

THE HUNTINGTON VOTER

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF HUNTINGTON P. O. Box 20693

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Lizbeth Thalheimer, President Brenda J. Walker, Editor

TEEN "YOUTH ENGAGEMENT & GET OUT THE VOTE" VIDEO CONTEST



On Tuesday, August 25, the League of Women of Huntington recognized several Town of Huntington youth in a small ceremony in East Northport. President Lizbeth Thalheimer recognized five young women for their contributions to our League's Teen Video Competition which challenged our youth to create short videos on Civic Engagement and Getting Out the Vote.

Scarlett McCann, Kyra Perles (both of Northport High School) and Katherine Cleary (St. Anthony's High School) were recognized for creating the pilot video. The video is displayed on our League's website and has been circulated by the LWVNY as a model for youth engagement. Rithika Narayan and Juliana Weber (both of Elwood High School) won the competition for their video on Civic Engagement.

Each young woman received a certificate of appreciation, letter of recognition and a cash prize.

Under the constraints of Covid-19, the contributions these young women have made proved a significant contribution in our League's outreach to youth. In appreciation, letters were sent to the young women's high school principals making them aware of the awards and recommending the students for community credit.

At the event, we initiated a 'LWV-Huntington Youth Committee Autograph Book' in which we cited the event and asked each girl to sign. it Going forward, we intend to collect signatures in this autograph book of all youth involved in LWV-Huntington's projects and over the years have a collection of signatures of these notable youths, who we fully expect to see in future leadership roles.

submitted by Barbara Raisch

LAST DAY TO REGISTER TO VOTE IS OCTOBER 9TH

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President's Message

VOTE 2020

Have you heard? There's an election coming! I am so excited, I can't wait to vote. Even though I've been voting for more years than I am willing to admit, it never gets old. I have always seen voting as a right and as a duty. As I got older it's become even more important to me. I have a powerful voice and I express it in the voting booth.

When I was 18 years old my mother brought home a voter registration form from the post office. I have been voting ever since. My parents instilled in me the importance of voting. They tried to instill all their views. Even though that did not work, it didn't matter. Nothing was more important than voting.

Somehow I ended up on the opposite end of the political spectrum from my entire family - and I mean everyone. My parents, brother, cousins, aunts and all my uncles; everyone was on a different page from me. For years every cousins' e-mail began with 'sorry Lizbeth'. Through all the years of disagreeing, we were never disagreeable. We argued plenty, but at the end of the day, we walked away respecting each other's opinions.

I like knowing that I have instilled the same values in my children. From the time they were born, I brought them into the voting booth with me. Many years we stood in the booth while they fought over who would pull the lever. Needless to say, my vote was sometimes broadcast to the entire room. I hope that they still remember those days and I know they will never consider not voting. I hope they never miss an election, but more importantly I hope they never disrespect anyone's opinion. I don't like seeing the divisiveness in our society today. I hope that we all get out and vote and I hope that we will all respect everyone else's opinions and right to vote.

Lizbeth Thalheimer President



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VOTER SERVICES Keep on keeping on in the year of Covid-19

Voter Services had to get creative because in-person voter registration drives at local high schools and colleges has not been possible due to Covid-19. We produced several flyers on various topics, the census, how and where to register to vote, and how to apply for and complete an absentee ballot application. We printed thousands of copies in English and Spanish and through our members delivered them to local civic groups, food pantries, libraries and churches throughout Huntington and beyond. We also sent out digital copies to many other organizations. We have 50 lawn signs ready to be posted now. Please call Deb Cosher if you'd like a lawn sign; 631.220.8746.

Community outreach has been a big priority in getting out the vote. We have recently gone to outdoor concert events sponsored by the Town of Babylon to explain this year's voting options to seniors. Many people had questions about what their voting options are this year. We helped people complete requests for absentee ballots and provided them with the list of early voting sites in Suffolk County (see page 5 and 6 below).

To get the word out to a larger audience we created an Instagram presence. Two of our members have created a great IG account @lwvhuntingtonny.org. It has grown guickly and enhanced our FaceBook reach with its tremendous content regarding the importance of voting to maintain our democracy and support of important social issues like social justice and healthcare. Please check out our social media, like and share it.

