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Suffragists were jubilant when the Tennessee legislature voted to ratify the 19th Amendment on August 20, 1920.

by **Arlene Hinkemeyer, Chair, LWV 100th Anniversary Celebration Committee**

In celebration of the 100th anniversary of the 19th Amendment on August 26, our League of Women Voters has re-organized our original, in-person, August “teas” in local libraries as four free Zoom programs. Go to the libraries’ websites to register for:

- 1) Our Monday, August 3, 2 p.m. program on the Shelter Island Public Library’s and Southold Free Library’s websites (hosted by Shelter Island).
- 2) Our Wednesday, August 12, 3 p.m. program on East Hampton Public Library’s and Westhampton Free Library’s websites (hosted by East Hampton).

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Save the Date

100th Anniversary Events via Zoom

August 3, 2 PM Shelter Island/Southold Free Library

August 12, 3 PM East Hampton/Westhampton Public Libraries

Two events at Southampton Rogers Memorial Library: August 17, 5:30 PM “Ladies of Liberty” a musical revue

August 19, 12 Noon Power presentation “The 19th Amendment and the Fight for Universal Suffrage”



**The League of Woman Voters of the Hamp-
tons, 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



It has been a trying few months and I hope that everyone is well and adjusting to the current situation. Although we have obviously had to cancel our face-to-face meetings these past few months – and for the foreseeable future – we have still been busy. Even those of us who are technology Luddites are learning to use the virtual platforms to meet and to continue our work.

Unable to host our debates in the usual manner, our Voter Services Committee arranged with SEA-TV for two virtual candidate debates: one for the candidates in the Democratic primary for Congress from Congressional District #1 and one for the candidates in the Democratic primary for NYS Senator from NYS Senatorial District #1. Moderated by Cathy Peacock through Zoom, and available to be seen on YouTube, we were all very pleased to learn that they were seen by even more viewers than would have been feasible in a face-to-face venue.

And let's not forget about celebrating the 100th anniversary of the passing of the 19th Amendment to the U. S. Constitution, which granted women the right to vote. Although we had to cancel our original plans to have celebratory teas, Arlene Hinkemeyer, chair of our 100th Anniversary Committee, has arranged for the libraries to hold virtual celebrations through Zoom .

For the first time, not only did we hold our annual meeting through Zoom, but the Suffolk County League of Women Voters, the New York State League and the League of Women Voters of the United States also ably conducted their meetings through Zoom. It should be noted that, at the meeting of the League of Women Voters of the United States, Dr. Deborah Ann Turner of Iowa was elected as the new President of the LWVUS.

As we move forward we will continue to make use of the available technology when we can't meet in person. And, in fact, we may even use it at times when in-person meetings are again possible. As we become more adept at the technology, we realize that there are some advantages to virtual meetings, particularly when an in-person meeting entails driving through heavy traffic. But, regardless of whether we meet virtually or in person, we will continue the work of the League and hope that you will take part in our events.

Estelle Gellman

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At the two programs, I'll introduce our speaker, historian Antonia Petrash, who has created a PowerPoint titled "To Win the Vote: A Lifetime of Struggle" about the long and dramatic path to women's suffrage nationwide in 1920. As you know, she's the expert, the author of the book "Long Island and the Woman Suffrage Movement," who has spoken at libraries and historical societies throughout Long Island, especially in 2017, when we were celebrating the 100th anniversary of women winning the vote in New York State. The retired director of the Glen Cove Public Library, she is also a member of the Port Washington/Manhasset LWV.

At the conclusion of the program on August 3 our co-president Estelle Gellman will acknowledge the women elected officials in Shelter Island and Southold Towns/villages, and on August 12, the women in East Hampton Town/villages, and Southampton villages, to show how far women have come since the days when women were not allowed to vote or hold office.

In addition to those library programs organized by our League, we are also co-sponsoring two Zoom programs organized by and available on Southampton's Rogers Memorial Library website:

3) Monday, August 17, 5:30 p.m. the "Ladies of Liberty" musical revue created by Valerie di Lorenzo,

subtitled "Celebrating the Centennial of Suffrage and the History of Women's Rights in America." Valerie has updated the amazing program she created and we co-hosted in 2017 at the Southampton Arts Center.

