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is pleased to present

ALEXANDER HAMILTON'S LEGACY IN IMAGES AND MUSIC

A multimedia blend of history, art, and music that includes images of historic locations and documents and a written narrative that tells the founder's story. Created by Marianne Als, who was inspired by the Broadway show to do research on Hamilton, it brings his world into focus for us.

MONDAY, JULY 8

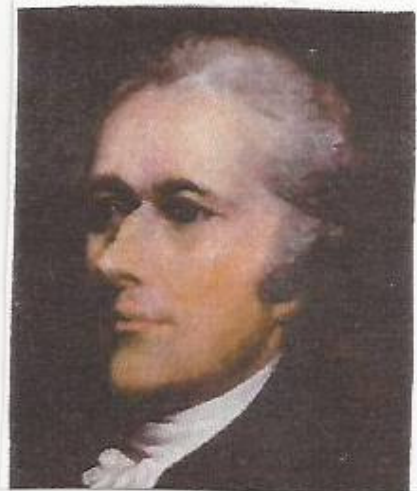
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A look back at the struggles of the founders as they forged compromises that made it possible to overcome their differences and create the union that we have today.



PRESIDENT'S PAGE

On June 13, at our Annual Meeting at the Brookhaven Library we elected a new board member, Judy Goldstein, and adopted our budget. Jessica Finn, who went to Albany as our delegate to the Students inside Albany conference, told us of her chance to get to know her State Assemblyman, Douglas Smith, who is new and welcomed the chance to meet a young constituent. She also told of her tour of the Assembly and Senate chambers. The week before, at the NYS LWV convention, I had made the same tour, and was also impressed by the stone carvings in the two chambers, and the fact that some were unfinished, and will stay that way. The students had workshops in advocacy, as well as some recreational time. Thanks to Jessica for attending. She will be given a youth membership in our League.

ALEXANDER HAMILTON—HIS LEGACY IN IMAGES AND MUSIC

JULY 8, 1 TO 4 PM, AT LONGWOOD LIBRARY

Our exciting feature for the summer is “Alexander Hamilton’s Legacy in Images and Music,” produced by Marianne Als, a local lover of history who found herself inspired by the Broadway production. Faced with the questions in today’s government, what better way is there to look back at our country’s founding than to learn about those who worked hard to establish it. They struggled with many of the same questions we face today, and there were as many different approaches then as there are today. So what enabled them to forge the necessary compromises to make the country able to survive? Come to the Longwood Library to learn about Alexander Hamilton and what he stood for. What if he had not been sure that a national bank was important, or that credit was essential to the country’s survival? Or what if Thomas Jefferson’s hope for an agrarian economy had prevailed?

Thanks to the Longwood Library, we will have space in the auditorium, which has sloping seating for good vision. We will also have an adjoining room for refreshments during the intermission. We invite all members and their families and friends to see this fascinating picture into the early years of our Republic.

SUFFOLK COUNTY LWV CONVENTION

On May 22, we held our County League convention at Touro Law School, and learned from Public Advocacy Director Tom Maligno of the many programs the school is launching to bring resources to the community. The County Board gave Lisa Scott a recognition certificate from Suffolk County Presiding Officer Duwayne Gregory, and a beautiful scarf like the one worn by the Carrie Chapman Catt as she fought for the vote. Lisa announced that she will give a training for new (and seasoned) moderators of candidates meetings this summer, as well as a review of our practices when we do voter registration at the Naturalization ceremonies.

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World traveler, music and theater lover, retired English and Social Studies teacher, member of the South Country Board of Education, parent and grandparent, and, especially, long term member and board member of the League of Women Voters of Brookhaven—Robbie will be remembered by many as a good and helpful friend. Wherever she went, she found new friends—at the theater, at doctor's offices, in the League—and added them to the many friends she had from high school and later. Robbie loved to entertain, and planned gatherings for each holiday. Her July 4 picnic, which she held each year under the trees in her back yard, brought together friends from all over to enjoy food and drink and music and talk. Most of all, she never lost her skills as a social studies teacher, adding her knowledge to our League meetings and everyday discussions. Even when she had less mobility, she was able to figure out ways she could get to where she wanted to go—traveling to the city for plays, to Florida to visit a relative, or to Syracuse to see her son and his family. Robbie passed away on June 2. We will all miss her.

EARLY VOTING DATES IN BROOKHAVEN TOWN

Polls will be open on Election Day at the usual sites, 6 am to 6 pm. However, voters who find it more convenient to vote on the following dates and times may do so. All Brookhaven voters need to vote at the site at the Brookhaven Town Hall on Independence Hill in Farmingville. All sites are handicap accessible.

