SAV E T H E D ATE
Monday, July 11, 7 p.m.
At Bridgehampton’s Hampton Library
2478 Main St.
See the 38-minute film
“Fix It: Healthcare at the Tipping Point.”
Discuss the New York Health Act with
NYS Assemblyman Fred Thiele, Jr.

Join us on Monday, July 11, for a public information program on the New York Health Act, which supports a single payer system of providing health insurance. This program, organized by Naomi Epstein, and hosted by both the LWV Health Committee and the LWV Government Committee, includes the screening of “Fix It,” a powerful new, non-partisan documentary film by Vincent Mondillo and Richard Master, that explores health care reform. A discussion will follow with NYS Assemblyman Fred W. Thiele, Jr., in regard to the New York Health Act, which has passed the State Assembly twice.
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.

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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

Voter participation is the LWV’s prime reason for being. Registering voters is the first step, and many of our activities are directed to that end. The Education Committee presents programs in local high schools every year and registers young people who are eligible to vote in the next election, as well as reaching out to other groups of young people. Volunteers from the County leagues, including Hamptons, register newly sworn-in citizens at the Federal courthouse in Islip every month. In September, League members fan out to a dozen or more locations in the Hamptons to scoop up unregistered eligible voters.

We’re excited about expanding our work to the North Fork, where no League presently exists. We were contacted by a citizen group struggling to register voters on their own. We invited them to attend our May board meeting, which five people did. Then they came to our Annual Meeting, and four joined the Hamptons League. We welcome them and will work with them under League signage, which provides greatly enhanced credibility and the aura of nonpartisanship.

But do all who are registered vote? In the 2016 NYS Presidential Primary in April, only a distressing 21.2 percent did so, according to the U.S. Elections Project (http://www.electproject.org/home/voter-turnout/voter-turnout-data). In 2014, the voting-eligible population in the U.S., according to the same source, was 36.7 percent. New York State’s percentage of voter turnout was 29 percent, giving us and three other states the distinction of having the U.S.’s worst participation rates. The League is working on this, too. Volunteers, including some from your League, participated in a voter engagement campaign to reach registered voters directly about the April 19 presidential primary election and to encourage their participation. These volunteers helped the Brookhaven League reach out to thousands of infrequent voters! Voter contact calls routinely prove to be successful in turning out occasional voters who need the reminders and encouragement to make it to the polls on Election Day. If this pilot program succeeds, you’ll see it expand to other Leagues across the country.

To contact registered voters, we need people to make the calls. Here’s a great way to get more involved with your League. It’s a one-off activity, no commitment, and a means of seeing what it’s like to participate in a hands-on way. So when you learn we’re looking for volunteers to register voters, call non-voting eligible voters or just to join a committee, clear your calendar. We issue such calls to action on our Facebook page, via an e-blast from us or even word of mouth. Look forward to seeing you sometime soon.
Highlights of the May 15, 2016 LWVH Annual Meeting
By Arlene Hinkemeyer

Attendees at the League’s 39th Annual Meeting enjoyed a delicious reception in the Southampton Cultural Center lobby before the start of the business meeting.

Education Committee member Beth Barth presented the Betty Desch Student Leadership Award of a $1,000 scholarship to Westhampton Beach senior Caitlin DeCara, who will be attending the University of Vermont this fall.

Newly appointed to the LWVH Board is Martha Potter, a retired high school history teacher, who has greatly contributed to the work of the Education Committee.

Voter Services chair Anne Marshall reviewed the League’s non-partisan policy.

Not able to attend the Annual Meeting, Vicki Umans, right, at a later time was presented with the LWV’s Carrie Chapman Catt Award (named for the founder of the LWVUS in 1920) by Membership Committee co-chair Estelle Gellman. Vicki was cited for her years of painstaking work maintaining all the computerized LWVH membership data for LWUS, LWNY, and the Voter mailing lists.

Featured speaker Bridget Fleming, the first woman elected to the 2nd Legislative District seat, was selected to the important positions as chair of the Ways & Means Committee and vice chair of the Health Committee in the Suffolk County Legislature. She spoke about important health and water quality issues.

