Closure of the Millstone Nuclear Power Plant” and “Recycling and Solid Waste.” If you have material related to these issues, specific to the Hamptons League, and are willing to part with it, we will arrange to pick it up.

We are also missing hard copies of a couple of Voter issues: July/August 2006 and April 2007.

Please get in touch with either Ann Sandford at 537-2383 (asandford@optonline.net) or Maura Lester at 324-6522 (maura912@optonline.net).

HOUSEKEEPING

We have been running into a costly problem having The Voter returned to the LWVH due to incorrect addresses. If you wish to continue receiving The Voter while you are away for any period of time, it is important that you inform Arlene Makl (Arlene.Makl@gmail.com) of the dates you plan to leave and return and both your winter and summer addresses. Or, if you wish, we could simply discontinue your Voter while you are away. This will save our League double postage for all the returned mail.

For your convenience, you may use the form on the last page to send us your addresses and dates.
Voter Services

“‘Tis the season”… for Voter Services. And once again Hampton League members from the Voter Services and Membership committees have been rising to the call, handing out voter registration forms, distributing absentee ballot applications, and answering questions. Westhampton members Gladys Remler and Ursula Lynch have been registering voters at markets, bakeries, and fairs in that part of the town. Mary Licata and Sue Avedon have been at the East Hampton Airport Fair. Barbara Jordan and Valerie King have been at the Post Office in Amagansett. Mireille Lister was with Barbara Jordan at the East Hampton Post Office. Mireille has also been at the Sag Harbor Fair along with Julia Kayser, Teri Davgin, and Stacy Pennebaker. Anne Marshall has been at the Bridgehampton Post Office. Fran Silverblank and Heidi Mack have been at Village Hall in Sag Harbor. Judi Roth was at the Southampton Library. Joy Lupoletti and Arlene Makl assisted the disabled at a center in Riverhead. Carol Mellor was at the East End Community Picnic in Hampton Bays. We also registered voters at Ellen’s Run in East Hampton. Our thanks to all!

As we again fulfill part of the League’s mission in educating voters, we will work with our local newspapers as we sponsor two local debates:

• East Hampton Town Supervisor and Board candidates on Monday, October 22 at the Emergency Services Building (the firehouse) at 7:00 p.m. (To be televised and shown locally by LTV.)
• Southampton Town Supervisor and Board candidates on Monday, October 29 at the Rogers Memorial Library at 7:00 p.m. (Also to be televised and aired locally.)

Please do plan to attend!

A reminder of important dates:

• October 12 Last day to register for the general election (includes changing name and/or address).
• October 30 Last day to postmark applications for an absentee ballot.
• November 5 Last day to apply in person at the Board of Elections for an absentee ballot.

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Special thanks to the following people who helped find our new advertisers and renew our old ones: Sue Avedon, Emoke Forman, Lillian Haubert, Maura Lester, Mireille Lister, Joy Lupoletti, Heidi Mack, Judi Roth, and Ann Sandford.

Joy Cordery, Advertising Coordinator
October 2007

Note: Meeting dates and times are subject to change. Please confirm with committee chairperson.

October is Voter Education Month.
No Housing Committee meetings until further notice.

October 3 Wednesday LWVH Board meeting. Bridgehampton National Bank. 6:30-9:00 p.m. Members and guests welcome. Note: 6:30-7:00, presentation by Southampton Business Alliance regarding their affordable housing initiative.

October 4 Thursday LWVNYS Ida Trager Training Workshop. SUNY Farmingdale. 11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

October 9 Tuesday Natural Resources Committee meeting. Bridgehampton Library. 11:00 a.m. Contact Sue Avedon at 329-1830.

October 10 Wednesday Voter Services meeting. Bridgehampton Library. 12:00 noon. Contact Anne Marshall at 537-3257.

October 10 Wednesday Membership Committee meeting. Bridgehampton Library. 11:00 a.m. Contact Arlene at 324-8662 or Arlene.Makl@Gmail.com.

October 15 Monday Deadline for November issue of The Voter.

October 17 Wednesday LWVSC Board meeting. Riverhead Library. 10:00 a.m.-12:00 noon.

