President’s Message

By Linda Napoli

The shortest month of winter has arrived and the days are getting longer and occasionally milder. These are reminders that spring is not that far away even on the bleakest of days.

We have some exciting speakers in February with a special event on February 19th. Great attendance on Sundays lifts everyone’s spirits so we look forward to seeing you.

The third annual Vegetarian Pot Luck Supper on February 11th is a great way to share in the community we so desperately need right now. Kelly Tanza will be there to lighten up the evening with musical selections. If you play an instrument, bring it along. Help in setup and cleanup will be appreciated.

You are invited to stay for the Darwin Day Celebration on Feb. 12th after the Sunday meeting. Begun eight years ago by member Sharon Stanley, this unique event is an appreciation of science as it aids in our understanding and appreciation of Mother Earth. There will be experiments, trivia games and a special speaker from the Citizens Campaign for the Environment. This is one of our most publicized events and always brings in visitors. It’s an enjoyable day for families.
Presentations

Feb. 5: Humanity on Trial. Dr. Arthur Dobrin, is Leader Emeritus of the Ethical Humanist Society of Long Island as well as Professor Emeritus, Hofstra University. This is an update on the society’s social action project, Communities and Police Talk.

Feb. 12: John Teehan, Religion and Presidential Politics, A Darwinian View.

Of all the fascinating and disturbing aspects contributing to the election of Donald Trump, one of the more perplexing is the overwhelming support provided by numerous religious groups to a candidate whose relationship to religion hovers somewhere above superficial, and whose moral standards stand in stark contrast to that of any religious tradition. Situating these issues within an evolutionary context offers a distinct insight, one often overlooked in many discussions.

Dr. John Teehan is Chair of the Religion Dept, Hofstra University. His main research focus is on the cognitive/evolutionary study of morality and religion, with a special interest in religious morality and religion’s role in conflict.


M.Anne Cunney, MS, will discuss the modern concept of Narrative Medicine and its applications in our lives. Included in the presentation will be an interactive experience exploring the meaning of Home to each of us.

She has applied this discipline at the Ethical Society of Northern Westchester in the Ethical Experience Lab (their Sunday School) and in the chapter’s involvement in resettling Syrian refugee families.
Feb. 26 : Kay Dundorf, Then & NOW, Re-membering.  
My purpose in this lifetime is to the ways of supporting the path for All to engage in becoming the “Enhanced Human” and to usher in a new age that reflects that purpose. Kay Dundorf is a member of the Riverdale Society for Ethical Culture. She has been the NES President since 2013 and served as Treasurer from 2008-2013. National Ethical Service (NES) is a nonprofit organization dedicated to the promotion of the highest principles of the United Nations and of Ethical Culture.

Mar. 5 : Roger Clayman, Workers’ Rights: An Ethical Perspective.
Since July, 2005, Roger Clayman has served as the Executive Director of the Long Island Federation of Labor, AFL-CIO, the fourth largest labor council in the country. The local Federation is the voice for 250,000 union members and their families in Nassau and Suffolk Counties.

Winter has come!  
In case of inclement weather, check your email for cancellation announcements or call the office at 516-741-7304 that morning.
DARWIN DAY CELEBRATION

ETHICAL HUMANIST SOCIETY OF LONG ISLAND
38 Old Country Rd., Garden City

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12TH
12:45 to 2:45 p.m.

JOIN US FOR SCIENCE EXPERIMENTS, ECOLOGY TRIVIA GAMES AND A SPECIAL SPEAKER

From Citizens Campaign for the Environment

Call 741-7304 for directions.
FOOD PLUS FIVE*

VEGETARIAN POT LUCK SUPPER
MUSIC, FUN AND COMMUNITY

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11th
5:00 P.M. TO 9:00 P.M.

SIGN UP NOW
Or CALL THE OFFICE

*$5.00 donations will go to
Planned Parenthood
SPECIAL EVENT - FEBRUARY 19th - 11:00 a.m.