Co-Presidents Glorian Berk and Judy Samuelson, center, presented gifts and sincere words of appreciation for their many years of dedicated service, to two outgoing Board members—long-time treasurer Emoke Boldvay, left, and a vice president/committee member Ursula Lynch, right.
Capacity Audience Attends Democratic Congressional Primary Debate on June 2

By Judi Roth

As a prequel to the June 28 Democratic Congressional primary election in the 1st Congressional District, Voter Services co-chairs Anne Marshall and Carol Mellor organized a candidates debate between David Calone and Anna Throne-Holst on June 2 at the Hamptons Bays Senior Center.

After two-minute opening statements, each candidate had 20 minutes to answer questions put to them by the panel of Estelle Gellman for the League and Joe Shaw, executive editor of the Press News Group, from questions submitted by the press, League and audience, vetted by Cathy Peacock and Judy Samuelson.

The League used the debate technique of cumulative time, allowing each candidate the ability to speak briefly or at length about a particular topic – and to respond to each other’s comments. At the 10-minute mark, only four questions had been covered!

• What should be the role of the United States in the Middle East, should we continue to have troops in Afghanistan, and how should we deal with ISIS?

• What do you see as the differences between representing the Eastern and Western parts of the 1st Congressional District?

• How would you propose to deal with the national deficit and bring jobs back to New York?

• What is one major measure you would propose to address water quality?

Each of these questions, but particularly the last two, had the candidates trading points and challenging each other’s views and accomplishments. At the 10-minute mark (timers were Glorian Berk and Barbara McClancy), moderator Judi Roth urged the candidates to try to move along so that more questions could be asked and answered.

Subsequent topics covered were:

• Should there be means testing for Social Security?

• What can be done about companies closing factories in the U.S. and opening them in countries with lower wages?

• Why do you think you have a better chance of defeating the Republican incumbent, Congressman Lee Zeldin, than your opponent?

• What should be done about low-flying helicopters in the Hamptons?

• Should the amount of money spent on elections be limited, and if so, how?

• Should Edward Snowden be held accountable for his actions?

• What should be done with Plum Island?

Being the moderator allows you to see the level of interest of the audience. They were in high listening mode!

From the positive comments we received from the audience and candidates, the League has once again hosted and run an issues-filled debate. From comments made by Board members in a brief post mortem, it’s possible there might be longer cumulative time debates for important contests in the future.

The debate was covered by both Newsday and the Sag Harbor Express and was taped/aired by SEA-TV. The debate can also be viewed on the LWV Hamptons Facebook page.

Judi Roth served as moderator for the League’s lively Democratic Congressional primary debate on June 2 between David Calone and Anna Throne-Holst.
LWVH Works With LTV to Develop PSAs on Voting

By Carol Mellor, Voter Services Co-Chair

Public interest in the process of voting reached a fever pitch this spring during the Presidential primaries. What exactly is a caucus? Who is a super delegate and what powers does he or she possess? Can people not registered to a party vote in the primary, and why does the answer to that question seem to depend on where they live? What are the responses to these questions for New York residents?

Genie Henderson, the archivist and a producer at LTV in East Hampton, found herself asking these questions and came to the League to help her with answers. Through contacts with Arlene Hinkemeyer, the League became involved in a project with LTV to help the public understand the primary and convention processes by which the candidates for United States President are selected.

Ultimately a series of questions was developed which were posed to Anne Marshall and Carol Mellor as co-chairs of the LWVH Voter Services Committee, elected officials such as Assemblyman Fred Thiele and Suffolk County Legislator Bridget Fleming, various party leaders, and three high school students, among others. The questions ranged from the technical aspects of the conventions, such as who writes the party platforms, to the more esoteric, such as why don’t people vote.

Anne and Carol were both somewhat surprised to realize the varied and complex laws and customs surrounding our system of nominating presidential candidates. Although guided by the Democratic and Republican parties, the laws of the several states control the procedures to a large extent, which result in an even more confusing process.

As producer of these special voter information Q&As, Ms. Henderson is editing all the responses, which will then appear as Public Service Announcements (PSAs), or short “spots” throughout the day’s programming over the course of the summer.

