



# THE VOTER

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## Holiday Party Draws Record Crowd

by Judy Samuelson

Warmth, cheer and good food presided in a gracious setting (courtesy of Ann Sandford and Jerry Korman) at our December 11 holiday gathering. The gathering drew about 50 League members and their guests as well as a few elected officials.

Each year, LWVH asks attendees to share the season's spirit by contributing to a non-profit group chosen by the board. We're extremely pleased to report the group responded to a request to donate to food pantries as follows: Human Resources of Southampton, \$755; Springs Food Pantry of East Hampton, \$470; Sag Harbor, \$50. These generous donations were sent to their designees as of Thursday, December 19.

For more photos, see page 3.

Co-presidents Judy Samuelson and Glorian Berk welcome guests and ask for contributions to community food pantries. Photo by Joanne Samborn.

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*Save the Dates:*

## PLANNING MEETING

Tuesday, January 14 at 12:30  
Hampton Library, Bridgehampton  
Lunch will be served.

## BLAHS LUNCHEON

Thursday, February 13 Noon  
Bobby Vans, Bridgehampton

**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 Judy Samuelson, co-president

### NEW YEAR, NEW ENERGY

Happy New Year to all! Looking back, I'm proud to share some of 2013's impressive successes: the fundraisers at Sylvester Manor and in Riverhead, both intricate undertakings well done by the Special Events committee. There's the rejuvenation of the Membership committee, notably the dinner and orientation for new members but equally important, the upgrade of back-office operations. Our Natural Resources committee has sharpened focus on specific local issues, often in collaboration with other environmental organizations. In June, the Government-Health committee held a much-anticipated, well attended meeting with a guest speaker extremely knowledgeable about the Affordable Care Act. The group is closely following progress on New York's insurance exchange as well as the changeover in the Suffolk public health clinics from county-run to a public/private Federally Qualified agency. On the Government side, we're pretty sure our efforts promoting the Council-Manager model had a major effect on the election in East Hampton. While the Group for Good Government shares in that success, we originally brought the concept to their attention.

The Education committee followed through on their intention to work with younger students by sponsoring a successful video competition to promote getting out the vote. Last, but in sense, foremost, is the work of the Voter Services committee. What didn't they accomplish? The League sponsored debates for offices up to the County level; registered voters at Naturalization Ceremonies at the County courthouse in Islip; fielded teams in 12 locations for September's National Voter Registration Day and shone in its use and promotion of VOTE411.org (the jewel in the National League's crown).

Propelling these accomplishments are all of you, the committee members. But it's the committee chairs' leadership that makes it all happen. That includes Anne Marshall and Carol Mellor, Voter Services Co-Chairs and Susan Wilson, Natural Resources Chair. Naomi Epstein chairs Government-Health, supported by Valerie King on the Health side. Judi Roth chairs the Education Committee; Gladys Remler comes all the way from a new home in Eastport to anchor Special Events (with co-chair Joanne McEvoy-Samborn), and Estelle Gellman and Joanne co-chair Membership.

Ah yes, Joanne Samborn. This human whirlwind declines to join the Board of Directors because she says, "she's too busy." Indeed, Joanne is busy helping on virtually every committee in addition to her activities outside the League. We are so grateful to Joanne for co-chairing two committees as well as contributing to Natural Resources, including taking minutes at meetings.

Here's hoping that members like Joanne inspire others to join a committee or just jump in on a one-time project. You can start by joining us on Tuesday January 14 at the Hamptons Library at 12:30. We want your input on planning for 2014. We're providing a light lunch to make it a social occasion as well. So once again, happy New Year...and see you soon!

## Recent Events & Special Events Committee Report



### LWVH Holiday Party

DECEMBER 9, 2013

Row 1: Joanne Samborn and George Lynch.

Row 2: Julia Kayser and Gladys Remler; Our hostess Ann Sandford with Nada Barry.

Row 3: Cathy Peacock; Anne Marshall; Ursula Lynch.

Photos by Joanne Samborn and Arlene Hinkemeyer



### Planning for 2014

by Gladys Remler

The Special Events Committee meets all year to look back on past events and plan new ones. We are looking forward to many affordable fundraisers through the cold months. For example, we're exploring nearby towns to

learn about communities we might not know well enough. We are investigating venues for our annual luncheon, with a surprise in store for that fun-filled time. Read *The Voter* and visit our website ([www.lwvhamptons.org](http://www.lwvhamptons.org)) to stay abreast of our plans for you!

