



# THE VOTER

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## Minutes of LWVHSINF 48th Annual Meeting on May 18, 2025

**Members present:** Nada Barry, Glorian Berk, Renee Charles, Neil Cohen, Afton DiSunno, Estelle Gellman, Dale Grant, Arlene Hinkemeyer, K.D. Hurst, Sarah Hussain, Cathy Kenny, Valerie King, Deborah Kooperstein, Sharon Lewis, Jacqui Lofaro, Ursula Lynch, Anne Marshall, Julia Mead, Eileen Mercer, Eva Moore, Kathleen Mulcahy, Mary O'Brien, Mary Pellicane, Judi Roth, Judy Samuelson, Ann Sandford, Vicki Umans, Donna Vallone, Terry Wildrick, Susan Wilson, Marian Zucker

**Call to order** Following a riveting slide and video address by special guest speaker Emily Mastaler, the Chief Administrator of Stony Brook Southampton Hospital, the meeting was called to order at 3PM by co-president Estelle Gellman.

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Welcoming members Deborah Kooperstein and Jacqui Lofaro at the sign-in table at the East Hampton Library at our 48th Annual Meeting on May 18 were Kathleen Mulcahy and Ursula Lynch, right.

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## SAVE THE DATE

**Thurs., Sept. 18, 6:30 p.m.**

LWV Forum at LTV Studios  
75 Industrial Rd., Wainscott

## "Why School Boards Are the Training Wheels of Democracy"

Moderator: Andrea Gabor, LWV Gov't Chair

Noted Panelists:

- Dr. Carol Corbett Burris, Exec. Dir., National Education Policy Center
- Robert Vecchio, Exec. Dir., Nassau-Suffolk School Boards Assn.
- Germain Smith, Southampton School Board Member



## **The League of Women 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 is 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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## **President's Message**

This message is to clarify the LWV nonpartisan policy and offer guidance for advocacy. The League of Women Voters has gained respect over the past century by maintaining the policy that we do not support or oppose a candidate or a political party. We encourage informed and active participation of citizens in government. We advocate for voting rights and other national and local issues.

Dianna Wynn, President of LWVUS, and Celina Stewart, CEO of LWVUS, have stated that we are in a constitutional crisis. The constant flow of executive orders undoing the Constitution, blocking funding approved by Congress, and disregarding rulings by federal judges is unprecedented in our history. These are not partisan issues. It is time for us to speak up to protect our democracy. As stated on the LWVUS website, "Remaining nonpartisan does not mean staying silent. When democracy itself is under threat, voter access is restricted, or misinformation spreads, the League has a responsibility to speak out clearly and forcefully."

There are several ways to do this. We can and should communicate with our legislators at the local, state and federal levels. Whether we call, email, or write letters, we can have our voices heard. Contact information for our representatives is available in the Directory of Public Officials published by the Suffolk County League and online through our website, [lwvhsinf.org](http://lwvhsinf.org). LWV has launched Unite and Rise 8.5 in an effort to motivate and engage at least 3% of voters to speak out about protecting our democracy. Look for more information about that in this Voter, messages from our League and League websites.

Several nonpartisan organizations including the LWV, American Civil Liberties Union, [thirdact.org](http://thirdact.org), and the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) have been organizing rallies to voice opposition to recent executive overreach, disruption of the checks and balances, the failure of Congress to exercise its powers, and more specific issues.

If you choose to participate in these rallies or demonstrations as a member who is not on the board of directors, you may support the party of your choice. We ask that you not carry the LWV name or logo if you do that. Board members have promised not to support a candidate or party during their time on the board. Many of the protests planned for March 4, May 31 and June 14 have been nonpartisan, and focus on specific issues such as destruction of our democracy and flouting of the Constitution. If you are uncertain about whether a rally is sponsored by a party, please avoid identifying yourself as a League member. Remember, we speak out about issues, not a party or candidate. All protests must be peaceful. If you notice disruptors inciting violence, leave the scene.

The LWVUS website also says, "We advocate for fundamental rights and freedoms regardless of which political party is in power or which officials are responsible. Focusing on our issues, not affiliations, strengthens our voice and credibility. Maintaining our nonpartisan identity helps build trust across communities."

On behalf of Co-President Arlene Hinkemeyer and myself, I wish you all safe passage as you continue to participate in our democracy.