"Get Out The Vote" Public Service We are also reaching out on Connoisseur Radio. They are airing our Announcement's on radio stations across Long Island from Brooklyn to Montauk, in prime time. Our LWVH President Lizbeth Thalheimer was invited to one of their radio shows to discuss NYS voting options. She was fantastic explaining in depth the absentee ballot application process, early voting dates and locations and most important, the importance of the vote to sustain our democracy.

Another aspect of getting out the vote is introducing the public to the candidates that will represent them in the New York State legislature. This year we plan to hold 3 Meet the Candidates forums to be recorded on zoom. The two on October 14th will be co-sponsored with Five Towns College for the candidates running for New York legislative seats; first NYS Senate District 5, Jim Gaughran and Edward Smyth and Senate District 2, Michael Siderakis and Mario Mattera. The second taping on October 14 will be for NYS Assembly seats; NYS Assembly District 10, Steve Stern and Jamie Silvestri as well as Assembly District 12; Keith Brown and Michael Marcantonio. The third Meet the Candidates event on October 20th will focus exclusively on children's issues. This event will be cosponsored with Five Towns College and the American Academy of Pediatrics. The candidates are running for NYS Senate District 5, James Gaughran and Edmund Smyth.

All these events will be recorded through Zoom and will be posted on the LWV of Huntington's YouTube Page and the platforms of our co-sponsors. Check our webpage; www.LWVHuntingtonNY.org for further information.

We have been anticipating this election season for years and now it is upon us. We are reaching out to the public in many ways. Please make a plan to vote and bring others along with you. Vote by mail or in person but VOTE!

submitted by Dianne Slavin and Deb Cosher

RENEW YOUR LWV OF HUNTINGTON MEMBERSHIP FOR 2020/2021

Dear Members:

Your membership aligns with our fiscal year, which runs from July 1 through June 30. If you have not renewed to date, please do so now.

You may renew at our website, www.lwvhuntingtonny.org or you can use the membership form on page 9 to renew by USPS mail. Every member strengthens our political clout. Even if you do not have time to be personally involved, your membership dues supports the actions of other League members who are working for better government, for our democracy.

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YOUTH SERVICES

Our Youth Committee has continued to reach out and connect to our local high schools to encourage them to register their eligible students to vote and encourage them to actually go vote. Of course, Covid has been cramping our in-person efforts, but that has not stopped us from finding new ways to get the message out!

Our volunteers have contacted over 14 local high schools and provided them with resources to help get their students registered prior to the October 9th deadline. Our offerings include a power point-step by step explanation of how, where and when to register both online and by mail. We cover how to apply for an absentee ballot online and by mail as well as early voting information. And, we offer virtual training by our volunteers if they are interested. Included in our package to High Schools are Digital Sign Messaging if they have an electronic billboard and several digital flyers with relevant voting information. Many thanks to Deb Cosher for getting this customized for our region!

Our youth oriented social media team have been busy creating and posting voting information on both Instagram and FaceBook and have made sure to boost this messaging to our youth demographic in a 25 mile radius. (You can read more about our social media activities in the Social Media Team article on page 7).

A special thanks to our new and veteran Youth Committee Members who have jumped right in and helped get the word out: Noel Cole for her expert Power Point assistance, Lorraine MK for adopting 2 High Schools. Leslie Anesta for helping to get the word out to several Nassau County High Schools, Halle Brenner Perles for initiating an additional HS in Nassau County, Fran Hyde, (one of our mentors!) for convincing Walt Whitman High School to display our Digital "Get Out The Vote" sign on their billboard, Nancy Holliday for her persistence in contacting some hard to reach high schools. Susan Pellegrino for getting our messaging into Central Islip, Barbara Raisch who coordinated a beautiful award ceremony for our teens honoring them for creating the pilot video to encourage their peers to register and vote. (see page 1).

Engaging our youth in civic awareness is so important and is so very gratifying when we are able to connect with them. Our Youth Committee is always looking for volunteers to help, plan and implement outreach to our teens. Please join us!! Contact Mary or Deb; <u>mlsperri@optonline.net</u> or <u>dcosher@optonline.net</u>

submitted by Mary Speed Perri, Deb Cosher, Nancy Holliday & Kathleen Cleary

100th ANNIVERSARY EVENT

Our League was invited by Town of Huntington Councilwoman Joan Cergol to join a zoom event to celebrate the 100th anniversary of women's suffrage, "1929-2020: A Centennial of Women's Suffrage."