October 17 Wednesday Fundraising Committee meeting. Contact Susan Wilson at 283-6549 for details.

October 22 Monday East Hampton Town Candidates Debate. Emergency Services Building, corner of Cedar Street and North Main Street, East Hampton. 7:00 p.m.

October 24 Wednesday Immigration Study Committee meeting. Home of Arlene Hinkemeyer. 1:15 p.m. Contact Arlene at 324-6713 or ahinkemeyer@optonline.net.

October 29 Monday Southampton Town Candidates Debate. Rogers Memorial Library, Windmill Lane, Southampton. 7:00 p.m.

October 30 Tuesday Education Committee meeting. Cooper Hall, Rogers Memorial Library, Southampton. 1:30 p.m. Contact Judi Roth at 283-0759.

October 31 Wednesday Health Committee meeting. East Hampton Library. 1:30 p.m. Contact Judi Roth at 283-0759.

LOOKING AHEAD

November 6 Tuesday Election Day.

November 7 Wednesday LWVH Board meeting. Bridgehampton National Bank. 7:00-9:00 p.m. Members and guests welcome.

November 11 Sunday 2007 Post-Election Brunch. See page 16 for details.

November 12 Monday General Membership Meeting. Immigration Study Committee to lead a discussion on immigration issues and laws. Details to come.

November 28 Wednesday LWVNYS and U.N. Dept. of Public Information. “Briefings on the Effects of War on Women Around the World.” Details to come.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN YOUR TOWN GOVERNMENT?

Go to www.townclerk.com and type in your ZIP code. You will find a lot of information about your town, including a calendar for town board meetings, minutes of the meetings, dates and topics of public hearings, and much more.
FOILed!

I recently attended a lecture detailing the ins and outs of the Freedom of Information Law (FOIL). The presenter, Robert J. Freeman, Executive Director of the Committee on Open Government of the New York State Department of State, was a lively and knowledgeable speaker who entertained in the process of educating. The committee is responsible for overseeing the implementation of the Freedom of Information Law, the Open Meetings Law, and the Privacy Protection Law. It is composed of eleven members, five from government and six from the public. Of the latter, two must represent the news media.

FOIL, which went into effect January 1978, governs rights of public access to government records. The Open Meetings Law concerns the conduct of meetings of public bodies and the public’s rights in relation to these meetings. The following is a brief summary of these two laws.

**Freedom of Information Law (FOIL)**

1. Members of the public (including the news media) can request government records (i.e., “any information kept, held, filed, or produced by, with or for an agency or the State Legislature”) in any physical form whatsoever (tape recordings, discs, etc.) providing the agency has the ability to provide records in the form requested.

2. The term “agency” includes all levels of state and local government in New York State performing a governmental function but does not include the State Legislature or the courts.

3. All records are available with certain exceptions. Generally, records where disclosure is likely to cause harm are deniable. For example, if they interfere with law enforcement, expose trade secrets, jeopardize an individual’s right to a fair trial, or if there is unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. Interagency communications can be withheld with four exceptions: statistical or factual information; instructions to staff; agency policies; and external audits.

4. Within five business days of the receipt of a written request for a record reasonably described, the agency must make the record available, deny access in writing, or furnish a written acknowledgment of the receipt of the request and a statement of the approximate date when the request will be granted or denied.

5. Ordinarily, the date cannot exceed 20 business days from the date of acknowledgement of the receipt of the request. If the agency knows that this timeline cannot be met, it must inform the requester and provide a specific date when it will grant access.

6. If the agency fails to abide by any of the above time requirements, the request is deemed denied and the person seeking the records may appeal the denial. Typically requests are denied in writing and one may appeal within 30 days. Upon receipt of the appeal, the agency has 10 business days to fully explain, in writing, the reason for denial. Copies of all appeals and determinations must be sent to the Committee on Open Government. A failure to determine the appeal within 10 business days is considered a denial of the appeal.

7. FOIL permits a court to award reasonable attorney’s fees when a person challenging a denial substantially prevails. This is permitted but not mandatory.