*Terese Wildrick, Co-President*

## Mensaje del Presidente

Este mensaje es para clarificar la política no partidista de LWV y ofrecer orientación para la defensa. La Liga de Mujeres Votantes se ha ganado el respeto durante el siglo pasado al mantener la política de que no apoyamos ni nos oponemos a un candidato o a un partido político. Fomentamos la participación informada y activa de los ciudadanos en el gobierno. Abogamos por el derecho al voto y otros temas nacionales y locales.

Dianna Wynn, presidenta de LWVUS, y Celina Stewart, directora ejecutiva de LWVUS, han declarado que estamos en una crisis constitucional. El flujo constante de órdenes ejecutivas que deshacen la Constitución, bloquean los fondos aprobados por el Congreso y hacen caso omiso de los fallos de los jueces federales no tiene precedentes en nuestra historia. No se trata de cuestiones partidistas. Es hora de que alcemos la voz para proteger nuestra democracia. Como se indica en el sitio web de LWVUS, “Permanecer no partidista no significa permanecer en silencio. Cuando la democracia misma se ve amenazada, se restringe el acceso de los votantes o se difunde información errónea, la Liga tiene la responsabilidad de hablar con claridad y contundencia”.

Hay varias formas de hacerlo. Podemos y debemos comunicarnos con nuestros legisladores a nivel local, estatal y federal. Ya sea que llamemos, enviemos un correo electrónico o escribamos cartas, podemos hacer que se escuchen nuestras voces. La información de contacto de nuestros representantes está disponible en el Directorio de Funcionarios Públicos publicado por la Liga del Condado de Suffolk y en línea a través de nuestro sitio web, [lwvhsinf.org](http://lwvhsinf.org). LWV ha lanzado Unite and Rise 8.5 en un esfuerzo por motivar e involucrar al menos al 3% de los votantes para que hablen sobre la protección de nuestra democracia. Busque más información al respecto en este Votante, mensajes de nuestra Liga y los sitios web de la Liga.

Varias organizaciones no partidistas, como LWV, la Unión Americana de Libertades Civiles (ACLU, por sus siglas en inglés), [thirdact.org](http://thirdact.org) y la Asociación Nacional para el Progreso de las Personas de Color (NAACP, por sus siglas en inglés) han estado organizando manifestaciones para expresar su oposición a la reciente extralimitación del ejecutivo, la interrupción de los controles y equilibrios, la incapacidad del Congreso para ejercer sus poderes y cuestiones más específicas.

Si decide participar en estos mítines o manifestaciones como miembro que no está en la junta directiva, puede apoyar al partido de su elección. Le pedimos que

no lleve el nombre o el logotipo de LWV si lo hace. Los miembros de la junta han prometido no apoyar a ningún candidato o partido durante su tiempo en la junta. Muchas de las protestas planeadas para el 4 de marzo, el 31 de mayo y el 14 de junio han sido apartidistas y se centran en temas específicos como la destrucción de nuestra democracia y el desacato a la Constitución. Si no estás seguro de si un mitin está patrocinado por un partido, por favor evita identificarte como miembro de la Liga. Recuerde, nosotros hablamos sobre los problemas, no sobre un partido o candidato. Todas las protestas deben ser pacíficas. Si observas que los perturbadores incitan a la violencia, aléjate de la escena.

El sitio web de LWVUS también dice: “Abogamos por los derechos y libertades fundamentales, independientemente de qué partido político esté en el poder o qué funcionarios sean responsables. Enfocarnos en nuestros problemas, no en nuestras afiliaciones, fortalece nuestra voz y credibilidad. Mantener nuestra identidad no partidista ayuda a generar confianza en todas las comunidades”.

En nombre de la Copresidenta Arlene Hinkemeyer y en el mío propio, les deseo a todos ustedes un salvoconducto para seguir participando en nuestra democracia.

*Terese Wildrick, Copresidente*

## NOTE ABOUT JOINING



## 48th Annual Meeting

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**Approval of Minutes** Arlene Hinkemeyer reported on the minutes of the 2024 Annual Meeting, which were approved by the Board of Directors at the June 23, 2024 BOD meeting. Arlene then made a motion, seconded by Judy Samuelson, to have the Board of Directors review and approve the minutes of the 2025 Annual Meeting for presentation at the 2026 Annual Meeting. The motion was approved.