4) Wednesday, August 19, 12 noon, a PowerPoint by our own LWV member Martha Potter on "The 19th Amendment and the Fight for Universal Suffrage." At the conclusion of the program, our co-president Susan Wilson will acknowledge the women elected officials in Southampton Town government and our Suffolk County legislator.

Leagues nationwide are especially dedicated to this centennial celebration, because the leader of the National American Woman Suffrage Association, Carrie Chapman Catt, who was the architect of "The Winning Plan" to pass the 19th Amendment, was the founder of the National League of Women Voters in 1920, while the chief lobbyist for passage of the 19th Amendment among the 36 states, Maud Wood Park, became the League's first president.

Our committee hopes you all had a chance to see the four-hour program "The Vote" on PBS in July, plus all the many other programs dedicated to this historic struggle. We are proud to stand on the shoulders of the women who led this fight which lasted over 70 years.



Dr. Anna Shaw and Carrie Chapman Catt leading the marchers at the huge New York City suffrage parade on October 23, 1915, which drew about 50,000 spectators.



Those who wish to get in the spirit of the suffrage movement as they watch the programs are invited to wear the traditional suffragist outfit of white, with the yellow "Votes for Women" sash, that we have worn each year since 2017 at the Southampton 4th of July Parade, and at the August 2017 recreation of the 1913 suffrage parade in East Hampton. I'll be mailing one of the sashes beforehand to each of the women elected officials. Sashes are available to members at \$10 each. Please email me at ahinkemeyer@optonline.net and I will send the sash to you.

Harry T. Burn Listens to His Mother

It was August 18, 1920 and the Tennessee State Legislature was set to vote on an issue of huge importance to American women – whether or not all women in the country would be guaranteed the right to vote by the enactment of a 19th Amendment to the Constitution.

At this time, women in a number of states and territories, mostly in the West, had been granted the right to vote in state elections, but activists would not rest until there was a Constitutional Amendment to enfranchise all women in the country.

The U.S. House and Senate had approved the resolution in May and June 1919, respectively. Now approval from 36 of the 48 states was needed, and Tennessee had won the 36th position.

Harry Thomas Burn, the youngest member of the state assembly at 25 years old, was torn. He had been in favor of the amendment, but after being pressured by party leaders and receiving misleading telegrams from constituents with false statements that his district in McMinn County was overwhelmingly opposed, he began to think of siding with the anti-suffragists.

But before the vote could be taken, Harry pulled from

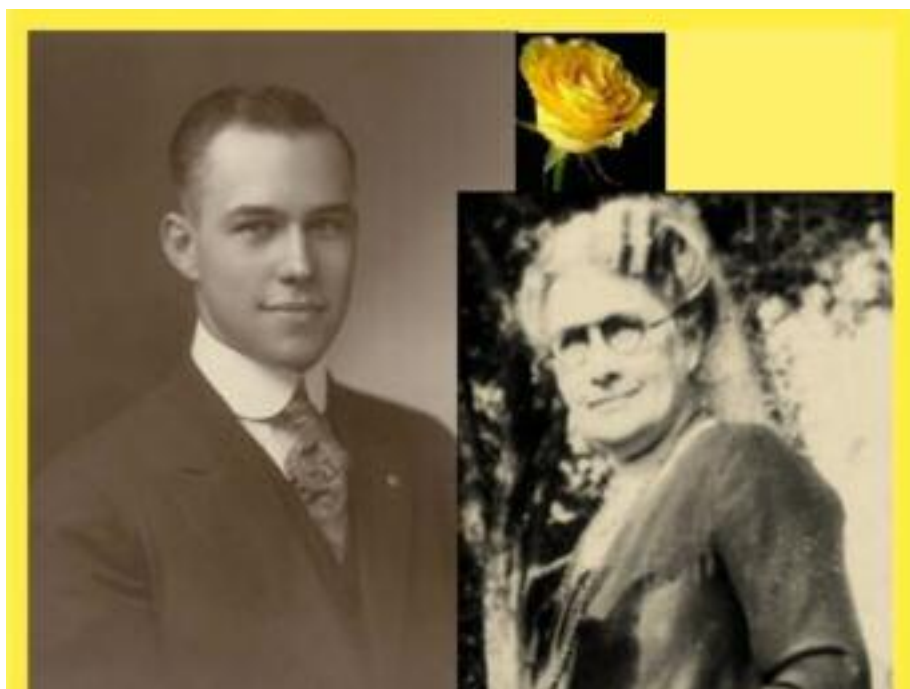
his pocket a letter he had been carrying around for weeks. It was from his mother, a former teacher known as Febb Burn, who had exhorted him to vote yes for the amendment. She ended with the words, “Hurrah and vote for Suffrage and don’t keep them in doubt. . . Don’t forget to be a good boy and help “Mrs. Thomas Catt” with her “Rats.” Is she the one that put rat in ratification, Ha!” (She is likely referring to Carrie Chapman Catt.)