One of our Vice Presidents, Deb Cosher, participated along with authors Antonia Petrash and Natalie Naylor. Antonia and Natalie discussed two Huntington area suffragists, Rosalie Gardiner Jones and Ida Bunce Sammis. Deb discussed the role of the League of Women Voters over the past 100 years and the work we continue to do today. The program may be viewed on the Town of Huntington's website in the media section and was on the local government access channel for a week on or about National Voter Registration Day. Below is the address to the event on the Town's website:

https://huntingtonny.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?view_id=4&clip_id=2276

VOTE 2020 - WHAT'S YOUR PLAN?

You must be registered in order to vote. You may register if you will be 18 years of age by Election Day, a resident of the county for at least 30 days prior to the election, and a citizen of the United States. 16 and 17 yearolds can now pre-register to vote, but will not be able to vote until they are 18. You may only vote in one state. If you have moved within the state since the last time you voted, you will be able to vote via affidavit ballot in your new election district, but re-registering with your new address before Oct. 9 is advisable.

Registration forms are available at the Board of Elections, post offices and libraries. Online voter registration is possible via the DMV website if you are already in their database. You can call 1-800-FOR-VOTE hotline to request a voter application. You can download and print a form from the New York State Board of Elections (NYSBOE) homepage link Need a Voter Registration Form. The deadline to register is October 9, 2020. (If mailed your registration form must be postmarked by that date.) The registration form includes a place where you can also immediately request an absentee ballot.



1. Vote by Absentee Ballot:

Apply to vote by absentee ballot checking "temporary illness" on the application; Apply to vote by absentee by mail, phone, or online: <u>https://absenteeballot.elections.ny.gov/;</u> Apply to vote by absentee ballot (by phone, online or mail) by October 27; Mail or return your absentee ballot by November 3 (absentee ballot will be mailed to you in late September or early October).

2. Vote Early:

Voters can vote early between Oct. 24 and Nov. 1; Poll site locations and hours vary throughout the state; see Suffolk County polling locations on page 6; Voters (except in NYC) can go to any early voting poll site in their county to vote early; Find your early voting poll sites and poll site hours here: <u>https://my.lwv.org/new-york-state/voting-2020-faqs</u>

3. Vote on Election Day November 3

Polls are open 6:00 am to 9:00 pm; Voters MUST go to their assigned Election Day poll site to vote; Find your Election day poll site: <u>https://voterlookup.elections.ny.gov/</u>

In New York State, voters are allowed to submit an absentee ballot and then decide to vote in person instead during early voting or on November 3 and their absentee ballot will be thrown out. Absentee ballots signatures are compared to poll book signatures from early voting and Election Day. Voters who are determined to have voted in person will have their absentee ballot disqualified.

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SUFFOLK COUNTY EARLY VOTING

2020 General Election

Any registered voter in Suffolk County may vote at any of these locations during the dates and times listed. If you cast a ballot during early voting, you may not vote again on Election Day, November 3rd.

