Voter Services

By Anne Marshall

ELECTION DAY, TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8. POLLS ARE OPEN 6AM TO 9PM

This busy election season has the Voter Services committee involved in a number of events and activities.

The League is sponsoring a Congressional candidates debate between challenger Anna Throne-Holst and Congressman Lee Zeldin. It will take place on Thursday, October 13 at 7:00PM at the Westhampton Beach High School auditorium.

A second debate for NY’s 1st Senatorial district position will be on Tuesday, October 25 at 7:00PM at the Bridgehampton Community Center.

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The League of Women Voters of the Hamptons

Mission Statement
The League of Women Voters of the Hamptons, a nonpartisan political organization, encourages 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

At our January planning meeting, we chose our priorities which were then approved at our Annual Meeting in May. Briefly they were: (1) Voter Services: Get out the vote for local elections; Encourage reform at the Suffolk County Board of Elections; Inform voters about items including special elections and propositions on the November Ballot; Encourage conformity in Absentee Ballot applications in the towns and villages. (2) Increase Membership and Participation: Encourage new members to get involved; Look for new members in other like-minded community organizations. (3) Health: concentrate on women’s and family health. We’re making good progress formulating plans that will achieve these results and I’m pleased to say that we’re partnering with other organizations to do so.

Get out the vote
Registering voters is a critical mission, so much of our resources are directed there. On September 27, National Voter Registration Day, volunteers were available at a dozen East End locations including the Riverhead Library, thanks to Ethel Sussman and Angela DeVito, two tireless new League members from the North Fork. Glorian Berk and Carol Mellor worked with them under League signage, which provides enhanced credibility and the aura of non-partisanship.

We partnered with the County League for a second year to post signs in Spanish and English on County buses, reminding people to vote. Many thanks to Judi Roth for managing this project, as well as for organizing PSA’s (public service announcements) on local radio stations. New York state has one of the lowest percentages of voter turnout in the U.S. and younger voters are even worse than older ones. We’re trying hard to improve that.

Another related success has been improved contact with the Spanish-speaking community. OLA, an advocacy organization, may provide inroads into that community, and help register citizens by translating our message. In East Hampton, the Voter Services committee is also working with the Town’s Latino Advisory Committee to help them register voters.

Increase membership and participation
Our Special Events fundraising events turn out to be the best source of new members. Congratulations to the hard work and excellent planning led by Co-Chairs Joanne McEvoy-Samborn and Gladys Remler. Under Estelle Gellman’s leadership, the Government Committee has also been a means of attracting an audience because of the here-and-now topics this committee presents at public info meetings. Teaming with the Health Committee, one meeting featured committee chair Valerie King and Assemblyman Fred Thiele in a program about NYS’s bill calling for a single payer system of

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Public Information Meeting on the Referendum Regarding Changes in the CPF Fund

By Estelle Gellman

On Monday evening, September 19th, the Natural Resources and Government Committees sponsored a very well-attended public information meeting at the Hampton Library concerning the referendum on the Community Preservation Fund (CPF) that will be on the ballot in November. The referendum, although worded slightly differently in East Hampton and Southampton, proposes (1) to extend the fund to 2050 and (2) to enable the towns to use up to 20% of the fund each year for water quality improvement projects.

A panel of representative from both East Hampton and Southampton addressed the need for water quality improvement as well as types of projects they hope to initiate if the referendum is passed. Representing East Hampton on the panel were Supervisor Larry Cantwell and Kim Shaw, the Director of East Hampton’s Natural Resources Department; Southampton was represented by Supervisor Jay Schneiderman, Janice Scherer, who is Principal Planner in Southampton’s Department of Land Management, and Southampton Councilman John Bouvier.

In discussing the need for water quality improvement, Jay Schneiderman pointed out that although our water is better than it would have been had the town not been able to preserve the property the fund has been used to purchase, additional funds are needed in order to most effectively address the increases in nitrogen and phosphorus that are detrimentally affecting our water. A power point presentation by Janice Scherer explained the town’s plan for improving water quality. The main components of the plan are: (1) reduction, in which the goal is to introduce systems that would reduce pollutants before they enter the groundwater, (2) remediation, which would involve treatment of the groundwater, and (3) restoration, which would involve treatment of the water bodies. It was pointed out that, at the outset, the focus would be on reduction of nitrogen loading, with suggested approaches including rebates for sanitary system upgrades, implementation of permeable reactive barriers and storm water management.

