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ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL DINNER

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 22, 7 PM

SPEAKER—BOB OBER—ON IMMIGRATION

at

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POST ELECTION BREAKFAST

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 10:30

NOVEMBER ELECTION RESULTS

at

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Does each election seem to be the "most important ever"? Certainly the choices the American voters will make on November 2 will determine so many issues in our future—health care, Social Security, our place in the world, the economy, and equality of opportunity. It will affect our policies on immigration, which we will discuss at our Annual International Dinner. Our speaker will be Bob Ober, a retired airline pilot who teaches a course at OLLI called "Because you asked..." He brings to his class so much information, including statistics, about so many subjects that we thought he would help us update our information on immigration, which we studied two years ago, and which is still very much on the federal drawing board. The dinner is always a success, a good place for new league members to meet others and for all members to share excellent food and conversation. Please call Pauline Pierce, 751-5063, to reserve a place and let us know whether you will bring an appetizer, main dish or salad, or dessert.

At the Post-Election Breakfast this year, the Suffolk County LWV will have a panel discussion with representatives of different political points of view, telling us what the panelists feel are lessons to be learned from what the "people have said," what issues will be likely to be emphasized in the coming year, and how the election results might affect citizens in Suffolk County. President, Lisa Scott, says "we truly would like representation of views from across the political spectrum, but request a discussion which is collegial, balanced, and intelligent." It will be held at the Bellport Country Club on the Sunday after the election.

In addition to being important, the election this year will test the new system. Most voters who scanned their ballots for the primary found the system to be simple. The ballot in November will be harder to read but otherwise straightforward. [Suffolk Votes](#), at the Suffolk County Board of Elections website, has a video that very clearly shows each step in the new voting system. [NY Votes](#) has a fascinating description of the various aids available to people with disabilities, along with an inspector who can help individuals vote if they need assistance. [Vote 411](#) and [SmartVoter](#) lists all the candidates for the state election, and can help you find out if you are registered and where you will vote.



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SPEAKER: BOB OBER

THE IMMIGRATION ISSUE IN THE UNITED STATES

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The county judgeships, for the County Court and the Family Court, are not included on this list. They are not yet available from the Suffolk County Board of Elections. The candidates for County Clerk and County Comptroller are unopposed and are not included.

United Nations Event

Join League members and friends from around the state for the annual United Nations briefing on Tuesday, November 9, from 2:00-4:30 pm in New York City. This year's topic will be ***Microfinance: From Struggle for Survival to Planning for the Future***. Because the UN building is under renovations, the briefing will be held across the street in the Church Center of the United Nations (777 United Nations Plaza); speakers will be arranged by the United Nations Department of Public Information. An optional tour of the UN and reservations for lunch at area restaurants are also available.



The subject of this year's briefing is *Microfinance: From Struggle for Survival to Planning for the Future*. The world's poorest people, who often reside in developing countries, are excluded from access to traditional financial services, including credit, necessary to increase and diversify incomes, build human, social and economic assets, and plan for the future. The microfinance movement, which, in its present permutation, stems from the 1970s, makes financial services, including small loans, available to poor people, often targeting women. These loans have enabled women to build profitable personal businesses. They have also had an indirect, positive impact on families and communities, as profits are invested in family health, education and nutrition. Come hear speakers discuss this important international issue.



To find out the program for the day and register, go to League of New York State, or call Nancy Marr (730-6556) for a registration form.

SEPTEMBER MEETING WITH SUFFOLK COUNTY LEGISLATOR VIVIAN VILORIA FISHER

Our meeting opened with a discussion of the primary election that had just passed. Although most thought it had gone smoothly, many agreed that the arrangement of the ballot was poor, that we need a sample ballot posted for people to look at beforehand, and that some of the polling places were poor, especially one in Setauket that was held in the school auditorium. Linda Devin-Sheehan explained the three Town propositions that will be on the ballot, and also talked about the League's presence with voter registration forms at the Naturalization Ceremonies held on Mondays at Central Islip Federal Court.

Vivian Viloria Fisher described her concerns about the County Executive's Budget for 2011, particularly the fact that there was no narrative to guide the reader. Another concern was the inclusion of revenue that would be derived from selling the Infirmary, which has not yet been decided and is opposed by many legislators. She also noted that the budget avoided an increase in taxes by shifting staff from other departments to the budget line for culture and the arts, which was raised through higher hotel taxes to strengthen our tourism activities and water protection. She agreed with the League's support for an independent counsel for the Ethics Commission, which was passed by the Legislature this summer.



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PRELIMINARY DRAFT OF PROPOSITIONS THAT WILL BE ON THE BALLOT FOR RESIDENTS OF BROOKHAVEN TOWN (FOR FULLER EXPLANATION CALL NANCY MARR-730-6556)

Shall Introductory Local Law No. 15 of 2010, A Local Law Amending Chapter 65, Taxation, of the Town Code of the Town of Brookhaven by Adding New Article X, Limitations on Property Tax Revenue, providing for a cap on increasing property tax rates by not more than 4% over the previous year for the Town Wide General Fund and the Part Town General Fund, be approved?

Shall Introductory Local Law No. 12 of 2010, A Local law Amending Chapter 18, Capital Budget System, of the Town Code of the Town of Brookhaven, by Creating a Debt Management Policy and a Capital Budget Policy Limiting the Total Amount of Debt Service, in the Town Wide General Fund and requiring an offset when increasing the amount of debt service, be approved?

Shall Introductory Local Law No. 19 of 2010, A Local Law Amending the Town Code of the Town of Brookhaven by Enacting New Chapter 18B, Operating Budget, providing for a spending cap and the procedure for determining increases to the annual Town Wide General Fund, Town operating budget, be approved?

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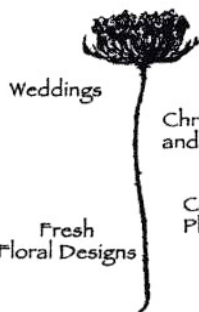
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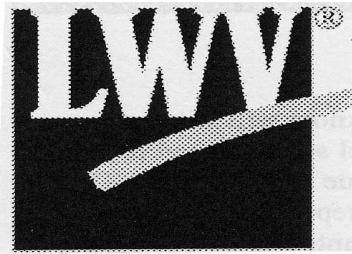


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Wed Oct 20 Suffolk County LWV Board Meeting, Riverhead Library, 10 am
Fri Oct 22 League International Dinner, Alice D'Amico's, 7 pm

NOVEMBER

- Wed Nov 10 Brookhaven LWV Board Meeting, Judi Bird's, 2 pm
Sun Nov 7 Suffolk County LWV Post-Election Breakfast, Bellport Country Club,
10:30—1:30
Mon Nov 15 LWV General Meeting, Comsewogue Library, 1:30, topic TBA
Wed Nov 17 Suffolk County LWV Board Meeting, Riverhead Library, 10 am