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Shelter Island Hosts Annual Meeting



Guest speaker at our May 15 Annual Meeting at the Shelter Island History Museum was Shelter Island Historical Society executive director Nanette Lawrenson, who spoke about the society's 100th anniversary.

On May 15th, LWVH/SI/NF held our 45th Annual Membership Meeting at Historic Havens House, the home of the Shelter Island Historical Society.

Highlights of the meeting were the election of Board members for the 2022-2024 term, the introduction of three Appointed Directors to serve one year, and the presentation of awards.

We thank the members of the Shelter Island Historical Society for organizing the event, including delectable refreshments, featuring cupcakes adorned with the LWV insignia.

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Mary O'Brien, Beverly Daniel, and Andrea Gabor were appointed to the Board of Directors.



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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Voter Services Committee Report

A note from the editor

LWVH/SI/NF's president Susan Wilson has announced goals that our League proposes to pursue this year. One of these goals is to increase voter registration and interest in the League among diverse groups in our community. In the spirit of this goal, her message appears in both English and Spanish.



Registration Drives in Springs

LWVH/SI/NF members were on hand at the Ashawagh Hall Farmers Market on two Saturdays in June to hand out voter registration forms and answer questions about elections.



June 11 Standing, Neil Cohen and Voter Services chair Barbara McClancy; seated, Judy Samuelson and Estelle Gellman



June 18 Standing, Arlene Hinkemeyer, Dale Grant and Barbara McClancy; seated, Sue Blair and Alexis Mayer.

President's Message

We officially celebrated the merger of the Hamptons and Shelter Island Leagues in person at our 45th Annual Meeting on May 15th at the Shelter Island Historical Society's historic Havens House. It was the first opportunity for us to gather members from our newly expanded league territory together in person since the beginning of the Covid 19 pandemic and was well attended.



Thank you to Ursula Lynch, Nominating Committee Chair and Nominating Committee members Glorian Berk, Vicki Umans, and Martha Potter. Special thanks to our Speaker Nanette Lawrenson, Shelter Island Historical Society Executive Director. and to the Annual Meeting Committee, Barbara McClancy, Valerie Levenstein, and Judy Samuelson. for making the event run so smoothly.

So much has happened since the Annual Meeting. Three crucial issues that deserve our attention are noted below: gun control, reproductive rights, work to abolish the Electoral College, and strengthening the League.

1. In light of all the tragic mass shootings across our country, gun control remains a high priority for all Americans. On June 23rd, the Supreme Court struck down New York State's strict rules for obtaining a license to carry a concealed handgun in public. This decision will immediately affect which Americans are eligible to carry concealed weapons.

Nationwide, licensing officials are required to issue carry licenses based on objective criteria without any obligation that an applicant give a good reason to carry.

Justice Robert's opinion stated that the court's decision now allows states to impose other objective requirements such as fingerprinting, background checks, mental health background checks, and firearms training. Justice Thomas's opinion was not as encouraging. Many are skeptical that states will impose any of these suggested requirements.

2. June 24, 2022, Roe vs Wade was overturned by the Supreme Court. In her opening remarks at the National League Convention on June 25, 2022, LWVUS board president Dr. Deborah Ann Turner reflected on her experiences as an obstetrician/gynecologist and the League's dedication to reproductive justice. "We hold the power to create a more perfect democracy. Women's rights are human rights, and we will continue to fight until the right to abortion is restored," Dr. Turner stated. "This is the work that the League of Women Voters does... We fight for our freedom."

3. Dr. Turner closed by announcing the League's next "moonshot" goal: Abolish the Electoral College. The League has long supported this goal due to the college's racist history and many shortcomings.

4. Another major focus of the National League Convention was the League's Structure Transformational Plan. The Plan is a set of proposals that seek to grow League membership in number, strengthen our grassroots power and bolster our ability to empower voters and defend democracy all through a Diversity, Equity & Inclusion lens.