The heated debate went on for two days and ended in a tie vote of 48 to 48. The question was tabled twice before the house speaker called for a vote “on the merits”. With the words of his mother ringing in his ears, Harry broke the tie, thus enfranchising 26 million women, and generations of mothers and daughters to come.

Harry went on to serve in the State Senate, and later, as delegate, in four different years, for Roane County to the Tennessee Constitutional Convention . He had a long-time career in the state planning commission.

A plaque commemorating him is on view in his birthplace of Niota, TN.

--Eva Moore



Harry and his mother

My VOTES for WOMEN Jigsaw Puzzle Experience

by Anne K. Marshall

When asked to identify suffragists who campaigned for the votes for women, most of us will name Susan B Anthony and Elizabeth Cady Stanton and, less often, Sojourner Truth. In fact, they will be the three activists represented on the new monument honoring the movement in Central Park. That statue will be dedicated August 26, 2020, the anniversary of the ratification of the 19th Amendment. (The final rendition of the statue came after much discussion and dissension about whom to include and in what manner. Anthony and Stanton, two white women, had been accused of holding racist views. Sojourner Truth, a Black woman born into slavery as Isabella Baumfree, was included only after vocal opposition to depicting only the first two.)

Thanks to a Mothers' Day gift this year of a jigsaw puzzle, I am gradually learning more about the three, as well as 40 others, and their contributions to the movement. Containing 500 pieces, it took me a while to complete it, ultimately revealing the faces and names, including one man (Frederick Douglass). It is in the form of a circle, the center of which shows a woman, Inez Milholland Boissevain astride a white horse and all dressed in white with a banner proclaiming VOTES for WOMEN. Included in the box is a flyer with summaries of their backgrounds and roles in the movement. It's a mini historical suffrage encyclopedia.

In putting the circular puzzle together, I first became closely acquainted with their faces...eyes, hairdos and clothing. I was happy to come across those who wore their hair in other than a bun or who had a unique piece of jewelry or wore colorful, patterned clothing (too much solid brown and gray, ladies!). In reading about them I was surprised and pleased to note the wide geographic locations and backgrounds included.

For your edification I selected, from the 43, three who represented the broad spectrum portrayed in the puzzle.

Lucy Stone (August 3, 1818–October 18, 1893)

- Teacher, newspaper publisher, public speaker
- Abolitionist, worked to pass 13th amendment, abolishing slavery
- Helped form American Woman Suffrage Association which supported 15th Amendment, granting vote to Black men

- Dedicated herself to women's rights & vote

Ida B. Wells (July 16, 1862–March 25, 1931)

- Spent her life fighting against racial and gender equality
- As a journalist, wrote about her lawsuit against a railroad's forcing her to leave first-class car because she was Black
- Founded Alpha Suffrage Club, a Black women's organization
- Helped form the National Association of Colored Women and the NAACP

Inez Milholland Boissevain (August 6, 1886–November 25, 1916)

- Suffragist, lawyer, public speaker
- Degrees from Vassar and NYU School of Law
- Member of NAACP, National Woman's Party and National American Suffragist Association
- Led NAWSA parade through D.C. on horseback on the day before Wilson's 1913 Inauguration
- On speaking tour, collapsed and died, with these last words: "Mr. President, how long must women wait for liberty?"



Manufactured by eeBoo. The 500 piece circular puzzle is no longer available from their online catalog, but there is a 100 piece puzzle, priced at \$16.99, for children (or adults) that includes an informational poster.

