President’s Message

By Linda Napoli

“Faith in Ourselves, Faith in Each Other”

Our new season has gotten off to a wonderful start during a really lovely September. There are a number of new visitors and both the Kids Ethics Program and the YES group have grown. Thank you to our teachers and advisors in both programs.

This month our Documentary series (co-sponsored by the LI Media Task Force) begins with a provocative and chilling film. This is a community event so bring your friends. On October 8, we start our Sunday Small Group Discussions with an exploration of how we came to see the Ethical Humanist Society as home.

See below for details on both of these programs and be sure to take home flyers. In succeeding months there will be more documentaries and Small Group Discussions as well as musical presentations offered at the Society.

Thank you to Sharon Stanley for coordinating the October 3rd town hall meeting regarding the upcoming vote on the New York State Constitutional Convention. For those of you who couldn’t attend, there are information sheets available to aid you in your decision.

Sunday Meetings
Begin at 11:00 am

Oct. 8: Colleen Eren, *Bernie Madoff, Sociopathy, and the stories we tell about his Ponzi*

Oct. 15: Ryan Madden, *The Fight for Climate Justice on Long Island*


Oct. 29: Arthur Dobrin, *Humanists’ Missing Value*

Nov. 5: Bob Lepley, *Music, Spirituality, Consciousness Activism, Ethics*

**Colloquy**
Every Sunday at 9:30 am
SMALL GROUP DISCUSSIONS

Ideas and suggestions for topics, or non-fiction books or articles are welcome. Please contact Linda Napoli.

ALL HANDS ON DECK

Our Society is growing and we’d like to advance the life of our group even more. For a very long time, a small number of people have dedicated their time and effort to the Society’s functioning. We are grateful for their hard work. It’s time to add to the crew. If you have a passion or expertise you would like to share, please contact Linda Napoli.

THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO HAS BEEN HELPING IN THE COFFEE HOUR CLEANUP, ESPECIALLY WHILE STACY LEON IS PHYSICALLY LIMITED.

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

“You give but little when you give of your possessions. It is when you give of yourself that you truly give.”

Kahlil Gibran
SAVE THE DATES!!!

SMALL GROUP DISCUSSIONS
SUNDAYS AT 12:30

October 8

SHARING OUR JOURNEYS:
A conversation about our search for meaning in our lives.

November 5

NON-FICTION BOOK DISCUSSION
“On Tyranny” by Timothy Snyder

December 3

GOSSIP
What it is and how it hurts us all.
Media Documentary Series

**THE BRAINWASHING OF MY DAD**

Wednesday, October 11, 7 p.m.

THE BRAINWASHING OF MY DAD unravels the deliberate shift of the country to the right, largely through media manipulation, and shines a light on how it happened, who owns the airwaves, what rights we have as consumers, and what responsibility our government has to keep the airwaves fair, accurate, and accountable to the truth.

Movie followed by Q & A by filmmaker Jan Senko

**SHADOWS OF LIBERTY**

Wednesday, November 8, 7 p.m.

SHADOWS OF LIBERTY examines how the US media are controlled by a handful of corporations exercising extraordinary political, social, and economic power.

**PROJECT CENSORED**

Wednesday, Dec. 6, 7 p.m.

PROJECT CENSORED takes an in-depth look at what is wrong with the news media in the US today, and highlights the work of 37-year media democracy organization Project Censored and its commitment to media literacy education as an antidote to top-down, managed news propaganda and censorship.

SEE MOVIES AT:
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516-741-7304
FREE ADMISSION, $5 donation requested
Presentations

Oct. 8: Colleen Eren, *Bernie Madoff, Sociopathy, and the stories we tell about his Ponz.*

Colleen Eren will discuss her book *Bernie Madoff and the Crisis: The Public Trial of Capitalism,* which was released by Stanford University Press in 2017. Rooted in critical sociology, the book analyzes media coverage of the case alongside original interviews with Madoff, the SEC director of Public Relations, and dozens of journalists and editors. She argues that our ideological and cultural tendencies to attribute blame to individuals—be they regulators, victims, or “monsters” like Madoff—distracts us from more systemic critiques. The book offers fresh insight into the Madoff scandal and the crisis of 2008, exploring what we have yet to gain from the case of the century.


Long Island is on the frontline of climate change. From coastal erosion to ocean acidification and aquifer saltwater intrusion, our communities face an uncertain future without bold action to mitigate and adapt to the threat of climate change. With regression at the federal level, real climate action will come from states like New York. This talk will review the efforts of NY Renews and the Long Island Progressive Coalition to ensure a just transition for Long Island communities away from an extractive fossil fuel economy towards an economy that is regenerative, resilient, and sustainable.