Anne Cunney, a member of the Northern Westchester Society will take us on a journey to understand the modern concept of Narrative Medicine and its power to heal.

Part of the program will include discussions on the meaning of “Home.” An excerpt from Toni Morrison’s novel of that title is available to read as a preparation.

KEEPING THE FAITH - What is our Role?

February 19th at 12:30 p.m. is the last session of our 3 Part Series on Racism. "A ROAD TO UNDERSTANDING"

Although the first two discussions have been specifically about the challenges of African Americans and our parts in them, this session will be expanded into a discussion of how we can work for all people of color in this toxic climate. “Keeping the Faith - What is our Role?”

Come and share your views.

Social Action: Ethical Friends of Children

ETHICAL FRIENDS OF CHILDREN has a new logo, thanks to students at Adelphi in their graphic design class!

Please donate children’s clothing and baby items. Diapers, wipes, and new baby items such as bottles are always welcomed. Your donations are completely tax deductible. All of our items are given away at no cost to families.

Contact Jim LoPresti at efoc@ehsli.org for more information.
Kids Bake Sale - March 5

The kids will hold a bake sale to benefit PAWS NY, an animal protection organization located in Brooklyn NY. Their mission is to help New York City’s most vulnerable residents remain with their pets by delivering critical programs and services through a community of partners and volunteers.

Our Affiliated Group: Humanists of Long Island

Our next meetings will be on Jan. 30, Feb. 27, March 27, April 24 at 7:00 p.m. at the Ethical Society, in the second floor meeting room. All are welcome!

Please RSVP to Sharon Stanley at lihumanist@gmail.com for information.

https://www.facebook.com/humanistsoflongisland/

January Rallys
Sylvia Silberger, 46, and Bill Larsen, 58, and 6-month-old son Kiam, of Hempstead

Sylvia Silberger, professor of mathematics at Hofstra University: I am just so shocked at the behavior of Donald Trump that I want the world to know that I don’t condone it and I hope he starts to act more presidential. His reactivity to things scares me. He doesn’t respect women, or African-Americans or Hispanic-Americans or immigrants. He doesn’t respect people, period, except for himself. His inability to control his tweets makes me very nervous — I feel like he has a very thin skin and can’t control himself. . . We’re members of the Ethical Humanist Society of Long Island and we value justice and compassion.

Bill Larsen, retired engineer: The human race is half women and everyone needs an equal voice in this world. I’m concerned from all the evidence so far that the Trump administration isn’t going to meet my standards. I believe in equal rights for women, Planned Parenthood, health care, the environment; I don’t believe that leading with your fist is the way to have the world succeed. I would like solidarity among people who believe in what we believe, sending a message we’re not going to sit back and let our rights be trampled. I’m afraid that a hyper-aggressive stance is going to start wars. He has no record, he changes what he says at will, whimsically, to get attention and constituencies . . . We have a young child and we want there to be a world there for him . . . everybody, including Donald Trump, has to look at this world as a resource that has to be treated very, very carefully. Someone with such aggression and bravado, I don’t feel comfortable giving him the keys to the car.
Society News

NEVER MISS THE MORNING TALK!

On 1/15/2017 we instituted a new program that allows members to call in on their phones and listen to the entire Sunday morning program at the Ethical Humanist Society of Long Island, so you never have to miss the morning’s message.

Here’s How To Dial-In:

Between 10:50 and 10:55 AM
Call: 1-515-739-1285.
Access Code: 266123#
Say your name when prompted
The listener will hear music playing and then the Sunday Morning Program.

Remember that the listener must put their phone on MUTE by dialing *6.
This prevents noises from their homes being heard.

SAVING ENERGY

After a thorough energy audit, the Society has signed up to have all the lighting in the building changed to the most energy efficient bulbs. With the help of The New York State Energy Research and Development Authority, known as NYSERDA, we will pay for this project through our electric bills. The project will be completed within a few months. We expect to save approximately $3,4440 in the electric bill. For your information, this program is available to private homes as well.