John Bouvier discussed emerging new technologies that could address water quality in innovative ways but also explained that there is “legacy” pollution that has built up in our groundwater over many years and will take time to improve.

In discussing the situation in East Hampton, Larry Cantwell pointed out that 90% of the tax map parcels in East Hampton are either preserved or developed and that, of the 19,400 developed parcels, 12,500 are using antiquated cesspools. He explained that cesspools are not designed to reduce nitrogen and nitrogen leakage is one of the major issues affecting our water quality. Kim Shaw addressed East Hampton’s plan for water quality improvement with a power point presentation. As in Southampton, she indicated that East Hampton was also looking at rebates for septic system upgrades, particularly in locations without public water and areas in which groundwater quickly reaches surface water. She pointed out that there have already been several water quality studies in the town and that the recommendations for water quality improvement resulting from these studies are included in the town’s plan. The recommendations include septic system upgrades in both homes, businesses and town facilities, implementation of permeable reactive barriers, improved storm water treatment and aquatic habitat restoration.

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Fighting Chance

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

This past Spring and Summer I had the pleasure of getting to know a wonderful local non-profit organization, Fighting Chance, a free cancer counseling service located in Sag Harbor. Duncan Darrow Esq. founded Fighting Chance in 2002 as a result of his mother’s battle with lung cancer and his role as a caregiver. The demands of daily managing physical, emotional and intellectual burdens, while navigating a health system in the rural setting of the Hamptons, were daunting. The Darrow family’s experience highlighted the need for a special program.

Fighting Chance is the first free-of-charge cancer counseling and resource center of its kind established on the East End of Long Island encompassing both the North and South Forks, Shelter Island, Riverhead and Western Suffolk County. The center located at 34 Bay Street, Sag Harbor is funded solely by charitable contributions and grants. What makes Fighting Chance distinctive is the comprehensive range of free services. Their helpline (631-725-4646) and e-mail counseling (www.fightingchance.org) is a national service provided by a trained Cancer Patient Navigation Specialist. Professional counseling with the Executive Director, a psychologist or the Director of Clinical Programs, an oncology social worker, is also available through support groups, family and individual counseling sessions. Fighting Chance has published Coping with Cancer on The East End an annually updated guide of local care resources that can be accessed as an e-copy on their website or in hard copy at the Sag Harbor office.

In addition to counseling, Fighting Chance Services include: guidance with insurance and employment concerns, transportation assistance, educational workshops and lectures, wellness activity groups, and an extensive research library with computer access and assistance. Typical topics of workshops are: updates on clinical trials, nutrition and cancer, benefits of exercise, caring for the caregiver, mind/body medicine, cognitive memory concerns, improving doctor/patient communication, coping with the after effects of treatment, yoga for enhancing health, music for enjoyment and stress reduction.

Some of the ongoing Fighting Chance Wellness Activities to improve quality of life include: yoga, meditation and Reiki sessions, therapeutic music and art workshops. Recently Fighting Chance developed a chorus, where staff, patients, caregivers and invited community members regularly practice singing songs and occasionally perform, under the direction of Dominick Abbate, the musical director of the Whalers Church Chorus in Sag Harbor.

Special annual events at Fighting Chance include a Gala, a Survivors Day Celebration at Southampton Hospital, the Hamptons Swim Against Cancer in Amagansett, and a lobster lunch at Duyrea’s restaurant, among various other outings and activities.

A new Cancer Center located on RT 27 Southampton is in progress by Southampton/Stony Brook Hospital, and will consist of a satellite office of Fighting Chance to help patients deal with the trauma of a cancer diagnosis.

