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Marshall Receives Carrie Chapman Catt Award at 2013 Annual Meeting

By Judi Roth

A highlight of this year's LWVH Annual Meeting, held on May 5, was recognition of Anne Marshall for her contribution to our organization. The Carrie Chapman Catt award is the only annual award given by the League of Women Voters of the Hamptons. It recognizes a member who has given exception service to the League over the years and in particular the year in which it is awarded.

Anne Marshall joined LWVH around the year 2000. Although not a League member in Pittsburgh, where she and her husband Bob were long-time residents, her organization skills, intelligence and integrity were quickly recognized and put to use. Anne became president in 2005 and served one term solo and then another year with Carol Mellor. It seems to me that she has always been Voter Services Chair and, selfishly, we hope she always will be!

Anne has diplomacy, tact and patience in abundance...and needs them all to arrange candidate debates. She has spent hours on the phone with campaign managers and the candidates to settle issues with format, time, location and more. She has helped LWVH grow into the premier debate sponsor on the East End.

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ABOVE Co-president Glorian Berk, left, and (outgoing co-president) Judi Roth, right, presented the Carrie Chapman Catt Award to Anne Marshall, former LWVH president and current Voter Services chair. Photo by Arlene Hinkemeyer.

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Save The Date!

*At our Member Meeting on Monday
August 12 at 7 pm,
NYS Assemblyman Fred Thiele
will discuss highlights of the recent
legislative session in Albany.
There will be plenty of time
for questions.*

FRED THIELE

August 12 at 7 PM
Library of the Hamptons
Bridgehampton

ALL ARE WELCOME

No Member Meeting in July

The League of Women Voters of the Hamptons

Mission Statement

The League of Women Voters of the Hamptons, 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, 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 recognizes that diverse perspectives are important and necessary for responsible and representative decision-making. The League of Women Voters of the Hamptons 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 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, 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

By Judy Samuelson

I'm thrilled by the prospect of serving as co-president of this great organization. Judi Roth, Carol Mellor and Anne Marshall left some seriously big shoes to fill, not to mention keeping up with my awesome co-president Glorian. To calm myself, I looked up "duties of the President" on the State League website. It said "the president's most important role is Head Cheerleader." Well, okay! My cheering uniform is a bit outdated but I still remember that rush, when the crowd's cheering along with you. That's what Glorian and I hope to do for our league: Instill the feeling that we're all cheering for the same thing: winning.

What will a win look like? It will look like you. You coming to member meetings. You choosing to join a committee. You encouraging non-members to join us. Urging current members to get more involved.

The Membership Committee's new leaders, Joanne Samborn and Estelle Gellman, are heading the effort to gain new members. Join them, and lead by example.

Or join the Education Committee. Judi Roth has big plans to bring the voting process to fifth and sixth graders – you know, "get 'em while they're young and they're yours for life!"

Gladys Remler and the Special Events committee need your good ideas for events that raise operating funds but also show the League as a winner—events you can't wait to go to. On June 20, for example, over 40 people (members and non-members) enjoyed a tour of Sylvester Manor on Shelter Island. The event raised more than \$550 for the League.

The Voter Services committee, chaired by Anne Marshall and Carol Mellor, offers so many chances to make a difference. Be part of the League's core mission: to register and get voters to the polls. Experience the thrill of giving newly sworn-in citizens the register to vote form! Watch democracy at work when you help out at candidate debates.

The Natural Resources committee welcomes new voices. Committee Chair Susan Wilson is full of ideas. Maybe you are too. Ideas that involve more of the community...or team with like-minded groups.

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ABOVE Incoming co-president Judy Samuelson during her opening remarks at the LWWH Annual Meeting. Photo by Arlene Hinkemeyer.



Governor Cuomo Proposes Changes To NY Election Law To Make Voting Easier

By Anne Marshall and Carol Mellor

The news out of Albany lately has been both good and bad. Among the good news: the Women's Equality Agenda, which proposes ten major changes in New York State law designed to give women equal rights under the law; and movement towards Campaign Finance Reform, long a League goal. The bad news: multiple scandals and arrests have besmirched our state government.