**Treasurer's Report** Mary O'Brien delivered the report issued by Treasurer Cathy Peacock, announcing that 2024-25 was a strong year in part due to an increase in funds from advertisers. Due to newly introduced changes in the dues payment procedure enacted by National, it is difficult to accurately estimate the income. However, with the trend in growing number of new members, an updated website, and some appealing fundraising events on the horizon, plus funds from our Annual Appeal, we're prepared to weather any storm that comes our way. A copy of the proposed 2025-2026 budget is available to all members.

**Election of Officers and Directors** Ursula Lynch, chair of the Nominating Committee, announced the nominations for 2025-2026: Co-Presidents: Arlene Hinkemeyer, Terri Wildrick; Appointed Directors: Glorian Berk, Estelle Gellman, Julia Mead, Kathleen Mulcahy; Judi Roth, Donna Vallone, Susan Wilson; Marian Zucker. Nominating Committee: Mary O'Brien, Chair: Neil Cohen, and Dale Grant.

For 2025-27: Treasurer: Cathy Peacock; Elected Director: Terri Levin Davgin.

The slate of officers was approved.



LWV Health Committee chair Valerie King, PhD., right, invited Emily Mastaler, the new Stony Brook Southampton Chief Administrator Officer (CAO) to be our featured speaker and introduced her at the Annual Meeting.



The League Presidential Team, left to right, Arlene Hinkemeyer, Terry Wildrick, Estelle Gellman and Susan Wilson, presented the Carrie Chapman Catt Award for Distinguished Board Service, to Neil Cohen, for his outstanding job as Voter Services Committee chair.

**Bylaws and Non-partisan Policy** Estelle Gellman reported that the Board has no changes in the by-laws and non-partisan policy.

**Betty Desch Student Leadership Award** Anne Marshall, chair of the Betty Desch Leadership Award committee, said that the eight committee members were greatly impressed by the 30 young applicants from 10 eligible schools, finally selecting the essay from Maya Molin of Pierson High School in Sag Harbor. She and Youth Committee Chair Susan Wilson presented her with the \$2,000 LWV Betty Desch Student Leadership Award.

### Carrie Chapman Catt Award for Distinguished Service to the League

This year, the committee selected two members who merited this year's honor. Estelle Gellman presented the award to Neil Cohen, the first male recipient. Instead of the traditional Susan B. Anthony red shawl, Neil was presented with a more appropriate embroidered maroon scarf.

Arlene Hinkemeyer announced the second honoree: Government Committee Co-Chair Andrea Gabor, a comparatively new member whose many important contributions such as organizing the ERA forum in March 2024 and the Mis/DisInformation Forum in September 2024 and leading one of the LWNYS consensus studies in 2025 have invigorated the fight for democracy. Andrea was absent and will receive her red shawl later.

A special award was presented by Susan Wilson to Afton DiSunno, for her more than 20 years of behind-the-scenes work including guiding the League's transition into the world of the technology and serving as Membership Registrar.





Susan Wilson, LWVHSINF Youth Committee Chair, Erica Smith Wynn, President LWVUS; Jeanette M. Joy, Commissioner of the XX and a member of Governor Kathy Hochul's Cabinet; Nancy Ro Wildrick , CO-President, LWVHSINF.

### 2025-2026 Program Priorities

Terry Wildrick presented the Board's list of objectives to pursue in the coming year, as proposed at the League's Program Planning meeting in January:

The environment, focusing on young people 2) Voter Services, educating the public about the importance of registration to Get Out the Vote 3) Government; action to eliminate the Electoral College 4) League Visibility; conduct a Public Information Meeting on how to run for school board and use this as the theme of the Youth Committee's Running and Winning Program 5) Membership: Increase outreach to underserved North Fork.

All priorities were approved.

**Presidents' Annual Report** was delivered by co-president Terry Wildrick. She reviewed the many activities held by our League this past year, including Registration Drives, Debates, Public Information Meetings on Misinformation and Disinformation and the Town's Anti-Bias Taskforces, as well as the LWVNYS consensus study of Ranked Choice Voting/Open Primaries, the LWVUS study of the Federal Judiciary, and a Holiday Party honoring retiring Assemblyman Fred Thiele.

Terry thanked her fellow co-presidents Estelle Gellman, Susan Wilson, and Arlene Hinkemeyer for their support during this unique year in the annals of LWVHSINF organizational history.