The Fighting Chance website is chock full of information about the organization, videos, and links to many cancer resources for patients, caregivers and interested individuals. Contributions and donations can be made online or mailed to the main office Fighting Chance 34 Bay Street, Sag Harbor, New York 11963. To volunteer: call 631-725-4646

The LWVH Health Committee informs the residents of health related services in our community. We conduct visits to many local health organizations, clinics, hospitals and government officials who impact health services. We provide public information meetings on relevant health topics. If you would like to join the LWVH Health Committee, contact Valerie King Ph.D. valeriekingphd@gmail.com 631-267-3282.
By Judi Roth

On September 14th members of the Education Committee did some brainstorming to come up with some new ideas for working with young people. Here are some of the things we are doing/considering:

For the Congressional Debate to be held at Westhampton Beach High School on October 13th, Ursula Lynch will get in touch with social studies teachers and recruit students to attend the debate and/or to assist with collecting questions from the audience. There will also be an essay contest for students to tell us their impressions of the debate, how it could be improved/different, etc. The winner of the contest will receive a $50 check from the League.

Judi Roth will attend a meeting of the Southampton Youth Advisory Committee in Hampton Bays to find out how we might work with this group of 8th-12th graders who do various community service projects.

Anne Marshall will get back in touch with Girl Scout leaders and see if we can do another program for this lively group of young girls.

Judi will be contacting Lora Gellerstein of the Suffolk County Legislature to set a date for “Students Inside Suffolk County” in the spring of 2017. This session, unlike the previous one, will be held in Riverhead rather than Hauppauge which will make it easier for all East End schools to attend.

The committee will be reviewing how we award the Betty Desch Scholarship and select students to go to Albany so that we can have better follow-up with these students.

Martha Potter, Judi Roth and Arlene Hinkemeyer will be attending the Long Island Suffrage Centennial Conference on November 5th to seek ideas on how we can integrate this historic event into our youth programs – perhaps by working with teen librarians.

By Estelle Gellman

The Government Committee will begin working on a consensus study regarding whether or not to update the LWVNY’s position on Legislative Procedures. The section of the current position that is being re-examined reads as follows: “The legislature should continue to serve as a part-time body. Terms for legislators should be longer, and possibly staggered.”

The study will focus on the following issues:

- Outside Income/Legislative Salaries: the issues to be considered are whether outside income should be banned or limited in some way and should a legislator’s salary be weighted by cost of living differences in different parts of the state
- Term Length for State Assembly and Senate
- Whether or not terms for State Senate and Assembly should be staggered
- Whether or not there should be limits on how long a state legislator can serve in a leadership position, e.g., a committee chair, majority or minority leader, et. al.
- Whether or not stipends should continue for committee chairs and those in leadership positions

The consensus meeting is scheduled to take place at 7 PM on November 14th in the Community Room of the Hampton Library in Bridgehampton.

In addition to the consensus study, the Government Committee will be planning visits to local office holders as well as covering town meetings. All members are invited to join the committee; if you are interested, contact Estelle Gellman at cpresg@hofstra.edu.
Information Items:
• The State Primary election is on September 13th. Vote 411 is now live with coverage of all primary elections throughout the state.
• The Nature Conservancy (Marian Lindberg) has asked for permission to use our name when promoting the CPF resolution on the November ballot. Permission was granted based upon our vote of support at the last board meeting.
• The State League’s Day at the United Nations is Thursday, November 17.
• On November 7, 2017, NYS voters will consider the question, “Shall there be a convention to revise the constitution and amend the same?”, as automatically required by the NYS constitution every 20 years. A constitutional convention has been convened only nine times in the past and on four of those occasions we adopted a new constitution fundamentally altering how government works in Albany.
• The bus signs have been updated by Lisa Scott and will be put in County buses.
• Judi and Estelle gave a talk about the LWVs at the Riverhead Library that was so successful that the League has been invited back to speak in March of 2017 at the Riverhead Women’s Club. Some suggested speakers are Judy, Glorian and Arlene.

Upcoming Events:
• September 18 from 1–5 PM is the Anti-Bias Community Picnic at Red Creek Park in Hampton Bays. We need brochures, banners, registration forms and absentee ballots.
• September 19 –PIM sponsored by the Government and Natural Resource committees on the CPF proposal on the Nov. 8th ballot.
• September 27 is National Voter Registration Day.
• September 29 is our Fundraiser/Luncheon at Cowfish restaurant.