Obscured by these items was an event of which persons interested in all things voting should be aware. The Governor has made proposals to change the way New Yorkers vote. If enacted, it would make registration easier, simplify affidavit voting, enable 16- and 17-year olds to pre-register and simplify the way one qualifies to run for office.

BROAD RANGE OF PROPOSALS

Pre-Registration of Sixteen and Seventeen Year Olds

Sixteen and seventeen year olds could "pre-register" to vote at school and at the DMV. Upon turning 18, those who pre-registered will have their information verified and be automatically registered to vote.

Ballot Simplification

League members have been well aware of the ballot's lack of clarity, readability and user-friendliness. Under the Governor's proposal, the state board of elections would be required to disseminate a standardized template to counties before a statewide election. The ballot would, among other changes:

- Display candidates' names in clear, readable text using initial capitalization (more readable than the current "all caps" approach)
- Reduce clutter near candidates' names (including removal of various symbols required by statute), increasing legibility for voters and decreasing the likelihood of scanner error
- Position fill-in ovals directly next to candidates' names on left, dramatically reducing ambiguity and confusion

Streamlined Candidate Qualification Process

Voters often bemoan the lack of real choices on election day, with many candidates running unopposed. Most of us are unaware that one major discouragement to

potential candidates is the complicated, cumbersome system of qualifying to be on the ballot. The Governor's proposals would ease and simplify the process.

Modernizing Affidavit Ballot Process

If a voter's name does not appear on the voter list at the polling site, she/he may vote by affidavit ballot. But that ballot is only counted if the affidavit was completed in his/her election district. The new proposal would count the vote if completed in the voter's county, even if in another election district.

Expanded Registration Period

As we who register voters know, NY's voter lists close 25 days before the election. Studies have shown that many voters do not become energized until closer to election day, shutting them out. This may be one reason that in 2012, NY ranked 44th in voter turnout—only 53.6% of those eligible. The Governor's proposal would close registration 10 days before Election Day. Enactment of these proposals, which have the support of our state League, would improve and simplify the voting process for all New Yorkers.

Information in this article about the details of the Governor's proposal was adapted from Governor's Statement entitled "Governor Cuomo Continues Work to Reduce Public Corruption and Reform Electoral Process by Proposing New Reforms to Strengthen State's Democracy." A copy can be found online at: http://www.lwvny.org/advocacy/elections/law/2013/GovStatement-electoral-reforms_0413.pdf

MARSHALL RECEIVES AWARD

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Voter Services meetings always run smoothly because Anne's agendas and follow-up charts give people a clear view of every step and role. For the debates, we know who will moderate, who will ask questions, who will pick up cards from the audience. For voter registration tables, we know everything from who has the forms to who brings the chairs. Anne has been effective in meeting with the Board of Elections over the years to bring problems with polling places in our area to their attention. All appreciate Anne's good ideas and calming manner. Laced with humor, Anne's comments can defuse situations and lead people to compromise.

Anne is also a judge for the Teeny Musical Awards in the Hamptons and this year became President of the Friends of the Hampton Library. She richly deserved the League's respected service award!

Health and Government Committee Report

Learning More About ACA In NY State

By Valerie King

On June 10, the LWVH hosted a meeting at the Hampton Bays Senior Citizen Center titled: "Patient Protection & The Affordable Care Act: What's Ahead?" The speaker, Mary Dewar, is President of the L.I. Coalition for a National Health Plan.

She began by pointing out that the government currently finances 50% of all healthcare in the US, with the other 50% financed by private health insurance. However, 47 million people in the US remain without health insurance, mainly because the cost has become too expensive for employers to provide, and for individuals or families to purchase. In NY State, 2.6 million people lack health insurance. The 2010 Affordable Healthcare Act (ACA) will increase health insurance coverage to individuals through consumer protections, improvements in Medicare, Medicaid expansion, affordable state plans and incentives to small businesses.