They can be viewed on East Hampton Town’s LTV Channel 20, and are also being shared with Southampton Town’s SEA-TV Channel 22.

A Day With The Next Generation Of Potential League Members

By Judy Samuelson

On Saturday May 14, Glorian Berk and I had the pleasure of attending the Long Island Young Women’s Political Literacy Day at East Hampton Middle School. East Hampton High School Senior Class President Abby Roden, daughter of I-Tri’s Theresa Roden, coordinated the three-hour event, using funds provided by the Women’s Fund of Long Island Young Leader Award 2015. She did a great job.

The keynote speaker was Jackie Hilly, a former Assistant District Attorney and executive director of New Yorkers Against Gun Violence. Her remarks were tailored to inspire the young attendees to become politically active themselves. The “you can do it” message of empowerment continued during breakout sessions led by barely-out-of-their-teens women who are now lobbying legislators and opinion makers for their cause.

Also featured was a panel with female elected officials such as Suffolk County Legislator Bridget Fleming and East Hampton Town Councilmembers Kathee Burke-Gonzalez and Sylvia Overby, and including OLA executive director Minerva Perez and LWVH Co-Presidents Glorian Berk and me. The girls heard about being a woman in politics, the rewards and struggles unique to women. Glorian and I added our voices to the message that any young woman can make a difference and influence public opinion by speaking up and getting involved. We look forward to some of these young women becoming the next generation of leaders in the League of Women Voters!
Highlights of June 1, 2016 Board Meeting

Opening Business:
• In a follow-up to the May 15 Annual Meeting, a motion was made and passed to accept the recommendation of the Nominating Committee to name Joanne McEvoy-Samborn, Martha Potter, Judi Roth and Kaye Umana as Appointed Directors for a term of one year.
• Due to popular demand, the Board will schedule a retreat with Jacqui Lofaro to train/refresh members of the Board. Possible dates will be emailed to all Board members.

Financial Report:
• Cathy Peacock, the newly-elected treasurer, presented the Treasurer’s Report, showing income of $4,313 and expenses of $5,563.
• Cathy is serving for a second year as Advertising Manager for the Voter. She will send out a renewal letter to advertisers. A motion was made and passed to increase the price of the 1/16 page ad from $95 to $100 and to consider other price changes as well.
• Cathy is also asking the Board to show all LWVH expenses that you intend to donate by submitting “In Kind” donations in writing, so that the actual costs of running the League can more accurately be determined.

Information Items:
• Glorian requested that one of our two delegates (Naomi Epstein, Barbara McClancy) to the National Convention attend the Water Caucus (re. the Mississippi River) on June 18 at 7:15 AM. Barbara will try.
• Per Ann Sandford, Beatrice Lippman, a former member has passed away. Barbara will try to get information from Ann and send a card to the family.

Discussion Items:
• The Board passed a motion to support the LWVNYS Budget as presented without discussion.
• As per the discussion and vote at the Annual Meeting, the subject of the LWVH’S support of a position in favor of the formation of a Peconic County was raised. Cathy Peacock recalls that she led a consensus meeting on the issue that was not favorable because separate costs for services would be prohibitive. Judy S. will call LWVNYS to research the procedure for dealing with a challenged position.
• Our position for closing Millstone Nuclear Plant will be referred to the Natural Resources Committee for a possible updated study.
• Several interested parties from the North Fork have joined the LWVH. They are looking for guidance in setting up voter registration drives and will get advice from the Voter Services Committee. Judi & Estelle will give a talk at the Riverhead Library on the Electoral College. For the benefit of our visitor, Glorian described our positions and the process of study, meeting and consensus.
• The League received several compliments for the efficient running of the Annual Meeting, the excellence of the speaker, delicious refreshments, and good turnout. Arlene suggested that we also report what was accomplished toward the goals that were voted upon the year before.