### Directions to the Board:

Glorian Berk directed the Board to update our Program



Presidential Team member Susan Wilson presented former long-time Board member and current Off-Board Membership Registrar Arlen DiSunno with a Special Award for her many technical skills over the years.

positions to include "Shelter Island and the North Fork." Judi Roth announced that the national League has stated that the country is in a constitutional crisis and has initiated a program called "Unite and Rise 8.5: A Campaign to Defend Democracy". In accord with that program, she directed the Board to devise methods and activities to address the issue locally.

Arlene Hinkemeyer previewed several projects the Board is working on for the year.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:15 PM.



Mastaler delivered a PowerPoint about the new medical advances at the hospital and also gave a video tour of features of the new, long-awaited Emergency Services Building in East Hampton, which opened later that week.



Youth Committee chair Susan Wilson, and Betty Desch Award organizer Anne Marshall, who presented the award, to Maya Molin (this year's recipient from Sag Harbor's Pierson High School).

## Annual Betty Desch \$2,000 Scholarship Winner Essay

From an early age, my mother instilled in me the value of community service, inspiring me to help others. When I was eight, I moved from New York City to the Hamptons, where I was enrolled in a public school. Although it is a wealthy area, there were many students in my class from families that struggled to make ends meet. I observed that many of them lived in substandard housing, lacked adequate clothing, shoes and food. I was very touched by this and felt I had to do something about it.

At that time, I was an avid Slime maker. By watching YouTube videos, I learned how to make various kinds of Slime. Since many parents find Slime making messy, I realized if I came to their homes with the equipment and cleaned up afterward, it could be a fun experience and a viable business.

Through hosting Slime workshops and private parties, I've been able to raise over \$47,000. The majority of these funds have

been used to provide food for families in need, hygiene products, and period supplies. Some of the funds from the Slime business were also used to provide birthday parties for children in need. Slime for a Cause has enabled me to turn my passion into a way to serve my community. [To learn more, go to [slimeforacause.com](http://slimeforacause.com).]

A second community service project that I have created is an online resource directory. When working with local underserved communities, I observed that many people in need were unaware of the resources available to them. Similarly, most nonprofits offer specific services and don't know where to refer clients with other needs....This gave me the idea to create an online directory [in English and Spanish] to refer people to other services. To expand its reach, volunteers and I placed flyers in supermarkets, laundromats, and convenience stores. We reached out to schools, nonprofits, and

***“With a little creativity, good planning, and some effort, many problems in our society can be solved — and I want to be part of the solution.”***

others to inform them about the directory. [To learn more, please visit [hamptonsresourcedirectory.com](http://hamptonsresourceddirectory.com)]

I believe that when we make the lives of our neighbors in need better, our entire community benefits. With a little creativity, good planning, and some effort, many problems in our society can be solved, and I want to be part of the solution.



# Sustainability Initiatives in Eastern Suffolk

by *Glorian Berk*

Many of the local towns and villages in Suffolk County are looking for ways to reduce their carbon footprint, reduce costs and develop sustainable practices. Below are two recent endeavors in Eastern Suffolk which could incentivize other Towns to try similar practices.

The Town of Southampton has recently developed a solar array on a 17-acre capped landfill in the North Sea area of the town. This project took four years of planning and was put into operation in March 2025. A private developer installed the 11,500 panels at the landfill at no cost to the town. These panels will produce 4.7 kilowatts of electricity or enough to power 773 houses. This type of project was completed under a LIPA tariff rate that defined how it should be structured. Here is the financial breakdown of this project:

- The developer will sell the electricity to LIPA.
- The developer will pay the town 1.6 million dollars as rent during the 20 year term of the lease.
- The town will receive LIPA bill credits to offset electric costs at town facilities also for 20 years.
- A lottery was held to select the 500 households which will receive a 10% discount on their LIPA bill also for 20 years. This equals approximately one month of free electricity each year. The outreach for the lottery targeted the lower income areas of the town although every LIPA ratepayer was eligible.

As part of the agreement, the developer used local contractors for the construction, engineering and electric. The project manager indicated that two thirds of the cost of development was for salaries for the workers and for locally sources materials. Therefore, keeping the investment costs in the local economy.

The electricity generated over the 20 years of the project would equal the burning of 11 million gallons of fuel. This is a great carbon reduction and provided significant financial savings to the town and the 500 ratepayers receiving electric bill credits.

