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## Well Attended Planning Meeting Generates Ideas

by Judy Samuelson

On January 14, some 19 LWVH members, including Directors, took part in a mid-day program planning session. Then the group voted on prioritizing the ideas discussed. Each individual had three votes, which could be cast for one, two or three items, hence votes exceeded number of attendees. The following are the suggestions, ranked from highest to lowest.

1. Support creating an independent commission for redistricting following the next census. The issue will be on the ballot in November 2014. LWVH will lobby for passage. Sixteen votes.

2. Address the issue of multiple election days (e.g. for school board, library budget, special district elections). This practice is costly and confusing to general public, consequently turnout is low. Eleven votes.

3. Support Women’s Agenda. Discussion about whether to advocate passage as one bill or as 10 separate bills. LWVNY will ask for our support when bill/bills come up for a vote. Nine votes.

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ABOVE Voting to prioritize program suggestions. Photo by Arlene Hinkemeyer.

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## SAVE THE DATES!

Monday, March 10 - 7 pm  
Member Meeting  
“Our Town Supervisors”  
Bridgehampton Library

Wednesday, April 9 - 6:00 pm  
Member Meeting  
“How Access to Healthcare is  
Changing on the East End”  
Rogers Memorial Library  
Southampton

**ALL ARE WELCOME**

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 Glorian Berk

One of the responsibilities of each League board is to plan and hold an annual meeting each year. Traditionally, the League of Women Voters of the Hamptons holds its annual meeting in May. The timing of the LWVH's annual meeting is defined by a fiscal year that begins on June 1 and ends on May 31st. This year we have tentatively scheduled the annual meeting for Sunday, May 4. Look for confirmation of this date as well as venue and speaker in the near future.

At our January board meeting, several committees were set up in preparation for the annual meeting, including a nominating committee, bylaws review committee, and non-partisan policy review committee. At the February board meeting, a budget committee was scheduled to be appointed but, due to our snowy weather, the meeting(s) were cancelled. Also at the February meeting, the board was scheduled to review the results of the member program planning meeting held in January to prioritize the 2014/5 programs. Both these items will be addressed at the March 5 board meeting.

The bylaws committee reviews the current bylaws and makes recommendations to the board for changes which the board can either accept or reject. The nominating committee polls current board members to be sure that they are willing to continue in their current positions. They also identify potential new board members from the membership rolls and contact them to ask if they would be willing to join the board. The budget committee reviews the current financial results compared to the original budget and makes recommendations on both income and expenses for the new fiscal year.

Once all the committee work is done, the board accepts the budget, bylaws update if presented, and the results of the nominating committee. The board prioritizes the programs for the current year. Then, a packet is created and sent to all members via snail mail or email. The packet includes proposed programs, budget, nominating committee report and bylaw updates.

Once the board has completed its work, members have some work to do. First, please review the packet of information prior to the annual meeting. Next, plan to attend the annual meeting so that your voice can be heard. You will have the opportunity to vote on the budget, slate of potential new board members and any bylaws changes presented. You will also have the opportunity to offer directions to the board of other programs or initiatives that you would like the league to address. I hope to see many of you in May for this important meeting.

## Terms Limits and Voting Process Studies Underway

by Carol Mellor and Anne Marshall

As we reported in the last Voter, the state league is embarking on two interrelated studies. We will begin to study these issues now, in anticipation of the consensus questions to be produced by September.

The first study revisits the League's position on term limits. In 1996 the LWVNY Board decided it was time for the state to take a position on this issue. Although the state board had the authority to adopt such a position without referring it to the membership, delegates to Council 1996 voted to concur with positions stating that the League of Women Voters of New York State opposes term limits for members of the New York State Legislature and opposes term limits for New York State statewide elected officials. At the last NYS convention, several locals asked for a study revisiting that position; League delegates adopted that recommendation. The impetus to revisit the position reflects current popular opinion. The recent scandals that resulted in the arrests of several state legislators have resulted in reports that about 82% of New York state voters favor term limits, according to a Siena College poll.

The second study will explore several aspects of the way the New York voting system operates, from the primary system and other ways candidates get on the ballot, to other aspects of election law such as fusion voting, Wilson-Pakula, and run-off voting.