Peter I. Cavallaro is a life-long resident of the Village of Westbury and the Mayor of the Village of Westbury, an office he has held since 2009. Prior to that, he had served 10 years on the Village Board of Trustees and 12 years as a member of its Planning Board. Mayor Cavallaro has been active in many governmental, professional, community, political, philanthropic and charitable endeavors. He is a member of the New York State Conference of Mayors; Nassau County Village Officials Association; and the Nassau Bar Association. Past involvements also include having served as the Secretary to the Thomas Hartman Foundation for Parkinson’s Research, as a director of the Education and Assistance Corporation and as a Trustee of the Henry Viscardi School of the National Center for Disability Services.

Arthur Dobrin, D.S.W., Professor Emeritus, Hofstra University and Adjunct Professor of Management, Entrepreneurship, and General Business at Hofstra University is also Leader Emeritus, Ethical Humanist Society of Long Island. He is the author, coauthor, and editor of more than twenty books, including Spelling God with Two O’s, Ethics for Everyone: How to Improve Your Moral Intelligence, and Business Ethics: The Right Way to Riches. His most recent books are The Lost Art of Happiness and The Harder Right: Stories of Conscience and Choice. He also has a weekly blog on Psychology today called Am I right which explores thoughts and opinions on how to live an ethical life. In 2016 Arthur and the Nassau Police department started a community police/community website: communitiesandpolicetalk.org

Nov. 5: Bob Lepley, Music, Spirituality, Consciousness Activism, Ethics.

This presentation will first explore the relationships between music, especially improvised music, and Buddhist meditation with an emphasis on how music and meditation affect consciousness. These ideas will then be discussed in relation to the Brazilian educator Paulo Freire’s concept of critical social consciousness, (“conscientization” as translated from Portuguese). The presentation will conclude with a discussion of the ethical imperative in the age of Trump for consciousness-raising on both the personal and societal levels and how Freire’s “bottom up empowerment” mode of activism can achieve that end. Bob holds Masters degrees in music composition and theology and has had a long and successful career as a composer, arranger, and recording artist. Mr. Lepley was also a parish minister for twenty five years with the United Methodist Church and United Church of Christ, and he has been an activist and community organizer since the 1960s.
September was a busy month for Humanists of Long Island. We continued our “Postcards to Voters” Campaign, where we wrote and decorated postcards to voters. These postcards are sent to people in other parts of the country to urge them to vote for the running democratic congressperson in their area. It adds a “personal” touch when the postcards are decorated in a cheerful way.

Some of us attended the DACA Rally in Hicksville in early September. The Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) was an American immigration policy that allowed some individuals who entered the country as minors, and had either entered or remained in the country illegally, to receive a renewable two-year period of deferred action from deportation and to be eligible for a work. Humanists and people from other local groups attended a rally to defend this important program from being terminated.

On Tuesday, October 3, 2017 Ethical Humanist Society, in conjunction with HoLI, The LI Progressive Network, UFT, Move Forward.org and other local progressive groups hosted a town hall meeting at the Ethical Society. There was a panel ready to answer any questions relating to why it is important to vote NO. James Phair, retired principal was the moderator, Joe Kessler, District 25 UFT Rep and Dr. David Sprintzen, Founder and Officer of the Long Island Progressive Coalition were panelists.

In our continued effort to encourage as many “no” votes on Proposition 1; “Should there be a constitutional convention in New York State,” HoLI bought car magnets for any member of our ethical society who wants one. Please display them proudly on your car!

I want to thank the ethical society members who came out for this event. I also want to thank all the behind the scenes people who help make everything happen. Your support means the world to us. Most importantly, my husband Chris, whose attention on the technology and sound system makes every event better. Our new audio/video system worked swimmingly.

FYI, this is a list of other organizations voting for “NO” Con Con;
Our next meeting is on Monday, October 30, upstairs in the board room.

Although our December meeting is cancelled, our Monday, November 27 will be held in the meeting room on the main floor. We have been given a unique opportunity to show a movie called, “Leaving God: Why I Left God and Why So Many Others Are Too,” by filmmaker John Follis. Our friends from the Long Island Atheists will be co-hosting this event with us and I am happy for the opportunity to be working with our friends again. We will air the movie and then have a Skype discussion with the filmmaker afterwards. More information to follow as we get closer to the date.

All our meetings start at 7:00 pm. Anyone from the ethical society and their friends are welcome. We are all humanists of Long Island!

For questions, please contact Sharon Stanley at lihumanist@gmail.com.
Our Affiliated Group: Humanists of Long Island

“Postcards to Voters” Campaign

DACA Rally in Hicksville
Vote No ConCon 2017!

