



# THE VOTER

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## Voter Services Announces Important Election Dates; Defends Voting Rights

By Anne Marshall

It's just about time to put away the beach chairs and towels and pull out the rakes and light jackets. And from this column's point of view, it is also time to pay closer attention to dates related to voting. And there are a number of them.

- **Primary Election Day: Thursday, September 10 (That is a change). Polls open 6 AM to 9 PM**
- **National Voter Registration Day: Tuesday, September 22 (11 a.m.-1 p.m. in the Hamptons)**
- **Voter registration deadline: postmarked by Friday, October 9**
- **Absentee ballot application by mail: postmarked by Tuesday, October 27**
- **LWVH East Hampton Town & Suffolk County Candidates debate: Tuesday, October 13, 7:00 PM, Emergency Services Bldg., Cedar Street, East Hampton Village**

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Beth Barth, center, and Anne Marshall, right, register voters in Sag Harbor during last year's National Voter Registration Day.

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## SAVE THE DATE SEPTEMBER DATES

***Monday, September 21***  
**LWVH New Member Orientation**

***Tuesday, September 22***  
**Nat'l Voter Registration Day**  
LWVH is planning to register voters  
11 a.m.-1 p.m. at 12 sites  
from Westhampton Beach to Montauk.  
Email Voter Services co-chair  
Anne Marshall to volunteer.

## 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 Glorian Berk

The Presidential Election is still 15 months away -- yet when I turn on the national news each day, I'm bombarded with sound bites from the potential candidates. With 15+ candidates vying for the Republican nomination and several people running against Hillary Clinton for the Democratic nomination, the media certainly has the fodder to fill their broadcasts and the Sunday talk shows. Locally, it sounds like we'll also have a very hotly contested Congressional race watched across the country in 2016.

In this November's election, we will be choosing a new County Representative, as our current representative is term limited. Town Supervisor and Councilperson elections also take place this fall.

As I become frustrated by the overwhelming media coverage -- both nationally and locally -- I'm reminded that one of the core roles of the League of Women Voters is to educate the public about candidates' views on issues. There will be an important role for each level of the League -- national, state and local. Voters will be looking for accurate, unbiased information. This is where LWV can shine.

For the 2015 election season, LWWH will use Vote411.org to provide candidates' views on local issues. We'll provide information on primary and general election dates and polling places. LWWH plans to sponsor two debates in October. The East Hampton debate will take place at the E.H. Emergency Services Building on Tuesday, October 13th. Candidates for the County Legislature, Town Supervisor and Town Councilpersons will be invited. Co-sponsored by Rogers Memorial Library, the Southampton debate will take place on Thursday, October 22nd and will also include candidates for County Legislature, Town Supervisor and Town Council. The Press News Group has asked the League to coordinate local debates and "meet the candidates" gatherings in an attempt to streamline the number of these events. The Voter Services Committee is moving forward with this.

The Presidential election next year will give LWV opportunities and challenges. The National League will need to provide potential voters with unbiased information on candidates' views on issues. Locally, LWWH will sponsor local debates, register voters, provide absentee ballots and encourage voter participation. Our Voter Services Committee will be working hard and will need the support of many of our members, not just committee members. These activities will have the additional benefit of potentially bringing in new members to the League as we interact with the public in this visible role.

## League Learns of Role of East Hampton & Southampton Anti-Bias Task Forces

By Arlene Hinkemeyer

Introduced by League co-president Judy Samuelson, the five panelists at the LWVH program on July 13 at Bridgehampton's Hampton Library enlightened all on "The Work of the East Hampton and Southampton Anti-Bias Task Forces."

Both groups serve as advisory committees to the Town Boards, they explained, with Sylvia Overby as the E.H. Town Board liaison, and Brad Bender and Bridget Fleming as the S.H. Town Board liaisons. Both consist of residents who strive to address issues of prejudice and discrimination; encourage fair treatment, dignity and respect for all people; and serve as a liaison among the community, religious institutions, schools, law enforcement and government.

