

League of Women Voters of Brookhaven

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LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF BROOKHAVEN ANNUAL MEETING

PROGRAM REPORTS
ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS
ADOPTION OF BUDGET
ADOPTION OF LOCAL PROGRAM

REFRESHMENTS



WEDNESDAY, JUNE 30, 7:00 PM
AT JEFFERSON'S FERRY
COMMUNITY CENTER THEATER
WIRELESS ROAD AND NESCONSET HIGHWAY
SETAUKET

LWV OF BROOKHAVEN**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN- We hope we will see you at our 2010 Annual Meeting on Wednesday, June 30. It is our chance to meet one another, make suggestions for any new local program for next year and elect the officers and new board members.

Our Board members have all worked hard to make the year a successful one, with the help of all those members who served on committees, attended meetings, wrote to their legislators, or showed their support by paying their dues.

Next year promises to be a busy one—we will continue to work with other Leagues in the US on energy, health care and immigration, with other Leagues in NYS on election reform, governmental consolidation, and state reform, and with the other county Leagues on campaign finance, housing, health, and alternatives to incarceration. If you have other ideas, please introduce them at the Annual meeting.

. And here's some exciting news! Just this week, the New York State Senate passed the National Popular Vote plan by a whopping 52-7 vote, with landslide votes of support from state senators of both major parties. That win follows on the heels of a similarly big win in the Massachusetts House last week. It makes 30 state legislative chambers in 20 states that have passed NPV, and it's already law in five states. . If there are enough states in the compact to add up to 270 electoral votes, then New York's votes will go to the candidate who wins the most popular votes nationwide, not the one who wins in New York State.

ARE YOU A LEAGUE MEMBER?

We mail the VOTERS to all our members, advertisers, and public officials. We also mail to prospective members, as an invitation to our program. If you wish to join, please call Nancy Marr, 730-6556, or find our application on www.lwv-suffolkcounty/brookhaven.htm

MEETING ON PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION IN SUFFOLK COUNTY

At our May meeting, Robert Shinnick, Director of Transportation Operations for Suffolk County, talked about the system of public transportation in Suffolk. The federal government, which since President Reagan has subsidized only the construction and not the operations of transportation, requires a planning process for any money it provides. A regional transportation plan to 2035 includes public highway projects, with a list of the projects planned for the next five years. On the list is Nesconset Highway, which has been the subject of many planning meetings. (See below for a June 16 meeting.)

Plans in general focus on redeveloping existing highways rather than building new ones, fighting urban sprawl build-up, investing in sewers to allow denser development, which would promote public transit. The recent encouragement of transit-oriented development will build multi-use buildings around train stations, increasing the density to increase train service.

. A transit plan is now being completed, with summaries available for the public. It includes expanding the county bus system, with Sunday service, 50 more bus lines, later night service, buses every 30 minutes on some runs, stops closer together, and more bus lines on the south fork, increasing 137 buses to 177. It will cost an additional \$40,000 to run the bus lines, from \$30,000 to \$70,000. It will have to be funded through taxes. Due to financial problems with the economy, ridership of workers decreased by 4.7%, leaving a larger proportion of the riders those with reduced fares—seniors, disabled persons and students.

It is clear that more bus ridership would be better for the environment, reduce congestion, help employment, but resistance to increasing taxes means that the funds will not be available unless we, the public, can convince legislators to fund it.

BROWN BAG LUNCH PRESENTATION ON THE GREENING OF ROUTE 347 JUNE 16TH—BY NYMTC

On Wednesday, June 16th from 12-1:15pm, join NYMTC for a brown bag lunch presentation on the Greening of Route 347. NYSDOT's Senior Policy Advisor Heather Sporn and Regional Design Engineer Mark Bocamazo will lead the special presentation.

Route 347 is the major arterial east-west roadway along the north shore of Suffolk County, picking up where the Northern State Parkway ends. Characterized by an abundance of strip malls, residential development and curb cuts, the NYSDOT has been grappling with how a suburban roadway can accommodate commuters, transit, pedestrians and bicyclists, and work with the many stakeholders in the community. NYSDOT has crafted a design aimed at environmental sustainability and consensus, a design that will soon be awarded a Vision Long Island Smart Growth award for 2010.

To attend the presentation in person, at 199 Water Street, 22nd floor in Manhattan, RSVP to Gretchen Riederer at GRiederer@dot.state.ny.us or 212-383-7258. You can also attend via webinar. Space is limited, so reserve your space [here](#). You can also participate by phone by dialing 1-866-209-6438, Participant Code: 781594.

REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Nominating Committee presents the following slate of officers:

For Two Years—2010-2012

First Vice-President

Alice Jach

Treasurer

Renee Stahlman

Elected Director

Linda Devin-Sheehan

Betsy Gaidry

Ruth Schwarz

Gertrude Spiro

Presented by Nominating Committee Chairman

Sue Kinsey



CONGRATULATIONS TO RENEE AND SAM STAHLMAN

Sam Stahlman, husband of our League Treasurer, was nominated by Senator Brian Foley for induction into the New York State Senate Veterans Hall of Fame in Albany. He served in the Army Infantry Division during World War II, took part in the landing at Normandy and the Battle of Bastogne. He was twice awarded the Bronze Star and his unit was twice awarded the Presidential Citation. He was also awarded a Purple Heart.

IN MEMORIAM

We are very sad to announce the death of Edith Embler—"Edie" — a longtime League member and housing activist. She served as president of the Huntington League, and joined our Board when she moved to Brookhaven. She was also an active member of the Suffolk County LWV Board, chairing Financing Education.

According to her son Mike, quoted in Newsday, Edie was passionate about affordable housing, women's rights, reading and figure skating. She lived her passions, and left that as a legacy for her family and friends. She worked hard to promote the Equal Rights Amendment, and regretted that it never had enough support to become a national reality. She worked for the Huntington Housing Authority for eighteen years, and served as its Executive Director for eight. For the League she was the Brookhaven Town Board observer and Housing Chairman, and helped us formulate our position in support of housing for low and moderate income residents.

The only times Edie missed League meetings were when she travelled with her husband Tom to observe figure skating competitions or when she went to visit her grandchildren.


Edie was also passionate about the League, and we would like to donate funds to the New York State League Education Fund to engrave her name on its wall of League honorees. If you wish to donate, please send a check to LWVEF at Box 92, Bellport, NY 11713.

We also note with sadness the passing of Bob Marr, who joined as a family member with Nancy., who appreciated his advice and his company at state and national conventions. There will be a service at St. James Episcopal Church, Beaver Dam Road, Brookhaven, June 26 at 3 pm.

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Please support the advertisers whose names you will find on pages 9, 10 and 11.

On page 8 you will find an ad form that you can take to local businesses where you shop, doctors and dentists who care for you, or a local nonprofit that you support to ask for an ad for next year. For sixty-five dollars the ad will be included in each of our VOTERS during the year. For any questions, please call Alice d'Amico, 751-0328.

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ON THE NATIONAL SCENE

From HealthCareNow:

MEDICARE, MEDICAID AND SOCIAL SECURITY ARE ON THE CHOPPING BLOCK.. We need to fight massive cuts and privatization of the programs that have lifted millions out of poverty and brought a higher quality of life to working people.

Currently, a group of 18 people, created by Executive Order, known as the National Commission on Fiscal Responsibility and Reform, or "the deficit commission," are meeting secretly to balance the nation's budget by cutting programs that protect people from financial devastation. In a time of the highest unemployment and economic insecurity in decades, these cuts must be simply "off the table."

And from the LWV-US:

THE 2010 ELECTIONS ARE AT STAKE. In this year's elections, corporations and unions will be able to spend unlimited amounts of money in **secret** to support or oppose candidates because of the Supreme Court's recent decision in *Citizens United v. FEC*, which overturned the ban on corporate spending in candidate elections that was in place for more than a century. Even foreign-controlled corporations will be able to spend in secret.

Special interests and corporate lobbyists now have even more opportunities to corrupt our democracy. We, as concerned citizens, must take action to protect our elections. Very soon, the House of Representatives will consider the DISCLOSE Act (H.R. 5175). This bill will require complete disclosure of corporate and union election advertising and require CEOs to "stand by their ads" with clear disclaimers. **The DISCLOSE Act is expected to be voted on in the House soon.** We must act quickly to protect the 2010 elections from being swamped with secret corporate and union money.