Read more about the convention in the excellent article by Arlene Hinkemeyer, page 6.

Susan Wilson

Mensaje del presidente

Celebramos oficialmente la fusión de las Ligas de Mujeres Votantes (LWV) de los Hamptons y Shelter Island en persona en nuestra 45.ª Reunión Anual el 15 de mayo en la histórica Havens House de la Sociedad Histórica de Shelter Island. Fue la primera oportunidad para nosotros de reunir en persona a los miembros de nuestro territorio de la LWV el cual fue recientemente ampliado desde el comienzo de la pandemia de Covid 19 y contó con una gran asistencia.

Gracias a Ursula Lynch, Presidenta del Comité de Nominaciones y miembros de este Glorian Berk, Vicki Umans y Martha Potter. Un agradecimiento especial a nuestra oradora Nanette Lawrenson, directora ejecutiva de la Sociedad Histórica de Shelter Island. y al Comité de la Reunión Anual, Barbara McClancy, Valerie Levenstein y Judy Samuelson. por hacer que el evento transcurriera tan bien.

Mucho ha pasado desde la Reunión Anual. A continuación se señalan tres temas cruciales que merecen nuestra atención: el control de armas, los derechos reproductivos, el trabajo para abolir el Colegio Electoral y el fortalecimiento de la Liga.

1. A la luz de todos los trágicos tiroteos masivos en nuestro país, el control de armas sigue siendo una alta prioridad para todos los estadounidenses. El 23 de junio, la Corte Suprema anuló las estrictas reglas del estado de Nueva York para obtener una licencia para portar un arma oculta en público. Esta decisión afectará de inmediato qué estadounidenses son elegibles para portar armas ocultas. En todo el país, los funcionarios encargados de otorgar licencias están obligados a emitir licencias de porte basadas en criterios objetivos sin ninguna obligación de que el solicitante dé una buena razón para portar armas. La opinión del juez Robert indicó que la decisión de la corte ahora permite a los estados imponer otros requisitos objetivos, como la toma de huellas dactilares, verificación de antecedentes, verificación de antecedentes de salud mental y entrenamiento con armas de fuego. La opinión del juez Thomas no fue tan alentadora. Muchos están escépticos de que los estados impondrán alguno de estos requerimientos.

2. El 24 de junio de 2022, la Corte Suprema anuló Roe vs Wade. En sus comentarios de apertura en la Convención de la LWN Nacional el 25 de junio de 2022, la presidenta de la junta de LWVUS, la Dra. Deborah Ann Turner, reflexionó sobre sus experiencias como obstetra/ginecóloga y la dedicación de la LWV a la justicia reproductiva. "Tenemos el poder de crear una democracia más perfecta. Los derechos de la mujer son derechos humanos y continuaremos luchando hasta que se restablezca el derecho al aborto", declaró la Dra. Turner. "Este es el trabajo que hace la Liga de Mujeres Votantes... Luchamos por nuestra libertad".

3. La Dra. Turner cerró anunciando el próximo objetivo "alarmante" de la Liga: Abolir el Colegio Electoral. La LWV ha apoyado durante mucho tiempo este objetivo debido a la historia racista del Colegio Electoral y de sus muchas deficiencias. 4. Otro enfoque importante de la Convención de la Liga Nacional fue el Plan de Transformación de la Estructura de la Liga. El Plan es un conjunto de propuestas que buscan aumentar el número de miembros de la Liga, fortalecer nuestro poder de base y reforzar nuestra capacidad para empoderar a los votantes y defender la democracia a través de una lente de Diversidad, Equidad e Inclusión. Lea más sobre la convención en el excelente artículo de Arlene Hinkemeyer, página 6.

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Annual Membership Meeting

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Awards and Honors



LWV President Susan Wilson, right, presented the League's Carrie Chapman Catt Award and Susan B. Anthony red shawl to attorney Cathy Kenny for her distinguished service as a past president of the Shelter Island LWV, moderator of S.I. debates and State of the Town programs, tireless member of many S.I. organizations, and current LWV Board member as co-chair of the Government Committee.