Recent Voting Changes and Covid-19

by **Barbara McClancy**

Last year's addition of early voting in NYS was supposed to make this year's presidential race easier for voters. Unfortunately, Covid-19 virus disrupted everyone's plans. With social isolation in affect Governor Cuomo issued a series of Executive Orders that postponed Village Elections until September 15, the Presidential Primary until June 23 and ordered all registered voters eligible to cast Absentee Ballots. This put the local and state Boards of Elections into chaos. Not only did they have to change their procedures, without precedent, they had to do this with skeleton crews since their offices were minimally staffed. It also led to confusion on the part of many voters.

The Board of Elections mailed Absentee Ballot Applications to all registered voters whose parties had primaries on June 23, 2020. With these applications you did not have to meet any of the normal requirements for Absentee Ballots, thus anyone concerned with exposure to the virus could use one. If you didn't receive one of these mailed applications you could always use the regular application and check off "temporary illness or physical disability".

The overwhelming use of Absentee Ballots has led to an increase in voter participation in the recent Primary vote. With most of the results in, more people voted this year than comparable primaries in the recent past. In the hotly contested CD#1, 2.2 times as many votes were cast than the 2018 primary. This Democratic race was won by Nancy Goroff, who will face incumbent Lee Zeldin as he tries to win re-election for his 4th term.

In CD#2, the race to fill retiring Peter King's seat, had more than 2.7 times as many voters. The result show Republican Andrew Garbarino will face Jackie Gordon, Democrat, for the open seat.

Farther afield in CD#3 the Democratic Primary saw more than 56,000 total votes (and still counting), more than three times compared to the open 2016 primary.

What are the reasons for this dramatic increase in voters?

- The use of Absentee Ballots was easy. Most voters were mailed applications with pre-paid postage.
- More people staying home may increase the level of political awareness and participation.
- Some Congressional races spent a lot of money for this campaign.
- The pandemic and its consequences may alter peoples mind about the way government is currently run.

This is all speculation for now. The November 3rd General Election will answer some of these questions.

It's time for everyone eligible to vote to make sure they are registered by October 9th, 2020. It's easy to do. Registration forms are available for download at the Board of Elections, Suffolk County and at your Post Office. Or you can contact the League of Woman Voters at 631-324-4637.

Remember: Democracy is not a spectator sport.

Note: The Executive Order allowing Absentee Ballots for all was for the June 23 Primary only. It remains to be seen what will happen in the General Election. I anticipate that there will be similar change to this election.



A New Look for the June Debates

by **Barbara McClancy, Chair of Voter Services**

Adapting to the new world of the Covid-19 virus has forced us to look at different ways we can make things work. In our democracy many things may be postponed, but eventually we must all vote. The League remains dedicated to ensuring as many people as possible can vote and make a difference in our country. Our debates enable our friends and neighbors to make educated choices when they go to vote. So, we had to come up with a way to have our debates.

In our area of Suffolk County we had three races to contend with. The first, of course, was the Democratic Presidential Primary, which was postponed from April 28 until the NYS primary day of June 23, 2020. Although all but one candidate dropped out, there was still a primary and we encouraged all the eligible voters to participate.

The two local races were for the Democratic candidacy for Congressional District #1 (CD#1) and NYS Senate District #1 (SD#1). The Voter Services Committee (VSC) met via Zoom and enlisted the aid of our Public Relations maven, Arlene Hinkemeyer, to begin inquiries with our local cable access stations to see if they would work with us. To our good fortune, SeaTV of Southampton stepped up to work with us.

With the technical side in SeaTV's hands, we proceeded with arranging these debates in our usual way. We set the days and times and got the acceptance of the candidates in each race. We usually ask for audience participation with the questions. This time we solicited questions from our membership, the local media and community groups in advance. These questions were vetted by the VSC, and a list of questions were prepared for each debate. We also had a Zoom rehearsal prior to the first debate to familiarize ourselves with the process. We asked the candidates to log on 15 minutes prior to the starting time for the same reason. SeaTV was able to show a picture of the US Flag so we could Pledge Allegiance as usual.

Monday June 1 7 PM: Debate for Congressional District #1

The four candidates for this office were businessman Perry Gershon, the prior democratic candidate for this race in 2018; a race he lost by 4% points to the incum-

ment, Lee Zeldin, Nancy Goroff, on leave as the Department Chair of the Chemistry Department at Stony Brook University, Bridget Fleming, currently County Legislator from the 2nd District, and John-Gregory Fischer, a local management consultant.

