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Genie Henderson of LTV, right, with LWV Co-President Estelle Gellman, seated, and Voter Services chair Barbara McClancy, standing, on the set before the start of taping the PSAs on September 23.

LTV Invites LWV to make PSAs on Voting

If you're watching East Hampton Town's local television station LTV Channel 20 or 22 in October, you might see a short Public Service Announcement with voting information inserted at the beginning or end of programs.

After a flourishing opening to the PSA, you'll see Barbara McClancy or Estelle Gellman answering questions about the mission of the LWV and the work of our Voter Services Committee, plus all the information citizens need to know about voting. (See page 3.) They explained how to get an absentee ballot; how to get the forms in Spanish or other languages on the Suffolk County Board of Elections website suffolkvotes.com; what's on the ballot besides President/Vice President election; what the League does to inspire young voters; and why it's important to vote.

Bravo to LTV for promoting voter education and voter turnout!

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2020 Presidential/Vice Presidential Debates

Wednesday, October 7. Vice Presidential Debate.
University of Utah, Salt Lake City, UT
Moderator: Susan Page of USA Today.

Thursday, October 15. 2nd Presidential Debate.
Adrienne Arsht Center for Performing Arts, Miami, FL
Moderator: Steve Scully of C-SPAN.

Thursday, October 22. 3rd Presidential Debate.
Belmont University, Nashville, TN
Moderator: Kristen Welker of NBC.

LWV to Host Zoom Candidate Debates
Be sure to watch the League's Zoom candidate debates, available on the YouTube channel of SEA-TV Southampton.

Monday, October 19, 7 p.m. (Pending)
1st Congressional District debate between Nancy Goroff (Dem) and Lee Zeldin (Rep)



Tuesday, October 20, 7 p.m.
1st Senatorial District debate between Laura Ahearn (Dem) and Anthony Palumbo (Rep)

The League will not be hosting a 1st Assembly District debate between candidates Fred Thiele, Jr. and Heather Collins, as Collins is not campaigning.



The League of Woman Voters of the Hamptons, Shelter Island and the North Fork

Mission Statement

The League of Women Voters of the Hamptons, Shelter Island and the North Fork 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, Shelter Island and the North Fork, 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, Shelter Island and the North Fork recognizes that diverse perspectives are important and necessary for responsible and representative decision-making. The League of Women Voters of the Hamptons, Shelter Island and the North Fork 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, Shelter Island and the North Fork 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 Towns, 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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Co-President's Message



In the fall, I like to look back and recall all the fun activities that happened over the summer. Unfortunately, summer 2020 was unlike any other we have experienced. This year we sadly watched as event after event was canceled - all due to the Covid19 pandemic. Gone were large gatherings, parties, outdoor festivals, concerts, picnics, and socializing in general. Instead we had to deal with virtual meeting, face masks, hand sanitizer, self-quarantining, social distancing, and the reality that our lives had drastically changed. Since I don't have any fun summer events to report, I'd like to take this opportunity to share some League memories from times prior to Covid19.

Every July the League of Women Voters of the Hamptons would look forward to marching in the July 4th parade in Southampton. It's a festive event where a wide variety of community organizations gather to celebrate the birth of our country. Patriotism is front and center!

It's a perfect venue for the League to remind citizens that "Every Vote Counts" and that "Democracy is Not a Spectator Sport!" We carried the American flag and signs encouraging everyone to VOTE. We always got a lot of attention from the crowds lining the streets.

Once, many years ago, I marched with my Co-President Barbara Jordan and a group of fellow league members in the pouring rain because the parade goes on "Rain or Shine"! By the end of our march we were drenched - our hair was limp, defying all earlier styling attempts, our smiles were frozen in place, our faces ached and our arms were sore from waving to the crowds. My crisp, navy blue linen jacket was so water logged that the color of the lining started to run producing blue streaks on my bright white skirt. No one seemed to notice. We accomplished our three goals: We increased League visibility, connected with voters and had fun. Interacting directly with voters is still the most effective way to Get Out the Vote and that is exactly what we had done.

Beginning in 2017 we were surprised to receive the very impressive parade trophy I'm holding in the photo for Most Patriotic Entry.

Times have changed but the League mission to educate voters has not. In difficult times we must be even more creative about getting out our message so we are taking our social media skills to the next level in an effort to improve communications and stay connected to our members and the public.

Susan Wilson

How to Vote in 2020

By Barbara McClancy, Chair

Everyone should look at the various options available to voters this year. You may vote in three distinct ways.

- Vote on Election Day November 3, 2020 at your normal polling place between the hours of 6am and 9pm.
- Early voting will be available at 12 sites in Suffolk County at posted hours from October 24 to November 1, 2020.
- Vote by Absentee Ballot.