### Southampton Town ABTF

James Banks, chair of the Southampton ABTF, spoke about the formation of the county-wide ABTF by Rabbi Dr. Steven Moss in 1990, who still co-chairs the Suffolk County ABTF and also has served as chair of the Suffolk County Human Rights Commission since 1992. Mr. Banks spoke about the Synergy Program, to develop relationships between community, police and students, and the task force's future plans for other programs for students and parents, such as a Leadership Academy, The Together Project, an Ambassador Program, and a Parent University.

Susan Jennings, vice chair, explained the work of the grievance committee, with its six-step process for mediating issues; the legislative committee; the education and school committee; the outreach committee; and the special projects committee, which sponsors the East End Community Picnic that she heads.

All are invited to the 11th Annual Great East End Community Picnic, she said, on Saturday, September 12, from 1-5 p.m., at Red Creek Park in Hampton Bays, featuring free hot dogs, beverages and ice cream, music, games and crafts.

### East Hampton Town ABTF

From the East Hampton ABTF, which was organized in 1993 and then lapsed, member Audrey Gaines, its outreach coordinator, explained that it started up again two years ago and is reaching out to the schools and the Latino community.

Members Edna Steck and Kim Jones said the ABTF had revised its bylaws, reactivated its hotline, developed an informational brochure, held a successful film festival, invited well-known speakers such as Rabbi Moss of the Suffolk County ABTF and Lucius Ware of the NAACP, and is working to improve relations between the police and Latino community through an Intercultural Day in September.

## Anti-BIAS TASK FORCE



Co-President Judy Samuelson, at podium, introduces panelists, left to right, Southampton ABTF chair James Banks and vice chair Susan Jennings, and East Hampton ABTF members Audrey Gaines, Edna Steck and Kim Jones.



Left to right, Southampton ABTF chair James Banks and vice chair Susan Jennings.



Left to right, East Hampton Town ABTF members Audrey Gaines, Edna Steck and Kim Jones.

# Health Committee Report

## Health Care Generates News on Many Fronts

By Kaye W. Umana, M.D. and Valerie King, Ph.D.

This month we have much to celebrate on both the national and community health care fronts, but there is still much more to achieve.

Nationally, on July 30, we celebrated the 50th anniversary of the implementation of Medicare and Medicaid. On July 30, 1965 President Lyndon B. Johnson signed into law both programs. The programs provide health care coverage for more than 100 million of the nation's most vulnerable patients: low income children and families, persons with disabilities and our senior citizens.

Under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, commonly called the Affordable Care Act (ACA) or Obamacare which President Obama signed into law on March 23, 2010, the number of Americans without health insurance continues to drop. Nationwide the uninsured rate declined from 17.3 percent in 2013 to 11.7 percent through the first half of 2015. As successful as the Affordable Care Act has been, it still faces challenges in Congress and the Federal Courts.

In May the New York State Assembly passed the "New York Health Act," a universal health care bill, by a vote of 92 to 52. However, the New York Senate took no action on the bill.

Finally in Congress, some Representatives have reintroduced H.R. 676 National Single Payer Health Care legislation known as the "Expanded and Improved Medicare for All Act." The primary sponsor is Representative John Conyers. It has been introduced every session of Congress since 2003.

Locally we can report that the Montauk Meeting House Lane Medical Practice has a new Family Physician who is on the staff of Southampton Hospital. We welcome Dr.

Michael Genereaux to the South Fork.

The Westhampton Beach Meeting House Lane Medical Practice will be relocating soon to a new modern facility down the street from its current location.

As a result of the merger by Southampton Hospital with Stony Brook University Hospital, we look forward to Southampton Hospital participating in the Delivery System Reform Incentive Program (DSRIP). Briefly, this program studies the restructuring necessary to improve the manner in which health care is delivered in Suffolk County, particularly for Medicaid beneficiaries and uninsured patients, with a focus on reducing hospitalizations.

