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LWVH Hosts September 19 Forum on CPF Referendum



Leaguers have been attending the East Hampton and Southampton Town Board hearings on the CPF referendum. Here, a packed East Hampton Town hearing on August 4.

By Estelle Gellman, Government Committee Chair

The Government and Natural Resources Committees will be sponsoring a public information meeting on the Community Preservation Fund (CPF) referendum on Monday evening, September 19th, at 7 p.m. at the Hampton Library in Bridgehampton. We hope you will join us to learn more about this important initiative that will be on the ballot on November 8.

The League of Women Voters of the Hamptons supports this referendum and urges you to vote "YES." This referendum (1) extends the CPF fund to 2050 and (2) allows the towns to use up to 20% of the fund for water quality improvement.

At the LWV forum on September 19, East Hampton Town Supervisor Larry Cantwell and Southampton Town Supervisor Jay Schneiderman will discuss the importance of the referendum in regard to improving

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SAVE THE DATE

Monday, September 19, 7 p.m.

At Bridgehampton's Hampton Library
2478 Main St.

*East Hampton & Southampton
Town Supervisors*

*Speak on November Ballot Referendum on
Community Preservation Fund*

Tuesday, September 27

National Voter Registration Day

LWVH at 14 sites

To help, contact Voter Services Co-Chairs
Anne Marshall or Carol Mellor.

Thursday, September 29, 12-3 p.m.

Cowfish Restaurant, Hampton Bays
*Special Events Fall Luncheon with
Speaker Kathleen King*

See article, RSVP info, page 3.

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

August 6 marked the 51st anniversary of the Voting Rights Act (VRA). This law, enacted when Lyndon Johnson was President, prohibited racial discrimination in voting. The VRA struck down Jim Crow laws and other restrictions of minority voters primarily in the deep South.

Fast forward to 2016 and we see several states enacting voter ID laws restricting voting, which mainly targets the minority community. The proponents of these restrictions assert that there is fraudulent voting taking place. However, to date, there has been no proof of that.

Thanks to the National League and other voting rights organizations, we have seen that challenges to these laws have been upheld in states like Kansas, North Dakota, Wisconsin and North Carolina. Millions of voters in these states will be able to vote without having to show IDs. In the case of North Carolina, the state must also restore a week of early voting and pre-registration, as well as maintain same-day registration and out-of-precinct voting. These rulings make it clear that politicians have no business standing in the way of the right to vote.

Multiple federal courts have now made clear that the nation's most restrictive photo voter ID laws and other barriers to the vote were passed with discriminatory intent, for the purpose of suppressing the voices of voters. But, there is no denying the fact that without the Supreme Court's decision in *Shelby County v. Holder*, these laws would never have been implemented in the first place. The Shelby decision opened the flood gates to the expansion of discriminatory voting laws being enacted by individual states.

We've had three years of bad laws that make voting harder in states all across the country. The Voting Rights Advancement Act is a solution, as it would address the voting discrimination unleashed in the wake of the *Shelby County v. Holder* decision. Yet, the legislation has stalled on both sides of Congress.

The League of Women Voters of the United States is working to have the Voting Rights Advancement Act passed, by lobbying Congress. New York State has not enacted restrictive photo voter ID laws. Yet, NYS has antiquated registration rules, does not allow online or same-day registration and limits voting to just one day. So, leagues here in New York should lobby for voting improvements when we meet with our State locally-elected officials.

Fall Luncheon on September 29 to Feature Speaker Kathleen King and Her Story of “Perseverance”

We, Special Events Committee co-chairs Joanne McEvoy-Samborn and Gladys Remler, are fortunate to have the engaging Kathleen King, founder of the nationally-acclaimed chocolate chip cookies and the bakery, Tate’s Bake Shop in Southampton, as our guest speaker on Thursday, September 29, 12-3 p.m., at the beautiful Cowfish Restaurant in Hampton Bays, overlooking Shinnecock Bay.

The title of her talk will be “Perseverance: The Journey of Kathleen King.”

Born and raised on Southampton’s North Sea Farm, Ms. King has always been self-sufficient, selling chocolate chip cookies starting from the age of 11 at her parents’ farmstead, in order to buy school clothes. Later, at age 20, she opened her own bakery and launched a wholesale business, selling her cookies to specialty and gourmet shops in Manhattan, and put herself through college.