The ACA provides for Insurance Exchanges to be set up by each state. An exchange is an organized marketplace where those uninsured or insured at high cost, as well as small businesses, can buy qualified health plans easily and less expensively, through group policies (often aided by tax credits or cost-sharing subsidies). There will be individual exchanges and small business health option programs (SHOP). Plans must in place by January 1, 2014.

On July 9, 2012 Governor Cuomo chose the Exchange Program for NY, mandating ten Essential Health Benefits the plans must contain:

- * Ambulatory Patient Service
- * Emergency Services
- * Inpatient Care



Left: Naomi Epstein, LWVH. Right: Mary Dewar, president of the LI Coalition for a National Health Plan. Photos by Anne Marshall

- * Maternity and newborn care
- * Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services, including behavioral health treatment
- * Prescription Drugs
- * Rehabilitative and habilitative services
- * Laboratory Services
- * Preventive and Wellness Services and Chronic Disease Management
- * Pediatric services, including oral and vision care

ACCOMPLISHED AS OF JUNE 2013

Milestones for NYS include:

- * Placed State Exchange Program with the Department of Health
- * Obtained federal grants to set up the program
- * Established five Regional Advisory Committees to liaison between the plans and the public. Long Island's Advisory Council met on 9/24/12. Exchange policy studies were set up, basic plan emerged.
- * Completed timetable with dates.
- * Finalized contract with Computer Science Corporation to handle eligibility and enrollment plans, plan management, customer service, financial plans and reporting

An estimated population of 1.1 million is to be served by the exchanges. If a low cost option for low-income individuals up to 200% of Federal Poverty Lines, non-Medicaid eligible is set up, this may serve 468,000 and reduce the exchange size to 820,000. Ms. Dewar indicated that some states, including New York, are beginning to explore a single payer health insurance system for the future.

Approvals for specific health plans are expected in August 2013. NYS Exchange enrollment begins October 1, 2013. Several not-for-profit organizations will serve as navigators to assist individuals with enrollment. New York State Plans will become effective January 1, 2014. The LWVH health committee is actively monitoring updates in the progress of Health Care Reform.

The entire presentation can be viewed on LTV. Please check their schedule for times. Additional information can be obtained at the following websites:

- * www.HealthCareReform.ny.gov
- * HealthCareReform@exec.ny.gov
- * ExchangeRAC@health.state.ny.us
- * May/June 2013 issue of *The Voter*: "How the Affordable Care Act is making a Difference for the People of New York."
- * Also see: <http://www.lwvhamptons.org>, May/June 2013 Voter



Moderated by Lynn Sherr, left, award-winning broadcaster, author and former longtime correspondent with ABC/TV, the event panel included East Hampton Village Administrator Larry Cantwell, 2011 E.H. Town Supervisor candidate Zachary Cohen, and former LWWH president Barbara Jordan, who had initiated the League's study of Town Manager model in 2008. Not in photo are panelists Steven Altieri, Administrator of the Town of Mamaroneck, Howard Arden, Supervisor of the Town of North Castle and Carole Campolo, retired NYC government executive. Photo by Arlene Hinkemeyer

League Co-Sponsors Forum on Town Manager-Council Model

By Carol Mellor

As part of our ongoing advocacy for the Town Council - Manager form of government, on May 4, the League joined the East Hampton Good Government Group (GGG) and the East Hampton Business Alliance in sponsoring a forum in East Hampton on whether this form of government is appropriate and advisable for the Town. The League's support is based on the fact that local town government has grown in complexity to the point where professional management of the administrative details of government should be in the hands of professionals. A town manager's duties would include serving as the board's chief adviser, preparing budgets, hiring and firing department heads, supervising day-to-day operations, formulating and implementing personnel policies, negotiating contracts with employees, and enforcing local laws and ordinances.