8. If an agency denies having the records sought, one may ask for certification of this (i.e., the agency must swear that a diligent research effort was made.) If it is discovered that they have lied, they are subject to penal law (they can go to jail).

**Open Meetings Law**

This law gives the public the right to attend meetings of public bodies. Members of the public may be permitted to speak at open meetings but the public body is not required to do so. Notice of time and place of all meetings must be given in advance. Meetings can be closed or go into “executive session” but this must be a portion of the open meeting. The law specifies what topics may be appropriately discussed in executive session. Voting on the appropriation of public monies may never take place during executive session.

Anyone wishing more information about the laws described above can call the Committee on Open Government at (518) 474-2518.

Written by Sue Avedon
The Broadwater project proposes a ship-like vessel moored in Long Island Sound to which liquefied natural gas (LNG) carriers will travel to unload their cargo, which would be in liquid form, where it will be stored, and then warmed to a gaseous state and piped to Long Island, Connecticut, and New York City. In prior articles, the governmental review process and the need for the project have been discussed. In this article, we are looking at safety issues. In next month’s Voter, the environmental effects of the project will be explored.

The proponents of the project claim that liquefied natural gas is relatively safe, citing the fact that the LNG industry has operated safely both in the U.S. and worldwide for over 60 years. Transoceanic shipments of LNG in ocean-going tankers started in 1959, and there has not been a single injury or fatality to a member of the public for over 50 years. Over 45,000 tanker shipments have occurred worldwide to date, without any significant LNG spills.

Opponents of the project counter that Broadwater will be the first facility of its kind in the world (other storage facilities are land-based). There has not been much experience with the consequences of an LNG spill onto water. Naturally, since no floating offshore LNG facility exists, there is no record of safety performance. However, there have been two reports, one issued by Sandia and the second by the Government Accountability Office (GAO). The gist of the GAO report is that more research is needed into the theoretical impact of a major spill. The 2004 LNG vapor cloud explosion in an Algerian LNG land facility, which caused 27 deaths and over 70 injuries, destroyed the $800 million state-of-the-art facility. There have been other accidents in LNG land facilities. There is also danger from fire if an LNG spill were ignited, either intentionally or unintentionally. There is no unanimity of opinion on questions such as the range of the sphere of danger from such a fire, or the consequences of cascading failure of the LNG storage tanks. The GAO recommended more study before this type of facility is built.

Sitting the facility offshore (plans call for the vessel to be tethered nine miles offshore) lessens the safety risks in regard to both accident and terrorism. The U.S. Coast Guard has concluded that the sitting of the facility offshore is preferable to an onshore sitting because its distance from population centers reduces the attractiveness of the site as a target for terrorism and would reduce the likelihood that members of the public would be injured in the event of a fire.

However, the Coast Guard has also stated that it does not have the resources to patrol and safeguard the vessel and the LNG ships. It has not ascertained the costs of those resources. Using the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission’s (FERC) estimated costs cited for similar security, security costs for Broadwater will run over $10 million annually, almost half of which might be paid by state and local governments. The local emergency response units onshore have stated that they do not have the resources to respond to an incident or accident at the vessel. Broadwater’s plan to provide security includes the use of armed private security personnel. Local officials cited concerns regarding who would have authority over this private security force.

Written by Carol Mellor

HELP WANTED

The League can only succeed in its mission with the assistance of its members. We need volunteers to fill these positions. Please consider helping out with these important roles!

HAVA EDUCATION
People needed to help with outreach project in connection with HAVA (Help America Vote Act) and the selection of new voting machines. Volunteers will deliver short speeches at churches and civic organizations to build awareness of issues and inform community about the League’s position on the new machines. Call Anne Marshall (537-3257) for more information.

BOOKKEEPING ASSISTANT
Person with computer bookkeeping knowledge needed to work with our Treasurer to transfer records of the League onto bookkeeping program. This would be an ongoing project, one to two hours a month. Work at home. Call Carol Mellor at 537-6998.