Nearly three decades later, after some bumps on the road which demonstrated her perseverance, Kathleen King continues to raise the bar in the baking industry. Her award-winning cookies are baked at a site in East Moriches and are now sold at over 16,000 gourmet retailers throughout the United States and on her robust e-bakery, tates-bakeshop.com.

Named after her father, Tate King, Tate’s Bake Shop is a widely recognized brand that offers breads, muffins, cakes, pies, seasonal specialties, and of course, multiple flavors of thin, crispy cookies! Simple, down-home Americana with fresh, preservative-free ingredients, is still at the heart of Tate’s. “It’s easy for me to do,” says Kathleen, “because that’s who I am.”

In 2015, Kathleen sold 80% of the company but continues to maintain an active role in product development.

Please plan to join us for a three-course luncheon and a scintillating afternoon. We are anticipating a sold-out event, so by the deadline of September 20, please send your check for \$60, made out to LWV Hamptons, to Gladys Remler, 180 Melody Court, Eastport, N.Y. 11941.



Cookie company entrepreneur Kathleen King is the featured speaker at the League's fall luncheon on September 29.

Any questions, please feel free to call Gladys Remler at 1-917-414-5213, or Joanne Samborn at 631-283-9648.

Directions to Cowfish Restaurant, 258 East Montauk Hwy., Hampton Bays (631-594-3868):

From Montauk Highway by the Shinnecock Canal, turn south at the Shell Station onto Canoe Place Road. Take an immediate left into the parking lot of the seafood market, and follow the winding driveway all the way around to the water and the large Cowfish parking lot.

Two Attend LWVUS Convention in Washington D.C.

By Barbara McClancy

The LWVUS held its 52nd National Convention on the weekend of June 16-19 at the Marriott Wardman Park Hotel in Washington D.C. In this unusual and important election year, the theme of the convention was “Making Democracy Work for All.” Coming together from around the country were 784 voting delegates, including Barbara McClancy and Naomi Epstein from our local Hamptons League. The delegates’ task is to connect and learn and return to our homes as a united force for citizen interests, committed to register, educate and mobilize voters and protect the right to vote in every state of the nation.

As usual, the convention was jam-packed with morning and afternoon plenary sessions, preceded and followed by many diverse breakout groups, whose topics included:

- Immigration Policy
- Electoral Redistricting
- Gun Safety
- Carbon Emissions Reduction
- Transgender Voting Rights
- The Water/Climate Nexus
- The League and the UN
- Naturalization Ceremony Registration
- Building Membership Diversity

As the convention proceeded, we heard many speakers on a variety of topics touching on millennial apathy, voting, redistricting, inclusion of our most vulnerable citizens, and money in politics. At our banquet on Saturday night, we were treated to an excellent presentation by featured speaker Ari Berman. Mr. Berman is a political correspondent and investigative journalist whose most recent book, “Give Us the Ballot,” traces the passage of the Voting Rights Act of 1965 and the subsequent and continuing attempts to limit those rights.

Motions:

The delegates approved Motion #2016-5, passing the “Campaign for Making Democracy Work” as the League’s national 2016-2018 program, whose goals include growing and protecting the vote, continued empowerment and education of citizens.

Other motions approved include:

- Fair and effective redistricting
- Access for all to behavioral health care



Naomi Epstein, left, and Barbara McClancy represented the Hamptons League at the LWVUS National Convention, June 16-19, in Washington D.C.

- Full rights for citizens living in the District of Columbia
- Funding for gun safety for advocacy and research
- Restoring balance to the Earth’s climate system
- Support for the EPA clean power plan.

Bylaws:

The bylaws were amended to change Article III Membership, Sec. 2 Types of Membership, Part A, to read in part:

“Voting Members. *Persons* at least 16 years of age who join the League shall be voting members of local Leagues, state Leagues and of the LWVUS;” etc.

Leagues throughout the United States are now expected to change their Bylaws to correspond to these changes, which mean that all “persons,” not just “citizens,” can be voting members, starting at “16,” not “18” years of age.

Budget:

The proposed budget as presented caused a conflict with the delegates in as much as it indicated losses in the LWVUS portfolio. Revenue projections of donations and reductions in program and staff support also caused concern, as did the decision to drop the California’s website administrative services for local leagues. This caused the League leadership to schedule two Q & A sessions before the budget would be finally passed. The current Per Member Payment (PMP) rate of \$32 to LWVUS for 2016-18 was approved, unchanged.