MAKING THE CASE

Barbara Jordan explained that our town board spends "an inordinate amount of time on administrative details, many of which people are not qualified to do." This discourages some qualified, talented people from running for office. Combining the leadership of elected officials with

the managerial experience of a trained administrator overseeing delivery of public services would produce more effective and efficient government. Mr. Altieri put it succinctly: "Council members are elected to do the right thing; town managers are hired to do things right."

With the exception of Ms. Campolo, all panelists favored a change to the town manager/council model, but differed on the path to that change or the specifics of the new system. For example, Mr. Cohen said he had observed a gap in interdepartmental management and thought the presence of only elected officials created a lack of institutional knowledge. He repeated Barbara's point that the council has insufficient time to do policy work because the members are bogged down in administrative duties.

Mr. Cantwell described his transition from Town Clerk/Treasurer to Village Town Manager over 30 years as an organic process, developing slowly as he assumed ever more duties and responsibilities. He seemed to favor a process that looked toward present Town employees when seeking candidates.

COST CONCERNS

Concerns about the cost of the transition were countered in several ways. Mr. Arden stated that since the position of town manager in his town of North Castle NY was created in October, the incumbent had saved the town twice her \$135,000 per annum salary. The cost of the position was originally funded by a voluntary 60% pay

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LWVH Board Meeting Summary

INFORMATION ITEMS

- * Voting Board members approved four new Appointed Directors: Carol Mellor, Valerie King, Judi Roth and Joy Cordery.
- * Because of the July 4 holiday, the July Board meeting will be on July 10. Estelle to check room availability.
- * Judy conveyed congratulations to LWNYS award winners Judi Roth (Visibility for Get Out Vote) and Gladys Remler and Ursula Lynch (Fundraising) and to newly elected State Board members, Susan Wilson, Vice President for Development and Carol Mellor, Grassroots Director. Arlene has resigned from State Board with great appreciation for her work
- * Arlene purchased a new LWVH podium banner
- * LWV Hamptons won the recent State League raffle. Nada Barry had the winning ticket and will receive 25% of total raffle sales; LWVH receives 5% of total sales as well as 20% of those raffles purchased by our members.
- * Judi Roth and Arlene Hinkemeyer volunteered to review and approve minutes from the 2013 Annual Meeting. Judy S. will send.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- * Judy reminded all about the June 10 general meeting about the Affordable Care Act with focus on the insurance exchanges. Naomi said all is set. Valerie and Ursula will assist. Location is the Hampton Bays Senior Center. Gladys reported that she has already received 23 reservations for the June 20 fund raiser at Sylvester Manor. The manor can accommodate a maximum of 40. Judi made available discounted ferry tickets. There was discussion about how aware all participants, including the manor personnel, are of the fund raising nature of the event.
- * Carol Mellor raised a concern about Legislator Schneiderman being the scheduled speaker at our July members meeting. The issue was that his appearance might have a negative impact on the League's carefully guarded non-partisan reputation. A workshop at state convention emphasized the need to strictly adhere to this core tenet and reality is that he is now an endorsed candidate in the November election. The Board took two actions by vote: 1. To cancel the July event. 2. To invite Assemblyman Thiele to speak at an Aug. 12 event. Judi will contact Mr. Schneiderman. Anne will contact the library to cancel for July. Judi will contact Mr. Thiele.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- * There was general discussion about the Direction to the Board items members recommended at our 2013 Annual meeting in May. We voted to pursue possible action on three items:

- o Susan and the Natural Resources committee will explore ways to link with other environmental organizations and Leagues to educate the public on larger issues of water concerns.

- * They will also assume leadership in taking on the National consensus study to update the Agriculture position (this was a State League issue). Time line is on the national website now and consensus questions should be up by August.

- o Glorian will explore with Jacqui Lofaro which hamlets and towns are in the master planning process so that when possible we might exert our influence prior to publication rather than reacting after the fact.

- o We are interested in working with the Good Government Group (GGG) in East Hampton to present a forum on school district consolidation...perhaps expanding it to include Southampton.