NEWSLETTER ASSISTANT
Person(s) with writing, editing and/or design background needed to back up Voter editor. Also need someone to gather information for Voter calendar. Ongoing project, three to five hours a month. Work at home. Contact Maura Lester at maura912@optonline.net.
**Vote 18**, the interactive lesson plan developed by Walt Townes which encourage students to register, vote, and take an active part in their government, has been a huge success! Initially, Walt taught the classes at schools contacted by LWV members. However, with his guidance and lesson plan, the members of the LWV of Huntington have been able to teach classes on their own.

Our members have used their community contacts to get into many schools. One member, through her position as professor at LI University: CW Post, made contact with the professor who teaches graduate social studies teachers. Through him, the League has been invited back four times to teach his classes. These teachers have been encouraged to use this program in their classes.

Besides having members contact schools, we have been very fortunate in our connections with Assemblyman Bob Sweeney who has contacted many superintendents in his district. As a result, we have taught in three high schools in his district, reaching over 1,000 students. We have also taught summer school classes in Brentwood, and will be going back there to present Vote18 in a night course.

This program has proven itself to be an invaluable source of information for students and one that strongly motivates citizens' active participation in government. A message we give students is that they, like others before them, can bring about change if they get involved.

**2007 Post Election Brunch**

“Behind the Scenes” political news from Newsday’s election analyst & journalist

**Rick Brand**

**LWVSC Voter Service Awards**

**LWVSC Liberty Award**

To also commemorate Veterans’ Day, we have invited a speaker to address us on veterans’ issues.

**Sunday November 11, 2007**

**Bellport Country Club** 10:30am-1:30pm

The Bellport Country Club is located at 40 South Country Road, Bellport NY Directions: From LIE, Exit 64 to 112 South. From Sunrise Hwy (Rt. 27) to Rt. 112 South. Take Rt. 112 South to end, Montauk Hwy (Rt. 27A). Go left (east) for 1 mile. Road forks. Stay right onto South Country Road for 2 miles. Bellport Country Club is on right (south side).

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by American companies. There were annual ceilings (by country of origin and by preference category) on the number of family visas, but spouses, minor children, and parents of adult U.S. citizens were usually granted visas within one year, outside of the numerical quotas. The law also established a “family preference” quota with annual ceilings and longer waits. First preference went to unmarried adult children of U.S. citizens; second preference to spouses and unmarried children of lawful permanent residents; third preference to married sons and daughters of U.S. citizens; and fourth preference to siblings of U.S. citizens.

In the application process, sponsors (who are U.S. citizens or legal permanent residents) file a petition by mail and submit documents and fees. After the petition is processed, an approval notice is issued, which becomes the “priority date.” Because the quotas are full, the law has resulted in a terrific backlog of millions of applicants and a waiting list that could take twenty years for family reunification.

The IRCA of 1986 offered permanent resident status to unauthorized immigrants who had been in the United States since 1982. It also marked the first comprehensive legislation to try to address the problem of unauthorized immigration. It instituted border controls, and it fined employers for hiring unauthorized workers (though these sanctions were rarely employed, and illegal immigration continued).

Greatly due to the pressure of American companies who needed highly skilled workers, the Immigration Act of 1990 was passed to raise the immigration ceiling to 700,000 annually, giving preference to relatives of U.S. residents and those with high work skills in areas such as science, medicine, engineering and computer science.

The 1996 Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act (IIRIRA) increased the number of full-time U.S. Border Patrol agents by at least 1,000 for each of the next five years; increased barriers; expanded funding for the automated fingerprint system, IDENT; and mandated a system for tracking the entries and exits of students and foreign-born visitors by 2003.

After September 11, 2001, Congress passed laws to close security gaps, increase information sharing by governmental agencies, and tighten visa issuance and documentation requirements.

In 2003, the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) was abolished, and its functions were transferred to the new Department of Homeland Security (DHS), merging 22 agencies into one. In 2006, the Secure Fence Act was passed to build 700 miles of new fencing along the 2000-mile Mexican border, at a cost of $9 billion.

