

BROOKHAVEN

Candidates' Meetings

May 21- candidates' forum for Democratic primary at Longwood Public Library

October 7- candidate's forum co-sponsored with Sound Beach Civic Association for U.S. Congressional district 1 at the Sound Beach Fire House

October 30 - candidates' forum for U.S. Congressional district 1 at Sachem Public Library

Voter Registration

Volunteers, many of them new to the process, distributed hundreds of voter registration forms at the naturalization ceremonies. Total of forms completed and collected and delivered to the Suffolk County Board of Elections in Yaphank:

January -241 forms, March- 237 forms, September- 241 forms

Spring 2018- Miller Place High School (13 social studies classes)- registered 121 students

Voter Education/Voter Service

April 20- Stony Brook University "Earthstock Festival"

June 16- "Juneteenth" at Longwood Estate

July 19, August 2, 16, 23- "Alive After Five" in Patchogue

July 22- Multi-cultural Fun Day at Fire Island

July 28- Bellport Day

August 15- outdoor concert & veterans' appreciation night in Port Jefferson Station

September 8- Brookhaven Town Fair

September 11- Center Moriches Library

September 17- St. Joseph's College, Patchogue

October 1- Connetquot Public Library

October 13- Comsewogue Library Volunteer Fair

October 15- meeting on proposed term limits and 4 year terms for town officials at the Patchogue-Medford Public Library

September 25- National Voter Registration Day locations

Sachem Public Library

Center Moriches Public Library

SUNY Stony Brook

Comsewogue Public Library

HAMPTONS

Candidates' Meetings

May 2- held a four-way debate between candidates for the Southampton School board.

May 24- 1st Congressional District, Democratic Primary Debate with 5 candidates at the Hampton Bays High School.

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October 25- Had 2 debates at the Hampton Bays Senior Citizen Center between Assemblyman Fred Thiele and Patrick O'Connor. Senator Kenneth LaValle and Gregory Fischer.

October 29- NYS 1st Congressional District debate between incumbent, Lee Zeldin and Perry Gershon.

Voter Registration

Distributed Voter Registration forms and absentee ballots at all community events including;

April 12- Earth Day event at Good Ground Park in Hampton Bays

May 2- East Hampton Village Spring Street Fair

June 8- Pierson High School

June 23- Southampton Electric Car Meet

Summer- Registered voters at 4 Summer Concerts sponsored by the East End Arts Council in Riverhead

September 8 & 9- Sag Harborfest

September 25- LWV National Voter Registration Day including Bridgehampton PO, Schiavonis in Sag Harbor,

East Hampton Health Center, Southampton Library, West Hampton Beach PO, Hampton Bays PO, SCCC in Riverhead and Mattituck PO.

October 20- East Hampton Village Autumn Street Fair.

In November we participated weekly in registering newly minted citizens to vote at their swearing in ceremonies at the federal court house in Islip.

Voter Education Voter Service

We held Public Information Meetings (PIMs) to keep our citizens informed of local civic activities.

Match 12- An informational panel of East and Southampton's Town Supervisors, Peter Van Scoyoc and Jay Schneiderman.

April 9- PIM about immigration and its impact on the South Fork.

June 11- Panel with members of the EH and SH Town Trustees.

September 17- A LWVH presentation on how to have an impact on your community through the League.

Constantly manning a phone to supply citizens with accurate and timely voter information.

HUNTINGTON

Candidates' Meetings

October 15- Forum cosponsored with the AAP focused on children's issues between Carl Marcellino and Jim Gaurghan. Held at South Huntington Public Library.

October 22- Forum cosponsored with the Huntington Chamber of Commerce for candidates running for Town of Huntington offices: Receiver of Taxes and town board. Four candidates participated.

October 24- Forum cosponsored with Five Towns College for NYS Legislature seats. Eight candidates participated.

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Voter Registration

We had a very successful registration season again this year with a total of 12 voter registration drives at a variety of venues. We registered new citizens at 5 naturalization ceremonies. We participated in 3 festivals: Unity Day, Cow Harbor Day and the Huntington Fall Festival; did voter registration at 3 colleges and 4 community sites. Total registration of new voters: 220.

Voter Education/Voter Service

We offered for the first time, Action Workshops free and open to the public: "How to Complete Voter Registration Forms", "How to Conduct Successful Voter Registration Drives", and "How to Choose a Candidate." Two of the workshops were held at public libraries; Harborfields and South Huntington and one at Five Towns College. Turnout was disappointing but the few who attended were pleased with the presentations.

Get out the Vote

Students from Five Towns College recorded PSAs in English and Spanish. These were aired on several local college radio stations on election day. Also, Cinema Arts projected a reminder we provided a few days before the election prior to movies shown there. The PSAs were also distributed to the Suffolk County ILO, and Nassau and NYC LWV.

In addition, reminders to vote were sent by us to over 300 persons, most new voters by text message and email. We encouraged some voters who might want a reminder to vote to sign on to "Turbo Vote"

SHELTER ISLAND

LWVSI provided voter registration forms, absentee ballot applications as well as Voter's Guides and Directories of Public officials to the Library and involved the SI High School in distributing this information to the students.

LWVSI members wrote a personal note to each graduating student encouraging voting in the coming elections and included Voter Registration forms, Absentee Ballot applications and Voters' Guides.