This is the first large scale solar project where a municipality and local home owners are benefiting. The opportunity to copy this type of project can be large. Capped landfills, closed sand mines and other municipally owned land are opportunity areas throughout the LIPA service area.

Suffolk County is facing a garbage crisis as the last landfill in Brookhaven will be shut down in the next

several years. Reducing the amount of garbage that needs to be landfilled is a challenge that should be addressed. Food scrap composting is an easy way to reduce this waste as the US

Environment Protection Agency estimates that 25% of US waste is food scraps. This is another local initiative that addresses carbon footprint reduction, reduces costs and is a sustainable practice.

Recycling food scraps into compost captures their nutrients and energy and returns them to the environment. Trucking these food scraps long distances to landfills in other states generates greenhouse gases and when they are landfilled, they create methane, another potent greenhouse gas.

Here are the accepted food scrap items that can be composted:

- Fruits and vegetables (remove stickers)
- Bread, pasta, rice & grains
- Egg shells
- Coffee grounds & loose tea
- Chips, snacks, candy, nuts & seeds
- Cut flowers

Riverhead (three sites) and Southold (one site) Towns have drop off locations for food scraps at their transfer stations. East Hampton and Sag Harbor have drop off locations for food scraps at their weekly farmers markets. Southampton Town has added food scraps drop off locations at their transfer stations in North Sea, Hampton Bays and Sag Harbor. Westhampton will be added shortly.

Here are the specifics for the town of Southampton. Garbage self-haulers in Southampton can deposit recyclables free of charge but must purchase green bags to dispose of their other garbage. These bags cover the Town's cost for garbage disposal and hopefully incentivizes recycling. With the ability to recycle their food scraps, self-haulers will see a reduction in the number of green bags they use saving them money. Green bags purchased from local retailers are 5/\$17.50 for 33 gallons and 5/\$9.75 for 13 gallons.

If you live in Riverhead, Southold and Southampton and shop at the farmers markets in East Hampton and Sag Harbor, I hope you are encouraged to recycle your food scraps into compost.





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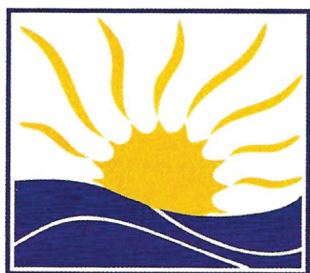
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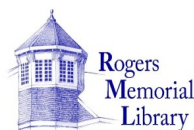
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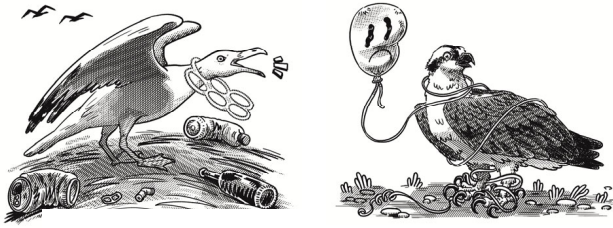


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# New York State Convention Recap June 13-15

by Susan Wilson

The 61st NYS Biennial Convention was all about action—how we can respond to the opportunities brought about by threats to our democracy, whether regarding DEI and voting rights or whatever else the current administration in Washington, D.C. may attack.

The Convention gave the 78 delegates from 32 statewide Leagues the chance:

- to meet and network with League leaders from all over the state in person!
- to make new friends and renew old friendships
- to collaborate and tackle the challenges we are all facing together
- to learn what's forthcoming in League operations
- to improve our League's communications and visibility
- to strengthen our Leagues by working together, sharing experiences, learning from each other, and being inspired
- to celebrate our successes

Dianna Wynn, LWVUS President addressed the group after dinner on Friday. Her inspiring talk was a great motivator and set the stage for an upbeat action-packed convention.

President Nancy Rosenthal congratulated Barb Thomas, Off Board MAID Specialist for all of her lobby efforts in making the passage of the Medical Aid in Dying (MAID) bill pass.

It was great to see Laura Ladd Bierman again, this time serving as Convention Parliamentarian. As you know Laura retired as Executive Director of the NYS League, but not from the League.

## CAUCUSES and DISCUSSION GROUPS

Take Action Against Plastic Pollution Caucus was led by Kim Cameron, President, LWV Cortland and Beth Radow, NYS Energy, Agriculture & the Environment Specialist. Kim is willing to travel to Long Island to make a presentation on Plastics Pollution.