# Voter Services Committee Report

## Mellor Receives Award

by Anne Marshall

In recognition of her significant involvement in multiple activities during the pre-election season, Carol Mellor received the LWVH Voter Services Award at the annual Suffolk County League post-election brunch. Having become a grandmother for the first time the night before,



Carol was unable to accept the award in person.

According to Voter Services Co-Chair Anne Marshall, the award acknowledged her valuable participation in four significant areas:

- Populating VOTE411.org
- Proposition Guides
- Debates
- Voter Registration

In addition to serving on the LWVNY Board, Carol has assumed co-chairmanship of the LWVH Voter Services Committee. The award only partly recognizes her contributions to the League on both a local and state level. She is a valued and significant member of our organization.

## Election Season Activities

by Anne Marshall

This summary of Voter Services activities during 2013 reflects the hard work and dedication of a number of Hamptons League members, the core of whom are Voter Services Committee members. Congratulations to all who helped encourage voter participation and educate the public about the candidates and election issues.

### VOTER REGISTRATION

- Distributed voter registration forms at all League meetings and debates
- League members traveled to Federal Court House to offer voter registration help to newly naturalized citizens. Mailed about 250 forms to BOEs in NYC, Nassau and Suffolk.
- Participated in National Voter Registration Day, September 24 at 12 sites.

### CANDIDATE DEBATES

- October 21 East Hampton: Suffolk County

Legislature; Town Board. No Republican Supervisor candidate so no debate for this office.

- October 24 Southampton (co-sponsored with Rogers Memorial Library): Suffolk County Legislature; Supervisor; Town Board.

### VOTER EDUCATION/VOTER SERVICE

- Distributed 800 LWVNY Voters Guide 2013, PART II; Suffolk County and Southampton Town Proposition Guides.
- Set up VOTE411.org sites for East Hampton, Southampton and Southold.
- Circulated revised pamphlet: LWVH Guidelines For Participation in Candidate Debates. Gave to LWVNY per their request.
- Responded all year to queries on Hamptons League phone (324-4637).
- Publicized information about debates and National Voter registration Day via print, online, TV and radio. Debates repeatedly rebroadcast on local stations LTV and SEA-TV.



LEFT The East Hampton Town Board candidates, left to right, Job Potter, Dominick Stanzone, Fred Overton and Kathee Burke-Gonzalez. RIGHT Southampton Town Supervisor candidates, left to right, Anna Throne Holst (l) and Linda Kabot (r). Photos by Arlene Hinkemeyer.



### New Clinic To Open In Southampton

by Naomi Epstein

Valerie King and Naomi Epstein, representing the LWVH Health Committee and Nancy Marr of the County League's Health Committee met with Suffolk County Health Commissioner Dr. James Tomarken in October to get information on the Hudson Valley Healthcare Center. Located in Southampton, the clinic will be a new facility on part of the site of the old Southampton Nursing Home.

The administrator for the clinic is Hudson Valley Healthcare Center (HVHC), a Federally Qualified Health Care (FQHC) facility. According to a U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services website ([bpsa.hrsa.gov](http://bpsa.hrsa.gov)), "Federally qualified health centers (FQHCs) qualify for enhanced reimbursement from Medicare and Medicaid, as well as other benefits. FQHCs must serve an underserved area or population, offer a sliding fee scale, provide comprehensive services, have an ongoing quality assurance program, and have a governing board of directors." The Health Center is a public/private partnership among the County, Southampton Hospital and Stony Brook Medical Center. All monies for capital improvements and renovations come from the State, County and Southampton Hospital. In addition to federal oversight, they will be required to submit quarterly reports to the Health Committee of the Suffolk County Legislature.

#### SERVICES EXPANDED

Mental health services at the new clinic will consist of screening, medication from primary staff and referrals for therapy. There are also agreements with Southampton Meetinghouse Lane Associates (a physicians' group associated with the hospital) to provide services to patients of the clinic.

Federal Law requires all FQHCs provide transportation services. There will be a bus stop at the clinic, with the bus schedule coinciding with clinic hours. The center will have a transportation van and an outreach worker on the van. It is in the budget to have an RFP for taxi services for patients.