EARLY VOTING LOCATIONS		VOTING HOURS		
POLLING PLACE	ADDRESS	DATE	TIME	
Babylon	281 Phelps Ln	Caturday 10/24	10:00am - 3:00pm	
Town Hall Annex	North Babylon NY 11703	Saturday 10/24		
Brookhaven	1 Independence Hill	Sunday 10/25	10:00am - 3:00pm	
Town Hall	Farmingville NY 11738	Sunday 10/25		
Mastic Recreation	15 Herkimer St	Manday 10/26	7:00am - 3:00pm	
Community Center	Mastic NY 11950	Monday 10/26		
(Town of Brookhaven)			12:00pm - 8:00pm	
Windmill	219 Accabonac Rd	Tuesday 10/27		
Village	East Hampton NY 11937		8:00am - 4:00pm	
(Town of East Hampton)		Wednesday 10/28		
Dix Hills	115 East Deer Park Rd		8:00am - 4:00pm	
Fire Department	Dix Hills NY 11746	Thursday 10/29		
(Town of Huntington)	1335 New York Ave		12:00pm - 8:00pm	
Huntington Public Library	Huntington Station NY 11746	Friday 10/30		
Station Branch Islip Town Hall	401 Main St		10:00am - 3:00pm	
Annex	Islip NY 11751	Saturday 10/31		
Knights of Columbus	96 2nd Ave			
5	Brentwood NY 11717	Sunday 11/1	10:00am - 3:00pm	
(Town of Islip) Riverhead	60 Shade Tree Ln			
Senior Center	Riverhead			
Nesconset	29 Gibbs Pond Rd	GENERAL		
Elementary School	Nesconset NY 11767	ELECTION DAY		
(Town of Smithtown)	(Use the Browns Road Entrance)			
	70 Tuckahoe Rd	TUESDAY,	Nov. 3, 2020	
Stony Brook University Southampton Campus		6:00am – 9:00pm		
Southampton campus	Southampton NY 11968			
Southold	750 Pacific St	You must report to your Regular Polling Location in order to cast your vote.		
Senior Center	Mattituck NY 11952			
	ocations are accessible to ith physical disabilities.			

If you wish to contact the Board of Elections, call 631-852-4500. https://www.suffolkcountyny.gov/Departments/BOE/Early-Voting-Sites-11-3-2020

CONDADO DE SUFFOLK VOTACIÓN TEMPRANA para la elección general del 2020

Cualquier votante registrado en el condado de Suffolk puede votar en cualquiera de estos centros de votación durante las fechas y horas indicadas.

durante las fechas y horas indicadas. Si usted vota durante la Votación Temprana NO podrá votar otra vez el 3 de noviembre, día de la elección.

LUGARES DE VOTACIÓN TEMPRANA		HORAS DE VOTACIÓN	
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(Municipio de East Hampton)	East Hampton NY 11937	Miércoles 10/28	
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(Municipio de Huntington)	Dix Hills NY 11746		
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Elementary School	Nesconset NY 11767	Es el martes	
(Municipio de Smithtown)	(Use la entrada de Browns Road)		
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Southampton Campus		6:00am	– 9:00pm
Southampton campus	Southampton NY 11968		
Southold	750 Pacific St	Usted tiene que reportarse a su centro	
Senior Center	Mattituck NY 11952		
Todos los Cen	tros de Votación son accesibles	de votació	n ASIGNADO
	s con impedimentos físicos.	para que su	voto cuente.

Si desea comunicarse con la Junta Electoral, llame al 631-852-4500. https://www.suffolkcountyny.gov/Departments/BOE/Early-Voting-Sites-11-3-2020

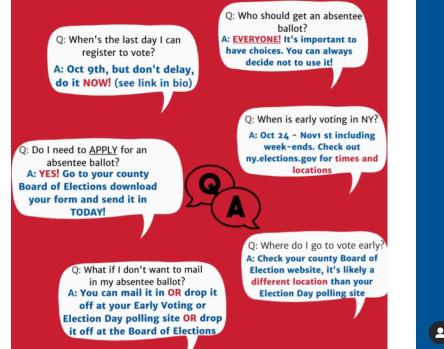








LWV of Huntington - Social Media Team





WHAT'S YOUR PLAN?

The social media team recently launched it's **#whatsYOURplan** campaign. The campaign runs weekly on Wednesdays and consists of a video of a voter sharing their voting plan as well as a static post that highlights their voting plan for the upcoming elections.

We continue to leverage our newest teen member, Dana Laissle, who puts together some thoughtful and informative posts directed at her age group. Dana has also contributed as a participant in the **#whatsYOURplan** campaign, and we are grateful for her positive attitude and always willing to step in and help.

Our followers are steadily increasing, and we'd like to have more organic growth. We have made a strategic play to invest a bit more in boosting our daily ads and reach a larger local audience and we are seeing more engagement with the boosts.