The Hudson River Health Care Kraus Family Health Center in Southampton has begun its dental program. LWVH Health Committee Chair Valerie King has become part of the Health Center's Community Board.

In addition, Southampton Hospital is initiating the SBIRT program of Screening, Brief Intervention, Referral to Treatment program to identify patients who present behavioral/mental health problems. The LWVH Health Committee continues to receive updates on local behavioral/mental health efforts of the South Fork Behavioral Health Initiative led by Assemblyman Fred Thiele.

Lastly, the partnership between Southampton Hospital and Stony Brook University Hospital will also result in the relocation of the Stony Brook University Family Medicine Residency Program to Southampton Hospital.

The LWVH Health Committee is planning activities this fall that are focused on updates regarding health concerns for our community. If you are interested in joining the committee, please contact chairperson Valerie King at [valeriekingphd@gmail.com](mailto:valeriekingphd@gmail.com)



Stony Brook University Hospital and Southampton Hospital used this conjoined photo to announce their merger.

## Students to Visit Suffolk County Legislature in October

By Judi Roth

On October 15th, students from five East End high schools plus students from Brookhaven area high schools will spend "A Day Inside the Suffolk County Legislature." Modeled on "Students Inside Albany," this Suffolk County League inaugural program will enable us to introduce up to 50 students to their local government. On October 8th, the towns of Smithtown and Huntington will repeat this visit.

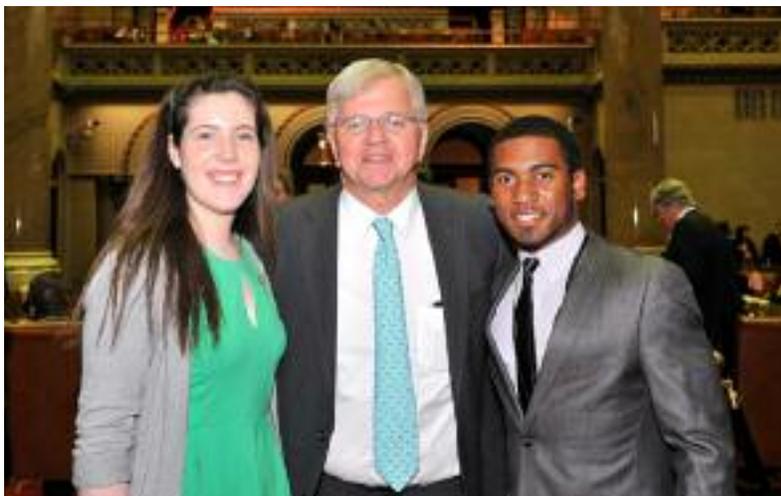
On a visit to Lora Gellerstein, Chief of Staff to the Presiding Officer of the Legislature, Lisa Scott (President of Suffolk County LWV) and Mary McLaughlin (Smithtown LWV) discovered that the Legislature already had the outlines for such a program, and we immediately began to plan for this inter-League event.

The day will be a full one and will include the following:

- Welcome by Lora and Lisa with a history of the Legislature, overview of what the Legislature does and how the League interacts with the Legislature.
- Students meet with the legislators from their districts.
- Presentations will be made by county officials such as the Director of the Budget Review Office, the County Clerk, the Medical Examiner, the County Attorney, the Commissioners of Health, Labor, IT, Social Services, etc. These presentations will not only explain what the County does for the public, but will also give students ideas on the kinds of jobs that are available within government. Hopefully, County Executive Steve Bellone will also be available to talk to the students (future voters all!).
- After lunch and a tour of the building, students will take part in a mock debate in the "horse shoe" auditorium.

Students will be assigned roles (legislator, member of the public, lobbyist, reporter, etc.), will decide on a mock piece of legislation (which will be pre-drafted) and then they will listen to testimony, debate the pros and cons and vote on the legislation.