“Lets Talk” - Breakout groups gave us the opportunity to talk about what we expected to get out of convention and how we can work together more effectively in this new climate of Constitutional Crisis.

One Friday evening Caucus led by Barbara Epstein of the East Nassau League discussed NYS's The Empty Chair Policy and the problem many leagues are having

holding debates when so many incumbent candidates either refuse to debate or just don't show up. As a result of this caucus a “Direction to The Board” was drafted and presented at the end of convention. Delegates tasked the Board with reviewing the current NYS policy and that of other states to come up with a plan to improve candidate participation in league debates.

## WORKSHOPS

Terry and I came home with ideas and new strategies from the workshops we attended.

Building Momentum: Strengthening membership through community relationships and political action led by Ann Marie Pendegast, LWV Saratoga and MaryKate Owens, LWV Albany

From Outrage to Impact: Advocacy Tools for Pushing Back led by Erica Smitka, Executive Director and Clyanna Lightbourn, Campaign Director

Power Up the Vote: A New Look at Get Out the Vote led by Nick Doran, Vice President of Voter Service and Judy Esterquest, LWV Port Washington/Manhasset

Advancing Diversity, Equity and Inclusion: Ten Ideas for Taking One Step at a Time led by Regina Tillman, NYS Board DEI

## PLENARY HIGHLIGHTS

Our first Plenary was opened by Letitia James, NYS Attorney General. She welcomed us to Albany via Zoom and praised the League for the work we do.

Plenary is where delegates accomplish business. During this convention the delegates:

Approved the Program; Elected a new Board of Directors; Passed the Proposed Budget; and Passed the proposed By-Laws changes to Section 2 (Types of Membership) to mirror the new LWVUS membership transformation changes.

Defeated a second By-Laws change to require a two-thirds vote to amend or adopt a State League position by concurrence at an annual meeting. This left the majority vote requirement in place.

Passed a shortened version of the concurrence on Privatization adopted by the Vermont League in 2023.



## New York State Convention Recap June 13-15 continued

Results of the NYS Consensus studies were presented. The consensus on the use of Ranked Choice Voting in primary and general elections was approved. The consensus on the NYS Board of Elections process of choosing voting systems (machines) was not approved. The consensus on the Federal Judiciary Study was approved.

Each NYS convention usually ends with “Moments in the Sun”. Each league present is given one minute to highlight or brag about an event, activity or accomplishment that makes them the proudest.

Terry and I are very proud of all the work our League does and how engaged our members are, but it would have been tough to talk about every accomplishment in one minute since we had already been honored with the DEI and Youth Engagement Awards, so Terry spoke about our terrific ERA event last March, produced by LTV Studios, our Government Committee members Andrea Gabor and Valerie Levenstein, and award-winning filmmaker Barbara Moss. You can still see it on LTV’s YouTube channel.

### CONVENTION AWARDS

Regina Tillman, NYS DEI CHAIR presented the

“Building Bridges to Excellence” Award recognizing outstanding accomplishments in Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion to Terry Wildrick, Co-President and DEI Committee Chair.

In her presentation Regina said that the Hamptons League award submission was a standout. It showed that the league embraced DEI as core values with ongoing strategies, increasing long term partnerships vs. transactional partnerships and consistently placing Equity at the forefront of actions. She said, “I’m very proud of them”.

Nick Doran, LWVNY Youth Coordinator presented the “Shaping Our Future” Youth Award in recognition of outstanding accomplishments in Youth Engagement to Susan Wilson, Youth Committee Chair.

Nick stated that the Hampton’s Youth Committee’s Two-year, three phase Program --discovered what was important to high school students using their “TEENS TALK VOTING SURVEY”, then Registered them to vote.-educated students about running for political office using the Running & Winning Program --engaged and motivated students through student participation in a Mock Legislative Session with a Student Day at the Suffolk County Legislature.



Susan Wilson, Youth Committee Chair, receiving the “Shaping Our Future” Youth Award in recognition of outstanding accomplishments in youth engagement.



Terry Wildrick, Co-President and DEI Committee Chair, receiving the “Building Bridges to Excellence” Award for outstanding accomplishments in diversity, equity, and inclusion.