There will be evening hours as well as Saturday or Sunday hours. New attending physicians will staff the facility. Staff from two clinics closed in East Hampton and Southampton will be retrained and will not lose their jobs, but HVHC will hire its own staff. Hudson Valley Healthcare is in charge of the renovations to take place. The clinic is projected to open in March of 2014.

### Winners of Video Contest Announced

by Judi Roth

The Education Committee received nine submissions for the Promote the Vote student video contest. The kids, ages 10-18, sent the 60-second videos via iPhone, iPad and "mymovie." The good news is that although the entries were fewer than we had anticipated, the quality and creativity were great.

Best friends Jillian Hear and Samantha Princes submitted a charming piece called "I Do It." They filmed siblings, parents and each other in costume, in various situations, all saying "I Do It," (i.e., "I vote") The girls, sixth and seventh graders at Montauk Middle School, said their aim was to show that "anyone who looks like anything" can vote. They believe voting is important and that you can't complain if you don't vote.

Eric Coffey from Tuckahoe is 17. Teen librarians Kim Smith and Laurie Ridgeway at the Rogers Library told him about the contest. Eric and his videographer, Carissa Corr, 16, used the library meeting room to film their video "It's As Easy As 1, 2, 3." Eric does a song and dance as he steps up to mark his ballot. He was inspired to enter because he wanted his parents and their friends to vote in the Tuckahoe/Southampton School merger election. When the merger failed, Eric was one of the students who organized a protest at the high school. He hopes to work on "getting out the vote" for the next vote.

Eleven-year-old Carson Aguilar, from Springs, made a clever video using only Legos to represent a voter, a booth and a "monster" trying to keep the voter from voting. His was the first video we received and we were hooked from beginning to end.

Each member of the winning teams received \$100 in gift cards for iTunes and Amazon. Our thanks to the Quogue Library, Westhampton Beach Library and Bridgehampton Bank for their support of this project. LTV is putting the three videos together on CDs. We will give them to the participating libraries and schools.

The Education Committee: Sylvia Baruch, Nada Barry, Beth Barth, Jane Dell, Arlene Hinkemeyer, Ursula Lynch, Anne Marshall, Judy Samuelson and Nancy Walter-Yvertes, had a fun time with this!

The video project led us to our spring event: professional filmmakers will teach a small group of selected high school students to produce voting videos. Stay tuned for more on this. You can view the winning videos on our Facebook page.

# LWVH Board of Directors

## Highlights from December 4, 2013 Board Meeting

### INFORMATION ITEMS

- \* Legislative agenda suggestions have been sent to State league.
- \* Grant money available for 2014 youth voter registration. Lisa Scott applied with input from Judi Roth and Carol Mellor. Project involves reaching out to high schools, community colleges in underserved areas to register young people.
- \* Materials prepared by LWVNY re term limits and ballot access study are online at [www.lwvny.org](http://www.lwvny.org). Carol Mellor (term limits) and Anne Marshall (ballot access) will lead the LWVH studies. Open joint meeting planned for March.
- \* State asks league members to contact NYS legislators to push for 2014 passage of women's equality act. Also to respond to requests from the women's equality coalition for letters to the editor on all the issues women's equality act addresses.
- \* Reminder: 2014 Students In Albany is May 18-21. Committee to identify candidates.
- \* We received a thank you note from Hampton Library for our \$100 donation.
- \* Dates for upcoming board meetings were discussed. The next meeting will be January 8. The date for the May meeting was moved to April 30 so to discuss last minute arrangements for May 4 Annual Meeting. This will mean two meetings in April, none in May. All meetings will be at 5:30 pm.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

- \* Date of Jan. Planning Meeting changed to Tuesday January 14 at 12:30. Gladys will handle catering from Hamptons Coffee. Board will pay.
- \* Blahs lunch will be held on Thursday February 13 at Bobby Vans. Pat Arceri made the arrangements. Julia Kayser will take reservations.