Anne Marshall, left, presented the newly created LWV Long Term Contributor Award to Ann Sandford, center, for her many years as former LWWH secretary, compiler of LWWH history, former co-chair of the Government Committee, and numerous other contributions



Susan Wilson and Barbara McClancy surprised Arlene Hinkemeyer with a floral tribute for her 50 years with the LWV as of September 21st.



Dale Grant, chair of the Youth Committee, presented a check for \$2,000 to Leilana Robinson, the winner of this year's Desch Scholarship Award.

2022 Winner of the Betty Desch Scholarship Award **Leilani Robinson**

The Youth Committee was impressed by many of the 27 applications submitted from nine different schools for this year's scholarship. After much discussion, they chose the essay written by a senior at Southampton High School. Leilani Robinson is looking forward to entering Emory University in Atlanta, GA in the fall.



February 25, 2022

Cotton candy, mango, bubblegum, jelly bean... these were all juul flavors released by JUUL, a company that sparked a detrimental teen vaping epidemic that would sweep the nation. Millions of teens would begin vaping and get hooked on nicotine, setting the nation back 50 years. This is the story of how I ventured to change that narrative...

The first time I ever heard of a juul I was in middle school. The "cool kids" would brag about juuling and often use one exclusively in social settings to show off. At the time, I had no clue what a juul was, nor did I (or anyone else) know the ef-

fects of it. Flash forward to my freshman year of high school. At this point, juuls were much more prevalent and every day more and more of my peers were hopping on the juul bandwagon. I saw people smoke at house parties, in school bathrooms, at sleepovers, even in classrooms while a teacher was instructing. It was an obvious issue that went from 0 to 100 in the blink of an eye. That's when I decided to join the club Students Against Destructive Decision-Making, or SADD for short. Like me, our president noticed the problem and we made it our mission to do something about it. Together we participated in many local and state events including hosting a town hall meeting, being interviewed for a Good Morning America special, and implementing more rules and regulation within Southampton High School. These endeavors were not easy, it made us the target of a lot of hate from our peers. But still, I continued. In 2021 I was asked to represent SHS in a Vaping Roundtable which would be recorded live on zoom. I was to speak to multiple New York State officials including NYS Attorney General Letitia James and give a student's perspective on the issue. For months I prepared with my SADD advisor, our Principal, and former White House Aide Peter Emerson and his associates who we met the past year at the beginning of our journey. After the Roundtable, AG James cracked down on retailers illegally selling e-cigarette products to minors and flavored products, which is in violation of New York State law. Since then, the teen vaping trends have declined and I was and still am honored to have been able to be a part of something so huge. I have cherished this experience and I hope to continue to do work even minutely as important as this as I go on to college.

LWVUS Draws Over 1,000 Live and Virtual Delegates to National Convention in Denver

By Arlene Hinkemeyer

With the theme of “Women Power Democracy,” the 55th biennial League of Women Voters National Convention took place in Denver, Colorado, June 23-26, with delegates attending from Leagues in all 50 states in our nation.

Of the over 60 from NYS, our League’s three voting delegates (all virtual) were President Susan Wilson, VP/Voter Services Chair Barbara McClancy and VP/Publicity Arlene Hinkemeyer. We were also pleased that new member Neil Cohen attended as a non-voting observer.

We have to admit we were all exhausted after spending over five hours a day online, not only in plenary voting sessions (the online voting system worked well), but also in workshops and caucuses on all the issues.

Here hopefully is a succinct summary of the convention highlights, including the important votes that passed during the plenary sessions on June 24-26.



Dr. Deborah Turner

On day one of plenary:

. Dr. Deborah Turner of Nebraska was re-elected President of the LWVUS for 2022-24. Dr. Turner holds a J.D. from Drake University, an M.D. from the University of Iowa, and has been a gynecologic oncologist for 30 years.