ROAD SCHOLARS TO LEARN ABOUT HUMANISM

Our own Sharon Stanley will be joining Fred Edwords (American Humanist Association) who is leading the May 7-12 event teaching a class on humanism. Visit
www.roadscholar.org/find-anadventure/17895/humanism-an-ethical-world-view for more details and to register. Here is the catalog description:

**Humanism: An Ethical World View**  
**An Event with multiple dates**  
Immerse yourself in the theories of humanism through lectures and discussions exploring the roots and modern day applications of this ancient philosophical belief. Join a 6-day adventure filled with lectures, conversations, field trips, and performances in West Dover, Vermont. Many people know humanism only for what it rejects—religious dogma and the supernatural. But what is this world view with roots reaching back to Ancient Greece really all about? Discuss issues and ideas both historic and modern as you examine the great questions of life and the answers humanism provides. Find out what humanism has to say when it comes to civil liberties, religious freedom, feminism, racism and more.

Sounds great, doesn't it? Way to go Sharon!!!

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**Save the Date**

**May 7TH – 1:00 p.m. -**  
**FOUNDER’S DAY LUNCHEON**

The honoree this year will be Alison Pratt for her many contributions to the life of the Society.

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**QUESTION OF THE MONTH**

A question to ponder in this season of candy and flowers: **What is Love?**
Our Times Coffeehouse

TOM CHAPIN

Friday, February 17, 2017 at 8 pm

Our Times Coffeehouse is pleased to present the legendary Tom Chapin. In a career that spans five decades, 24 albums and three Grammy awards, Chapin has worked as a recording artist and concert performer, acted on Broadway, and worked extensively in films, television and radio. He is currently writing and recording what will become his 25th CD, scheduled for release this spring.

This multi-talented singer/songwriter/guitarist has established a reputation for insightful, heartfelt songs and effortlessly charismatic live performances. The New York Times called Chapin “one of the great personalities in contemporary folk music.” Rolling Stone wrote, “Chapin is a man deeply enamored of family life. . .with a penchant for translating everyday situations into upbeat, enjoyable and accessible music. What started as a solo concert literally ended up as a celebration of family, with people of all ages showing their exuberance and having a ball.”

The Our Times Coffeehouse is a joint project of the Ethical Humanist Society of Long Island (EHS) and the Long Island Progressive Coalition (LIPC), with the assistance of the Research and Education Project of Long Island (REP-LI).
Our Youth Programs

Kids Ethics Program (a.k.a. Humanist Sunday School)

February greetings from The Kids Ethics Program on Long Island!

We have been busy learning about some of our ethical heroes and talking about world events. This has led to some very interesting and wonderful discussions. Our kids are very well informed about world events and have strong opinions!

During the month of February we will be talking about black history heroes such as Nelson Mandela, Martin Luther King, Jr. and Harriet Tubman, as well as preparing for the Darwin Day celebration on February 12th. The kids have some great science experiments planned, so make sure you stop by the Kids table!

The Kids Ethics program will be having a bake sale on March 5th, so bring your sweet tooth to coffee hour and help support our cause. This year the kids have decided to donate to PAWS NY.

PAWS NY is an animal protection organization located in Brooklyn NY. Their mission is to help New York City’s most vulnerable residents remain with their pets by delivering critical programs and services through a community of partners and volunteers. To find out more about this organization please log on to their website at pawsny.org.

As always, please feel free to contact me at ccl1311@aol.com. if you have any questions or comments, and please like and share our Facebook page at The Kids Ethics Program on Long Island!

If you know someone who would like to join our kids program, please invite them, visitors are always welcome!

Christine Lamattina -
Director of Children’s Ethical Education
Humanism is a belief in the worth and dignity of all people. We teach children to do good for the sake of goodness alone. Humanist values are taught through stories, play, and service projects.

**YES (Youth of EthicalSocieties) is for teens aged 13 to 18.**

YES is a group of high school students determined to make the world a better place.

We will be accepting old bicycles on April 1 to ship to underprivileged countries.