### DISCUSSION ITEMS

- \* Nominating Committee needs one more off-board volunteer; Terri Davgin will chair. Gladys will ask if Joanne Samborn is willing to join committee.
- \* Replacements for editor and layout/production manager for *The Voter*. Ad to run in Jan./Feb issue. Job descriptions were sent to board members in Nov. Judy and Sally to screen any willing candidates. If a non-League member volunteers they will receive a complimentary membership.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

- \* Education
  - Judi reported three groups of winners. Each won gift cards worth \$100. She brought copies of the winning videos. Next: April's video workshop.
  - A teacher from EH High School asked the League to help inform her students about the voting process. The Committee will present "Vote 18" next term..
  - SIA: Committee will focus on finding students from Westhampton and Hampton Bays as these villages have not been represented recently.
- \* Special Events
  - Gladys reported plans for a luncheon, a trip to a winery and maybe another village tour (e.g., Sag Harbor) based on the success of the Riverhead tour.
  - At a recent meeting of the Anti-bias Task Force, Bridget Fleming suggested that the League get involved to help organize a forum. Will discuss further when she has more details. There is overlap via Bridget Fleming with the Safe Schools Project with which Valerie King is involved.
- \* Membership
  - Estelle reviewed a list of lapsed members to determine whether they should be dropped from *The Voter* mailing list or encouraged to rejoin.
- \* Natural Resources
  - In Sue's absence, Glorian reported that the Agricultural Study from National is delayed; the focus is on local issues.
- \* Public Relations
  - The meeting on Women in the Military got good publicity before and after the event.
- \* Government/Health
  - Committee planning April 9 members meeting, Rogers Memorial Library, 6 pm. Topic: "How Access To Healthcare Has Changed On the East End." Panel will tentatively include Dr. W. Spencer (Head of the County Legislative Health Committee), Mr. Chaloner (CEO Southampton Hospital), Dr. J. Tomarken (Suffolk Health Commissioner) and a representative from Hudson Valley Healthcare Center.
  - The committee plans to interview the new East Hampton Supervisor re: Town Manager position.
- \* Voter Services. In addition to Anne's earlier report, she noted that Carol Mellor had received the Voter Services Award from the Hamptons league.

**The next meeting will be held on January 8, 5:30 PM at the Bridgehampton Bank.**

# Calendar & Green Tips

January-February 2014

*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>January 8</b> - 5:30 PM Wednesday	LWVH Board Meeting	Bridgehampton National Bank, Bridgehampton
<b>January 14</b> - 12:30 PM Tuesday	General Membership Meeting	Hampton Library, Bridgehampton Topic: Planning LWVH Agenda For 2014
<b>January 15</b> - 2 PM Wednesday	Special Events Committee Meeting	Cooper Hall, Rogers Memorial Library, Southampton Contact Gladys Remler: <a href="mailto:specialevents@lwvhamptons.org">specialevents@lwvhamptons.org</a>
<b>February 12</b> - 2 PM Wednesday	Special Events Committee Meeting	Cooper Hall, Rogers Memorial Library, Southampton Contact Gladys Remler: <a href="mailto:specialevents@lwvhamptons.org">specialevents@lwvhamptons.org</a>
<b>February 13</b> - Noon Thursday	Blahs Luncheon	Bobby Van's Bridgehampton
TOWN BOARD MEETINGS		
<b>January 2</b> - 7:00 PM	East Hampton Town Board Meeting	Town Hall Courtroom, 159 Pantigo Rd., East Hampton
<b>January 14</b> - 1:00 PM	Southampton Town Board Meeting	Town Hall Board Room, Southampton Town Hall, 116 Hampton Rd., Southampton
<b>January 16</b> - 7:00 PM	East Hampton Town Board Meeting	Town Hall Courtroom, 159 Pantigo Rd., East Hampton
<b>January 28</b> - 1:00 PM	Southampton Town Board Meeting	Town Hall Board Room, Southampton Town Hall, 116 Hampton Rd., Southampton
<b>February 6</b> - 7:00 PM	East Hampton Town Board Meeting	Town Hall Courtroom, 159 Pantigo Rd., East Hampton
<b>February 11</b> - 1:00 PM	Southampton Town Board Meeting	Town Hall Board Room, Southampton Town Hall, 116 Hampton Rd., Southampton
<b>February 20</b> - 7:00 PM	East Hampton Town Board Meeting	Town Hall Courtroom, 159 Pantigo Rd., East Hampton
<b>February 25</b> - 1:00 PM	Southampton Town Board Meeting	Town Hall Board Room, Southampton Town Hall, 116 Hampton Rd., Southampton

## GREEN TIPS

### Is Something Fishy Going On?

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 how to choose ocean-friendly fish, visit: [EnvironmentalDefense.org/seafood](http://EnvironmentalDefense.org/seafood).