New LWVUS President:

The conference ended with the election of the new Board of Directors of the LWVUS followed by an inspirational address by newly-elected president, Chris Carson, and an invitation to come to the 53rd National Convention to be held in Chicago in 2018.

LWVH Plans on 14 Sites for NVR Day, September 27; Debates To Be Held in October

By Carol Mellor, Voter Services Co-Chair

National Voter Registration Day, September 27; Mail-In Deadline, October 14

At our last Voter Services meeting, the committee made arrangements to participate again in National Voter Registration Day, spreading out all over the South Fork from Montauk to Westhampton Beach on Tuesday, September 27, to provide voter registration forms, absentee ballot applications and general voting information to members of our community. In addition, we are thrilled that our presence will extend across to the North Fork. We have forged an alliance with energetic, civic-minded women and men from the towns of Riverhead and Southold who, accompanied by representatives of the Voter Services committee, will be running at least two locations that day.

Right to Vote Upheld

Plans for National Voter Registration Day have coincided this year with wonderful news from our courts, showing renewed vigor in enforcement of the right to vote.

In 2013, a US Supreme Court decision, *Shelby County v. Holder*, cleared the way for states that previously had to have all voting-law and procedural changes reviewed by the U.S. Department of Justice or a federal judge to enact any voting changes they wished. It was held in that case that Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act which required pre-clearance of voting law changes was outdated. In response, many states (22 according to a tally by the Brennan Center for Justice) enacted restrictive voting ID laws, and it was thought that by eliminating an efficient and streamlined method of reviewing changes to voting regulations in many states this decision was the death knell of the power of the Voting Rights Act to protect the right to vote.

It has turned out not to be so. In the past several months, state voting restrictions have been struck down in Wisconsin, Kansas, Texas, and North Carolina. Earlier this year, a federal district court also ruled against a plan to curtail early voting in Ohio. Most of these cases have been decided under Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act, which pre-



Julia Kayser, left, and Barbara McClancy will once again be registering voters in front of the East Hampton Post Office on Tuesday, September 27, National Voter Registration Day.

vents states from implementing practices or procedures meant to deny or abridge someone's right to vote on the basis of race.

So, as we gear up for this very busy election season, we do so cheered by the fact that challenges to restrictive voting laws, such as ID laws and curbs on early voting, are meeting with success.

Congressional Candidates Debate Scheduled for October 13

Save the date of Thursday, October 13, when the LWVH League has scheduled a Congressional candidates debate between candidates Rep. Lee Zeldin and Anna Throne-Holst. The LWVH is also in the process of scheduling a separate debate for NYS Senate and NYS Assembly candidates. More information will be forthcoming in the October Voter.

We welcome all assistance during this busy time.

Whether you can assist with voter registration, help out at the debates or offer helping hands in other ways, please contact us at the email addresses below. Our next meeting is Wednesday, September 14, at 12:30 p.m., tentatively scheduled for Bridgehampton's Hampton Library.

Anne Marshall: apghnyc@aol.com and Carol Mellor: camellor@aol.com

Highlights of August 10 LWVH Board Meeting

Information Items:

- The League received a thank you note from South Fork Natural History Museum for our donation as part of the June 9 Bridgehampton tour.
- LWVNYS needs the Voters Guide, Part II, order by September 1.
- As per the State League, a consensus meeting should be held on legislative procedures (outside income by legislators and term limits) this fall, with results due to LWVNY by December 15. Study materials will be sent by late August.

Upcoming Events:

- Monday, September 19, 7 p.m. forum on CPF referendum sponsored by the Government and Natural Resources Committees at Bridgehampton Library.
- Thursday, September 29, 12-3 p.m. Special Events co-chair Joanne reported on fall fundraising luncheon with speaker Kathleen King, founder of Tate's Bake Shop, at Cowfish Restaurant in Hampton Bays.

Discussion Items:

- The upcoming CPF referendum on the ballot in November will extend the fund until 2050 and use up to 20% of the revenue to improve water quality. Without it there would be no money for water rehabilitation and remediation. Estelle moved, and the Board passed, a resolution in support of its passage. Tomorrow there will be a joint meeting between the Government and Natural Resources Committees to finalize plans for this LWVH September 19 forum.
- Natural Resources chair Sue Wilson continues to seek clarification from the Citizens Climate Lobby to specify the extent of participation it hopes to receive.
- The Southampton Town Anti-Bias Task Force is holding their annual picnic on Sunday, September 18 at Red Creek Park. They are asking the League for a voter registration table and a \$150 donation, which the Board approved.
- A communication to Southampton residents by the SH Tri-Energy program was approved for an informational Constant Contact e-blast.