- * There was a unanimous agreement on supporting consensus with the Ohio LWV position on Human Trafficking. Judy will complete and send the requested form back to LWNYS. Membership will be notified about this through Constant Contact.

- * Judy expressed gratitude to Carol for assuming responsibilities for both Constant Contact and Facebook aspects of the Communication Secretary role.

- * Because of the fast approaching date of the Vote on Gov. Cuomo's Women's Equality Act we agreed to act as private citizens to contact both Senator LaValle and Assemblyman Thiele to ask their support. Ursula described vividly her participation in the rally on June 4 in Albany to support this ten point act.

- * There was agreement to require more information about a letter from the Group for the East End to Southampton Supervisor requesting support for the preservation of the Hills Property in East Quogue. Glorian will get back to the board with details.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- * *The Voter.* Joy distributed Voter ads forms and discussed the need to aggressively pursue getting new ads. Judi Roth has joined Joy's advertising campaign. She noted that asking one's own service businesses to become advertisers proved worthwhile for her. She encouraged all to think in those terms. July 12 is the deadline for ad submission.

- * Since other committee reports had either been essentially covered by relevant previous discussion or needed no elaboration, no formal reporting occurred.

Next board meeting: Wednesday July 10, 5:30 pm at Bridgehampton Bank.

Respectfully submitted, Anne K. Marshall

July-August 2013

Note: Meeting dates and times are published several weeks in advance and are subject to change. Please contact the Chairs or visit our website at www.lwvhamptons.org for updates. If you don't see a meeting for a committee of interest, contact the Chair of that committee. Contact information is listed on last inside page of The Voter and on the website, www.lwvhamptons.org.

July 9 - 10:00 AM Tuesday	Natural Resources Committee Meeting	Hampton Library, Bridgehampton Contact Sue Wilson at 283-6549
July 10 - 12:30 PM Wednesday	Voter Services Committee Meeting	Hampton Library, Bridgehampton
July 10 - 3:30 PM Wednesday	Special Events Committee Meeting	Hampton Library, Bridgehampton Contact Gladys Remler: specialevents@lwvhamptons.org
July 10 - 5:30 PM Wednesday	LWVH Board Meeting	Bridgehampton National Bank, Bridgehampton
No Board Meeting in August		
August 7 - 2:30 PM Wednesday	Special Events Committee Meeting	Cooper Hall, Southampton Contact Gladys Remler: specialevents@lwvhamptons.org
August 12 - 7:00 PM Monday	Member Meeting	Fred Thiele Reviews NYS Legislative Session Hampton Library, Bridgehampton
August 13 - 10:00 AM Tuesday	Natural Resources Committee Meeting	Hampton Library, Bridgehampton Contact Sue Wilson at 283-6549
TOWN BOARD MEETINGS		
July 9 - 1:00 PM	Southampton Town Board Meeting	Town Hall Board Room, Southampton Town Hall, 116 Hampton Rd., Southampton
July 18 - 7:00 PM	East Hampton Town Board Meeting	Town Hall Courtroom, 159 Pantigo Rd., East Hampton
July 23 - 6:00 PM	Southampton Town Board Meeting	Town Hall Board Room, Southampton Town Hall, 116 Hampton Rd., Southampton
August 1 - 7:00 PM	East Hampton Town Board Meeting	Town Hall Courtroom, 159 Pantigo Rd., East Hampton
August 13 - 1:00 PM	Southampton Town Board Meeting	Town Hall Board Room, Southampton Town Hall, 116 Hampton Rd., Southampton
August 15 - 7:00 PM	East Hampton Town Board Meeting	Town Hall Courtroom, 159 Pantigo Rd., East Hampton
August 27 - 6:00 PM	Southampton Town Board Meeting	Town Hall Board Room, Southampton Town Hall, 116 Hampton Rd., Southampton

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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Naomi Epstein has reenergized the Government-Health committee. But a newly merged group like this is always short of hands. Just educating ourselves and the community about the Affordable Care Act is huge. And there are other local health issues we can advocate for – like emergency rooms closer than Southampton, especially in the summer! Not to mention advancing ideas for

improving the way our local governments operate, as with a town manager/council form of government.

