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Sunday Talks

October 2: Risco Mention-Lewis, Race/Policing and The Ethical Treatment of African American Males.

October 9: Anjela Jenkins, Advocating for the Best Interests of Unaccompanied Immigrant Children.

October 16: Bill Caspary, The Cure for the Ills of Democracy is More Democracy.

October 23: Jone Johnson Lewis, Don't Believe What You Think

October 30: Sarah Finkelstein Waters, Parental Alienation in Divorce and Custodial Conflict-- Healing Bonds Between Parents and Children

**SAVE THE DATE:
MEMBERSHIP MEETING
on NOVEMBER 13th**

President's Message

By Linda Napoli

Hello Everyone,

We're off to a wonderful start this year as the trees begin to show their colors and the weather cools off. It's a great time to visit Long Island's beautiful gardens and nature preserves!



We've already had some interesting speakers at our Sunday meetings and there are more to come. Sunday School has begun and the YES group is getting together every two weeks with John Waters as the youth advisor.

The Special Programs Initiative is getting under way with three great workshops planned. See "Announcements" below for specific details. You will be asked to sign up ahead of time and you're welcome to bring a friend.

Our new piano sounds wonderful. Thanks to Kelly for bringing out the best in it. We're hoping to have some musical evenings this year for additional enjoyment.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the school supplies drive. Please wear Welcome Tags on Sunday mornings and invite newcomers to wear them as well. Keep tabs on upcoming events through the weekly email, which is sent out every Tuesday.

October Speakers



Oct. 2: “Race/Policing and the Ethical Treatment of African American Males.” Suffolk County Deputy Police Commissioner Risco Mention-Lewis began her legal career as a Nassau County Assistant District Attorney in 1993. She rose to the position of Unit Chief of the “Rising Star” Program where she focused on gang prevention strategies. She later coordinated intervention strategies for Nassau County’s Operation Ceasefire and also worked in the Community Court, developing individualized “contracts” for the young defendants to ensure that they were positively engaged in their communities. As the Chief of the Youth Development and Redirection Unit, she designed and implemented the Council of Thought and Action “COTA,” a weekly support group for ex-offenders.

In January 2013 Mention-Lewis was appointed to the position of Deputy Police Commissioner, making her not only the first female to hold the position, but also the first person of color.



Oct. 9: “Advocating for the Best Interests of Unaccompanied Immigrant Children.” Anjela Jenkins, supervising attorney at the Young Center for Immigrant Children’s Rights, will discuss how immigrant children arrive in the United States and navigate the immigration system, and the work that the Young Center does to advocate on these children’s behalf. Information about volunteering with the Young Center for Immigrant Children’s Rights will also be shared.

Prior to the Young Center, Anjela managed a program in Texas’ Rio Grande Valley to screen and assist low-income DREAMers. She has also represented survivors of domestic violence in family court and conducted policy/advocacy work at a Latinx-focused reproductive justice organization, all in Washington, D.C.



Oct. 16: "The Cure for the Ills of Democracy is More Democracy." Bill Caspary received both his B.S. and M.S. in physics and his Ph.D. in political science. His teaching interests at NYU's Gallatin School of Individualized Study are primarily in democratic theory, ethics, and democracy and education. He also teaches peace studies, conflict resolution, political psychology, and philosophy of science.

Caspary's recent scholarship focused on the pragmatist tradition in American thought, especially the democratic and ethical theories of John Dewey. He is the author of *Dewey on Democracy* (Cornell University Press, 2000) and numerous articles in scholarly journals.



Oct 23: "Don't Believe What You Think." Why does everyone - yes, everyone - believe at least some things are true which are not true? How do we get better at knowing which is which? And what does this have to do with ethics, doing the "right" thing?

Jone Johnson Lewis is the Leader of the Riverdale-Yonkers Society for Ethical Culture and the Brooklyn Society for Ethical Culture, after many years serving our Northern Virginia Ethical Society. She also serves as the Leader working with National Ethical Service, an affiliate of the American Ethical Union. Within the movement, she is especially interested in social justice and membership/movement growth.