### FIRST MEETING SCHEDULED

Anne Marshall will lead the voting process study; Carol Mellor will head up the term limits study. We plan a special Voter Services committee meeting on Thursday, March 13, 12:30-2:30 at the Bridgehampton Library (barring more snow!) to discuss both case studies. Committee members and all interested parties are welcome to attend and to be involved. In the meantime, preliminary study materials on term limits are already on the state website ([www.LWVNY.org](http://www.LWVNY.org)), and will soon be on the Hamptons site. If anyone would prefer to receive a hard copy of the materials, please contact Carol Mellor. Remember, one need not be a League member to join in a study, although membership is required to participate in a consensus meeting. So if you have friends who might be interested in learning about these issues, please ask them to join us. Contact Carol Mellor [camellor@aol.com](mailto:camellor@aol.com) and Anne Marshall [aphnyc@aol.com](mailto:aphnyc@aol.com).

### PLANNING MEETING GENERATES IDEAS

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4. Address poverty and homelessness on East End. While all were horrified to hear statistics on these problems, there seems little our league can contribute as an organization beyond asking candidates for office their intentions for providing help. As individuals, we will seek volunteer opportunities. Eight votes.

5. Language access in town services. Four votes.

6. Encourage registered voters to vote. Four votes.

7. Advocate for universal pre-kindergarten. One vote.

### WHY HOLD THIS MEETING?

The purpose of these program planning meetings is for members to discuss program interests and make suggestions for the year's program, based on preexisting positions (state, national or local) or to suggest studies for adoption of new positions. It is also an opportunity for members to push their issues and make suggestions for program issues.

The results of the program planning meeting are presented to the board, which adopts a proposed program, after which the proposed program is then voted on at the annual meeting. After the annual meeting, the Board sets priorities based on the program adopted at the annual meeting.



Discussing ideas for programs. Photo by Arlene Hinkemeyer.

# Natural Resources Committee Report

## Committee meets with Environmental Leader

by Susan Wilson

Bob DeLuca, President of the Group for the East End, sat down on Jan. 28 with our Natural Resources Committee to discuss the Long Island Clean Water Partnership.

The Group for the East End is a founding member of the Long Island Clean Water Partnership, formed in response to increasing pollution of Long Island's water, which threatens our health and quality of life. Scientists and engineers have identified causes of this water pollution and found proven solutions to fix these problems.

Working with leading conservation organizations across Long Island, the Partnership will strive to change the status quo, elevate awareness, and implement strategic water quality protection actions that will reverse the decline of Long Island's water quality.

The focus is on transforming the way we manage our sewage (a major source of water pollution on the East End), improving cleanup of hazardous waste, eliminating pesticides and fertilizers from our drinking water, strengthening disposal requirements for pharmaceuticals and household hazardous materials, protecting undeveloped land, and creating a management entity with the sole purpose of improving Long Island's water quality. With a shared vision and united mission, the Partnership is focused on an island-wide campaign for change, in order to protect and restore clean water for current needs and future generations.

The Partnership will address the following:

1. Formation of some type of commission to set water quality standards and nitrogen levels for all water not just drinking water
2. Development of an action plan
3. Goals will vary based on the needs of each area, with each municipality in charge of their own plan.
4. Secure Financing for capital investment. (The Rauch Foundation has agreed to contribute \$1.5M over three years to the Partnership).
5. An enforcement component will be included to hold municipalities accountable
6. Educate the public.



## Bellone Holds Water Quality Teleconference

Suffolk County Executive Steve Bellone hosted the virtual meeting in early February. The teleconference was funded by the Raush Foundation and was by invitation to local community leaders and community groups.

In the wake of a new study on Long Island's water pollution, Mr. Bellone says improving the water quality is his new No. 1 goal. According to the report, nitrogen levels in the Island's ground and surface water have become so critically high that it is impacting drinking water, recreational waterways, and reducing wetlands. Wetlands act as Long Island's last line of natural defense against disasters such as Superstorm Sandy.

"I consider this issue the most important priority of my administration," Bellone said. He shared some statistics: 1 million people (350,000 Households) in Suffolk do not have sewers, everything goes into our delicate sole source aquifer & wetlands. Mr. Bellone called on everyone to join forces and support the Long Island Clean Water Partnership.

Among the participants of the LI Clean Water Partnership are Bob DeLuca, Kevin McDonald, Richard Amper, Adrienne Esposito and Professors Chris Gobler and Larry Swanson and SCWA and Kevin Law.