Breakfast and lunch are included and paid for by the County. Transportation will be provided by the schools. We are on a tight schedule to get this organized in late September; members of the Education Committee spent a good part of June making contact with our schools so that we will have everything in place to take advantage of this wonderful opportunity to teach students about the importance of government in their lives.



As part of their exciting Students Inside Albany experience, May 17-20, our two delegates--Southampton High School senior Sarah Pierson (now a freshman at Gettysburg College) and junior William Taylor Reddick (now a senior)--enjoyed a session on the floor of the New York State Assembly with our Assemblyman Fred Thiele, Jr.

# Highlights of Minutes of July 1, 2015 Board Meeting

## **LWVNY Convention Events as reported by Judy Samuelson:**

- The Education Committee won an award (tied with Saratoga County) in Youth Services.
- We received an honorable mention in “Visibility” and Pewter Platter Award for outstanding growth in Leagues with membership between 50 and 150 members. Good work by the Membership Committee.
- The delegates voted to send a letter to Governor Cuomo to appoint a commission to look into pros and cons of holding a Constitutional Convention.
- We voted to hold a concurrence meeting in the fall with Ohio’s position to raise the age for adulthood in criminal matters from 16 to 18 years of age. LWVH’s Carol Mellor is preparing the materials for State League.
- Delegates voted to increase the PMP (per member payment) to State League by \$2.
- The workshops were very worthwhile. They generated new ideas for membership, fundraising and registering voters.

## **Information Items**

- Great work by the Special Events committee for the well-attended Amazing Amagansett fundraising event on June 10.
- Members urged to ask legislators to oppose “Parental Choice” bill, which negates 1967 Blaine Amendment separating church and state. If passed, the new bill will allow individuals big tax breaks for contributions to any school, private or parochial, etc. This bill did not pass.
- Arlene will edit September Voter, deadline August 15.
- A proposal passed, to not have a Board meeting or PIM (public information meeting) in August.

## **Upcoming Events:**

- July 4 Parade in Southampton. The roving voter registration plan was discussed, but the LWVH decided not to participate.
- July 13 PIM will consist of a panel of members of the SH and EH Anti-Bias task forces, to be held at the BH Library. Judy will handle refreshments. Arlene will contact SEA-TV for local television coverage.
- July 15 the LWVSC will hold its annual retreat at Judy’s house.

## **Discussion Items:**

- The LWVH voted to donate \$150 each to the D’Amico Art Barge and the EH Historical Society for the wonderful tours they gave for the League’s Amazing Amagansett fundraiser on June 10. The Art Barge consists of the Barge and the D’Amico house, and the EH Historical Society owns both the Marine Museum and the Lifesaving Station.

- It was decided that instead of a PIM for September, there will be a new member orientation. It will be held on Monday, September 21 from 4-6 pm. and will include all committee chairs presenting what they are working on.
- Cathy Peacock has agreed to take over as the “Voter” advertising manager. In the next two weeks she will send a cover letter and bill to all the current advertisers. Hopefully they will all renew. Thank you, Cathy.
- The LWVUS is doing two consensus studies on Money in Politics and the US Constitutional Amendment process. We will participate, and the Government Committee will coordinate.
- The Board voted to make every effort not to pay its PMP (quarterly per member payments) to the LWVNY from its tax deductible Education Foundation donations, because while the State League has large reserves in its Education Foundation, it is having trouble meeting its regular operating expenses, which come from PMP to the LWVNY. Instead we will use our Education Foundation donations to pay for local events of an educational nature.