Our league voted to change our by-laws, lowering the membership eligibility to 16 years thereby encouraging high schoolers to be involved with League issues.

In April we held the State of the Town luncheon which was televised on channel 22 and streamed on the Town website.

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High School Students and their Social Studies teacher were invited guests and came prepared with questions for the Town Supervisor. In September Town Officials and the community were invited to the well-attended annual LWVSI Party. This party offers an opportunity for community members and elected officials to meet and chat in a non-partisan, convivial atmosphere.

Voter registration was conducted on July 4th weekend at the SI Farmers Market. Voters Guides, Directories of Public Officials and Second Home Owners voting information as well as Voter Registration forms and Absentee Ballot applications were handed out. More than 22 Voter Registration forms were taken.

Registration also took place at the Farmer's Market on Labor Day weekend. 12 Registration forms were taken and 18 Absentee Ballot applications.

On Election Day "VOTED" stickers were handed out at the Polling Place from 6AM- 6PM. 925 stickers were handed out. 10 members took hourly shifts "stickering" almost all voters. The unofficial tally of votes cast at the polling place was 1170.

SMITHTOWN

Candidates' Meetings

May 7- moderated Islip School Board debate

May 10- moderated Kings Park School Board debate

October 8- Hauppauge Library- 3rd NYS SD debate. Live streamed on Library Facebook page

October 17- Nesaquake Middle School- Candidates for Smithtown 8th NYS AD, Smithtown Council, SC Comptroller; videorecorded with link on our website.

Cancelled October 23 1st CD debate due to withdrawal of venue.

Moderated 3 Huntington gen election debates, 1 Brookhaven primary debate.

Voter Registration

We covered Naturalization ceremonies in December. February and August, handing out hundred of voter registration forms.

Starting In June we distributed registration forms and other League materials at 5 town tabling events in Smithtown. They were Kings Park Day and Smithtown Day in June, Nesconset Day, Heritage Day (sponsored by the Smithtown Historical Society) and St. James Day in September. In addition members handed out registration forms at Sunken Meadow State Park, Shoprite in Commack on National Voter Registration Day, Suffolk Community College Brentwood Campus and at four branches of the Smithtown Library in August.

SMITHTOWN *continued*

Voter Education/Voter Service

In March members presented Vote 18 to classes at Suffolk Community College in Brentwood. They distributed voter registration forms and helped students fill them out. We returned to SCC in September to again discuss the importance of voting and help students fill out registration forms.

Lisa Scott gave a program on September 19 on *The Importance of Voting and How to Advocate for Your Community* at the Hauppauge Library based on the NY Times Section "How to Participate in Politics." Lisa and new member Pat Gibbons visited Spellman High Voltage at the Hauppauge Industrial Park to do a *Lunch and Learn* about the importance of voting on October 3. Throughout the year we distributed copies of the 2018 Directory of Public Officials to civic groups, chambers of commerce, elected officials, libraries, etc.

SUFFOLK COUNTY INTER LEAGUE ORGANIZATION

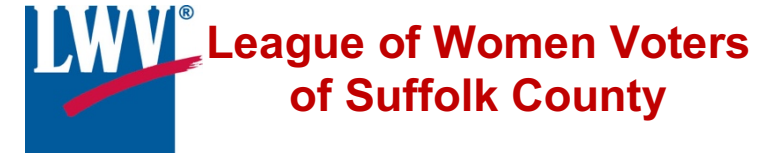
The annual Directory of Public Officials continues as a major voter service tool for LWVSC. We continue our efforts to find long-term funding since Altice withdrew financial support in 2017. We also respond to messages on the LWVSC (Vonage) phone and continue to update www.lwv-suffolkcounty.org throughout the year. Brian Medieros, a new member of LWV Smithtown, is assisting with Facebook and Twitter feeds from LWVNY and LWVUS.

LWVSC worked with the Suffolk County Legislature in early 2018, offering Student Day at the Suffolk County Legislature in Hauppauge in May. Although turnout was light (we hope to have this program earlier in 2019) those attending were most positive about the event.

LWVSC and TimesBeaconRecord newspapers continued our collaboration in 2018. LWVSC submits a monthly column, Making Democracy Work, which is published in the Arts & Lifestyles section of all 6 editions along Suffolk's North Shore. All columns are archived on the LWVSC website.

Sondra Irvine, LWVSC naturalization coordinator moved to Putnam County. Linda Devin-Sheehan has graciously stepped up in the summer to take on this important role. LWVSC local Leagues cover Tuesdays during ten months of the year at the federal courthouse in Central Islip.

In March LWVSC board and local League members met with the Suffolk County Board of Elections to discuss how voting can be made more citizen-friendly. The exchange was positive and we were pleased they were receptive to some of our suggestions. Additionally Judie Gorenstein and Lisa Scott reported election results from the BOE to Edison Research (for CBS, NBC, ABC and CNN) and Nancy Marr has been doing the same for the AP for several years. As a result, the SC BOE shared the unofficial results just after midnight of election day with us.



**Celebrating Voter Service in Suffolk County
Post-Election Luncheon
Wednesday, November 15, 2018
The Cooperage Inn, Baiting Hollow**



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