Early voting and Election Day voting entail going to a polling place and voting in the usual way. For early voting, citizens can go to any polling place they wish within the relevant Board of Election territory. For example, Suffolk County voters may go to any of 12 identified sites. On Election Day voters must go to their usual assigned polling site.

Absentee ballots can be obtained from the Board of Elections by mail, download or you may apply through the NYS web portal: <<https://absenteeballot.elections.ny.gov/>. (The state portal is the easiest and most efficient way. Once you fill it out completely, you will receive a confirmation number on-line and then subsequently you will receive an Absentee Ballot. There is no need to mail the application.)

If you want to complete and mail in a request for an Absentee ballot:

--Download the application on the relevant of Election website. If you are a Suffolk County resident, complete the Absentee Ballot Application, fill it in and send it to the Board of Elections, PO Box 700, 335 Yaphank Ave, Yaphank, NY 11980.

--If you are concerned about exposure to Covil-19 you should check off "temporary illness" as your reason. The Board will then send you an Absentee Ballot.

--Fill out the Absentee Ballot, sign and seal it, and return it to the Board of Elections. There are three options for returning the ballot: Completed ballots may be brought to any Early Voting site; mailed to the relevant Board of Election postmarked no later than November 3 and received the 10th; or dropped off at your assigned polling site on Election Day.

Note: Occasionally there is confusion between Absentee Ballot Application and an Absentee Ballot. The first is an application for the second. Please help to make that clear with any who might be unclear about the process.

Important Dates:

Oct 9 Deadline for Voter Registration applications

Oct. 27 Deadline for applying for an Absentee Ballot

Oct 24- Nov 1 Early Voting

Nov. 3, 2020 Election Day

Absentee Ballots must be received by the BE by Nov.3 or postmarked by Nov.3 and received by Nov. 10th.

Early Voting on the East End

East Hampton
Windmill Village
219 Accabonac Ave
East Hampton, NY 11937

Southampton
Stony Brook University
Southampton Campus
70 Tuckahoe Rd
Southampton, NY 11968

Southold Senior Center
750 Pacific St
Mattituck, NY 11952

The times for all sites are:

Oct 24 & 25, 10am to 3pm

Oct 26 7am to 3pm

Oct 27 12pn to 8pm

Oct 28 & 29 8am to 4pm

Oct 30 12pm to 8pm

Oct 31 10am to 3pm

Nov 1 10am to 3pm

Unfortunately, there is no Early Voting site on Shelter Island.

“How We Celebrated the Centennial of the 19th Amendment, August 2020”

by **Arlene Hinkemeyer**

Chair, LWV 100th Anniversary Celebration Committee



A PowerPoint presentation by suffrage historian Antonia Petrash, entitled “To Win the Vote: A Lifetime of Struggle” about the long and dramatic path to women’s suffrage in 1920, was given via Zoom on August 3 at Shelter Island and Southold libraries, and August 12 at East Hampton and Westhampton libraries. 100th anniversary committee chair Arlene Hinkemeyer emceed the programs, and co-president Estelle Gellman acknowledged the women elected officials in the Towns of Shelter Island, Southold, East Hampton and villages of Southampton, to whom we had mailed “Votes for Women” sashes.



Some of the slides in Antonia Petrash’s presentation marked the formation of the National League of Women Voters in February 1920 by Carrie Chapman Catt, standing left, who was president of the National American Woman Suffrage Association (NAWSA) and developed “The Winning Plan” to win ratification of the 19th Amendment among the 36 states. Chief lobbyist for the effort in the state legislatures was Maud Wood Park, who became the League’s first president.



Our League co-sponsored a Southampton Rogers Memorial Library program on August 17, featuring Valerie di Lorenzo’s rousing and inspiring musical revue titled “Ladies of Liberty: 100 Years Strong—A Virtual Concert Celebrating the Centennial of Suffrage and the History of Women’s Rights in America.” Go to facebook.com/rogersmemoriallibrary/videos if you missed it, even if you’re not on Facebook.



On August 19th, in another joint venture with the Rogers Memorial Library, League member Martha Potter presented a lecture on “The 19th Amendment and the Fight for Universal Suffrage.” Afterwards co-president Susan Wilson acknowledged the women elected officials in Southampton Town government, our Suffolk County legislator and Family Court Judge.

100th Anniversary Committee Report



On August 26, the date of the certification of the 19th Amendment in 1920, we watched online at 8 a.m. the unveiling of the suffrage statue in Central Park, created by sculptor Meredith Bergmann, honoring suffragists, left to right, Sojourner Truth, Susan B. Anthony and Elizabeth Cady Stanton. Go to <https://monumentalwomen.org/> to see the ceremony and more.