Items below are approved.

Basa/tra/Vietnamese catfish  
Clams (wild)  
Cod, Pacific (trawl)  
Crab, blue  
Crab, king (USA)  
Crab, snow/tanner

Flounder/sole (Pacific)  
Haddock (hook and line)  
Lobster, American/Maine  
Mahi-mahi, (US long line or imported troll/pole)  
Oysters (wild)  
Sablefish/black cod (CA, OR WA)  
Salmon, wild (CA OR WA)  
Scallops, sea (New England, Canada)  
Shrimp, northern (US, Canada)  
Squid, (except US, long fin)  
Swordfish, (US)  
Tilapia (Latin America)  
Tuna, bigeye/yellowfin (imported troll/pole)  
Tuna, canned light  
Tuna, canned white/albacore

*This guide was produced in collaboration with the Monterey Bay Aquarium.*



## League of Women Voters of Suffolk County

# Celebrating Voter Service in Suffolk County

### VOTER EDUCATION / VOTER SERVICE

#### Brookhaven

Distributed numerous LWVNYS Voters Guides at 15 voter registration events and published the Voters Guide in our VOTER newsletter.

Set up online VOTE411 for the Towns of Brookhaven and Riverhead with candidates' names and contact information for all offices on the ballot and formulated questions for candidates for each office for candidates to respond to. Contacted all candidates by telephone or mail. Urged the public to use VOTE411 at all LWVB events.

Presented voter information on September 17 at Leisure Village Women's Club in Ridge.

#### Hamptons

Distribution of 800 LWVNYS Voters Guide 2013, PART II, Suffolk County & Southampton Town Proposition Guides at libraries, town and village municipal buildings, civic association and senior citizens locations, doctors' offices and at candidates' debates.

Participation in VOTE411.org initiative, set up the site for the towns of East Hampton, Southampton & Southold which includes candidate names, the offices for which they are running and offered certain categories of candidates opportunities to provide background information about themselves as well answers to questions related to their respective offices. There was a very strong response from candidates this year.

Re-editing & distribution of pamphlet: *LWVH Guidelines for Participation in Candidate Debates* (approved by LWVH Board, September 2011); distributed by e-mail to all candidates for office participating in debates this year and hard copies to some candidates and newspaper editors. Gave same to LWVNYS per their request.

Continually throughout the year-- Responding to telephone queries on Hamptons League phone.

Publicized widely via print, on-line, TV and radio information about debates & National Voter registration Day. Debates have been repeatedly rebroadcast on local stations.



### VOTER EDUCATION / VOTER SERVICE

#### Huntington

April 22: VOTE 18- LIU Post Invited back to teach program to graduate education students.

Feb. 28: VOTE 18- Deer Park High School: Invited back to teach Vote 18 to senior government classes.

Oct. 25: Becoming a Citizen- We were asked to teach four government classes a lesson on Naturalization. Eileen Coblens, our Youth Program Chair, taught these classes at North Babylon High School on Friday, from 8:30 to 11:30 AM. There were 100+ students.

#### Smithtown

Oct. 24: We explained voting to a Senior Girl Scout troop in St. James on using examples from a Smithtown Town Council Race to explain primaries and election races.

### VOTER REGISTRATION

#### Brookhaven

The League of Women Voters of Brookhaven conducted voter registration drives including registering newly naturalized citizens at the federal courthouse. This effort resulted in over 330 completed forms being delivered or mailed to Boards of Elections and over 200 more forms distributed to individuals for completion on their own. Following is a list of the locations and dates:

Sept. 26 & 28: Patchogue/Medford Library  
Sept. 30 & Oct. 1: Stony Brook University  
Oct. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29: Federal Courthouse, Central Islip  
Oct. 2: Briarcliffe College, Patchogue  
Oct. 2 & 3: St. Joseph's College  
Oct. 9: Health Science Center, Stony Brook University  
Oct. 10: St. Joseph's College

#### Hamptons

Distribution of voter registration forms at all League meetings & debates...primarily absentee ballot applications this year. Distribution of the above by individual committee members.

