HAMPTONS
Candidates’ Meetings
May 8- Conducted a debate for school board candidates at the Southampton Intermediate School.
June 12- Primary debate for Southampton Supervisor for the Independence party line.
Oct. 7- Debate for Suffolk County LD 2 at the Hampton Bays Senior Center co-sponsored by the Hampton Bays Civics Association and the Express News Group.

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HAMPTONS continued
 Oct. 16- Debate for East Hampton Town candidates for Town Supervisor and Town Council co-sponsored with the East Hampton Library and the East Hampton Star.
 Oct. 17- Debate for Southampton Town candidates for Town Supervisor and Town Council co-sponsored with the Express News Group.

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HAMPTONS continued
 Sept 18th – Many members of the LWV of the Hamptons VSC attended the Islip Federal Courthouse training session at the Riverhead Library. We participated in the creation of this year’s edition of the on-line information website, Vote411. We covered the towns of East Hampton, Southampton, Shelter Island and Southold for a total of 78 candidates. We have a phone that we constantly man to provide information to the public on any issues involving voting. We maintain a public website for our LLC and the public and constantly update it to provide timely and accurate information on all our PIMs.

HUNTINGTON
Candidates’ Meetings
Oct. 21- Forum cosponsored with Smithtown League for candidates running for Suffolk County Executive. Held at Kings Park High School.

Voter Registration
We had a very successful registration season again this year with a total of 26 voter registration drives at a variety of venues including 7 at naturalization ceremonies. We participated in 2 festivals: Cow Harbor Day and the Huntington Fall Festival; did 6 voter registrations at 5 local colleges and 11 community sites including 7 libraries, Northport Farmers’ Market, Noor Mosque, a senior center and Atria nursing home.

Voter Education Voter Service
Youth committee presented Vote 18 to high school seniors in Brentwood and Central Islip SDs and a local private high school. They were invited to another private high school to register the seniors. They also presented Vote 13, a middle school adaption of Vote 18, 4 times in Huntington and Brentwood. We also sponsored two high school students for the Students Inside Albany program and participated with our Suffolk ILO in Student Day in Suffolk County Legislature. We developed a teen program, Youth Engaging Youth, and it was presented at a local library. We were invited to discuss the program at the LWVNY Convention where we presented the strengths and weaknesses of putting on this program.
**HUNTINGTON continued**

Get out the Vote

Students from Five Towns College recorded PSAs in English and Spanish. These were aired on several local college radio stations in anticipation of early voting. Brenda Walker had the Dix Hills Fire Department advertise early voting on their LTD display in front of the firehouse. Mary Speed-Ferry and Colette Knuth approached the Paramount Theater in Huntington and designed a display that also advertised early voting on their marquees. The PSAs were also distributed to the Suffolk County ILO, and Nassau and NYS LWV.

We spoke to voters about early voting and distributed materials at Cow Harbor Day and the Fall Festival. We encouraged some voters who might want a reminder to vote to sign on to “Turbo Vote.”

**SHELTER ISLAND**

LWVSI held the annual State of the Town Luncheon in April and it was shown on channel 22 and available on the SI town website. High school students were in attendance and prepared questions for the Supervisor. Two Registration drives were held at the Farmer’s Market on July 4 weekend and Labor Day weekend. Voter Registration was also given to the Shelter Island Library and the Town Hall and when received, the LWVNY Early Voting Information. The LWVNY Early Voting pamphlet was also distributed on the North Fork.

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**SMITHTOWN continued**

Voter Registration

We covered naturalization in December, February and August handing out hundreds of voter registration forms, DPOs and First Vote. In August we handed out newly designed palm cards. Starting in June we distributed registration forms, Directory of Public Officials booklets and information on early voting at 4 tabling events in Smithtown. They were Kings Park Day and Smithtown Day in June, Nesconset Day in September and St. James Day in October. In addition we handed out voter information at a Volunteer Fair at the Smithtown Library on October 8.

On April 30th members went to High School West to observe and assist the Board of Elections present a Voter Registration and Information Program for the senior class.

Maria LaMattia and Dorothy Callahan-Harris worked throughout the summer on Vote 411, the LWV’s online candidate guide completing it for the 2019 election. In September, members instructed students at Suffolk Community College in Brentwood on writing letters to their local, state, and federal legislators and also handed out and helped students fill out registration forms. Throughout the year we distributed copies of the 2019 Directory of Public Officials to civic groups, chambers of commerce, elected officials, libraries, etc.

**SUFFOLK COUNTY INTER LEAGUE ORGANIZATION**

We received a $2000 grant from LWVUS for new citizen voter registration work, covering designing and printing new palm cards, enhancing our website and training members for Naturalization.

We offered debate and moderator training to LWV members and civic groups with the Suffolk Cooperative Library System. We printed and distributed 8900 copies of the 2019 Directory of Public Officials and provided an updated pdf on our website.

Thanks to Brian Medieros of LWV Smithtown we converted to a new, robust website- check it out at lwv-suffolkcounty.org.

LWVSC worked with the Suffolk County Legislature in early 2018, offering Student Day at the Suffolk County Legislature in Hauppauge and in Riverhead in March. Those attending were most positive about the event. We write a monthly column, Making Democracy Work, in the six TBR newspapers All columns are archived on the LWVSC website.

We met with the Suffolk County Board of Elections in July particularly to explore how the BOE was planning to handle Early Voting. We expect a follow up meeting this winter.

We are thankful to the Brookhaven, Hamptons, Huntington and Smithtown VOTE411 coordinators for their dedication, persistence, and success in giving voters throughout Suffolk a great tool to explore their November ballots online.

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