## **Committee Reports:**

- The Natural Resources Committee reports that the Drinking Water Forum held in conjunction with the Health Committee on June 8 was successful, with a great panel and water tasting event. They are also planning a visit to Plum Island on October 6th for a maximum of 10 people.
- The Health Committee reports that the Single Payer has passed the NYS Assembly, but it will probably not make it in the Senate. Their next meeting is in September.
- Public Relations reports that Arlene and Eva Moore did the June clean up on our “adopt a road” in EH.
- Estelle informed us that the Government Committee will coordinate and observe the EH and SH town meetings. Its next committee meeting is September 9, 1:30 p.m. at BH Library.
- Membership reports that there are 152 current members.
- Judi reports that she will remind the students who attended “Students Inside Albany” in May to submit their article. Judi is also now the off-board Education specialist for LWVNY.
- Anne reports that the Voter Services Committee has scheduled two debates for the elections this fall. EH will be on Tuesday, October 13, 7 p.m. at the EH Village FD building and SH on Thursday, October 22 at 6 pm at the SH Library. Additionally, Joe Shaw of the SH/EH press group has requested we act as a clearinghouse to coordinate local debates, and the Voter Services Committee has taken on that task.

The next Board meeting is Wednesday, September 2, 5:30 pm at the Bridgehampton National Bank.



# Suffolk County Voter

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LWVSC Board Meeting: 9:30 am Wednesday Sept. 16 at SCCC, Main St., Riverhead

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## LWVSC Continues Research on Water Issues in Suffolk County: Dan Gulizio to speak at 11am September 16 (after LWVSC board meeting)

WATER - aquifers and groundwater, estuaries, bays and rivers, natural challenges, man-made threats, storm drain/run-off worries, leaching, sewerage (or not), saltwater incursions, non-biodegradable plastics... the list can go on and on.

Over the last few years, LWVSC has invited speakers to our events and meetings. Dr. Sarah Meyland (Water for Long Island), and Bob DeLuca (Group for the East End) have each spoken to us in Riverhead, and our local Leagues have attended and presented numerous conferences and forums on water issues.

On Wednesday September 16 at 11am (at the close of our regular monthly board meeting) LWVSC will be joined by Dan Gulizio, the Executive Director of Peconic Baykeeper, a water quality advocacy not-for-profit organization whose mission is to promote drinkable, swimmable, fishable water. Dan will be talking about the connection between land use and water quality along with strategies for improving both ground and surface water resources.

Dan has worked as a planner for over 25 years and has previously served as the Deputy Director of Planning for Suffolk County, Commissioner of Planning, Environment and Land Management for the Town of Brookhaven and Commissioner of Planning and Development for the Town of Islip. He also serves as the Executive Director of The Community Planning Center, a non-profit organization committed to scientifically supported and community-based planning.

Local League members are invited to attend, but must advise a LWVSC board member in advance to plan for adequate seating.

## LWVSC Voter Service Initiative in Partnership with Suffolk Bus Service

Thanks to the efforts and leadership of LWV SC director Judi Roth, (LWV Hamptons), we will be producing and placing public information signage (11" x 28") inside each of the 157 Suffolk buses during the two weeks before the November 3 general election. We're working on the design and translation (there will be 2 signs on each bus in English and Spanish) and we'll post the sign on the LWVSC website and encourage others to use it as well.

Our goal is to spread awareness of the election date and times, encourage public education on local candidates and increase voter turnout.

## League Connections Lead to.... Social Media Hints, Insights, Tools for Action

Local Leagues share ideas with each other via the LWVSC and also have access to LWVNY and LWVUS resources and people. Discussions at the LWVSC board retreat in mid-July at Judy Samuelson's home led to an informative, thought provoking conference call for three of our local League social media specialists with a LWVUS resource person.

LWV Brookhaven's Marilyn Beard, LWV Hamptons' Judy Samuelson and LWV Huntington's Brenda Reiss spent an hour on the phone with Amy Hjerstedt, who had used social media to establish a new local League (LWV of the Eastern Upper Peninsula in Michigan). Amy has since moved to the DC area, but her efforts are being continued in Michigan. She is an example of a League leader who is young, passionate, engaged in social media, and willing to share and work with others.

Amy led the hour-long telephone discussion on in-depth Facebook/topics. The three local League call participants found the conversation a great way to learn from other levels of LWV and share best practices that get results—and now have new ideas to try to increase their local League's visibility on social media and in the community.