Our posts continue to be a combination of original content and shared content with credit to the originator. Our focus for the next coming weeks will be Registering to Vote, Educating folks on deadlines, GOTV, Apply for absentee ballot, Early Voting and information and encouraging everyone, especially Gen Z to vote. And Sundays are still dedicated to a Sunday Funday, Question of the Day. See a sampling of our posts throughout this Voter.

submitted by Roberta Clinton & Amanda Laserson

VOTE 2020

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER FOR VOTE 2020

- October 9 is the last day to postmark your voter registration form (October 14 is the last day to change your address)
- October 10 is the last day to register to vote in person at your county Board of Elections office
- October 24 November 1 Early Voting
- October 27 is the last day to postmark application for absentee ballot by mail.
- November 2 is the last day to apply in person for absentee ballot
- November 2 is last day to postmark absentee ballot.(it must be received by November 10)
- November 3 is the last day to deliver absentee ballot in person at board of elections
- November 3 General Election





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The LWV's 2020 guide provides candidate information for all candidates running for President, Congress, State Supreme Court, State Senate, State Assembly, and many local races.

The candidate guide includes biographical information and responses to questions posed by the League, as well as links to candidates' social media and campaign websites. This information can be accessed online at <u>www.vote411.org</u> in an easy-to-use electronic format.

New York Times Project: SUFFRAGE AT 100

https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2020/08/17/ us/suffrage-movement-photos-history.html

You can create a free account to view the presentation.

Many thanks to LWVH's new volunteer webmaster Carol Solinger.

JOIN THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF HUNTINGTON



MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FISCAL YEAR: 7/01/2020 – 6/30/2021

The LWV is a non-partisan organization. We do not support or oppose any political candidate or party.

The League began as a "mighty political experiment" designed to help women carry out their new responsibilities as voters. Our work was soon expanded to support all citizens in making democracy work. It is in and through the local League that members determine, directly and indirectly, what the League does and how it does it. Your Huntington League membership dues support all levels of League activity. As a member you will receive the Huntington Voter newsletter and automatically become a member of the Suffolk County, New York State and the United States League of Women Voters.

Member Name(s)				
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Registering voters	o get involved? (Check all that apply). Coordinating debates Working with students Planning events Recruiting new members Jsing social media Monitoring finances Raising program funding Writing & publishing edge that you want to contribute?			
Membership Type/Dues Payment				
Individual - \$60 Household (2 or more) - \$75 Student - \$5	Donor - \$75 Patron - \$100			
Mail your completed membership application and dues check(s) payable to				

LWV of Huntington to:

League of Women Voters of Huntington PO Box 20693

Huntington Station, NY 11746

If you would like to make tax-deductible donations (membership dues are not tax deductible) to the League you may do that by writing a separate check to the LWVNYS Education Foundation and mail it to the address above.

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DATE	TIME	TOPIC - CONTACT	LOCATION		
Tuesday, October 6	10AM	Youth Committee Meeting	Zoom		
Tuesday, October 6	10AM	Voter Services Committee Meeting	Zoom		
Friday, October 9	10AM	Issues & Advocacy Committee Meeting	Zoom		
Tuesday, October 20	10AM	Communications Committee	Zoom		
Wednesday, October 21		Suffolk County BOD Meeting			
Thursday, October 15	10AM - 12PM	Board Meeting	Zoom		
Tuesday, November 3	10AM - 12PM	Youth Committee Meeting	Zoom		
Tuesday, November 10	10AM	Voter Services Committee Meeting	Zoom		
Friday, November 13	10AM	Issues & Advocacy Committee Meeting	Zoom		
Tuesday, November 17	10AM	Communications Committee	zoom		
Wednesday, November 18		Suffolk County Board Meeting			
Thursday, November 19	10AM - 12PM	Board Meeting	Zoom		
Friday, October 9 Last day to register to vote for General Election					
Wednesday, October 14	4PM - 5:30PM	Meet the Candidates - NYS Senate District 2 & 5	Closed zoom recording to be posted on YouTube		
Wednesday, October 14	7PM - 8:30PM	Meet the Candidates - NYS Assembly District 10 & 12	Closed zoom recording to be posted on YouTube		
Tuesday, October 20	5PM - 6:30PM	Meet the Candidates - NYS Senate District 5- Children's Issues	Closed zoom recording to be posted on YouTube		
Saturday, October 24 - Sunday, November 1 Early Voting for General Election					
Tuesday, November 3 General Election					



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