With your support, the League of the Hamptons can make even more of a difference in our communities. Will you give us your ideas and energy? I'm so looking forward to working with all of you...starting with Glorian and the great board you've just elected. Thank you!



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July 2013

Wednesdays July 17 and August 21 LWVSC Board Meetings/Retreat- time/location tbd

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LWV of Suffolk County receives Voter Service Award at the LWV of New York State biennial convention in Albany on June 1

We were honored to be recognized by the LWNYS board for our ongoing voter registration and education work at the naturalization ceremonies at the Alfonse D'Amato Federal Courthouse in Central Islip.

Specifically, "The planning and execution of the project required incredible coordination and communication, with the end result that the four Leagues involved (Brookhaven, the Hamptons, Huntington, and Smithtown) distributed more than 10,000 voter registration forms," a "very valuable community service."

LWVSC Annual Convention honors Bill Lindsay with Liberty Award; SC Leg. Sarah Anker and LIWA's Gina D'Andrea Weatherup Speak

LWV of Suffolk County's 45th Annual Convention was held on May 9, 2013 at SCCC Riverhead. Representatives of our local Leagues heard SC Legislator Sarah Anker speak on "Looking Toward Suffolk County's Future" while Gina D'Andrea Weatherup, Long Island Women's Agenda's Liaison, Legislative Affairs and Leadership Council, and Community Affairs and Advocacy Manager, Planned Parenthood Hudson Peconic educated us on the New York Women's Equality Agenda.

LWVSC's 2013 Liberty Award, which honors an individual or organization whose

passion, leadership, and action have had a significant impact on a priority issue of LWVSC, was presented to Presiding Officer Bill Lindsay of the Suffolk County Legislature (the first time it was given to an elected official).

Specifically, "Bill's twelve years in the County Legislature, and particularly his eight years as Presiding Officer, reflect his passion for good government and the needs of Suffolk County residents, his leadership skills in the horseshoe at Hauppauge and Riverhead, and his action on what is really needed to get the right things done."

"I want to thank the League of Women Voters for this special honor," said Presiding Officer Lindsay. "The members of this organization have participated in many of our legislative meetings, and they work tirelessly to register new voters. I greatly value their continued efforts toward engaging active participants in our democratic process."



Photo above: Bill Lindsay, Presiding Officer of the Suffolk County Legislature, receives LWVSC's Liberty Award from Lisa Scott, LWVSC President.

Photos below: SC Legislator Sarah Anker; Long Island Womens Agemda's Gina D'Andrea Weatherup, guest speakers.

Many thanks to our outgoing board members Eileen Coblens and Barbara Magaliff of LWV Huntington, who will continue their service as off-board specialists in Health Issues.

Welcome to our incoming directors Barbara McClancy and Judi Roth of LWV of the Hamptons.



Recipient of this year's \$1,000 Betty Desch Award for Student Leadership was Paris Hodges, a senior at Southampton High School. Presenting the award was outgoing co-president Judi Roth, left. Photo by Arlene Hinkemeyer.

Paris Hodges: 2013 Betty Desch Scholarship Recipient

By Judi Roth

This year's Betty Desch scholarship applicant pool was 28 deep—the most we've ever had, and the students' versatility, high standards, hard work and drive continued to amaze. The selection committee—Judi Roth, Beth Barth, Ann Sandford, Joanne McEvoy Samborn, Estelle Gellman and Vicki Umans—spent many hours on the selection. We chose Paris Hodges of Southampton High School because from good community service, to sports to a high level of academic achievement, Paris has it all. She plans to attend Brandeis University in the fall.