Looking at the debate you also saw the Moderator Cathy Peacock, who now had the added task of asking all the questions, and me, the timer. We did not allow anyone else live access to the debate to maintain clarity and avoid confusion for ourselves and the audience, though it did play live on the SeaTV YouTube website.

In subsequent days, the debate played on demand on the same website. The debate featured a brief interruption due to a barking dog (mine) and a few heated discussions on some of the questions.

June 8th at 7 PM: Debate for the office of NY State Senate

Five candidates vying for the job were: Tommy-John Schiavoni, a Councilman on the Southampton Town Board; Valerie Cartright, a 1st District Councilmember of the Town of Brookhaven; Skyler Johnson, a student at Suffolk Community College; Nora Higgins, a nurse; and Laura Ahearn, a crime-victims advocate. Cathy Peacock and I returned as moderator and time keeper (minus the dog). This debate went smoothly, like the former, and was informative and educational to all who watched.

The debates were very much like our live debates. The exception being the questions. Having an educated, civically-aware pool of questioners made the enquires more concise and thorough. We also received great coverage from our local media outlets. The viewing audience for these primary races for the CD#1 debate was over 1100 views with 650 for SD#1, compared to a live debate at the Hampton Bays High School, when we had an audience of 600 two years ago for the CD#1 election debate between Congressman Lee Zeldin and Perry Gershon.

Note: Since this article was written the Primary results are in. In Congressional District #1, Nancy Goroff has won the Democratic candidate's spot for the November election. Laura Ahearn was the Democrats' choice for NYS Senate District #1. These results were heavily dependent on the absentee ballot votes.

Betty Desch Scholarship Winners

by Judi Roth

I'm sure many of you know the history of Betty Desch – a long-time League member and faculty member at Southampton High School who favored the League with a bequest (something other devoted League members might consider in their estate planning!). The Board decided to use this gift to award a scholarship to a student in any of the five East End high schools who showed leadership qualities.

The first award given in 2007 was for \$250 and there were very few applicants and, unfortunately very poor record keeping on my part other than to note that the recipient was from Bridgehampton High School. Beginning in 2008, realizing that other organizations were giving at least \$1,000 the Board decided that the Betty Desch Scholarship should be \$1,000. It remained at that amount until 2020 when it was raised to \$2,000 and the criteria changed from not just a demonstration of leadership but leadership and civic engagement.

The chart below shows the year of the award, the number of applications received and the name and school of the winner.

Reading these applications gave committee members a wonderful look at the high school lives of our East End high school students. Each year the selection process was difficult but that is as it should be. Congratulations to this year's winner, Brynne Rozzi who will be going to the University of North Carolina. Brynne interned for a state senator where she learned to deal with constituents at community meetings and was an ambassador to the Hugh O'Brien Leadership Conference where she got involved with a group called "Girl-Up International" an organization that advocates for gender equality. She met all of our criteria for leadership and civic engagement.

This chart shows the year of the award, the number of applications received and the name and school of the winner.

YEAR	APPS.	NAME OF WINNER AND SCHOOL
2007		(unknown) Bridgehampton
2008	9	Kathleen Samot, Pierson Rebecca Reeves, honorable mention \$100
2009	?	Kate Smith, Westhampton Beach
2010	12	Katelyn Boyle, Westhampton Beach
2011	8	Thalia Olaya, East Hampton
2012		Milton Farez, East Hampton Linda Sambrone, honorable mention \$250
2013	28	Paris Hodges, Southampton
2014	32	Emma Newberger, East Hampton
2015	21	Natalie Polombo, Southamp ton
2016	?	Caitlin DeCara, Westhampton Beach
2017	26	Andrew Wilson, East Hamp ton
2018	14	Hope Brindle, Pierson
2019	33	Lindsay Rongo, Westhamp ton Beach
2020	11	Brynne Rozzi, Southampton



2020 award winner
Brynne Rozzi



Suffolk County Voter

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August 2020

LWVSC Board Virtual Retreat: Wednesday August 19 via Zoom 4:15pm-6:15pm

Making Democracy Work: Your June Voting Experience as a Teaching Moment by Nancy Marr

The year 2020 in New York State began with excitement about voting access and modernization. Governor Cuomo had signed the bill for 9 days of early voting in November 2019 and New York voters embraced it.