On the evening of August 26, the LWNYS invited all to a Zoom celebration. Scores of members across the state tuned in to watch a short program and join LWNYS president Suzanne Stassevich and executive director Laura Ladd Bierman in “raising a glass” to mark the historic date.



On September 19, the East Hampton Historical Society held a “Votes for Women: A Portrait of Persistence” exhibition of posters from the Smithsonian, adding photos of NYS and local suffrage events as well. Here Arlene Hinkemeyer stands by six photos taken from the League’s August 24, 2017 re-creation that she organized, of the August 23, 1913 suffrage march in East Hampton.



The U.S. Post Office issued a postage stamp honoring women winning the vote nationwide through the 19th Amendment.



Our final 100th anniversary committee event will be to place “I Voted” stickers on Election Day, November 3, at the graves of East Hampton suffragist May Groot Manson and Southampton suffragist Lizbeth Halsey White, as we did in November 2017, in thanks for all they did to win the vote for women.



Even During COVID, LWV Covers East End With Ten Voter Registration Sites

Not to be deterred by COVID-19, our League spread out across the East End—the South Fork, Shelter Island and North Fork—on National Voter Registration Day, Tuesday, September 22, to hand out voter registration forms, absentee ballot applications, flyers on early voting sites/times, Directories of Public Officials and other materials, and also answered hundreds of voting questions. Of course, this year adhering to COVID-19 pre-

cautions, our tables were outdoors, and we all wore masks. By everyone’s account, it was a most productive and satisfying day.

In addition, the League was invited to do voter registration outside the East Hampton Historical Society’s Clinton Hall for a “Votes for Women” exhibit on September 19.



Estelle Gellman, Judy Samuelson, Arlene Hinkemeyer, and Barbara McClancy and outside of East Hampton’s Clinton Academy



Vicki Umans and Dale Grant outside of Springs One-Stop Market.



Jane Hastay and Arlene Hinkemeyer in front of East Hampton Post Office.



Claudia Hunt, Mary O’Brien and friend from LWV in PA outside Southampton Arts Center.

National Voter Registration Day



Valerie Levenstein and Cathy Kenny (and friend) at the Shelter Island Library. The Library was staffed by camera-shy Ethel Sussman, Maxine Kleedorfer, and Desiree Passantino.



Terry Wildrick outside Maureen's Haven in Riverhead with a newly-registered voter, Bonnie Doyle. Working in front of Riverhead Library (no photo): Ethel Sussman, Maxine Kleedorfer, and Desiree Passantino.



Eileen Long and Edana Cichanowicz outside Cutchogue Post Office.



Mary Blake and Cathy Peacock outside Springs General Store.



Glorian Berk's and Lynn Dawson's voter registration car outside Southampton's Rogers Memorial Library. The Library was staffed by camera-shy Ethel Sussman, Maxine Kleedorfer, and Desiree Passantino.



Estelle Gellman and Eva Moore outside Montauk Post Office.

Members of the committee offer suggestions that each of us can follow to help reduce carbon emissions and slow global warming

Nobody likes to throw out food. My family tries to be thrifty and buy only what we will use. We cringe when we have to discard that mushy melon or slimy squash. Composting eases a bit of my guilt over food waste. We have a rotating barrel that takes about three months to fill with stems, leaves, peels, egg shells, and coffee grounds. At the end of that time, numerous earthworms have populated the barrel. They go into the garden with the rest of the rich, dark, compost. There are compost shredders, enzymes to help the process and other means of composting more extensively.

Some people make simple compost heaps instead of a barrel. They add to one pile for a while, turning it over every so often, and when that is ready to use, they start another pile. They might add grass clippings and leaves to the food waste. The website compostcentral.org offers a variety of ways to approach home composting.

-- Terry Wildrick

Reducing carbon emissions and sequestering carbon in our soil are critical in our efforts to stop climate change. The climate organization Project Drawdown and the film "2040" offer many solutions to the problem of global warming. High on the list are eating less meat and reducing food waste.

Raising cattle for beef and growing cattle feed use land that could be used to grow food for people.

Methane emissions from cattle are a significant source of greenhouse gasses. Pigs and poultry have a much smaller effect on global warming. If we eat less meat, the planet and our bodies can be healthier. We can get started on this by taking the small step of having a few meatless, plant-based meals each week.

-- Beverly Lepine



A gradual increase in global potato production will help address future food supply and nutrition issues.

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Membership Application

Not a member of the League of Women Voters of the Hamptons, Shelter Island and the North Fork?

Please join us by mailing this application form and a check payable to LWVH to:
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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 Free 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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