### Interview with Chaloner of Southampton Hospital

by Naomi Epstein and Valerie King

On January 27, Health Committee Co-Chairs Naomi Epstein and Valerie King, along with Judy Samuelson, interviewed Mr. Chaloner, president and CEO. As ever, he was most open and informative. Here is a recap of our meeting.

Overall the hospital has not felt a significant impact from the Affordable Care Act. So far enrollment in state commercial plans has been somewhat low for our local area whereas enrollment in the expanded Medicaid program has increased. There is a health insurance plan navigator at the hospital on the first Tuesday of the month. Mr. Chaloner stated that some of the hospital's doctors might not be network providers at this time. However the 30-40 doctors belonging to the Meetinghouse Medical Practice are "blind" to insurance. The many primary care doctors and medical specialties provided by this practice includes two new neurologists and an additional neurologist is anticipated in the near future. Southampton Hospital laboratory services will continue at all sites currently providing said services. An additional site has been added in Amagansett at the McMann Building.

#### NEW, EXPANDED CLINIC

The hospital's developing plans with Hudson River Health Care, a federally qualified health center, are proceeding, with an anticipated opening date in the spring. At present Hudson River Healthcare has separate



Electronic Health Records but there is the expectation that there will be future interface with the hospital's current "Next Gen" Electronic Health Records system.

Medical staff for Hudson River Healthcare will come from Southampton Hospital, Stony Brook and Hudson River Healthcare. Mental Health Services at the clinic will be provided by a social worker and there will be a Dental Clinic on site. A bus stop near the clinic is already in place and there are plans for daily pick up of patients by a clinic van.

So far, we have made contact with BOCES literacy programs in Riverhead, Bellport and Brentwood. Plans for utilization of the prior East Hampton clinic site are undetermined at this point. There was discussion of the need to expand the hours of the East Hampton Health Foundation's clinic to more robust emergency care. Mr. Chaloner mentioned the N.Y. State SLED (Satellite Limited Emergency Department) program.

#### ADDRESSING NEED FOR SERVICES

The Hospital has collaborated with East End Clinical Connections in a study this past year on the gaps in behavioral health services for our community. The results of that study indicated the need for more providers in insurance plan networks, more providers for non-English-speaking populations and the creation of a website for providers and community members to navigate the local behavioral health system. The hospital is also working with the South Fork Behavioral Health Workgroup. This group is addressing mental health services to school-aged children and soliciting proposals to present to legislators to address gaps in behavioral health services to residents of the South Fork.

#### PROGRESS IN STONY BROOK AFFILIATION

Mr. Chaloner provided an update on progress in the plans for affiliation with Stony Brook Medical Center and the move to the Stony Brook Southampton Campus. At present the definitive agreement is still in process. The five-year plan to move the hospital to the Stony Brook Southampton Campus will commence after the regulatory process is completed.

Mr. Chaloner plans to be a panelist on the LWVH-Health Forum scheduled for April 9, as will the Suffolk County Health Commissioner and representatives from Hudson River Healthcare.

LEFT Southampton Hospital

# LWVH Board of Directors

## Highlights from January 8, 2014 Board Meeting

### INFORMATION ITEMS

- \* National league to lobby for new bill to preserve voting rights. As the campaign to restore the VRA ramps up, they will give guidance and messaging documents (letters to the editor, etc).
- \* There will be a training call re Voter Registration grant which Lisa Scott received (\$1,000). Hamptons and Brookhaven collaborating re Eastern Suffolk BOCES. Judi and Judy plan to join the Jan. 9 webinar.
- \* Ursula will be on leave from Jan. to April. Judy requested that any other board members who will be away for one month to notify the co-presidents. Sally and Estelle indicated they will be away too.
- \* We received thank you letters from the two food pantries to whom we gave donations from our holiday party (Southampton: \$755 and East Hampton: \$470)
- \* Housekeeping
  - o County phone Jan : Anne; Feb: Glorian
  - o Mailbox: January: Valerie; February: Barbara; March: Judy
  - o Phone: January, Valerie King. Turnover occurs at monthly board meeting.
- \* Three Ohio leagues have proposed a new national study called "Alternatives to Partisan Primaries" and asked that it be added to state studies. Carol and Anne will consider and give a recommendation to the board.
- \* The National Convention will be June 6 – 11, 2014, in Dallas, Texas. LWVH are entitled to send three delegates. Carol will be in the area on personal business and may attend. Glorian and Judy will consider it. Sue was also proposed as a delegate. There is budget for some portion of travel/hotel expenses. It was noted that some leagues plan to boycott to underscore the state's anti-abortion, anti-voting rights legislation. Our board's position is that it would make a better statement to attend in support of the Texas league.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