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF BROOKHAVEN				
Annual Treasurer's Report	2009-2010	Actual 5/3/2010	Proposed 2010-2011	Notes
	Adopted 2009-2010	Actual 5/3/2010	Proposed 2009-2010	Pertain to actual figures
INCOME:				
A. Dues				
Single	\$ 2,700	\$ 2,701	\$ 2,700	
Family	\$ 455	\$ 520	\$ 520	
Student (1@\$25)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
TOTAL DUES	\$ 3,155	\$ 3,221	\$ 3,220	
Contributions				
1. Member	\$ 300	\$ 190	\$ 300	
2. Non-member	\$ 400	\$ 510	\$ 500	Monitored debates
3. NYS Education	\$ 150	\$ 143	\$ 150	
4. Special Event	\$ 200	\$ 79	\$ 200	Return for NYSLWV raffles
TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS	\$ 1,050	\$ 922	\$ 1,150	
C. Publications	\$ -	\$ -		
D. Other Sources				
1. Ads	\$ 1,100	\$ 1,010	\$ 1,100	
2. International D	\$ 75	\$ 145	\$ 75	
3. Luncheon	\$ 600	\$ 576	\$ 600	
4. Reserves	\$ 919	\$ -	\$ 1,521	
5. Election Report	\$ 200	\$ 260	\$ 250	From Board of Elections
6. Finance Drive	\$ 200	\$ -	\$ 200	
7. Grants	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
TOTAL OTHER SOURCES	\$ 3,094	\$ 1,991	\$ 3,746	
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 7,299	\$ 6,134	\$ 8,116	
EXPENDITURES:				
A. Operating Costs				
1. General Supplies	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
2. Postage	\$ 44	\$ -	\$ 44	
3. Bulk Mail Permi	\$ 180	\$ 185	\$ 190	
4. P.O.Box Rent	\$ 80	\$ 72	\$ 80	
5. Bank Charges	\$ -	\$ 10	\$ -	
6.Refreshments	\$ 80	\$ 50	\$ 70	10 mo * 7
7. Sales Tax	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
TOTAL OPERATING COSTS	\$ 384	\$ 317	\$ 384	
B. Board and Administrative				
1. President	\$ 300	\$ 300	\$ 300	
2. Secretary	\$ 20	\$ -	\$ 20	
3. Treasurer	\$ 20	\$ -	\$ 20	
4. Committees				
a. Finance	\$ 10	\$ 12	\$ 15	
b. Membership	\$ 10	\$ 16	\$ 10	
c. Public Relat	\$ 10	\$ 38	\$ 10	
d. Budget	\$ 10	\$ -	\$ 10	
e. Nominating	\$ 10	\$ -	\$ -	
TOTAL BOARD & ADMINISTRATIVE	\$ 390	\$ 366	\$ 385	

	Proposed 2009-2010	Actual \$ 39,936		Notes are for Actuals
C. Delegates and Affiliations				
1. State Conventio	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 500	No one attending
2. National Conven	\$ 500	\$ -	\$ -	No one attending
3. Annual Meeting	\$ 20	\$ -	\$ 20	
4. Workshops	\$ 20	\$ -	\$ 20	
5. Other Meetings	\$ 20	\$ -	\$ 20	
TOTAL DELEGATES	\$ 560	\$ -	\$ 560	
D. Financial Support for League				
1. ILO (County)	\$ 108	\$ 108	\$ 115	
2. State	\$ 1,400	\$ 1,620	\$ 1,620	
3. National	\$ 2,102	\$ 2,032	\$ 2,102	
4. Donations to Co	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
5. Donations to St	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
6. Donations to NY	\$ -	\$ 171	\$ 145	member donations
TOTAL FINANCIAL SUPPOR	\$ 3,610	\$ 3,931	\$ 3,982	
E. Bulletin				
1. Printing	\$ 1,200	\$ 1,394	\$ 1,500	
2. Postage	\$ 350	\$ 300	\$ 350	
3. Supplies	\$ 20	\$ -	\$ 20	
TOTAL BULLETIN	\$ 1,570	\$ 1,694	\$ 1,870	
F. Educational Activities				
1. Publications	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
2. Grants	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
3. Program Committees				
a. National	\$ 10	\$ -	\$ 10	
b. State	\$ 10	\$ -	\$ 10	
c. County	\$ 10	\$ -	\$ 10	
d. Local	\$ 10	\$ -	\$ 10	
4. Voters Service				
a. Facts for Vo	\$ -	\$ 28	\$ -	
b. Directory of	\$ 100	\$ 150	\$ 150	
b. Committee Ex	\$ 20	\$ -	\$ 20	
TOTAL EDUCATIONAL ACTIVIT	\$ 160	\$ 178	\$ 210	
1. Action Activities				
a. National	\$ 20	\$ -	\$ 20	
b. State	\$ 20	\$ -	\$ 20	
c. Local	\$ 20	\$ -	\$ 20	
TOTAL POSITION SUPPOR	\$ 60	\$ -	\$ 60	
H. Miscellaneous				
1. International D	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
2. Luncheon	\$ 500	\$ 581	\$ 600	
3. Recognition Gif	\$ 15	\$ -	\$ 15	
4. Fundraiser	\$ 50	\$ -	\$ 50	
TOTAL MISCELLANEOUS	\$ 565	\$ 581	\$ 665	
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$ 7,299	\$ 7,067	\$ 8,116	
Total Assets 5/31/09-5037	\$ 5,037			
Income 2009-2010	\$ 6,134			
Expense 2009-2010	\$ 7,067			
Balance 6/12/2010	\$ 4,104			