Housekeeping:

- LWVH phone: September (Judi Roth); October (Anne Marshall); November (Glorian Berk); December (Arlene Hinkemeyer).

- Voter editors & deadlines: September Voter (Arlene, editor, August 15 deadline); October Voter (Judi & Martha, editors, September 15 deadline); November/December Voter (Estelle, editor, October 15 deadline); January/February/March Voter (no editor assigned, December 15 deadline).

Committee Reports:

- Voter Services. Co-chair Anne reports that LWVH will be on hand at numerous sites for National Voter Registration Day on Tuesday, September 27. We will host a U.S. Congressional debate on Thursday, October 13, and a State Assembly/Senate debate, tentatively on Monday, October 24, with venues TBD. They are also working with the Riverhead group; Glorian and Carol will help them with voter registration. Voter Services will hold its next meeting on Wednesday, September 14, at 12:30 p.m.
- Government. Chair Estelle reported there is a committee meeting tomorrow with Natural Resources. The Gov't committee will work on the upcoming consensus regarding legislative procedures with information from LWVNYS. The Gov't, Education and Health committees are considering a program on Gun Control/Safety on Monday, November 14. This fall they will resume their visits to local officials.
- Education. Chair Judi, along with LWV Suffolk County, will again arrange to put signs on Suffolk County buses to remind riders to vote this fall. Student Day at Suffolk County Legislature is planned for the spring.
- Public Relations. Arlene distributed publicity from recent programs. She and Vicki Umans did the Adopt-a-Road clean-up on July 28. LTV is airing our hospital merger program during August and September.
- Membership. Co-chair Estelle reports that a new members' orientation will be held this fall.
- Health. Chair Valerie thanked everyone for help she received on the June 13 hospital merger program and the July 11 program on healthcare reform. She is hoping to recruit more members to rebuild her committee.

The next LWVH Board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 7, 5:30 p.m. at Bridgehampton National Bank.



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*LWVSC Board Meeting: 10:00am Wednesday Sept. 21 at SCCC, Main St., Riverhead

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LWVSC Board Summer Retreat: Voter Service, Youth Programs and Non-Partisanship

18 LWVSC board members and guests met for our annual summer retreat at Glorian Berk's new home in Southampton. The weather was hot but the atmosphere relaxed and conducive to a thought-provoking and engaging 4 hour exchange of best practices and planning. *Among the topics discussed were:*

- The importance of rigorous non-partisanship (LWV does not support or oppose candidates or parties) in this frenzied election season. The League's steadfast non-partisanship is an inviolable asset and the core of our credibility and value in our communities.
- Youth programs are important for all our local Leagues and LWVNY as we all make greater efforts to increase League visibility for this population. We look forward to working with the Suffolk County Legislature again (probably in the spring of 2017) for a 2nd annual Student Day at the Legislature.
- 2017 marks the 100th anniversary of woman suffrage in New York State. A number of LWVSC board and LL members are serving on committees to gather and update history, provide resources, plan events and raise money for a host of activities in 2017. LWVSC is considering a major event in mid 2017 which would celebrate women in politics as well as mark the centennial of NYS woman suffrage.
- LWVSC has forged a partnership with Stony Brook University's School of Social Welfare which has led to our being invited to present a possible project in the fall for graduate students in the Community and Social Action specialization.
- All local Leagues are encouraged to publicize their planned locations for National Voter Registration Day, and send letters and photos to local press after the events on Sept. 27.
- Debates and candidate meetings need to be run with clearly stated policies (distributed to candidates in advance). LWVNY is hosting a conference call on these issues on the evening of Sept. 7.
- LWVSC is again planning to do English and Spanish "get out the vote" bus signage on Suffolk Buses in October.

*It appears that the **Charter Law Establishing a Public Campaign Financing Law** proposed by SC Legislator Calarco will not be on the November ballot, although there are signs that it may be back on the front burner in 2017. LWVSC will continue to monitor this important campaign finance reform.*

SC Deputy County Executive Peter Scully recently invited LWVSC representatives to be briefed on the County Executive's Reclaim Our Waters Initiative.