We synchronized federal, state and local primary elections to reduce costs and encourage greater turnout. Young people can pre-register at ages sixteen and seventeen with automatic registration when they turn eighteen. Voters who move within the state will have their registration go with them seamlessly. We also closed the LLC Loophole, meaning that an LLC's political spending was limited to the same amount allowed to corporations, \$5,000 annually. We expected to see the fruit of these efforts this year.

Then, starting in March, we saw the threat of the pandemic on voter safety. After declaring a state of emergency, Governor Cuomo ordered the presidential primaries postponed from April 28 to June 23 (already the date of state and local primaries) and then ordered Boards of Elections to send Absentee Ballot (AB) applications to all voters in New York State eligible to vote in a primary.

There was great confusion since some voters had already mailed individual AB applications, and those were different from the mass-mailed applications. The NYS Board of Elections announced cancellation of the Democratic presidential primary due to pandemic fears. Then a court declared that cancellation invalid, and the primary was back on. This caused the absentee ballots to be on two pages (presidential on one, other offices on another page) resulting in some eligible voters not receiving both ballot pages.

A huge number of people in Suffolk applied for Absentee Ballots (more than double the in-person number of voters) and counting mailed in ballots could only begin on July 1 and was expected to end on July 9. Our media didn't help either; readers were told which candidates were "leading" after the relatively small number of in-person votes were counted on election night (in CD1's Democratic primary, about 15,000).

As if that amount of confusion couldn't be any worse, due to the virus a very large number of poll workers chose not to work on election day, regular polling sites refused to be hosts and the Suffolk Board of Elections reduced the actual number of polling places on June 23 by almost two-thirds.

Letters were mailed to voters just before election day, but chaos resulted, including removing neighborhood polling places in communities where transportation was a challenge as well as communities of color. Signage was poor or non-existent in new locations and many places were hard to find.

Voters in New York State have traditionally felt that although we had antiquated aspects to our elections (no early voting, no "no excuse" absentee ballots, no same-day voter registration, and terrible voter turnout) we were in pretty good shape compared to other states that were suppressing the vote. Our blinders have now been removed... and much work needs to be done, quickly and thoughtfully, in order to assure a fair, secure, auditable, inclusive and clear process on November 3.

Your voice counts, as much as your vote. The New York State Legislature has already closed its session, but the Governor can bring them back. We need money allocated to the Boards of Elections to ensure the November 3 elections are perceived by all voters as valid and reflective of all those who voted.

Study media writeups of the June 23rd results during July, learn from them, and in the fall help spread nonpartisan communication about the process. The League of Women Voters' voter information website VOTE411.org is a great starting point to see if a voter is registered, learn who is on their ballot, and understand election law and changes in their state.

Threats to the viability of the United State Postal Service will be an issue if the November election is deemed not safe enough for in-person voting. Congress must act immediately to fix the Postal Accountability and Enhancement Act (PAEA) which required the USPS to create a \$72 billion fund to pay for the cost of its post-retirement health care costs, 75 years into the future. This burden applies to no other federal agency or private corporation.

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Sustainability Committee Report

Formerly known as the Natural Resources Committee, this newly formed team of Terese Wildrick and Beverly Lepine, is presenting their first report.

As we sit under the beautiful red maple tree in the front yard and drink well water from our aquifer, we hope to enjoy these pleasures in years to come. It is encouraging to see efforts to preserve our natural resources. Rain gardens have been planted in Sag Harbor Havens Beach area to save the bay from pollutants. While it is challenging to meet for projects in these days of covid-19, we can all continue learning and finding ways we can individually take steps to stop climate change.

Locally, Drawdown 100Women4Women has been holding virtual meetings and discussions on Zoom. League member Dorothy Reilly has been a driving force in efforts to stop climate change here in our area. They have shown the film “2040”, based on book of the same name, at the Southampton Arts Center. It gives hope by describing what the world can be like in 2040 if we take some critical steps to stop climate change. The group holds a weekly virtual book club based on the book, which is available for free online, or in hard copy on Amazon. To join the book club, send an email to drawdowneastend@gmail.com. Of course, it helps to read the assigned chapters, but the discussions will be interesting even if you just listen.

We look forward to the time when we can work together in person to implement a comprehensive sustainability plan. We invite more members to join us on the committee. (See contact information on page 19.)