From 1 pm - 3 pm, Jone will lead a workshop called "Radical Hospitality" about how to increase membership.



Oct. 30: "Parental alienation in divorce and custodial conflict - healing bonds between parents and children." Parental alienation is the process, and the result, of the psychological manipulation of a child into showing unwarranted fear, disrespect or hostility towards a parent and/or other family members. Sarah Cecilie Finkelstein Waters experienced this first-hand and she will talk to us about how she reunited with the mother she was alienated from as a child.

Sarah is a graduate of the Oslo University College and a Fulbright Scholar, and she is also a former "milk carton kid." She was abducted by her father as a 4-year-old child from her mother in Oslo, Norway, and spent the next 14 years of her life hidden from her mother in Ultra-Orthodox Jewish communities in the U.S.A.

Announcements

BABY NAMING CEREMONY



On Sunday, October 9th, Sylvia Silberger and Bill Larsen's new son, Kiam, will be welcomed to the Society following the Sunday morning talk.

During the Welcoming Ceremony, five "Gaia-parents" (rather than "God-parents") will be honored:

- Marysia Tarnopolski-Weiss
- Ellie Thomas
- Andrea Russo-Weithman
- Sharon Stanley
- Agustin McCarthy



Refreshments will be served following the service.

RADICAL HOSPITALITY WORKSHOP

This workshop will be presented by Ethical Culture Leader, Jone Johnson Lewis after her Sunday October 23rd talk. The topic is specifically related to the best ways to be as welcoming as possible to newcomers. Members who are interested and concerned about increasing our membership are especially invited. Meeting and Greeting is not always enough. The workshop will run from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS INITIATIVE:

Terrific Topics Series
Mondays at 7:30 p.m.

November 7 - PEACE WARRIOR WORKSHOP (A Basic Understanding of the Language of Non-violent Communication)

- presented by Ginger Hendler

Certain words can push people's buttons. This is a great way of learning how to talk to others in a humane way.

November 21 - THOUGHTS ON ETHNIC DIVERSITY

- presented by David Sprintzen

Ever wonder why there is so much discord amongst our citizens? This discussion will help explain one of the major reasons.

December 5 - PATHS TO HUMANISM

- hosted by Sharon Stanley

Sharon will share her own experience and attendees will be invited to take part with their own stories of being a humanist and how they got there.

TWO DAYS TO REMEMBER

October 10th is World Mental Health Day.

So many social issues need attention, but mental health has long been neglected. According to statistics, 1 out of every 5 adults in America suffers from some form of mental illness. We all know someone who needs our caring and support. Institutionally, our government has turned its back on this population with lack of funding for important programs. We pay a price. The mass shootings, which plague our society, have often been attributed to mental health problems in the shooter.

Let's ask ourselves, what can we do to make a difference, both as individuals and as an Ethical Society.

October 11th is National Coming Out Day.

This day reminds us to support those with different sexual orientations through their often difficult, personal journeys. As humanists, it is up to us to treat every person with dignity.

WOMEN'S RETREAT REMINDER

DON'T FORGET - The annual Women's Retreat at St. Josephat's Retreat House in Glen Cove is scheduled for 10/15 and 16. Please sign up and pay in the office by Oct. 9th. If you haven't been before, it's a great experience! Questions? Contact Delorie Cohan at 718-459-1380 or at rodel48@aol.com.



St. Josephat's Monastery

Our Times Coffeehouse

Gathering Time



Stuart Markus, Hillary Foxsong & Gerry McKeveny

Friday, October 21st at 8 PM

"With three strong songwriters whose voices blend beautifully, the future of the folk trio is in good hands. Gathering Time has really come into its own with Keepsake." - Graham Dean, WBCR, Great Barrington, MA and WRPI, Troy, NY

Voted best band runner-up (and top folk band) in the 2011 Long Island Press readers' poll, Gathering Time is like a high-energy Peter, Paul & Mary or a co-ed Crosby, Stills & Nash, with various parts of The Byrds, Joni Mitchell, the Eagles and America mixed in; a head-turning folk-rock harmony trio described recently as "getting a whole beehive-full of buzz" on the northeast regional folk scene.