- \* March 10 (7 pm – Hampton Library) member meeting will be hosted by the Voter Services Committee. Anne and Carol will contact supervisors in a couple weeks. Press is welcome but SeaTV will not record. Questions for the supervisors will be solicited. One possible discussion point would be town consolidation/shared services especially now that Gov. Cuomo has announced inducements.
- \* April meeting will be hosted by the Health committee.

### DISCUSSION ITEMS

- \* Annual meeting (Sunday, May 4).
  - o Speaker suggestions included:
    - Natalie Naylor (from Hofstra, specialist on LI Studies), possible topic, Women on Long Island"
    - Katherine Rice (DA for Nassau County), possible topic, Government Corruption
    - Christopher Paparo (Director Marine Science Center, Southampton), possible topic: mission of this new facility
    - Jay Schneiderman, (Suffolk County), possible topic: county issues.
  - o Nominating Committee to meet. Judy met 1/6 with Terri Davgin, chair. She will contact off-board members Marsha Kranes and Joanne Samborn, board members Judi Roth and Gladys Remler.
  - o Bylaws review committee was named: Estelle and Barbara plus another tbd.

### \* *The Voter*

Judy pointed out that the Board Minutes often repeat material in the committee reports in *The Voter*. Sally asked whether editor has the option to leave out portions (or all) of the minutes if space was needed for other material. After discussion it was determined that a tighter summary would be acceptable but some portion of the minutes need to be in every issue. So far, a replacement for editor/layout person has not been found.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

- \* Membership. Estelle noted that multiple mailings to delinquent members are no longer cost-effective and will be discontinued. Ideas for gaining members include establishing a book club (theme: women's issues/history). Hampton Library may be interested in hosting/promoting. Estelle will talk to Ann Sanford for her possible involvement. Carol asked for tally of members; Estelle will provide. Committee is open to additional ideas e.g., movie/dinner night every 2 months.
- \* Natural Resources. Sue reported that they will meet at the end of January with Bob DeLuca in Southold re plans after the forum and meetings of this past year and ask how we can help. They will also be in touch with Nancy Marr re Agriculture Study to find out what has been done.
- \* Government. Carol has prepared a letter addressed to EH town board to be read at their next meeting (Jan.16). Judy will do the reading. Committee is also setting up a meeting with the new EH Town Board.

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*Note: Meeting dates and times are published several weeks in advance and are subject to change. Please contact the Chairs or visit our website at [www.lwvhamptons.org](http://www.lwvhamptons.org) for updates. If you don't see a meeting for a committee of interest, contact the Chair of that committee. Contact information is listed on last inside page of The Voter and on the website, [www.lwvhamptons.org](http://www.lwvhamptons.org).*

<b>March 4</b> - 10:00 AM Tuesday	Natural Resources Committee Meeting	Hampton Library, Bridgehampton
<b>March 5</b> - 5:30 PM Wednesday	LWVH Board Meeting	Bridgehampton National Bank, Bridgehampton
<b>March 10</b> - 7 PM Monday	General Membership Meeting	Hampton Library, Bridgehampton Topic: Our Town Supervisors
<b>March 13</b> - 12:30 PM Thursday	Voter Services Committee Meeting	Hampton Library, Bridgehampton
<b>March 19</b> - 12:30 PM Wednesday	Membership Committee Meeting	Hampton Library, Bridgehampton
<b>April 9</b> - 6:00 PM Wednesday	General Membership Meeting	Rogers Memorial Library, Southampton Topic: How Access to Healthcare is Changing on the East End
TOWN BOARD MEETINGS		
<b>March 6</b> - 7:00 PM	East Hampton Town Board Meeting	Town Hall Courtroom, 159 Pantigo Rd., East Hampton
<b>March 11</b> - 1:00 PM	Southampton Town Board Meeting	Town Hall Board Room, Southampton Town Hall, 116 Hampton Rd., Southampton
<b>March 20</b> - 7:00 PM	East Hampton Town Board Meeting	Town Hall Courtroom, 159 Pantigo Rd., East Hampton
<b>March 25</b> - 1:00 PM	Southampton Town Board Meeting	Town Hall Board Room, Southampton Town Hall, 116 Hampton Rd., Southampton

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## League of Women Voters of NYS to host Regional Training Meetings

The League of Women Voters of NYS invites **all** members to interactive and essential networking and training workshops being held throughout the state in March and April.