Assemblyman Tommy John Schiavoni met with Tess Ashley, left, and Kara Flynn, center, on the Assembly floor during the LWVNY Students Inside Albany Program, May 18-21. They are Westhampton Beach High School juniors who represented our League and the Brookhaven League at SIA this year.

## Students Inside Albany

### *Essay by student Kara Flynn*

Having the opportunity to attend the Students Inside Albany experience strengthened my interest in government and politics through being able to see how NYS government works.

My favorite part of the experience was being able to shadow our assemblyman and senators for the day. Seeing a typical day for our lawmakers gave me a better understanding of government and allowed me to imagine myself in their shoes one day.

Another great aspect of this experience was the seminars presented by people from different sides of the political world. From advocates to journalists and lobbyists, hearing about all of the different fields opened my perspective about how important each step of the

process is in order to make change.

Lastly, connecting with other students who shared my passion for government made the experience even more inspiring. It was encouraging to meet so many other young people from across the state who, despite coming from very different backgrounds, all shared a deep commitment to government, public service, and making a difference. Hearing their perspectives and stories reminded me that the next generation of leaders is already taking shape, and it motivated me to continue pursuing my interest in politics.

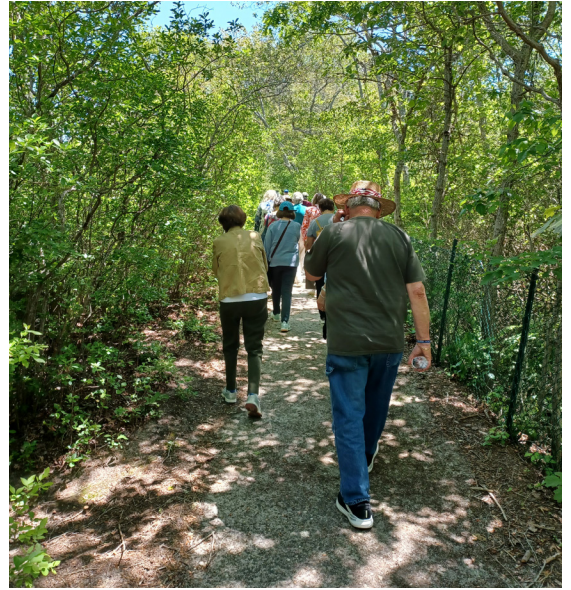
Overall, the Students Inside Albany experience confirmed my desire to stay engaged in civic life and left me more determined than ever to be part of shaping positive change in my community.



## League Outdoorsy Fundraiser, June 3



The League's June 3 fundraising trip to the Quogue Wildlife Refuge began with its Program Director, Cara Fernandes, right, giving an impressive PowerPoint history of the property and its many nature programs since its founding in 1934. LWV member Ursula Lynch organized the trip to the Refuge and to the Baby Moon restaurant in Westhampton Beach for a delicious pizza buffet lunch, then recounted how meaningful the Refuge has been to her family, children and grandchildren as they were growing up.



About 30 people registered for the trip, which started in the Quogue Wildlife Refuge's Nature Center, which soon will be expanded. After the talk, Leaguers and guests visited the live animals in the Nature Center and the outdoor cages, took a short hike along Old Ice Pond, and stopped at the Ice House, the butterfly garden and turtle house.



Ursula Lynch with Program Director Cara Fernandes.



For the last stop of the day, LWV Board member Kathleen Mulcahy, right, welcomed everyone to the Evelyn Alexander Wildlife Rescue Center in Hampton Bays, where she serves as executive director, and where she also enjoyed delicious desserts. Holding a small owl, she talked about the center's work rescuing, rehabilitating and releasing native wild animals, for now 25 years.



## Meet the Candidates Forum

*By Susan Wilson*

Judi Roth and I held a Southampton School Board “Meet the Candidates” gathering on May 12th. About 20 people attended, including NAACP President, Dwight Singleton, former SH Village mayor Jesse Warren, and SH School Superintendent Dr. Fatima Morrell. This was a better turnout than last year.

Since the two candidates are running uncontested for the two open seats, it was an opportunity for the public to meet them and hear where they stand on important issues.

Judi had prepared questions for the candidates, which generated discussion from those attending the session.

We felt that this kind of Public Information Meeting provided positive visibility for the League.