Upcoming Events:
• Thursday, June 2, 7 p.m. Voter Services Committee’s Democratic Congressional Primary Debate at Hampton Bays Sr. Center, between David Calone and Anna Throne-Holst.
• Thursday, June 9, Special Events Committee’s “Celebrate Bridgehampton 360th Birthday Tour,” starting 11 a.m. at Children’s Museum of the East End (CMEE). Gladys discussed the slow sign-up, but the tour will go on. She will order food for 30.
• Monday, June 13, 6 p.m. Health Committee’s public information program at Southampton Hospital’s Parrish Memorial Hall with Robert Chaloner, President and CEO, speaking about the upcoming merger with Stony Brook University Hospital. He will show a 10-minute film and be joined by a Stony Brook Hospital administrator.
• Monday, July 11, 7 p.m., Government Committee & Health Committee’s public information program at the Bridgehampton Library, featuring the 38-minute film “Fix It” and discussion with Assemblyman Fred Thiele on the New York Health Act and single payer health insurance.

Committee Reports:
• The Health, Special Events and Government Committees had nothing further to report.
• Judi Roth, Education Committee chair, reported that she will contact the school guidance counselor about word we received of the behavior of the two students we sent on our recent “Students Inside Albany” trip in May.
• Public Relations, Arlene has been publicizing our Betty Desch scholarship winner, Bridgehampton Tour, Congressional Primary Debate, and Hospital Merger Program. The monthly Adopt-a Road clean-up program starts again in May, with Julia Kayser and Arlene cleaning Pantigo Place on May 26. Arlene is also a member of the LWVNYS 100th Anniversary Committee and they are brainstorming ideas for the celebration.
• Membership Committee, Estelle reports that they are waiting to hear back from the members whose dues renewal checks were destroyed by the Post Office. Because of Vicki Uman’s records they were able to ID every one. Next week the regular dues notice goes out.
• Arlene is Voter editor for July-August issue. Deadline for submissions is June 15.

Next LWVH Board meeting: Wednesday, July 6, 5:30 p.m. at the Bridgehampton National Bank.
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SCLegislator/Deputy Presiding Officer Robert Calarco introduces IR 1566
“A Charter Law Establishing a Public Campaign Financing Law”

The League strongly advocates for Campaign Finance Reform on the national and state levels, and now we have the opportunity to study and potentially advocate for specific legislation on the county level. LWV believes strong, well-enforced campaign finance regulations, along with a system of small donor matching grants, are a pathway to expanding voter participation, increasing more candidate diversity, and lessening the impact of special interests.

Leg. Calarco and his staff have worked with the Brennan Center for Justice at NYU over the past year, specifically reviewing details of the New York City Campaign Finance Board Matching Funds Program, which is considered to be a successful model. Text of Leg. Calarco’s bill may be read at http://legis.suffolkcountyny.gov/resos2016/15566-16.pdf.

The purpose of this legislation is to “enlarge the voice of average residents in Suffolk County” (as you read through the bill you’ll see how the 2:1 matching funds are applied with what requirements). There would be full reporting, as is already required by law. The legislation is quite deliberately starting small – hoping that there will be a positive experience and can potentially be expanded to county-wide offices since the required funding is hugely greater for those races.

The monies from the Video Lottery Terminals (VLT) are “new money” and the VLT will probably be placed in the Marriott Islandia, where there is a pending deal with local support in place. The county expects $2 million in revenue, and this would cover an initial budget of $100,000 per legislative district 18 districts, thus $1.8 million plus expenses in the first election year. Thus the money for the funding is not part of the general fund.

The legislation also includes a proposal to change the term of office from 2 years to 4 years, which means that the need to raise money becomes a once-in-4 years need.

The schedule for the bill, which was laid on the table on June 1 is:

- Public hearing and comment on June 21 at the Suffolk County Legislature General Meeting in Riverhead.
- Bill goes to Ways and Means committee meeting on July 21 in Hauppauge.
- If approved by the committee, bill voted on at General Meeting on July 26 in Hauppauge.
- If passed by the Legislature, and if approved by the County Executive, it goes on the November ballot in Suffolk County as a proposition.
- If approved by a majority of voters it becomes Charter Law in Suffolk County.