League members may choose to attend any or all of the workshops. All local League and ILO board members are **strongly** encouraged to attend. A \$10 fee is being charged to cover lunch and materials. *To make maximum use of the day/workshops, please bring a laptop.*



**Long Island Regional Meeting**  
**Saturday, March 29, 2014**  
**10am to 4pm**

**Cold Spring Harbor Library**  
95 Harbor Rd, Cold Spring Harbor

There are a variety of workshops planned. These are not intended to be lectures, but rather an opportunity to discuss successful (and perhaps not-so-successful) programs and techniques in each of these categories.

Hear from a League specialist, as well as your fellow League members in attendance. Ask questions, discuss the pros and cons and effectiveness of various strategies, and share your own League's stories. You'll find that there is a wealth of knowledge, skill, and enthusiasm just waiting to be shared!

Workshops will include the topics below– please bring a team from your local League so that you can participate in every workshop topic!

- 9:30-10:00 Registration: coffee/tea and light breakfast.
- 10:00-12:00 Vote 411 (beginners & refresher): Where do I start?
- 10:00-11:00 Membership: Attracting and retaining members doesn't "just happen"!
- 11:00-12:00 Leadership: League leaders are often made, not born. Are we building our future?
- 12:00-1:00 Lunch (provided): Networking with League members and share your current local activities and efforts..
- 1:00-3:00 Vote 411 (experienced): Gripes, grins & going forward
- 1:00-2:00 Advocacy and Issues: What's going on in the state legislature now? And, share what hot issue is in your own community now?
- 2:00-3:00 Fundraising: Idea-Sharing: Minimal Pain, Maximum Gain.
- 3:00-4:00 Visibility: Are You a Player? How to increase connections with media, politicians, other groups, "The Public."
- 3:00-4:00 Candidate Forums: Policies, guidelines and staying out of trouble.

**Please register in advance**– find the form online at the [lwvny.org](http://www.lwvny.org) homepage (halfway down under News and Upcoming Events) or copy this link to go directly to the registration form: <http://www.lwvny.org/announcements/2014/registrationForm-LLTraining.pdf>



### Modified *Vote 18* Program Planned - and More

by Judi Roth

As we told you in the January/February *Voter*, the Suffolk County LWV received a grant of \$1,000 to reach out to youth in “underserved areas” and conduct voter registration drives. The population highlighted in the grant are people who attend the various BOCES programs in our areas (the Hamptons, Brookhaven, Smithtown and Huntington). So far, we have made contact with BOCES literacy programs in Riverhead, Bellport and Brentwood. These programs serve both immigrant and citizen populations ranging in age from 20 and up. There are about 45 students in each class.

Judie Gorenstein, LWV Smithtown, Nancy Marr, LWV Brookhaven and our own Education Committee plan to present a modified VOTE 18 program describing the history of voting in an interactive way. Then we will engage the students in a discussion of issues relevant to young people (raising the minimum age, legalization of medical marijuana in NY, applying for coverage under the ACA, etc.). This all leads up to encouraging all those eligible to accept forms to register to vote.

In line with this project, Judy Samuelson and I had the opportunity to join a national League webinar addressing new and tried and true ways to galvanize people to register and vote. One of the most important factors was follow-up. To that end, the four Suffolk Leagues have decided to invest our grant money in follow-up post cards that will be sent to these new registrants two or three times as we approach Election Day in November. The postcards will contain dates, phone numbers and websites that will both remind the registrants to vote and give them information to help them find out where and when to vote and who is running in their area. We have learned that New York State election law allows us to collect address data from the voter registration form. However, we have jointly decided that we would ask the registrant to put their address on the postcard and give it to us; this will assure that they are truly interested in receiving a follow-up from the League. We are looking at other BOCES programs and considering doing voter registration at Riverhead High School.