Discussion Items:
• Sue Wilson reports that the Citizens Climate Lobby (CCL) wants our endorsement for program of advocacy. In discussion we support the need for action but are still hesitant in regard to a whole-hearted endorsement of the CCL’s methods. This limited endorsement passed with one dissenting vote and Sue Wilson agrees to write this qualified endorsement.
• The State LWVs has asked that we hold a consensus discussion in November about Legislative procedures concerning political ethics, length of terms and outside income for legislators. State would like our results by 12/15/16. The committee heads of Education, Government and Health have agreed to cancel the topic of Gun Safety in November in order to accommodate this consensus. Judy has volunteered to send all the necessary material to our members via Constant Contact. We might write an article for the next Voter. A quick review of the material could be presented on November 14th in a slide show followed by a consensus discussion. The details of this event will be finalized at the next Government Committee meeting.
• Judi Roth is organizing the PSAs we will produce for the upcoming election urging citizens to vote.
• Gladys Remler resigned from the Board of Directors of the LWVH. She assures us that she will continue in her role as committee chair and active member of the League. Co-Presidents Glorian and Judy both thanked her for her past and future efforts and dedication to the league.

Committee Reports:
• Voter Services. They met on Aug. 10 and distributed material for Voter Registration Day, 9/27.
• Carol and Carol will work with the new Riverhead members at their voter registration events.
• There will be a Congressional Debate on 10/13 @ Westhampton Beach HS.
• State Senate and Assembly debate is scheduled for 10/24, location TBD. The Senate candidates have confirmed as has Assemblyman Thiele, but his opponent, Heather Collins has not yet responded.
• Carol, Arlene and Anne met with the EH Latino Advisory Committee, chaired by Maritza Guichay and Angela Quintero, on to how they could work together to conduct voter registration in the Latino community. The group is planning to ask “OLA” to sponsor a candidate’s forum for congressional candidates on 9/29 at Ashawagah Hall. They also met with Zachary Cohen and Diana Walker. We will assist as well as provide them with bi-lingual materials.
• Carol and Anne met with Joe Shaw (Press Group) to discuss election season plans. He will be on our debate panels and will publicize deadlines for registration and absentee ballots. The EH Star has endorsed Anna Throne-Holz, thus making themselves ineligible to participate in our congressional debate.
• Special Events. Gladys spoke about the upcoming lunch from 12 to 3 PM at Cowfish restaurant featuring Kathleen King as speaker. There are three choices of entrée, salad

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LWVSC Board Meeting: 10:00am Wednesday Oct. 19 at SCCC, Main St., Riverhead

LWV of Suffolk County is again providing printed signs in English and Spanish to Suffolk Bus, which will display them on all buses in the run up to Election Day.

Voter Services are a Priority in September and October

Our five local Leagues in Suffolk County—Brookhaven, the Hamptons, Huntington, Shelter Island and Smithtown are all busy engaged in many different voter registration projects and venues this year. These include Community Fairs and Picnics, YMCAs, Libraries, Universities, Community Colleges, large Retailers, Post Offices, Train Stations and of course ongoing at Naturalization ceremonies. League members are also out speaking with groups and schools about the importance of voter education and voter participation in elections.

The League’s non-partisanship separates us from other organizations and as this election season continues to heat up there frequently are questions asked about why the League does not oppose or support a party or candidate. Each local League has a non-partisan policy to which members strictly adhere. Our role as a non-partisan organization allows us to sponsor and moderate candidate meetings fairly and gains us respect from across the political spectrum.

Remember WHY We’re Nonpartisan

- Critical to the effectiveness and credibility of the League
- Provides a strong foundation for the work done in support of issues
- LWV Action on legislation and ballot proposals is more effective – it’s based on merit rather than politics!

http://www.lwvhamptons.org
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By Joanne McEvoy-Samborn

SEWING AND MENDING
In case people still do this here are some suggestions:

EASY BUTTON REMOVAL
When removing buttons from clothing, slide a comb under the button put a razor blade between the comb and the button and cut the thread between the comb with a razor blade. With this method, there is less chance of cutting the material. If you don’t have a razor blade in the house, try to use a sharp fillet or boning knife instead.