. She gave an inspiring address at the start of the

convention about the League’s many accomplishments—on Vote411, on voting rights, on DEI (Diversity, Equity, Inclusion), saying the League is committed to “making DEI part of our DNA.” As June 24 was also the day the Supreme Court overturned *Roe v. Wade*, she declared “our freedom has been eroded” with the Supreme Court decision today, citing the fact that the LWVUS has supported freedom of choice since 1982. At the end of the day, Leaguers marched to the Denver State Capitol to meet with other groups protesting the decision.

On day two of plenary:

. LWVUS executive director Virginia Kase Solomon gave a rousing speech on actions taken and yet to come. “Standing on the side of justice and democracy is always the right thing to do,” she proclaimed.

. After the report by the LWVUS treasurer and the Budget Committee chair, and an explanation of the budget’s support of the League’s strategic goals, the convention passed a motion to keep the PMP (per member payment) to LWVUS at \$32 for 2022-24 and then passed the LWVUS budget for the 2023-24 biennium.

. The most contentious issue at this convention, among the Bylaws amendment proposals, was the Nat’l League’s plan, as expressed in a proposed Bylaws amendment to Article XIII, to create a “unified membership system” and eliminate the PMP by 2024. This is part of the Nat’l League’s Transformation Roadmap, planned for several years, to increase membership and grow the capacity of Leagues at all levels. After conducting surveys, LWVUS will set a national dues amount, though members may pay less, with the nat’l share no more than 1/3. Many were chagrined at the lack of details, but this controversial Bylaw passed by slightly more than the 2/3 vote needed.

Day three of plenary, devoted to votes on program:

. Delegates voted to retain all current LWVUS positions in the areas of Representative Government, International Relations, Natural Resources, and

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LWVSC Board Meeting: Wednesday July 20 at 9:30am via Zoom

Making Democracy Work: Confronting Rising Acts of Hatred on Long Island

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Since 2015, Christians, Jews and Muslims have come together in dialogue as Abraham’s Table of Long Island, seeking understanding, solidarity and common purpose. Recently 100 people attended “If You See Something, Say Something.... Confronting Hate on Long Island Today”.

Speakers shared personal stories of how hatred is on the rise, intensifying and escalating here on Long Island. League of Women Voters representatives shared a table with Catholic nuns and Protestant clergy, and we met many social justice group members as well as concerned individuals. The Suffolk Y Jewish Community Center and the Turkish Cultural Center provided an Iftar dinner breaking the Muslim Ramadan fast for all attending. The speakers reflected this diversity, teaching us that hate knows no bounds and will continue to grow unless each of us takes responsibility and speaks out. Whether or not you identify with an organized religion, the words and experiences shared that evening should move each of us to connect, speak, witness, protest and advocate.

There were calls to action regarding rising hate against Jewish, Black, Latinx, Muslim, Asian and LGBTQ+ people in our communities. Eric Post, LI Director of the American Jewish Committee, noted that Jews are two percent of the American population yet (according to the Suffolk County Police) 61% of hate incidents overall were anti-Semitic and 93.5% of religious hate crimes were anti-Semitic in nature. He then introduced a young Jewish man who suffered a violent assault in Manhattan who spoke of the attack and subsequent trauma.

Tracey Edwards, Long Island Regional Director NAACP NYS Conference, said that Long Island has two problems. “Residents are reluctant to report hate crimes, and when they do the police departments and district attorneys make a predetermination of intent before they do a proper investigation and charge a hate crime.” Thus hate crime data is reported as down or not counted on Long Island while national data shows an increase across the country. “We cannot fix the problem if we don’t acknowledge that we have a problem.”