## LWV Debate for Southampton Village Mayor: Bill Manger and Ed Simoni



June 9: Voter Services presented the televised date for the office of Southampton Town Village Mayor Contestants William Manger and Edward Simoni. Mr. Manger was elected. Upper right: LWVHSINF's Cathy Kenny was moderator Lower left: co-member Eileen Mercer was the timer.

# Our League and the No Kings Rally

by Judi Roth

Below you will read the brief stories of League members who took part in rallies in East Hampton, Sag Harbor, Hampton Bays, Riverhead and New York City. We were in many places and while the experiences were much the same, here are the stories of those who responded. The list of people who took part in the rallies includes, myself and husband Howard Roth, Julia Meade, Andrea Gabor, Marian Zucker, Merry Frons, Barbara Burnside, Ann Sandford, Alicia Sullivan, Donna Vallone, Ed Salzberg, Mary O'Brien, Tracy Grathwohl, Glorian Berk, Neil Cohen (plus spouse), Ena Pappas and Martha Potter. There may have been more whose names I didn't get but this list is impressive. We arrived at Town Hall in East Hampton a little past 11 am and the crowd already stretched up and down Montauk Highway for a few hundred yards in each direction. We had to park way down Route 27 to find a spot and then hike back to the gathering point, which was fun because it felt like we were marching with our sign: "We the people of the United States have had enough!" People were lined up three and four deep along the road, cheering the drivers who honked their car horns as they went by. It was an exhilarating and empowering experience. I understand the police estimated the crowd at 1,200 people. Enjoy and prepare yourselves for future activities of our new campaign "Unite and Rise." – *Judi Roth*

Driving in the rain from Southampton, as soon as we hit a solid line of traffic on Cedar Street, we realized we weren't going to get onto the East Hampton Town grounds. When we saw the cars parked on the grass along Pantigo Road we just pulled in, took out our signs, and joined the crowds lining the road. Jostling umbrellas, wearing boots and rain jackets, we waved and clapped as cars went by honking their horns and taking pictures of us. Such clever signage and such hopeful people. – *Tracy Grathwohl*

I went to the Manhattan No Kings. Here's my description. They say there were 200,000 people at the march. The marchers walked slowly down 5th Avenue. My friend and I didn't actually march in the march. We walked up 5th Avenue on the sidewalk instead (we're both short and my friend gets anxious in crowds). Most people had signs. My favorites were, "I prefer crushed ice" and "Fascism? No Tanks. We're not Hungary." The people were also chanting and we joined in on that from the sidewalk. The best part for me was that the

crowd was completely controlled by volunteers. There were police around but they weren't doing anything. When the march had to stop to let traffic through from the side streets, the volunteers would just hold police tape across 5th Ave. As the cars drove by, they all honked, I believe, in support. Then the crowds would cheer very loudly. The rain didn't dampen our spirits. – *Glorian Berk*

I attended the No Kings Rally in East Hampton and got there early enough for the opening speech by Katherine Stahl of People for Democracy East Hampton, a chapter of the Indivisible movement. She told us to be peaceful and to not engage with any hecklers. In addition to our signs, we were given flags. When she called for a moment of silence for the elected officials from Minneapolis, I didn't know what she was referring to until I got home and checked the news. Another speaker was Cate Rogers, East Hampton Town Board Member who read the Gettysburg Address. We were asked if others wanted to speak or did we want to start the rally. We all wanted to move down to Montauk Highway and start the rally. The East Hampton Town Police were extremely helpful and courteous. They had set up barriers along Montauk Highway so that all rally goers would be safe from the cars driving on the highway. They were also very helpful when I was exiting the parking lot by holding up the westbound traffic for me. I left about 12:30 and was very surprised that as I drove west I encountered people with signs still walking along the highway to join the rally. There were cars parked on both sides of Montauk Highway almost back to the downtown village stores. The East Hampton Star estimated that between 1200 and 1500 people attended. – *Ann Sandford*

I decided to attend the rally in EH rather than Sag Harbor because of better logistics for me. I arrived c. 11:45 when the drizzle had about stopped and parked on Pantigo Rd. opposite the people lined up with their signs. We acknowledged all the tooting horns, windows rolled down, and various cheers. The photo attached shows few people because the fellow I asked to take it decided I should have a clear background! I was moved by the enthusiasm for peaceful PROTEST!!! I think it energized all participants. I stayed for about an hour – the rain didn't stop us. – *Neil Cohen*



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