**Join us for an exhilarating evening of great music in the intimate setting of the
Our Times Coffeehouse**

Our Affiliated Groups

Humanists of Long Island (Our AHA chapter)

Humanists of Long Island, our affiliate group of the American Humanist Association, after a successful and fun voter registration drive this summer, is deciding on our next social action project. Our next meetings will be on Oct. 24, Nov. 28 and Dec. 26 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.

Our Youth Programs

Humanist Sunday School

Sunday School Greetings!

It's Fall, the leaves are turning, there is a chill in the air, the days are getting shorter and we are ready for a new year of Sunday School! The kids planted some crocuses last week just outside our classroom window so that we can look for the markers of spring next year. For now we are gearing up for new learning experiences.

This year we are planning some fun things in class such as roleplaying, playing humanist inspired games, and storytelling along with incorporating art and looking at other creative ways to express what we have learned. We are beginning the school year by comparing how we are all alike, how we are all different, and how we can use this knowledge to increase understanding of other people and cultures.

On behalf of the kids, I'd like to thank all those who contributed to our school supply drive, it was very successful!! I know that Bethany House appreciates our generous donations.

As always, please feel free to stop into the Sunday school classroom. If you have any suggestions or comments please contact me at ccl1311@aol.com.

We are always looking for new children to join us, so if you know of any families looking for a Humanist education for their children, please invite them to spend a Sunday with us!

Happy October!

Christine Lamattina, Director of Sunday School Education



Our Sunday school now has a
Facebook page!
The page name is



YES



John Waters, YES adviser

The YES group has started another year and the participants are excited about the upcoming program, especially the YES conference in Washington, D.C. which takes place November 10 -13. The topic of the conference is ethics in education. We will be planning our annual pasta dinner soon after that on Dec. 17. The annual pasta dinner is our big fundraising event. We'll be promoting the dinner soon.

YES (Youth of Ethical Societies) is for teens aged 13 to 18.

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.

Social Action

Ethical Friends of Children

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.



Weekly Food Drive



Members of the EHSLI are collecting food items for INN (Interfaith Nutrition Network). Please bring non-perishable food items to the basket in the lobby.

Society News

THE CARING CONNECTION

is a new approach to our dedication to keeping in touch with those members who are sick or in need. We encourage involvement from all, as this is core to who we are as Ethical Humanists.

SUGGESTIONS FOR SUNDAY SPEAKERS

Have you heard any speakers recently, whom you would like to recommend to the Sunday Committee, based on their excellence and subject matter including ethical issues? If so, please recommend them to the committee to consider for next season. Submit their names and means of contact to the office to be forwarded to committee members. Thanks! We appreciate your input.

MOVIE GROUP

For information on joining the movie group contact Al Zeiger at 516-538-2687. Leave a message and he will get back to you promptly.

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.

SUNDAY BREAKFAST

A few members have been going out for breakfast before the Sunday meeting, to the Carle Place Diner at 151 Old Country Road, just east of Glen Cove Road. We meet at 9:30 am and would like more of you to join us. If you are interested, email Alice Sprintzen, sprintz@optonline.net, so you can be notified if members are gathering on a particular Sunday and a place can be set for you.

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.



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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.

Every talk is recorded... Go to <http://www.ehsl.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.

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.

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.

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.

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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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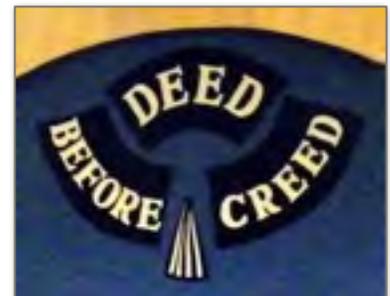
Facebook: www.facebook.com/LIEthical

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



The Ethical Humanist Society of Long Island is a member society of the American Ethical Union and a Chapter of the American Humanist Association.