We have compiled a list of resources available at libraries and online.

--Terese Wildrick and Beverly Lepine

Websites

Project Drawdown - drawdown.org

The Nature Conservancy - nature.org

Group for the East End - groupfortheeastend.org

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration - noaa.gov

Books

DRAWDOWN: The Most Comprehensive Plan Ever Proposed to Reverse Global Warming, Edited by Paul Hawken

Sustainability Made Simple: Small Changes for Big Impact, by Rosalyn Byrd and Lauren DeMates



We Are the Weather: Saving the Planet Begins at Breakfast, by Jonathan Safran Foer

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Meet Deborah Turner, doctor and lawyer, and new president of the LWVUS.



Deborah Turner, MD, JD, serves as the 20th president of the League of Women Voters of the United States (LWVUS) and chair of the Board of Trustees of the League of Women Voters Education Fund (LWVEF). She was elected board president at the 54th National Convention of the League of Women Voters in June of 2020 and will serve in this position until June 2022.

A native of Iowa, Dr. Turner joined Des Moines Metropolitan League in 2010 and became president in 2011 when the League was at risk of disbanding. She served in that role until 2015 helping revitalize membership and focus the board leadership. At the same time, she also served on the state LWV board as the vice president from 2011 to 2015, becoming co-president in 2015. In her dual roles with state and local Leagues, Deborah has provided leadership to strengthen relationships between local leagues and the state board.

Turner was elected to the League's national board of directors in 2016 where she served on the Finance Committee, Governance Committee, and chaired the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Committee. As chair of the DEI Committee, Deborah and her colleagues focused on organizational culture changes to the League's mission work, emphasizing not only racial equity but also intergenerational dynamics, socioeconomic differences, gender identity, and interpersonal engagement.

She received her JD from Drake University in 2007, her BS from Iowa State University, and her MD from University of Iowa where she completed her residency in OB-Gyn. She completed her fellowship in Gynecologic Oncology at MD Anderson Cancer Institute in Houston, Texas. She practiced gynecologic oncology for 35 years, enhancing university programs at the University of Nebraska, University of Iowa, and the Medical College of Wisconsin teaching residents and students. She also served the private sector bringing her specialty to Genesis Medical Center in Davenport, IA, Mercy Cancer Center in Mason City, IA, and Mercy Medical Center in Des Moines.

In July 2015 she left active practice to become Vice President of International Programs Medical Programs of The Outreach Program. She participated in twelve medical missions to Tanzania since 2011 and worked with Singida's Medical Center, Outreach's Children's Feeding Centers, and Rotary International. She has served as Associate Medical Director of Planned Parenthood of North Central States since 2016.

Turner was inducted into the Iowa Women's Hall of Fame in 2013 and received the Gertrude Rush Award from the National Bar Association in 2015. She was awarded the Louise Noun Visionary Women of the year award from Young Women's Resource Center, Des Moines in 2018. Her most treasured award is a certificate from the Schwartz Center for Compassionate Care.

She lives in Macon, Nebraska, and has a grown son and niece, both of whom are members of the League.

Words from Dr Turner regarding the importance of intergenerational conversation:

“Our work will not be complete or successful if can't come together across generations... The League is a place where young members and older members can learn from one another and actually change things by using skills and energy from all generations...”

New ideals are what will make us grow Leadership is not tied to an age bracket; it is tied only to experience, willingness, and knowledge, qualities that are present in all generations.”

You're Invited

.. to join an important effort

The League of Women Voters was created 100 years ago to encourage Americans to exercise their hard-won democratic right to vote. There is a lot of work to do. Did you know that the United States is among the lowest-ranked countries in voting turnout? According to a government study in 2016 we were 26th out of 32 developed countries.

The LWVH was formed more than 40 years ago. Since then untold numbers of volunteers have organized registration drives, held public meetings to answer questions about voting, and attended community events to sign up new registrants. In order to continue this good work, we need supporters, young and old, male and female, to contribute with their dues and, if possible, volunteer a small part (or a large part) of their time to the activities we undertake each year.

Working for LWVH puts you in touch with the community and could open unexpected doors that might invigorate your life.

Won't you think about joining now?

--Vicki Umans, Membership Committee Chair



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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

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

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