LWVSC commends Leg. Calarco on the effort to address this vital issue. We hope that the Legislators will work across the aisle to make viable public campaign financing a reality for Suffolk County Legislature races in the near future. This program might then serve as a first step to much-needed comprehensive campaign financing overhauls in the county.

The LWVSC board will be studying the details of IR1566 through the lens of LWVUS and LWVNYs positions on campaign finance reform. If the LWVSC board approves support for IR1566 we will be working through our local Leagues in Suffolk to educate the public on the importance of voting on the ballot proposition in November.

Bianca Taipe, LWVSC’s representative to the 2016 Students Inside Albany conference shadowing Assemblyman Andrew Raia.
Southampton and Stony Brook University Hospital Heads Provide Merger Update

By Valerie King, Health Committee Chair

Over 55 people, including Southampton Town Supervisor Jay Schneiderman, attended the LWVH Health Committee’s June 13 public information program in Southampton Hospital’s Parrish Memorial Hall to hear the latest update on “The Merger of Southampton and Stony Brook University Hospitals” from Robert Chaloner, Southampton Hospital President & CEO, and Dr. Kenneth Kaushansky, Vice President of Stony Brook Health Sciences & Dean of the Stony Brook School of Medicine.

After a welcome by LWVH Co-President Glorian Berk, who led the audience in a moment of silence for the victims of the June 12th terrorist attack in Orlando, Florida, Valerie King, chair of the Health Committee, thanked the hospital for the use of the facility and the refreshments and introduced Mr. Chaloner, citing his accomplishments over the past 10 years.

To set the stage, Mr. Chaloner then introduced a 10-minute video “Stony Brook & Southampton: Transforming Health Care on the East End,” which can also be viewed on the Southampton Hospital website www.southamptonhospital.org. The video showcases administrators and medical staff, including Mr. Chaloner and Dr. Kaushansky, discussing the advantages of the partnership.

Mr. Chaloner’s subsequent talk covered three aspects of the issue: Why are we doing this? Why with Stony Brook? And what’s next?

The mission of Southampton Hospital, he said, includes insuring access to quality healthcare for all. Over the years there has been a change in the healthcare needs of the South Fork. Geographically the South Fork, as an isolated peninsula, raises challenges in access to healthcare, particularly for the towns further east. Recruitment of doctors has been difficult due to the high cost of housing, with over 60% of the workforce living west of the canal. Specialists tend to work in medical teaching centers where the medical education and technology are state of the art, undergoing cutting edge research. The goal for medical staff is to work at the top of their profession.

The partnership with Stony Brook will maintain continuity of healthcare in Suffolk County. Many Southampton Hospital physicians are already familiar with Stony Brook Hospital’s medical staff and specialists. Stony Brook has the Southampton campus, which provides a fantastic opportunity to build a new hospital, he said. Mr. Chaloner urged the community to envision health care as consisting of a strategic network of satellite facilities and laboratory stations, including the hospital’s new heart and stroke center, a cancer center, and an East Hampton emergency center.

Dr. Kaushansky provided additional positive support for the partnership, citing rotations of specific Stony Brook medical staff with Southampton Hospital staff and the enthusiasm in the shared knowledge and expertise. In particular, he described in great detail how Southampton Hospital’s Stroke Center’s Hybrid Operating Center has attracted attention as a major training opportunity for Stony Brook cardiologists. Dr. Kaushansky also mentioned initiatives such as a common certifying organization for both MDs and DOs, the opening of a school of pharmacy, collaborative efforts in the family medicine residency program, wellness and prevention, and telemedicine.

Both Mr. Chaloner and Dr. Kaushansky mentioned the importance of DISRIP, a federal initiative to redesign Medicaid. Stony Brook Hospital is leading the way for the distribution of DISRIP funding and has recently procured a $10 million state grant to create an ambulatory emergency facility in the Town of East Hampton. In addition, $9 million has been procured for a new Cancer Center to be located on County Rd 39.

There was some speculative discussion regarding Southampton Hospital’s plan to move to the campus of Stony Brook/Southampton University, and how the current Southampton Hospital facility may be utilized.