In September Hampton League members traveled on three occasions to Federal Court House in Islip to offer Voter Registration assistance to newly naturalized citizens immediately after their swearing-in ceremonies. Mailed approximately 250 forms to respective BOE's.



## VOTER REGISTRATION

Hamptons *continued*

Participation in National  
Voter Registration Day,  
September 24:

At Montauk Post Office

In Amagansett at Amagansett Square on Main Street

At Amagansett Post Office

In East Hampton at Waldbaum's Supermarket, Newtown  
Lane

In Springs at One Stop Market, Springs-Fireplace Road

In Bridgehampton at KMart in the Bridgehampton  
Commons

In Bridgehampton at Starbucks on Main Street.

In Sag Harbor at Schiavoni's Market, Main Street

In Southampton at Waldbaum's

At Southampton Rogers Memorial Library

In Hampton Bays at King Kullen

In Westhampton Beach at Waldbaum's



## Huntington

Volunteers attended the Naturalization ceremonies at the  
Federal Court House in Islip in December, April, and  
August. Each month, approximately 500 voter registration  
forms were distributed and 300 mailed by us to the BOE.

Sept. 7: Huntington Awareness Day, New York Ave.  
Huntington Station

Sept. 18: Suffolk County Community College, Brentwood  
Campus

Sept. 22: Cow Harbor Day, Village Park, Northport

Sept. 26: Huntington Head Start Program

Sept. 29: Third Annual Hispanic Heritage Festival, Manor  
Park, Huntington Station

Oct. 7: Women's Networking Day, Melville Marriott

Oct. 12 -13: Huntington Fall Festival, Hecksher Park,  
Huntington

## Smithtown

Registered new citizens at the Naturalization ceremonies in  
November.

Sept. 15: registered Smithtown citizens at the Heritage Fair.

National Registration Day, Sept. 24: registered hospital  
employees and visitors at St. Catherines' Hospital in  
Smithtown.

## **Celebrating Voter Service in Suffolk County**

***The League was there in 2013!***



## CANDIDATES' MEETINGS

### Brookhaven

We moderated candidates meetings at the following sites:

Sept. 16 & Oct. 21: ABCO (Affiliated Brookhaven Civic  
Organization)

Oct. 10: Mastic Property Owners

Oct. 21: Jeffersons Ferry, E. Setauket

### Hamptons

October 21: East Hampton: Suffolk County Legislature:  
Nuzzi (Rep) vs. Schneiderman (I). No Republican  
Supervisor candidate, therefore no debate for this office.  
Town Board: Potter & Burke-Gonzales (Dem) vs.  
Stanzione & Overton (Rep).

October 24: Southampton: co-sponsored with Rogers  
Memorial Library. Suffolk County Legislature: Nuzzi (Rep)  
vs. Schneiderman (I). Supervisor: Kabot (Rep) vs. Throne-  
Holst (I). Town Board: Mansfield & Glinka (Rep) vs.  
Bender (I) & Zappone (Dem).

### Huntington

Oct. 21: Harborfields Public Library, Greenlawn  
Town of Huntington Candidates: All candidates running  
for Huntington Supervisor, Town Board, and Supervisor of  
Highways participated. Over 100 people attended

Oct. 28: Harborfields Public Library, Greenlawn  
Suffolk County Candidates: Candidates running for 13<sup>th</sup>,  
17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> Suffolk County Legislative Districts. Steve  
Stern ran unopposed in 16<sup>th</sup> district: LWV policy is we do  
not have candidates debating an open chair. Information  
on Suffolk County referendum and 6 NYS proposals were  
distributed.

Provided moderator and time keeper for LWV  
Smithtown's Meet the Candidates Night.

### Smithtown

We co-sponsored, along with the Smithtown Historical  
Society, a debate for all the elected offices (except for  
judges) in Smithtown on October 30, 2013. There was a  
big turnout, both in candidates and audience at the Brush  
Barn.

We provided a moderator for the LWV Huntington  
debates.

## Recent Events

### WOMEN IN MILITARY FOCUS OF NOVEMBER MEETING

by Judi Roth

Our November members meeting almost fell on Veterans Day, so we decided to invite female veterans. The ensuing panel discussion, "The Changing Role of Women in the Military: Vietnam to the Gulf War and Beyond," was a memorable meeting.