#### OTHER PROJECTS

The Education Committee had a very positive meeting with our film experts and are working on student recruiting materials to the schools for our planned Video

Workshop in late April. So far we have one student from Westhampton Beach going to Students Inside Albany; she will be joined by another from Hampton Bays.

#### PLANNING MEETING GENERATES IDEAS

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✿ Health. Naomi reports progress in setting up panel for April Membership Meeting. Mr. Chaloner has given his commitment which should make it easier to get commitments from other participants. Valerie was able to get an invitation to attend the Safe School meeting on January 10.

✿ Education. Judi reported that there will be a meeting on January 16 with the three video experts to discuss the April 24 workshop. The committee also sent invitations to the schools for Betty Desch scholarship applications. Also, they are working to get two students to go to Albany, one from Hampton Bays and one from Westhampton Beach. It was noted that the process of selection involves recommendations by the principals and teachers plus an essay. Finally, the Vote 18 initiative will be in April. Some committee members have volunteered to go to the school.

✿ Special Events. Gladys reports that they are working on a possible May event ‘Explore Sag Harbor’. It was suggested that Tony Garrow be contacted as he does tours. In September/October, instead of a restaurant luncheon, they may do a North Fork Winery. Also proposed: a cocktail party with plus-ones.

✿ Voter Services. Anne notes that she and Julie Burmeister went to a recent naturalization ceremony in Islip and registered 67 new voters. She has given Judi and Estelle materials for the next one and Judy and Mireille Lister will follow. With regard to Vote411, Carol reports that traffic is up 81% from the last non-presidential election year.

Also, there were visits from Hampton Bays and Montauk where the league is under-represented. Re two studies, there will be an initial meeting in March but in the meanwhile, material on Ballot Access (i.e., how to get onto the ballot) is available online to be linked to our website. Anne also notes that report that was due has been sent to State.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:28. (The February Meeting was cancelled due to poor weather.) **The next meeting will be at the Bridgehampton National Bank on March 5 at 5: 30 PM.**

## 211 & Green Tips

### *Need Help? We've Got Your Number* **2-1-1 Long Island**

by Joy Cordery

Dialing 2-1-1 gives the caller access to information about help with an array of issues from a variety of agencies. It's a free, non-emergency database and referral service that connects Long Island residents to health and human services they may need on a daily basis or during a disaster. Available by telephone (211) and online at <http://www.211longisland.org>, 211 provides callers and web visitors with detailed information on nearly 10,000 community resources for assistance.

When you call 2-1-1, the number connects to a trained call specialist who will help find the appropriate community resource. Information includes where to turn to after a disaster, help meeting basic needs, or finding job training, child care, legal assistance, substance abuse programs, elder care and more. Donors can also find agencies looking for contributions.

On Long Island, the service is a project of United Way of Long Island and Middle County Public Library, with partial support by Suffolk County. Call specialists can communicate in 170 languages.

When the recession hit in 2008-2009, the Hamptons League and United Way were in discussion about how the League could help to publicize this resource. Then we were told that funding for 211 was being discontinued, so the collaboration was dropped. Today, people still need to know where they can find help. Now that we know this valuable resource is alive, can we spread the word?

Here's where to go for information:

Online: <http://www.crdli.org/211launch.html>

Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/211LongIsland>

Call 2-1-1 or 1-888-774-7633 to connect to a caring call specialist. The 211 Long Island call center is available 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday to Friday.



### **Sustainable Fish Choices**

#### *The Third In Our Series*

by Joanne Samborn

The same kind of fish may appear on more than one list of choices, depending on where it comes from, whether it was caught or farmed, and the type of fishing gear used. To learn more about choosing ocean-friendly fish, visit:

[www.environmentaldefense.org/seafood](http://www.environmentaldefense.org/seafood)

#### **WORST CHOICES**

- Caviar (imported wild)
- Chilean sea bass
- Cod Atlantic
- Crab, king (imported)
- Crawfish (China)
- Flounder/sole (Atlantic)
- Grouper
- Haddock (trawl)
- Halibut (Atlantic)
- Mahi Mahi (imported longline)
- Monkfish
- Orange Roughy
- Rockfish (Pacific trawl)
- Salmon, farmed or Atlantic
- Shark
- Shrimp/prawns (imported)
- Skate
- Snapper, red or imported
- Swordfish (imported)
- Tilapia (Asia)
- Tuna, bigeye/yellowfin (longline)
- Tuna Bluefin

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