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Leaguers Toured Bridgehampton’s Special Sites on June 9

By Gladys Remler and Joanne McEvoy-Samborn, Special Events Co-Chairs

The LWVH celebrated Bridgehampton's 360th Birthday with a fundraising tour on June 9th. As promised, it was a day full of learning, socializing and enjoyment.

We visited four Bridgehampton museums for talks and tours—the Children’s Museum of the East End (CMEE), the South Fork Natural History Museum (SOFO) & Nature Center, the Dan Flavin Art Institute (marveling at the fluorescent light sculptures), and the Bridgehampton (Historical) Museum. Our delightful lunch, catered by Hampton Coffee Company, took place at the Horticultural Alliance of the Hamptons (HAH), with the final stop of the day at the co-op garden, Good Shepherd Farm.

Thank you to all our attendees and of course the Special Events Committee which researched and planned this day.

We are working on plans for a fall luncheon with a special featured speaker you won’t want to miss. Details will be forthcoming.

At CMEE: Marketing director Paul Johnson showcased CMEE’s 10th anniversary this year, its many children’s programs, and its imaginative, interactive play areas.

At SOFO: Education coordinator Melanie Meade described the marine life in the touch tank downstairs, after a tour of the interactive nature exhibits upstairs.

At Dan Flavin: Tour guide Carly Haffner pointed out one of the most colorful Flavin fluorescent light sculptures in the permanent collection upstairs.

At HAH: During lunch, HAH vice president (and new Bridgehampton CAC chair) Pamela Harwood, left, described their many horticultural programs, services and social events, and was joined by former Bridgehampton CAC chair/LWVH member Nancy Walter-Yvertes, right, who talked of the work of Southampton Town’s CAC (Citizens Advisory Committee) in Bridgehampton.

At the Bridgehampton Museum (Historic Corwith House): Bridgehampton history author/LWVH member Ann Sanford distributed sheets on “Bridgehampton’s History At A Glance” and aptly summarized the major periods in the hamlet’s growth since its settling in 1656.

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Photos/captions by Arlene Hinkemeyer
League Starts Second Year of Adopt-A-Road Program

By Arlene Hinkemeyer

Beginning with the month of May, the Hamptons League started its second year of collecting litter eight times—once a month from May through October, plus twice during the winter months—on Pantigo Place and Pantigo Circle, that it adopted last spring in East Hampton Town’s popular Adopt-A-Road Program.

One person each month accompanies Arlene Hinkemeyer on the clean-up. For this community service effort, which dovetails with LWV positions on solid waste disposal and recycling, thanks go to Pat Arceri, Afton DiSunno, Estelle Gellman, Julia Kayser, Barbara McClancy, Eva Moore and Vicki Umans.

And the League, in turn, thanks the Town for the beautiful signs, located on either end of the road.

Ready to start a second year in the Town of East Hampton’s Adopt-A-Road Program are, left to right, Afton DiSunno, Estelle Gellman, Barbara McClancy, Eva Moore and Julia Kayser. Not in photo are Pat Arceri, Arlene Hinkemeyer (taking photo) and Vicki Umans.

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:
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Individual Member’s Name ____________________________________________

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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

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**Leaguers Toured Bridgehampton**

Although creating the partnership of the two hospitals has initially been somewhat slow, with a six-step process, New York State regulatory authorities are now viewing the partnership as a model for affiliation that can be replicated.

Questions from the audience covered topics such as difficulties due to traffic concerns, transportation concerns, the needs of special populations, and loss of a small community hospital atmosphere. Both Mr. Chaloner and Dr. Kaushansky provided reassurance that these concerns are being addressed.

The LWVH Health Committee reviews access to healthcare in our community. It will be collaborating with the LWVH Government Committee for a public information meeting on single payer health insurance on Monday evening, July 11, 7 p.m. at the Bridgehampton Library. If you would like to become a member of our LWVH Health Committee, please contact Valerie King, Chair, at 631-267-3282 or valeriekingphd@gmail.com

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At Good Shepherd Farm: Farm manager Dr. Jay Hunt explained how the co-op organic farm was established 10 years ago. The overage of its flowers and vegetables go to the nearby church and the Sag Harbor food pantry.

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