## Government Committee Report

# Gov't Committee to Lead LWVUS Consensus Study Reviewing "Money in Politics"

By Estelle Gellman

The Government Committee has a full agenda for the fall. In addition to scheduling the Town Board watch and interviews with local office holders, we will be studying the role of money in politics. This is one of the topics that the national League of Women Voters selected for a consensus study at National Convention 2014.

Members of the Government Committee have already started reading about this topic and will begin planning for the consensus process at our meeting on September 9th. The broad question to be studied is whether financing a political campaign is protected speech under the First Amendment. In addressing this question, the consensus study will consider: (1) the rights of individuals and organizations, under the First Amendment, to express their political views through independent expenditures and the finance of elec-

tion campaign activities; and (2) how those rights, if any, should be protected and reconciled with the interests set out in the LWV's current position.

We welcome all members who are interested in becoming involved with any aspect of our agenda and, for purposes of diversity, we are particularly interested in welcoming members from towns other than East Hampton, where most of our current committee members reside. If you are interested in this committee, please contact Estelle Gellman at [estelle.s.gellman@hofstra.edu](mailto:estelle.s.gellman@hofstra.edu)



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## Voter Services Report

- **LWVH Southampton Town & Suffolk County Candidates debate: Thursday, October 22, 6:00 PM, Rogers Memorial Library, Coopers Farm Rd., Southampton Village**
- **Mail-in absentee ballot deadline: postmarked by Monday, November 2**
- **General Election Day: Tuesday, November 3. Polls open 6 AM to 9 PM.**

The right and responsibility to vote can never be too exaggerated or over emphasized. It is especially ironic that it was 50 years ago that President Lyndon B. Johnson signed the Voting Rights Act (VRA) into law. The VRA was a cornerstone achievement of the civil rights movement and ensured that every American citizen, regardless of race, ethnicity or language, had equal access to the right to vote. But two years ago, the U.S. Supreme Court overturned a key part of the VRA.

Since then The League of Women Voters and other advocacy groups have been lobbying for Congress to restore those key elements.

A section of the website of the national LWV reads as follows:

"Congress currently has before it various proposals to restore the protections that the Supreme Court stripped away, but Con-

gressional leaders have ignored public calls to restore the VRA. Voter discrimination cannot be tolerated. For 95 years, the League of Women Voters has been fighting to keep the power of our democracy in the hands of the people, and we will not remain silent as the voting rights of Americans across the country remain at risk. **Join us as we tell Congress to restore the Voting Rights Act."**

Log on to [lww.org](http://lww.org) and join with us as we continue to support every citizen's right to voting access.



### News From Your State League

By Arlene Hinkemeyer

#### **NYS Leagues to Celebrate Triple 100th Anniversaries**

The State League is gathering information on all activities, events and forums that will be held during the next five years to celebrate the 100th anniversary of women's right to vote in New York State (2017), the 100th anniversary of the State League (2019), and the 100th anniversary of women's right to vote in the United States (2020). They hope to coordinate League activities with other organizations across the state, create a comprehensive calendar of events, and create a committee to organize the State League's own events.

#### **NYS League Education Foundation Raises Over \$400,000 in "League Matters Campaign"!**

The NYS League announced in July that its special "The League Matters Campaign" exceeded its goal of \$400,000 and raised \$409,014 in tax deductible donations to its Education Foundation!

To ensure its continued strength and impact as LWVNY approaches its 100th anniversary, the NYS League will use the funds to "enhance the State League's professional staff, programs and educational tools that support our local Leagues." This will include program-ready materials and local League training; low-cost brochures and online resources such as

Vote411.org; non-partisan educational opportunities and materials; and youth programs that promote leadership development, civic responsibility and a passion for government.

As of mid-June, 313 people made gifts to this special campaign, 70% being current members from 41 local Leagues throughout the state. A percentage of each donation was returned to the local League.