John Waters, YES Adviser
The Ethical Humanist Society of Long Island is a welcoming home for people who think that nothing should be more important to people than people. If you value independent thought, stimulating presentations, a celebration of both science and the arts, the education of youth in the ideals of humanism, and a community of friends who work to create social change, you will find what you're looking for with us.

Programs

Sunday morning meetings begin at 11:00 a.m. for approximately one hour. A blend of music, poetry, meditation and an informative presentation, our Sunday mornings are the centerpiece of our week. Every talk is recorded… Go to http://www.ehsli.org/resources/archives/talks/

Colloquy is a time of shared reflection and nurturing. It's an opportunity for people to meet in a small group, examine a particular aspect of life, explore and practice self-reflection. Colloquy meets at 9:30 a.m. before our Sunday meeting. We often lunch together after the general meeting. Everyone is welcome to join us!

Kids Ethics Program meets weekly at 11:00 a.m. for children ages 5 to 12 and covers topics of “what makes a good person?” Free babysitting is provided for younger children. www.facebook.com/kidsethicsprogramLI

YES (Youth of Ethical Societies) is for teens aged 13 to 18. YES meets approximately twice a month. The YES group hosts a Sunday morning presentation each year. Contact them on twitter @YesLlehs

Humanists of Long Island Meetings. The Ethical Humanist Society of Long Island's chapter of the American Humanist Association, now known as the Humanists of Long Island, will be meeting on the last Monday of each month. For questions or information email Sharon Stanley at lihumanist@gmail.com or leave a message for Sharon at 516-741-7304.

Darwin Day is our annual celebration of science, held in early February in honor of Charles Darwin.
**Commemoration Sunday** is our first meeting of each new year when we renew our core values of freedom, justice, dignity and compassion.

**Ethical Friends of Children** assists more than 2,500 children each year by providing them with clothing and infant furniture at no cost. Our “store” – staffed entirely by volunteers – lets families pick out the things they need, at no cost to them. Please contact director Jim LoPresti at EFOC@ehsli.org if you’d like to help.

**The Social Justice Leadership Award** was created by the Ethical Humanist Society of Long Island to honor those individuals who have dedicated their lives to the betterment of humankind, recognizing people who have made significant contributions in the areas of peace, justice, human rights, or humanitarian causes.

**The Young Activist Grant** was founded to encourage Nassau County middle and high school students to develop their own humanitarian skills. The annual grant, awarded in the fall, offers $500 as seed money for a worthy project. See our website for an application.

**The Movie Group.** For information about joining the movie group, contact Al Zeiger at 516-538-2687. Leave a message and he’ll return your call.

**Sponsor a Sunday Coffee Hour:** For $15 you can sponsor a Sunday Coffee Hour and, with advanced notice, have your name and message added to the Sunday Meeting bulletin! Please contact Phyllis at ethicalsociety@optonline.net

**Affordable Office Space for Rent**
We have great office space available for long term leasing. Available are two individual offices (230+ sq ft each). Reasonable rates. Ample free parking and a short walk from the Nassau County Seat, Winthrop University Hospital and the Mineola LIRR train station. **Non-profit organizations only may apply.** Also on site and available for occasional rental are a conference room for meetings up to 50 people and a large auditorium that can be used for larger events. **Inquire through the office, 516-741-7304.**

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**Social Media:**

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[www.facebook.com/kidsethicsprogramLI/](http://www.facebook.com/kidsethicsprogramLI/)

Twitter: [www.twitter.com/ehsli](http://www.twitter.com/ehsli)  
[www.twitter.com/YesLIehs](http://www.twitter.com/YesLIehs)


This site lists a full schedule of our events. Support us by becoming an EHSLI meetup member.

Blog: Leader emeritus Arthur Dobrin is blogging weekdays at [arthurdobrin.wordpress.com](http://arthurdobrin.wordpress.com)

Community Action: [www.communitiesandpolicetalk.org](http://www.communitiesandpolicetalk.org)

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