The Current Situation
It is estimated that there are approximately 12 million unauthorized immigrants in the U.S. today. The numbers have increased over the years, due to many factors: the strong economy in the United States; the increased access to mass communication about opportunities in the U.S.; the poverty and lack of jobs in Latin America; the need for farm and other workers in the U.S.; U.S. farm subsidies which lower the price of corn in foreign markets, thus driving Latin American farm workers across the border; the desire for unification of families; the huge backlog in visa clearances; the low number of visas granted to low-skilled workers (employers have to wait nearly five years after all paperwork is approved by three government agencies); the lack of a system tracking those here on student and visitor visas (an estimated 25-40% of illegal immigrants are those who enter legally but overstay their visas); understaffing and undertunding of the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Service and the State Department consular offices; unenforced employer sanctions; poor border security; and well-established immigrant networks.

As you can see, immigration is a very complex topic! Please read some of the background articles on the League website (www.lwv.org).

Next Month: A Look at the Senate’s Bipartisan Immigration Bill (S. 1348) That Died on June 28.

Arlene Hinkemeyer, Chair 324-6713

SAVE THE DATE

Briefings on the Effects of War on Women Around the World

Wednesday, November 28th

Sponsored by the League of Women Voters of New York State in association with the United Nations Department of Public Information

www.lwv-suffolkcounty.org/Hamptons.htm
Membership

Two of the primary responsibilities of the Membership Committee are the recruitment of new members and the retention of existing members. The importance of retaining members can too easily be taken for granted. On Monday, September 10, the Board of Directors and the Membership Committee of the LWVH joined forces to welcome our new members and host our annual New Member Dinner.

Seated at each table was a mix of new members, Board members, and committee chairs. This gave the new members an opportunity to meet others, discuss issues, and ask questions about the LWVH. During and after dinner, Board members talked about the background of the LWVH and its accomplishments. The committee chairs each described their goals and the issues they are presently focusing on and encouraged anyone interested to please contact them. Questions followed.

The new member dinner was followed by a very timely and informative general membership meeting about the national popular vote versus the electoral college.

At the end of the evening a long-standing member pulled me aside and said, “What a great welcome for the new members to let them see what we are all about!”

It was a wonderful example of recruitment and retention at work. Ask a friend to join the LWVH. We have much to offer.

Arlene Makl, Chair
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Do you have an e-mail address? We need everyone’s e-mail address to update our files. Please do not assume we have it. Your address is never shared and is treated as a private matter. Take a moment now and send your e-mail address to Arlene.Makl@gmail.com.

WISHES FOR A SPEEDY RECOVERY

All our very best wishes to Joy Cordery that her broken arm mends quickly.

SUMMARY OF LWVH BOARD MEETING, September 5, 2007

• It was announced that the New York State League’s regional training workshop would take place on October 4. The theme is “working together.” Contact Carol Mellor if you are interested in attending.

• A letter was sent to County Executive Levy pointing out the criticality of having the full funding for all county programs available from the state, and a letter was sent to Senator LaValle expressing the hardship caused to our organization by his office canceling our scheduled meetings.

• All committee chairs reported on the workings of their committees, most of which will have already taken place by the time you get this Voter. They are: the Pub Quiz and 50/50 raffle on September 27, the new member dinner on September 10, and the appearance of the Natural Resources Committee at an East Hampton public hearing to support the town’s proposal to reward people and commercial establishments for upgrading their septic systems if they were installed prior to 1981.

• It was announced that the East Hampton candidates debate will take place on October 22 at the Cedar Street firehouse. The Southampton candidates debate will be on October 29 at Rogers Memorial Library. The Education Committee will again offer Vote 18 to the local high schools with the goal of recruiting young people, such as college students, to deliver the program. The special Immigration Committee will present an informational meeting to the membership on November 12 with Dr. Richard Gambino, an expert on immigration, and members of the committee discussing various topics. It was announced that we have eight new advertisers in The Voter with total funding of about $10,000.

• The Board voted to donate $75 to the East End Community Picnic in Hampton Bays.

• The October 3 Board Meeting at the Bridgehampton Bank will start at 6:30 p.m. to accommodate members of the Southampton Business Alliance, who are coming to elicit our support for their affordable housing initiative. All are welcome to attend.

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