#### **Valuable Handouts Now Posted on LWVNY.ORG from LWVNYS Convention in June**

League committee chairs and members will find that valuable handouts from the LWVNYS Convention in June are now available on the LWVNY website at [lwvny.org](http://lwvny.org)

These include materials on:

- a wide range of fundraising ideas;
- membership and leadership development, board orientation programs, methods for recruiting volunteers and delegating duties;
- setting up Vote411.org
- visibility and use of social media
- youth programs
- health care.



Women first voting in New York State in 1917.



Women celebrating the passage of the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution in 1920, earning the right to vote nationwide.



The logo of the League's online voters' guide.



## FUEL SAVING TIPS

By Joanne McEvoy-Samborn

### 1: DRIVE AT A MODERATE SPEED

This is the biggest factor. Driving at 55 mph instead of 65 or 75 will save you money.

### 2: DRIVE SMOOTHLY

Avoid hard acceleration and braking whenever possible.

### 3: REDUCE UNNECESSARY DRAG

At highway speeds, more than 50% of engine power goes to overcoming aerodynamic drag. So don't carry things on top of your vehicle when you don't have to.

### 4: DON'T USE PREMIUM FUEL IF YOU DON'T HAVE TO.

If your car specifies regular fuel, don't buy premium under the mistaken belief that your engine will run better.

### 5: MINIMIZE DRIVING WITH A COLD ENGINE

Engines run most efficiently when they are warm.

### 6: KEEP TIRES PROPERLY INFLATED

Check the pressure of your vehicle's tires at least once a month with a tire gauge.

### 7: BUY TIRES WITH LOWER ROLLING RESISTANCE

A tire's rolling resistance can add or detract another 1 or 2 mpg.

### 8: AVOID IDLING FOR LONG PERIODS

As a rule, turn off your engine if you expect to sit for more than about 30 seconds.

SOURCE: [www.ConsumerReports.org](http://www.ConsumerReports.org)



## East Hampton Town Adopt-A-Road Clean-Up Continues

LWVH member Eva Moore of Montauk, pictured, helped Arlene Hinkemeyer collect litter in June on the League's designated street of Pantigo Place, which the League has pledged to clean monthly.

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## Welcome to New Members

By Marsha Kranes

Additional new members will be profiled in future Voters.

### MARGARITTA DIGGS

Margaritta, who grew up in Westchester County, taught English in public high schools in Queens for 34 years after earning a BA in English literature at NYU and an MA in secondary education and learning disabilities at Hofstra. She also did postgraduate work in linguistics and ESL at Queens and Hunter colleges. She and her husband, a college professor, lived full-time in Forest Hills until 1990, when they began spending weekends and summers in a house they bought in Springs. They moved there full-time in 2010 after they both retired. Since then Margaritta has overseen the renovation of their house, enjoyed gardening, traveling and her husband's cooking, and seen their daughter begin college. Margaritta joined the LWVH at the invitation of her Springs neighbor, LWVH vice president Estelle Gellman, who coincidentally was her statistics professor at Hofstra. Margaritta is now sharing her expertise with us as a member of the education committee.

### SHARON OLENDER

Sharon, a Brooklyn native, earned a BA in education at Brooklyn College, an MA in administration at Hunter College, and a doctorate in educational leadership at Nova Southeastern University in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. As a school administrator – known as Sharon Fagan – she served for 23 years as director of special programs for BOCES of Eastern Suffolk, running all its literacy programs and introducing ESL and GED classes for migrants, the homeless and prison inmates. She moved to the East End from Shoreham-Wading River 20 years ago, living first in Remsenburg and more recently in Westhampton, where she enjoys reading, gardening and cooking. Most of all, Sharon “loves being a grandmother,” and she and her husband of five years, a retired Air National Guard colonel, spend a lot of time traveling to visit their children and grandchildren. Of her LWVH membership, she notes, “Now more than ever we need more information than ever.”

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