SEW WITH DENTAL FLOS
Sew on frequently popped buttons with dental floss, it’s stronger than regular thread and will withstand abuse on children’s clothing and on work clothes.

SCISSORS STOPPER
Has your scissors ever slipped when you were cutting open a newly sewn buttonhole so that you cut through the stitching end? Next time, put a pin across each end of the buttonhole inside the stitching before you cut, to stop the blades of the scissors before they go too far.

Source Rodales book of Hints, Tips and Everyday Wisdom

Public Information Meeting on the Referendum Regarding Changes in the CPF Fund

It was pointed out that, in both towns, a technical advisory committee would be established that would review proposed projects before they were presented to the board and that there would be public hearings on proposed projects before implementation. Both towns strongly recommended approval of the referendum, citing the need for the funds and the necessity of water quality improvement in order to preserve the character of our community. In response to a question from the audience whether this use of the CPF would be a first step in diverting the fund for a variety of town projects and reducing its availability for land preservation, Assemblyman Fred Thiele, who was in attendance at the meeting and was instrumental in the creation of the CPF as well as the legislation enabling the current referendum, explained that water quality improvement is integral to land preservation and that many proposals for other uses of the funds have repeatedly been rejected. He also pointed out that funding sources for water quality improvement that have been used in the past, e.g., from the federal government and the state, are no longer available.

The League of Women Voters of the Hamptons has endorsed the referendum and urges you to vote “YES” in November.

President’s Message

health insurance. Government next worked with Natural Resources to present our September 19 meeting about the CPF proposition to extend it to 2050 and dedicate up to 20% of annual funds to water remediation projects. We’ve given The Nature Conservancy the green light to use our name and logo in promoting a “yes” vote on this proposition. Finally, since 2009 LWVH has worked for creation of the Council/Manager model in Southampton and East Hampton. We’re not giving up, and on September 15, a few of us joined the GGG (Group for Good Government) at a Town Board meeting in East Hampton to bring up the subject while the 2017 budget is being formulated. We plan an October 18 New Member Reception to bring our new members further into the organization by encouraging participation on at least one committee.

In terms of promoting women’s and children’s health, Valerie King’s committee works closely with Southampton Hospital to raise awareness of services available to all through the hospital and its new partner, Stony Brook University Hospital.
Voter Services

ter. The candidates are Senator Ken LaValle and challenger Greg Fisher. As of this writing, because of the lack of response from the opponent of Assemblyman Fred Thiele, we have not been able to schedule a date for that contest.

There are several important dates and events to remind voters about during this election season:

- **Voter Registration Mailing Deadline: Friday, October 14**
- **Absentee Ballot Mailing Deadline: Monday, November 7**

Each of these forms may be found online or picked up at local libraries and post offices.

For information about the status of one’s own registration, call the relevant Board of Elections:

- **Suffolk County:** 631-852-4500
- **New York City:** 212-487-5300

For information about location of polling places, candidates and issues go online to: www.VOTE411.org

At the end of September some 24 League members were at more than a dozen locations from Montauk to Westhampton and Riverhead to offer voter information, registration forms and absentee ballot applications. And once again we will be going every Tuesday in November to the Federal Courthouse in Islip to offer voter registration forms and information to newly sworn-in citizens.

Highlights of September 7, LWVH Board Meeting

and dessert.

- **Government.** Next meeting is on 9/13. They will finalize the PIM they are co-sponsoring with the NRC on 9/19 regarding the CPF. That panel will have the supervisors from EH & SH, Larry Cantwell and Jay Schneiderman as well as Kim Shaw (Director, Natural Resource Dept., EH) and Janice Scherer (Principal Planner, Dept. of Land Management, SH).

They will also begin to work on the November consensus study on legislative procedures regarding ethics reform within the legislature. Topics include performance, outside income, staggered terms, length of terms and tenure for legislative leadership. These reforms were initiated by the NYS League.