Our own Susan Wilson served in the WAVES (Women Accepted for Volunteer Emergency Service) an all-female division of the U.S. Navy in the Vietnam era. In the 1960's military, women had to have permission to marry and pregnant WAVES were dismissed. Much of that has changed in a positive way, said Lisa D'Agostino, the Director of the Family Readiness Program for the 106th Rescue Wing of the Air National Guard in Westhampton Beach. Lisa told us that family support for our military men and women has grown since she joined the program in 2005, but we learned that when a husband and wife are deployed at the same time, there is no safety net for the care of children.

Chief Sherri Huppert-Grassie (also of the 106th) has deployed four times since joining the service in 1992. She is a Specialist whose job is assuring that all rescue helicopter parts are on hand for repair. She has served in Turkey, Kuwait, Iraq and Afghanistan. Her husband is also military. Very dedicated to her service, as were all the women, she waves at all the helicopters as they leave base "because they are her charges."

Master Sergeant Cheran Cambridge has been a medical services administrator since 2001 and while in Saudi Arabia worked as part of a team supplying blood and plasma to medical units. She spoke with humor and feeling about her years of service.

Featured speaker was Susan Soto, newly appointed Commander of the Southampton Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 7009. She is the first female and first Native American to hold the position.

Ms. Soto comes from a military family but her primary reason for joining in 1982 was to see the world. She had that opportunity and while deployed in Saudi Arabia as part of Occupation Desert Storm was one of five women in the intelligence unit.

Thanks to Susan LaVista and staff at the Hampton Bays Library for their help and hospitality.



Speaking on "The Changing Role of Women in the Military: Vietnam to Gulf War and Beyond" at the November 12 LWV meeting at Hampton Bays Library were, left to right, Chief Sherri Huppert-Grassie, Lisa D'Agostino, Master Sergeant Cheran Cambridge, Susan Soto and Susan Wilson. Photo by Arlene Hinkemeyer.

### LWV Suffolk County Post Election Brunch - November 17 - Bellport Country Club

Each year, the County League hosts a post-election event. Election results are reviewed, insights and "what worked" shared and the accomplishments of each Voter Services committee and volunteers are recognized. Below left: Charles Lane speaking to the group. Below right: Presentation of the Brookhaven LWV voter services award. Photos by Arlene Hinkemeyer.



## OFFICERS

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## LWVSC AWARDED BOCES GRANT by Judy Samuelson

To engage first-time voters in 2014, the County League plans to target a greater number of students, particularly in under-represented communities. This will be accomplished by working with BOCES (Board of Cooperative Educational Services) in Suffolk County.

Partnering with LWVH and other leagues, Lisa Scott, LWVSC President, presented the 2014 program in a grant application. She noted that the program would offer the following benefits.

- \* Cover students who are residents of all 10 Towns and 69 school districts.
- \* BOCES students typically are not physically in their own local high schools, they attend classes in the BOCES centers. They would not be exposed to League voter registration in local schools.
- \* BOCES students are interested in technical and vocational trade preparation, a ground frequently not reached by concentrating on traditional social studies classrooms.
- \* We can also reach adults seeking training on the technical/vocational trades.

The plan is to schedule at least six voter registration

efforts at Western BOCES and six at Eastern BOCES centers. The project includes local League Presidents, and Voter Service and Education/Youth chairs and committees as the core of planners and volunteers.

The grant funds will be used to pay for printing *First Vote* booklets, *New Voter* palm cards, *Directory of Public Officials* booklets, LWV and Voter Registration signage.

## THE VOTER NEEDS YOU!

The LWVH Board of Directors urgently seeks an experienced print design artist and an experienced editor-in-chief to take over our award-winning publication. This is an opportunity for two or more individuals to make their mark by taking *The Voter* to the next level. You'll have the satisfaction of creating a professional, timely and informative product eight times a year. It's a most respectable addition to any professional resume (LinkedIn anyone?) Don't have the time? Think about tag-teaming with a friend. Not a member of LWVH? We'll provide a complimentary membership as thanks for your services.

Contact Judy (copresident@lwwhamptons.org) or Sally (secretary@lwwhamptons.org) if you're interested. We'll send you a detailed job description of each position.

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