



The Ethical Humanist

Newsletter of the Ethical Humanist Society of Long Island
Create a Caring World



Sunday Talks

July 31 : Ginger Bailer-Hendler, Peacem Warrior Workshop, Non-violent Communication

August 7: Linda Napoli, A Rumi Morning

August 14: Heidi Mann, RN, Should you worry about the Zika virus?

August 21: Tara Klein, The Inside Game, How to Use the System to Create Change

August 28: Ken Feifer, What the Affordable Care Act Hopes to Accomplish– How Health Insurance Works

"Humanism is a philosophy of joyous service for the greater good of all humanity, of application of new ideas of scientific progress for the benefit of all."

- Linus Pauling, Nobel Prize winning scientist

President's Message

from Linda Napoli

It's high summer and a great time to take advantage of living on an island! Our beautiful beaches are beckoning and if you go in the evening, the sunsets are magnificent.



Summer Sundays are going well and we're looking forward to the remaining weeks. The Sunday Morning Committee is working hard to find interesting speakers who will inform and inspire us. Pat Spencer has been spending a lot of time contacting Ethical Culture Leaders through the new AEU Leader Speakers Bureau and our plan to have one Leader speak each month is unfolding beautifully. (Thank you, Pat)

Creating more Special Programs is also in the works based on our members' requests from the Spring Surveys. See below for details. We are also planning to have an Open House for our youth program in September. If you know of any neighbors or friends with children, this would be a great time to invite them to learn more about how humanism can enrich their children's lives.

It will be a great year, and as always, we encourage you to come to our Sunday meetings as often as you can. Bring a friend!

Our Youth Programs

Humanist Sunday School and YES

Our youth programs have disbanded for the summer, but will regather in September to begin again. Thanks to Christine Lamattina, Jacqueline Bottenbley, and John Waters who have all agreed to return to work with our kids. The YES opening day will be Sept. 11. Opening day for Sunday school will be September 18.



Sunday School Open House

Tell your friends! Our Humanist Sunday School Open House will be on Sunday, September 18 at 10:30 a.m. Meet our teachers and find out what they have planned for the coming year. Then, while the children attend class, parents can sit in on the Sunday morning address. This will be a chance for parents to meet teachers and get their kids involved in humanist philosophy and community service. Babysitting will be provided and refreshments will be served.

OPEN HOUSE
ALL INVITED

HUMANIST SUNDAY SCHOOL
SEPT. 18 10:30 am Bring Your Kids!

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Newest Humanist Member: Kiam Larsen-Silberger

With great joy, we congratulate Bill Larsen and Sylvia Silberger on the birth of their son Kiam, who arrived on this planet July 8, 2016.

Kiam is welcomed by approximately 90 aunts and uncles at the Ethical Humanist Society of Long Island who will just have to put their patience to the test in taking turns in holding him. We strive to bring out the best in others: Kiam, you will bring out the best in us.



Yoga

Sylvia hopes to return to yoga instruction after she is fully recovered and can safely incorporate downward dogs and cat-cows in her movements. Please watch for announcements in late September or early October for resumption of classes.

Social Action

Ethical Friends of Children

Ethical Friends of Children is closed for August, but beginning in September, they will be organizing donations and meeting the needs of parents. All of our items are donated and all of our items are given away at no cost to families.

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.

Contact Jim LoPresti at efoc@ehsli.org for more information



Communities and Police Talk: Web Site Launched to Encourage Communication Between Police and Community

Our Social Action committee, under the direction of Dr. Arthur Dobrin, has launched a new website, www.communitiesandpolicetalk.org. Designed by EHSI member Tim Keane (that's Tim Keane, not Tim Kaine!), the website hopes to encourage civil discourse between the two, and replace the rancor that so often erupts when we don't fully listen to each other. You can read about current issues and offer a compliment or a complaint to Nassau County (NY) police, as well as learn about police training opportunities. Solving problems can begin with a conversation.



Inspired to take action after the police problems in Staten Island and Ferguson, MO, Arthur joined the Nassau County Civilian Police Academy, a course designed to help civilians understand the work and challenges of Police Departments. Arthur was inspired to develop the website so that citizens would have a place to voice concerns, and police would have an opportunity to read about what bothers citizens.

In order to make sure that the website remains "fair and balanced," Dr. Emanuel Boussious is an advisor on the website. Mr. Boussious is a sociologist and a certified Police Academy instructor and an visiting scholar at the Saltzman Institute of War and Peace at Columbia University. Dr. Isma Caudhry, president of the Islamic Center of Long Island in Westbury, also serves on the advisory committee.

Also visit the Facebook page under Communities and Police Talk. Please join that conversation and let's make progress together!