Saturday, Oct 26	10 am to 3 pm
Sunday, Oct 27	10 am to 3 pm
Mon, Oct 28	7am to 3 pm
Tues, Oct 29	12 noon to 8 pm
Wed, Oct 30	8 am to 4 pm
Thurs, Oct 31	8 am to 4 pm
Fri, Nov 1	12 noon to 8 pm
Sat, Nov 2	10 am to 3 pm
Sunday, Nov 3	10 am to 3 pm

The Board of Elections is purchasing the Electronic Voting books for each of the precincts. It is buying printers for every site and will be printing ballots that are site and voter specific. The regular voting machines will count the ballots from the site-generated ballots that are printed.



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FOOD WASTE

At the New York State League Convention, the most interesting workshop I attended was about food waste. According to ReFED (Rethink Food Waste) the United States wastes \$218 billion per year growing, processing, transporting and disposing of food that never gets eaten. The workshop was called How to Farm and Garden with the Climate in Mind and shared many references, the most helpful being the book *Drawdown: The Most Comprehensive Plan Ever Proposed to Reverse Global Warming* edited by Paul Hawken. The presenters were concerned that decomposing food waste represents 5 percent of our greenhouse gas emissions, a potent contributor to climate change. They shared ideas about farming techniques that they recommend. "No dig gardening," for instance, makes it possible to maintain the carbon in the soil which increases life of the soil, as opposed to our industrial farming that tills the soil and leaves it uncovered, causing the carbon to be emitted as carbon dioxide. They spoke of the effort to regenerate the health of the soil by restoring its carbon content.

Addressing the issue of food waste and climate change, Governor Cuomo recently signed the Food Recovery and Recycling Act; it would require the state's largest food waste generators to reduce their food waste by first donating excess food to food rescue organizations. Nearly one in seven New Yorkers (almost three million people) lack consistent access to sufficient food. Less than one-third of the food we throw out in this country would be enough to feed all 42 million food insecure Americans.

While feeding the hungry with leftovers is not a long-term solution to the systemic injustices in our food system, it is an important opportunity to immediately address food insecurity and to limit the harmful greenhouse gases caused from unnecessary food waste. Recycling the approximately 275,000 tons of wasted food each year would impact greenhouse reductions equal to removing more than 25,000 cars from the road.

Looking for solutions to the problem, government and environmental organizations are urging farmers to plan more efficiently how much land they really

need to dedicate to farming, how much water they need to use and how much they need to transport.

Right here in Yaphank, plans for the future are underway for the Long Island Compost project to build the first large scale anaerobic digester to process food waste in the N.Y. Metropolitan Region. [Anaerobic digestion is a series of biological processes in which microorganisms break down biodegradable material in the absence of oxygen. Anaerobic digestion has naturally occurred for tens of millions of years. The first anaerobic digester was built in India in the 19th century and we continue to improve the technology to meet the demands of our culture.] The project will significantly reduce greenhouse gas emissions resulting from the current disposal practice – both those emissions related to transporting waste to landfills 300 miles away as well as the emissions from the landfills themselves. Greenhouse gas emissions are expected to be reduced by 40,000 tons of CO₂ per year. Biogas collected from the anaerobic digester systems can be used to generate electricity, to fuel boilers or furnaces, or to provide combined heat and power.

The facility will accept 180,000 tons per year of food waste which would have otherwise been transported and dumped into distant landfills, along with 30,000 tons of fats, oils and greases ("FOG") and 10,000 tons of grass clippings. These waste streams will be converted to clean energy, clean water and compost.

NEXT BOOK GROUP MEETING

Thursday, September 19. 1 pm

Read *The Fifth Risk* by Michael Lewis

The government manages a vast array of critical services that keep us safe and underpin our lives, from ensuring the safety of our food and medications and predicting extreme weather events to tracking and locating black-market uranium before the terrorists do. *The Fifth Risk* masterfully and vividly unspools the consequences of what happens when the people given control over our government have no idea how it works.

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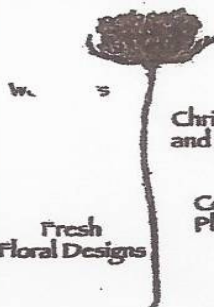
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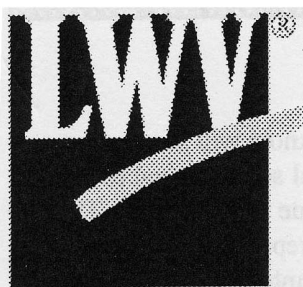


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The Estate is on Smith Road, just east of the Longwood Middle School (on Longwood Road)

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