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League of Women Voters of Brookhaven

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"The Last Fix"

A new documentary film by filmmaker Jacqui Lofaro will be shown by the LWV of Smithtown, Thursday, Sept 30, 7 pm, at Smithtown Library— Sending substance abusers to prison does not solve the problem, not for them and not for society. What else can we do? Come and see.

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF BROOKHAVEN

SPEAKER:

SUFFOLK COUNTY LEGISLATOR

VIVIAN VILORIA FISHER

SUBJECT: LEGISLATIVE ISSUES

NEW DATE

Wednesday, September 22, 7:30 pm

At

at Sachem Public Library

150 Holbrook Road

We will also describe the new voting machines to prepare for the election

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I think we will all agree that the state of our nation is crying out for a different approach to political action. We need more people to take the thoughtful fact-gathering approach that League members take before they decide on a position.. We need people to look at both sides of an issue without decidin g ahead of time what their opinion is. We need people from with different opinions to be able to talk together without rancor, in search of solutions to ever knottier problems.

The US League, through its Global Democracy Program, is training people, especially women and youth, in political and civic engagement all over the world—in Azerbaijan, Colombia, Brazil, Madagascar. Leading the effort are Zaida Arguedas, former US LWV President Kay Maxwell, and former National Board Member Xandra Kayden.

Three Suffolk County League members have recently been appointed as a committee to guide Leagues in New York State in ways to train youth in civic engagement. They have had experience with VOTE 18, Leaderspark, and Running to Win, all programs that reach out to youth, especially girls, to help them become more politically informed and involved. If anyone in the Brookhaven League has an interest in working with youth, I can put you in touch with Lisa Scott from Smithtown, Judy Gorenstein from Huntington, or Judi Roth from the Hamptons to learn about possible approaches that work well. And that we could try in Brookhaven.

We were pleased to enter Edie Embler's name on the New York State League' Education Foundation's Sustainer's Plaque in honor of her commitment to the League (see page 5).

See page 4 for information about our meeting on September 22. Our meetings from now on will be held on the third Monday (evening or afternoon, depending on the time of the year). We wanted to schedule this when Legislator Fisher could attend, and we hope a lot of League members will come to hear her.

HELP WANTED

To bring and serve refreshments to a General meeting

To do Voter Registration at the NYS Office Building, Thursdays, 3-5 pm, Hauppauge until Oct. 1

To set up a table at your local library with voter registration forms and absentee ballot applications during September

To attend some of the Brookhaven Town Board meetings, 2nd and 4th Tuesdays, 5 pm

To organize a LWV Archive collection (to be stored at Stony Brook Library or Three Village Historical Society)

To write articles for the VOTER, either subjects of interest to you, or summaries of one of our meetings.

VOTING 2010 (from Suffolk County LWV Voter)

Despite the long wait, and the many concerns, about the new voting machines, the League members who attended the training by the Board of Elections were reassured that the new system will work. Twenty-two representatives of LWVSC and the Brookhaven, Hampsons, Huntington, and Smithtown local Leagues met with the Suffolk County Board of Elections on Wednesday, August 18, 2010.

The group learned a great deal about the new voting systems which will be in place for the September primaries and the November general election in Suffolk County. The new paper ballots and optical scan machines were available for the group to test. While individuals simulated a variety of possible markings that might occur on voters' ballots, the scanners performed very well.

The BOE itself has done a county-wide mailing to alert voters to the new system, and explain the process in a simple way. They will be sending bipartisan teams to groups that invite them to demonstrate and educate voters, and will cooperate with the local Leagues in Suffolk County as the Leagues organize dates and places for local community group voter education meetings. There will be BOE kiosks as well to assist in voter education. On Election Day it is reasonable to expect lines during peak voting times, but poll workers have undergone extensive training and will make every effort to assist voters as they adjust to a new process.