Our Affiliated Groups

The AHA (American Humanist Association) Voter Registration Drive

Our AHA chapter and EHSLI, along with the Long Island Atheists, are sponsoring a voter registration drive:

Sunday, Aug. 21

10 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Stop and Shop

132 Fulton Avenue, Hempstead



We need people to work in 2-hour time slots. We want to give people breaks and make sure there are at least two people there at all times. Please let Sharon Stanley know what time you want to come at lihumanist@gmail.com.

This is a great opportunity for children and teens to participate in democracy, even if they are too young to vote. In addition, it's a great chance to mingle with members of like-minded organizations who will be there to help. Due to this contentious election year, it has become essential to register as many people as possible. This is a nonpartisan event. We are not there to provide counseling on whom to vote for or debate politics. We are simply providing an essential community service.

Chapter meetings for AHA Long Island will begin on Monday, August 29, at 7 p.m. at EHSLI.



What I did over summer vacation...

Ryan Keane was at the Democratic National Convention in Philadelphia! Accompanied by Mom and Dad (Tina and Tim), Ryan got to see Bernie Sanders, Elizabeth Warren, and Michelle Obama! Pure circumstance got them there, by meeting a Sanders delegate on the train who gave them tickets. Meanwhile, we hope that Ryan is inspired to take up ethical politics someday (no, that does not need to be an oxymoron.) If not us, then who?

What's Going On?

What Happened at the AEU Conference?

by Linda Napoli

The 101st annual AEU (American Ethical Union) Assembly was held in mid-July in St. Louis. Linda Napoli, Alison Pratt and Sharon Stanley attended as delegates from our Society. The theme was "Bending the Arc of History toward Justice." The beautiful St. Louis Gateway Arch, which we could see from the hotel was a perfect backdrop for this important topic. Two interesting workshops that were presented were "What is White Privilege Anyway," and "Peace Through the Arts."

Most of the attendees also went to a powerful and moving play called, "Black and Blue" held at the Christchurch Cathedral. The play's topic was the tragedy and ongoing protests in Ferguson, which is right outside of St. Louis. All of the dialogue was based on interviews by the playwright and the actual words of the various individuals who have been part of this experience were used.

One of the purposes of the AEU is to create formal statements declaring our positions on various social topics. The resolutions are proposed by the member societies, and after discussion, the delegates vote on whether to adopt them. Societies are then encouraged to work on these issues back at their home societies.

If you would like to read the resolutions, please go to <http://aeu.org/resource-category/resolutions/> While you are there, check out the other activities of our parent organization, the American Ethical Union.

Women's Retreat

Save the date! The Women's Retreat will be Oct. 15 & 16 at St. Josaphats Monastery in Glen Cove. For more information contact Delorie Cohan at 718-459-1380 or at rodel48@aol.com.



St. Josaphat's Monastery is a serene setting on the Long Island Sound.

This-n-That

Angel Donor Needed

The Society needs a new refrigerator. The one we have is old and is starting to act up. It is an essential part of our kitchen especially for our many rentals. If you would like to purchase a new one, contact the office.



Ever miss a Sunday morning meeting?

We encourage everyone to come every week! But if you can't make it, you can at least catch up on our great speakers— or hear them for a second time. Every talk is recorded... catch via the link on our website. Go to <http://www.ehsl.org/resources/archives/talks/>



EHSLI 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. Learn more at www.ehsl.org.

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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.

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.

Humanist Sunday School 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.

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.

AHA Meetings. The Ethical Humanist Society of Long Island's chapter of the American Humanist Association 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.

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 Zeigler at 516-538-2687. Leave a message and he'll return your call.

Free Vinyasa Flow Yoga Classes. Join Sylvia Silberger for free vinyasa flow yoga classes at the Ethical Humanist Society. The classes are on Wednesdays from 5:45 - 7:00 pm. If interested, contact Sylvia at matsbs@yahoo.com to be put on her class confirmation list.

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 organization only to 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.**

Social Media:

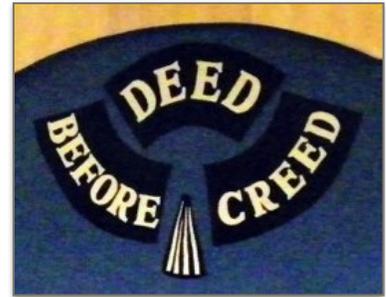
Facebook: www.facebook.com/LIEthical

Twitter: www.twitter.com/ehsli

Meetup: www.meetup.com/Ethical-Humanist-Society-of-Long-Island/ .
This site lists a full schedule of our events. Support us by becoming an EHSLI meet-up member.

Blog: Leader emeritus Arthur Dobrin is blogging weekdays at arthurdobrin.wordpress.com

Community action: www.communitiesandpolicetalk.org



EHSLI is a member society of the American Ethical Union and a Chapter of the American Humanist Association.



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