Although the CE's initial commitment to water was launched in 2014 and since has received much media coverage, and the SC Comprehensive Resource Master Plan was released in 2015, LWVSC had not taken a position on this specific program since we felt that there was a great deal of additional information needing more time to gather and digest satisfactorily. To that end, six LWVSC representatives spent 90 minutes with Mr. Scully and SC Director of Sustainability/Chief Recovery Officer Dorian Dale on August 19th. We particularly gained greater insight into the Innovative/Alternative Onsite Wastewater Treatment Systems which the county has begun installing and testing on a small number of residential properties in Suffolk County with an eye toward the Health Department approving some of these systems in late 2016 and 2017 once sufficient data becomes available on their reliability. We expect to share the materials and information we've gathered with our local Leagues and hope to facilitate wide public discussion of this program, particularly if a Suffolk County Water Quality Protection District Concept is to be presented to SC voters in a November 2017 referendum.

*Suffolk County government is local government, and local government must be accessible to its constituents. Thus **the SC Legislature is holding its Wed. Sept. 7 General Meeting in Riverhead at 4 pm.** LWVSC encourages our LL members residing on the East End to consider attending this meeting (proudly wearing LWV buttons) to increase League visibility and engagement with our elected officials. The agenda will be available online in advance at <http://legis.suffolkcountyny.gov/clerk/Agenda/agenda16.html> and if you have any questions, please email Mary McLaughlin LWVSC Legislative Specialist at marymclaughlin54@gmail.com.*

League's July 11 Meeting Explored NY Health Act

By Valerie King, Ph.D., Health Committee Chair

About 25 people attended our July 11 public information program on the New York Health Act, co-sponsored by both the LWVH Government and Health Committees. Following the customary welcome and announcements from Co-President Glorian Berk, Valerie King introduced the Campaign For New York Health—a single payer approach to health care in NY State.

Valerie introduced a short video provided by David R. Jones, Esq., President and CEO of Community Service Society of New York, in which Assemblyman Richard Gottfried, sponsor of the Assembly bill on the NY Health Act, A. 5062, commended the LWVNY for its support.

Then the audience viewed a documentary film “Fix It: Healthcare At The Tipping Point,” which presented the concept of single payer health insurance from a business perspective, indicating how a single-payer health plan would benefit individuals, health providers and particularly, businesses. This film is available for free viewing at <http://fixithehealthcare.com>.

The NY Health Act has been endorsed by many New York medical, labor, good government groups, and other community organizations. Under the plan, current health care coverage would be replaced by a comprehensive, single-payer health coverage program financed through existing federal, state and local sources as well as through new, progressive assessments on payroll and non-payroll income. Current inefficient and inadequate health care coverage plans would be replaced by a program that would save lives and direct New York's scarce healthcare dollars towards providing universal access to high quality, cost-effective care for all residents, regardless of age, income, health or employment status.

Following the film, our Assemblyman Fred Thiele, Jr., discussed the main concepts and politics involved with the bill. He stated that although, with 80 co-sponsors, it passed the Assembly in both 2015 and 2016, the vote was not by

a large amount and had no Republican support. There are 22 co-sponsors in the Senate, but it has never gotten out of the State Senate Health Committee. It faces strong opposition from health insurance companies and some business organizations, he said.

The bill, A.5062/S.3525, could emerge from the Senate Health Committee for a possible vote in January 2017. If it passes both the Assembly and Senate, it must be approved and signed by the governor. The State League supports the bill, so our local league can work to educate the public and advocate for its passage.

The Health and Government Committees thank Naomi Epstein, former chair of both committees, for acquiring the film “Fix It” and inviting Assemblyman Thiele to speak at this program.

Our Health Committee focuses on access to health care for residents of our community. The Health Committee conducts site visits to health programs, providers and legislators to obtain information regarding healthcare in the community. On November 14, the Health Committee will co-sponsor a public information program on issues of gun safety. If you would like to join the committee, please contact Valerie King at 631-267-3282 or valeriekingphd@gmail.com.



LWVH Government chair Estelle Gellman, left, and Health Committee chair Valerie King, right, welcomed our NYS Assemblyman Fred Thiele, Jr., who spoke and answered questions about the NY Health Act. Absent from photo is Naomi Epstein, who arranged for the July 11 program.

1st Presidential Debate Set For Hofstra University, September 26

By Arlene Hinkemeyer

The nonpartisan Commission on Presidential Debates, based in Washington D.C., announced this past July the dates, sites and times for the three fall presidential and one vice presidential debates.