Paris' essay really set her apart from the other worthy candidates. She had volunteered to put together a prom for senior citizens and this is what she wrote: "To tell the truth, I was nervous to host a prom because I wasn't sure how to hold a conversation with someone so much older than me. However, all my worries disappeared as soon as I was introduced to my 'date' Larry. As soon as Larry stepped through the door he started a conversation. He spoke about how he was the only one left in his family. His wife died and he lived alone. He talked about the time he spent in the war. We were so deep in conversation I forgot we were at a prom. He quickly reminded me when he asked if I knew how to do the jitterbug. I couldn't imagine it being that hard—because after all I do dance at parties—so I told him I would try. To my dismay, Larry's moves were so intricate that I felt

like I had two left feet. How could a ninety-year-old out-dance me? I realized my preconceived notions about the elderly were not true. Everyone has a story to tell and some people just need someone to listen to them."

This beautifully written paragraph showed us so much about Paris—vulnerability, humility and a sense of fun. She also has fun on the basketball court, where she helped her Southampton H.S. team become the Long Island Class B champions for the first time in their history. In addition to having been president and vice-president of her class, she volunteers at the Shinnecock Indian education program to help elementary school children with their homework, because she had benefited from this program and felt it was now her turn to give back.

Paris, her parents and sister attended the League's annual meeting as did Sherrilyne Blakey-Smith, the Southampton Schools Community Liaison.

GGG PANEL DISCUSSION

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cut by the Supervisor and eliminating medical benefits for elected officials. Mr. Cantwell noted the Village was able to hire a well-qualified replacement at a starting salary of \$90,000.

POLITICAL REPERCUSSIONS

Concerns that politics would control hiring and retention of a town manager, who, generally, is not a civil servant and serves at the pleasure of the council, were countered by the experience of Mr. Altieri, who has served for 30 years, under seven different boards, sometimes controlled by Democratic council members, other times by Republican majorities.

MORE TOWN EMPLOYEES.

Ms. Campolo's concern that the town should be decreasing rather than increasing head count was countered by Mr. Cantwell's observation that part of a town manager's duties would be to study departmental organization, eliminating positions in view of efficiency and overlapping responsibilities. Mr. Arden noted that the number of employees had decreased since the new position in New Castle.

Asked how many attendees favored the town manager/council form of government, the vast majority raised their hands. This sentiment was echoed in the May 9 *East Hampton Star* editorial which came away with the unmistakable impression that "Reading the tea leaves, it appears that East Hampton Town may be advertising for a town manager some time soon."

Recent Events



ABOVE LWWH delegates and LWWNYS Board members, left to right, Carol Mellor, Susan Wilson and Arlene Hinkemeyer exhibit the two awards that the Hamptons League won at State Convention--one for Fundraising, and one for Visibility.

RIGHT At the LWWNYS convention, June 1-2 in Albany, Kate Jankowski, left, the new on-staff LWWNYS Communication and Development Coordinator, and Susan Wilson, the newly-elected LWWNYS Vice President for Development, gave a workshop on "Development for All."



Students Inside Albany: Bigger & Better Every Year

By Laura Ladd Bierman Executive Director LWWNYS

The following is a very brief summary of this special annual event. LWWH's 2013 attendees were Tiger Britt and Jake Ruehl of Pierson High School

From April 14 to 17, 55 students, from H.S. sophomores to seniors from 37 local Leagues across the state, attended Students Inside Albany (SIA). They met legislators, learned about the Capitol, differences between state government and others, and received guidance from various members of our state League. They observed the legislature in session, shadowed an Assembly Member, learned techniques of lobbying, and we hope, developed a strong interest in participating in democracy at various levels.

Quotes from some of the students:

- ✿ *It was a great eye opening experience. I learned way more than I ever did in class. It makes me want to do something and continue learning.*
- ✿ *I definitely want to become more involved in my state government because I now understand how it directly affects my family's life.*
- ✿ *It broadened my interests and changed my views about parties. Now I feel more passionate towards it.*
- ✿ *It was a wonderful experience! I got to meet amazing people my age, and speak to inspiring people who were amiable and informative.*
- ✿ *The speakers showed us how much of a difference one individual can make.*

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