On a personal level, David Kilnick of the LGBT Network of Long Island reported a decade of hate letters and threats to the police for investigation, but the FBI was kept unaware during those years. Jocelo Lucero, who has presented programs to thousands of Long Island students, spoke against hate crimes and for tolerance. He is the brother of Ecuadorean immigrant Marcelo Lucero who in 2008 was fatally stabbed in Patchogue after he and a friend were surrounded by seven teenagers who had gone out looking to attack Latinos; a bias crime that drew national attention to Suffolk County. Also presenting were Dr. Isma Chaudhry of the Islamic Center of Long Island and Soh Young Lee-Segredo of the Asian Pacific American Council of Educators.

Hate is real, hate crimes are growing whether we hear about them or not, yet all of us are to some degree complicit in “tolerating” a climate of hate in our communities. Passivity and words and racist jokes have been seeds of violence and even genocide through the centuries. Social conditions give rise to hate, such as the need to scapegoat or blame “the other”- people who look or speak or worship or think or act different- for our social and personal troubles.

Economic downturns and inflation; COVID’s myriad effects on health, emotional well-being, and family cohesion; massive migrations of people fleeing violence all over the world; misinformation and magnification of perceived threats to long-held beliefs and values; a personal sense of danger due to increased crime and the prevalence of gun violence; falling status and insecurity leading to feelings of less “worthy” people taking our place; all are contributing factors to the rise of hate in 2022. Silence is not an option.

Connect with a “stranger”; teach and live diversity, equity and inclusion in your families, schools, congregations, workplaces and communities; speak up when you hear hateful speech; report acts of hate to school officials or police; demand that government enact laws and policies to stop hate; support organizations that work against hate; participate in public vigils and rallies to protest hate and write letters to the editor that condemn acts of hate on Long Island.

Thanks to Richard Koubek, Chair of Abraham’s Table of LI www.abrahamstableli.org and to his Steering Committee and program presenters for guidance, inspiration, witness and work. Let’s all actively combat hate now – the next generation deserves no less.

by Lisa Scott printed in TimesBeaconRecord newspapers, also available online

A Day in the Islip Federal Courthouse

by Eva Moore

On a sunny Friday afternoon in May, Glorian Berk, Neil Cohen and I climbed the steps of the Federal Courthouse and made our way into a large courtroom that was set up to welcome immigrants from 38 countries who had qualified to become American citizens. That day, about 148 individuals would be formally sworn in and would walk out later that day as American citizens.

As she had for many years, Barbara McClancy, chair of the Voter Services Committee, had arranged for LWVH/SI/NF to be on hand with voter registration forms, to be filled out there at the courthouse and mailed to the proper Board of Elections by LWV, or picked up to be filled out at home.

Glorian had participated in this uplifting experience many times; Neil and I were new to the process. After a slow start due to pre-ceremony red tape, a steady stream of applicants approached our table next to the bench.

Soon we had a routine: Glorian greeted the prospective voters, Neil guided them in filling out the forms correctly, I gathered the completed forms and handed out palm cards with information regarding voting in primary elections, obtaining absentee ballots and other voting

procedures.

Then it was time for the judge to address the group and deliver the oath that solidified their citizenship.

The week after our session, Ursula Lynch and Judi Roth attended a second swearing in ceremony. Together the teams registered 113 new voters.

Oath of Allegiance

I hereby declare, on oath, that I absolutely and entirely renounce and abjure all allegiance and fidelity to any foreign prince, potentate, state, or sovereignty, of whom or which I have heretofore been a subject or citizen; that I will support and defend the Constitution and laws of the United States of America against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that I will bear arms on behalf of the United States when required by the law; that I will perform non-combatant service in the Armed Forces of the United States when required by the law; that I will perform work of national importance under civilian direction when required by the law; and that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; so help me God.

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City _____ State _____ Zip _____

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I'm interested in these committees: _____

/_ / Check or /_ / Credit Card
Credit Card # _____ Exp Date _____ CVC # _____ Zip _____

You can also join or donate on our website LWVHSINF.org



BeAware of TICKS

On May 19th 2022 ,Valerie King Ph.D. Chair of LWVHSINF Health Committee, attended a Medical Symposium “What Physicians Need to Know” Tick-Borne Diseases, presented by The Regional Tick-Borne Disease Resource Center Stony Brook Southampton Hospital.