Hofstra University in Hempstead, Long Island, which has hosted two previous presidential debates in 2008 and 2012, will be the site for the first 2016 presidential debate on Monday, September 26, 9-10:30 p.m. The debate will consist of six 15-minute segments on various topics selected by the moderator.

October 9/October 19 Presidential Debates

The second and third presidential debates have been scheduled for Sunday, October 9, at Washington University in St. Louis, and Wednesday, October 19, at the University of Nevada in Las Vegas.

October 4 Vice Presidential Debate

Tuesday, October 4, is the date of the vice presidential debate at Longwood University in Farmville, Virginia.

The Commission has indicated that all the debates will be 90 minutes long, running from 9-10:30 p.m., with no commercial breaks.

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water quality in our towns. In addition, both Kim Shaw, Director of East Hampton Town's Natural Resources Department, and Janice Scherer, Principal Planner for Southampton Town's Department of Land Management, will discuss the priorities and objectives of the water quality improvement plans that will be adopted in each town if the referendum passes.

In 1998, legislation was passed by New York State that enabled the five East End Towns—East Hampton, Riverhead, Shelter Island, Southampton and Southold—to create a Community Preservation Fund to be funded by a 2% transfer tax on real estate purchases. This transfer tax is a one-time tax that the buyer of a home or vacant property must pay at the time of purchase. The fund has been very successful, purchasing over 6,000 acres of land—over 2,000 acres in the Town of East Hampton and close to 4,000 acres in the Town of Southampton—that might otherwise have been lost to development.

In 2006, a referendum was passed in each of the towns to extend the fund from 2020 to 2030. At this time, in November, we will have before us a referendum to extend the fund to 2050 and to enable the towns to use 20% of

the fund for water quality improvement projects.

There is no question that action must be taken to preserve our water quality. Each town has prepared a water quality improvement plan that details the problems, priorities and means by which the problems will be approached. Approval of this referendum will provide the funds for the towns to implement these plans.

It should be noted, however, that the plans provide broad guidelines for improvement projects and that specific projects must be approved individually before implementation. Each town will have a technical advisory committee to review projects before they are approved by the board.

Unless the referendum is approved, however, the towns will not have the funds to implement their plans for water quality improvement. Please join us in coming to the forum on September 19 to learn more about the issue and in voting "YES" for this referendum in November.





Got Some Extra Coca-Cola?

By Joanne McEvoy-Samborn

Pour it on to an especially greasy load of dirty clothes. Be sure to use your regular detergent also. The coke helps cut the grease.

Throw it in your toilet and let it sit awhile to clean toilet bowl stains.

Throw it down the drain. It helps clean food particles and hair balls from the pipes.

Pour it over difficult-to-loosen screws and nuts. It often

eats away the rust and corrosion enough to get them loose.

SPRAY THE INK

To remove ballpoint ink stains, spray the fabric with hair spray. Then wash in the normal way.

Adapted from "Do It Crazy Do It Smart."

Published by the American Action Fund for Blind Children and Adults.

Membership Application



Not a member of the League of Women Voters of the Hamptons?

Please join us by mailing this application form and a check payable to LWVH to:
League of Women Voters of the Hamptons; P.O. Box 2253; East Hampton, NY 11937

Individual Member's Name _____

Other Household Member's Name _____

Address _____

Email(s) _____ Home phone _____ Cell phone _____

Membership Dues: Full-time Student \$15 Household \$90 Individual \$60

Donations to our local league may be made payable to LWVHamptons and may be included in your dues check. Tax-deductible donations may be made by separate check payable to: LWVNYS - Education Foundation

I am interested in:

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 Government Committee Natural Resources Committee Communications
 Health Committee Special Events Committee

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Membership Committee Report

By Estelle Gellman and Joanne McEvoy-Samborn,
Membership Co-Chairs

Have you renewed your membership?? Or is your membership renewal envelope buried under a pile of papers?

If you've already renewed, we thank you and, if you haven't yet renewed your membership in the League, now is the time to do it. Not only will you will save us the postage for sending out an additional dues reminder but you will be supporting the important work of our League.

When we ask for your membership, however, we are not only requesting that you pay your dues; we wel-

come both new and old members in joining a committee. Our Voter Services, Education, Government, Health, Membership, Natural Resources, and Special Events Committees all provide an opportunity to not only meet new friends but to work together on important issues in our community. We invite you to join us.

If you are interested in joining the Membership Committee, we will be meeting on Wednesday, September 14th at 2 p.m. in the Hampton Library in Bridgehampton. We would love to see you then.

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