There will be four privacy booths for each Election District, and these appear to be functional and will contain instruction sheets and ballot styluses. Secrecy sleeves will be

available although the BOE anticipates that many voters will not use them since the ballots themselves can be inserted into the scanners face-up, or proposition-side-up, and either end may be inserted first. The ballots themselves now have oval marking spaces rather than boxes, which will remind voters to fill them in and not make check marks or x's (which might lead to insufficient ink in the space to be counted).

The write-in process will be very simple; the scanner will detect the writing and drop that ballot into a separate slot internal to the machine to insure the write-in vote is counted. Also, if a voter "overvotes" (fills in more than one circle for a specific race/seat) the voter is advised and the ballot can be returned to the voter by the scanner; thus the voter has the option of getting a clean blank ballot and re-doing the process from the start.

(However there is a 3-ballot maximum.)

There is a very secure system to keep track of ballots (which are detached by poll workers from a bound pad, stubs sequentially numbered; ballots cannot be traced to a voter). There are many contingency plans and clearly the Suffolk County Board of Elections has put a great deal of thought and effort into this new voting process. Absentee ballots are on normal paper stock (lighter for mailing). They are no longer sent to the polling place, but will be kept at the BOE, and visually scanned and recorded.

LWVSC and our local Leagues look forward to assisting in voter education in the coming months, in order to ease the adjustment process to the new procedures.

Vivian Viloría Fisher, our speaker on September 22, has represented Suffolk County's Fifth District since 1999, when she won a special election to the post. She currently serves as the Deputy Presiding Officer of the Suffolk County Legislature as well as the Vice-Chairperson of the Legislature's Ad Hoc Committee on Affordable Housing. Her top priorities as a legislator have been open space, quality of life, and affordable workforce housing. Her list of legislative accomplishments include:

Sponsoring the landmark \$75 million bond referendum to preserve farmland and open space and to purchase land for hamlet parks

A ban on the chemical additive MTBE

Establishment of the Agricultural Environmental Management Task Force, which examined pesticide usage in Suffolk County

Substantive amendments to the County's Affordable Housing Program

Creation of the Welfare to Work Advisory Commission which sought to increase efficiency and ease the process for clients of DSS

Preservation of Detmer Farm and the Historic Sherwood-Jayne Farmstead

The post of Suffolk County Poet Laureate

In addition, Vivian Fisher has been a knowledgeable and active advocate for homeless families, children in day care facilities, victims of domestic violence, and patients at the John J. Foley Nursing Facility. When the number of workers who were retiring from the Department of Social Services threatened to reduce the staff who could assist clients, the Legislator found a way for the Department to rehire the recently retired workers legally.

We look forward to hearing from her about legislative issues that may concern members of the League.

United Nations Event

The state League is pleased to offer the United Nations Event this year. It will be held on Tuesday, November 9 in New York City. Although the UN building is under renovations, we continue to offer the tours of the UN, lunch and a briefing by UN affiliate agencies. The topic this year will be women and microfinancing. Watch from more details in September



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Thank you for your support! – Alice D’Amico

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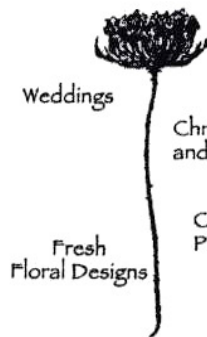
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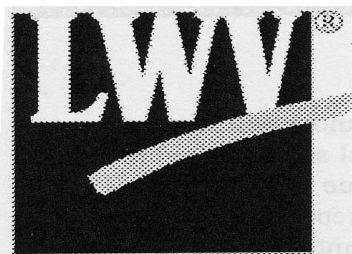
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- Wed Sept 15 Suffolk County LWV Board Meeting, Riverhead Library, 10 am
- Wed Sept 22 SPEAKER ON COUNTY LEGISLATIVE ISSUES, Sachem Library, 7:30

VIVIAN VILORIA FISHER

OCTOBER

- Wed Oct 13 Brookhaven LWV Board Meeting, Linda Devin-Sheehan's, 2 pm
- Wed Oct 20 Suffolk County LWV Board Meeting, Riverhead Library, 10 am
- Fri Oct 22 League International Dinner, Alice D'Amico's, 7 pm

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