Highlights of the symposium were:

- Tick Borne Disease is endemic in our community. Climate change has influenced the number of types of ticks that we might encounter in our area. The Regional Tick-Borne Disease Resource Center of Stony Brook Southampton Hospital is your best “go to” contact: **631 726-TICK (8425)** www.EastEndTickResource.org 189 West Montauk Highway Suite D-5 Hampton Bays, NY 11946.
- If you think you have been bitten by a tick, the proper removal of the tick is essential. You can receive a FREE Tick Removal Kit that includes everything you need to remove an attached tick. Contact the Tick-Borne Disease Resource Center for your kit. You might also request for free the “Tick-Borne Disease Reference Handbook for Long Island and the Northeast”. Your PRIMARY CARE PHYSICIAN is the place to receive medical care for a tick bite. Although the Emergency Room at Stony Brook

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LWVUS Draws Over 1,000

Social Policy.

. Delegates voted to continue the League-wide program of the Campaign for Making Democracy Work, which includes Voting Rights, Improving Elections, Campaign Finance/Money in Politics, Redistricting, and what was added by amendment to elevate it in the title listing, “the Direct Election of the President by Popular Vote.”

. Delegates also passed three Concurrences: one with LWVNY’s Health Care Update; one with LWV California’s Criminal Justice Study; and one with LWV Connecticut’s Position on Digital Equity.

. Delegates voted to adopt LWV Florida’s motion to elevate the ERA (which Leagues are already working on) by adding it to list of LWVUS Program.

. Delegates voted to approve five Resolutions in

Southampton Hospital is equipped to provide medical care for different types of tick bites, the symptoms of tick bites (rashes, allergies etc.), the testing for tick borne diseases, and selection of treatment, your primary care physician and the Tick Resource Center is your first stop to navigate appropriate care.

What’s new? Identifying whether there has been a “single” tick bite or multiple tick bites and possibly different types of tick bites, is very important. In our area we mainly encounter the Deer/Blacklegged Tick, the Lone Star Tick and the American Dog Tick. Yet, ticks usually found in other geographical areas are now scattered throughout Suffolk County. There are different types of tests for tick borne diseases. A good test should have MULTIPLE targets because we now know there are several different types of tick borne diseases and symptoms (Babesiosis/Anaplasmosis, Borrelia/Lyme, Ehrlichiosis, Powassan Virus disease, Tularemia, STARI/Southern Tick-Associated Rash Illness, Erythema Migrans rash, Alpha-gal meat allergy, Lyme arthritis, Lyme carditis & Neurologic Lyme) and some ticks carry more than one tick borne disease. Some laboratories are better equipped than others in identifying the different types of tick borne diseases.

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support of: Reproductive Choice; Immigration Reform; Climate Emergency Declarations; DC Statehood; and Action & Awareness for Missing & Murdered Indigenous People.

. With thanks to all, the Convention magically ended on time, June 26, 2 p.m. E.T., after postponing Sunday’s keynote speaker Dr. Sally Roesch Wagner and the convention awards presentations to another time.

We expect that at our August 3 Board meeting and September 7 Board meeting and retreat, much more discussion will take place about the issues passed at this convention. The August/September Voter may also include articles on valuable ideas gleaned from convention workshops.

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BeAware of TICKS *continued*

The good news: the dog vaccine for ticks works very well for dogs!

The bad news: an effective human vaccine has not yet been developed.

PREVENTION is your best line of defense against tick borne disease. Consider your clothing when engaged in outdoor activity. Insect repellants for clothing (permethrin) and skin (DEET) are effective. Personal tick checks of clothing and skin is essential.

Speak to your veterinarian for pet tick prevention. Review your property for tick prevention and insecticide/pesticide choices.

Plans are underway so that at some point, hopefully in the near future there will be a one stop-Hampton "walk in- full service" for tick borne disease!!

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