- **Education.** The committee will meet 9/14 at 2:30 PM. To brainstorm for new ideas and plan their program.

- **Natural Resources.** The committee is co-sponsoring the PIM on 9/19. Glorian talked about the Hills development project in SH which we have voted to advocate against and is now back before the Town Board.

- **Public Relations.** Arlene is publicizing the 9/19 PIM on the CPF, 9/27-National Voter Registration Day and the 9/29 the Fall luncheon. On August 30 Arlene did the monthly cleanup of Pantigo Place for the Adopt-a-Road program. She then spoke about the 100th anniversary of women’s suffrage in NYS. Arlene is on the NYS Events Committee for this celebration. On the same topic, the LI Woman’s Suffrage Committee is contacting libraries, leagues, historical societies and others to participate in a conference on Nov. 5, 9:30 AM to 3:30 PM at the Walt Whitman house in Huntington Station. Arlene, Judi and Martha will attend.

- **Membership.** Estelle and Joanne report there are 86 current members. There will be one more dues appeal this year. The next meeting is 9/14 to discuss orientation for the 11 new members. They are looking for a venue.

- **Health.** The Committee continues to work jointly with the Government and Education Committee towards a PIM on Gun Safety / Gun Control, date and time TBD. The Health Committee is also actively recruiting new members and resume our ongoing efforts at informing the community regarding health services. Interested persons should contact Valerie King by phone at 1-631-267-3282 or email at valerieking-phd@gmail.com.

The Voter editors for October is Judi with the assistance of Martha who will become a future editor. The deadline for submissions is Sept. 15.

The next meeting is scheduled for, October 5, 2016 at the Bridgehampton National Bank.
Membership Committee Report

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

The Membership Committee met on September 14th to plan the New Member Reception and Orientation. Twelve new members have joined since our last new member orientation and we are looking forward to meeting with them and encouraging them to become involved in our committee work. In addition to refreshments and an opportunity to meet and socialize, representatives of each LWVH committee will describe the work of their committee with the hope of attracting new committee members. The New Member Reception and Orientation will be held on October 18th at the home of Joanne McEvoy-Samborn and invitations will be sent to each of our new members.

At its September 27th meeting, the Membership Committee will be reviewing our membership renewals and sending a third renewal request to those members who have not yet renewed their membership for 2016-17. We thank all of you who have already renewed for doing so and encourage those of you who haven’t to return the dues envelope with your check. We welcome and encourage all those interested in the work of the League to become members: a membership application may be found in this issue of The Voter.

We also welcome all members who would like to join in the work of the Membership Committee. If you are interested, contact either Estelle Gellman or Joanne McEvoy-Samborn; contact information may be found under the LWVH Board listing in this issue of The Voter.

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:

___ Education Committee   ___ Membership Committee   ___ Voter Services Committee

___ Government Committee   ___ Natural Resources Committee   ___ Communications

___ Health Committee   ___ Special Events Committee

Questions? Call us at 631-324-4637 or email: membership@lwvhamptons.org
Notes on the Board and Members

By Judi Roth

From time to time this column will update members on what is happening on the personal side of the League.

Many of us know how difficult it is to drive at night and also even harder to make long journeys to get to meetings. Gladys Remler now lives in Eastport and has reluctantly resigned from the Board of your League. Fortunately for us, Gladys will continue as co-chair of the Special Events Committee and will continue to bring us fun events with meticulous attention to detail to make those events go smoothly. We will miss her presence at Board meetings – and who knows – we may rethink the timing of those meetings in the future and bring her back!

Naomi Epstein, another long-time board member, is on extended medical leave while recovering from an illness. We wish her a speedy recovery!

We welcome back Dr. Kaye Umana, who was on leave to serve as locum for vacationing physicians. I called Joan Weber to ask if she would like to join me at voter registration on September 27th. Joan was one of the first people I ever did voter registration with in front of a rather raucous 7-11 on North Sea Road. Well, Joan was packing for her move to Peconic Landing (her husband passed away in March) and so voter registration was not in the cards. But at Peconic Landing she will find another League member, Anne Bleich. One of these days there may be enough to start a new League at Peconic Landing!