What the State Constitution Protects
(and What the Big Boys Want to Tamper With)

• Civil service appointment by competitive examination. (V. §6)
• Retirement benefits not to be diminished or impaired. (V. §7)
• State money not to be loaned to private corporations. (VIII. §8.1)
• State assistance against “the hazards of unemployment, sickness, and old age. (VIII. §8.2)
• Maintenance and support of a system of free common schools, wherein all the children of this state may be educated. (XI. Section 1)
• Use of public property or money in aid of denominational schools prohibited; transportation of students authorized. (XI. §3)
• Forest preserve to be kept ever wild. (XIV. Section 1)
• Forest and wildlife conservation. (XIV. §3)
• Protection of natural resources. (XIV. §4)
• The aid, care and support of the needy. (XVII. Section 1)
• Low rent housing and nursing home accommodations for persons of low income. (XVIII. Section 1)
Our Youth Programs

Kids Ethics Program Long Island

October greetings from the Kids Ethics Program!

This month in our program we will continue with lessons about our theme, which is empowerment. The kids have been learning about how social action, personal growth, and being proactive about the things that are important to us are ways to empower ourselves. We are learning about fairness, and defining what is fair. We are also talking about our own uniqueness and how we can take pride in our own unique qualities.

Thanks to all who have been donating to our school supply drive! We will still be collecting school items for another few weeks, so if you would like to contribute, please look for our collection box in the lobby.

If you know anyone with a child who might be interested in our program, please ask them to contact me with any questions at ccl1311@aol.com.

Please don’t forget to like our Facebook page!! KIDS’ ETHICS PROGRAM LONG ISLAND

Thank You -

Christine Lamattina - Director of Ethical Education

Mina Sainbert, Assistant Teacher
YES (Youth of Ethical Societies) is for teens aged 13 to 18.

The YES group is off to a great start with several new members. We have begun an eyeglasses recycling program through Oct. 24, in collaboration with the Floral Park Lions Club. An estimated 120,000,000 people worldwide are visually impaired. Your used eyeglasses will be measured and sent to people in need around the world, where the glasses are distributed according to their needs. This is truly a social justice issue. Without vision, we can't work, get an education, or have good quality of life.

Our Y.E.S. (Youth of Ethical Societies) group helped at the Community Solidarity food share--unloading trucks, sorting fruit, veggies, breads, and then distributing them to people -- for free. Community Solidarity does food shares 7 days a week, by collecting good but discarded vegan
food from grocery stores and bringing it to share with communities in need. In a country as rich as ours, no one needs to go hungry.

Thanks Pat Spencer, Noreen, Becky, Pauline, Maggie, Nadiya, Jessie, Aniyah. – with Lorraine Zeller-Agostino and Alison Pratt.
SOCIETY NEWS

Annual EHS-LI Women’s Retreat

Our annual retreat! Women members or soon-to-be members meet in a beautiful setting to get to know one another and strengthen our community. The accommodations are simple – a retreat house in Glen Cove. Come for Saturday and stay as late as you wish or stay overnight.

On Saturday, October 14: Arrive by 9:30 am. Morning activities are followed by lunch. PM activities include group discussions, walking to the beach or around the property, perhaps a nap. Dinner and pajama party!

On Sunday, October 15: Rise early for discussion and leave in time to get to the Ethical Society for the Sunday program

Cost varies according to how long you stay.
Weekend (Sat & Sun) $90 for single/$80 for double
Saturday only - two meals $54

For more information please email Delorie at Rodel48@aol.com or call 718-459-1380

Annual School Supply Drive

Our students have been collecting school supplies for our annual school supply drive! We encourage everyone to bring in items that will be given to schools and students in need. There’s still time to donate! Everything helps!
USING THE CONFERENCE PHONE

On 1/15/2017 we instituted a new program whereby members can call in on their phones and listen to the entire Sunday morning program at the Ethical Humanist Society of Long Island.

Here are the instructions on how to listen to the EHS LI Sunday morning talk over the conference phone if you are unable to attend a Sunday meeting.

- 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.

What is important is that the listener puts your phone on **mute by dialing *6**; this prevents noises from your homes being heard.

Third Potluck Plus

**Title:** Imaginative Questions That Will Start Fun Conversations

**Description:** Get to know and enjoy fellow Society members better as you respond to questions guaranteed to spark fun conversations. For example, “If you were on an African safari, what would you absolutely have to see for your trip to be complete?” or “What is the best piece of advice you have ever received in your life? or “If you could have the voice of any famous person, living or deceased, whose voice would you want to claim as your own?” In addition, since this is a potluck plus event, everyone will bring a dish for people to share. Please call the hosts to let them know what dish you would like to bring. During the evening, you’ll get to have fun answering imaginative questions, eating some delicious food, and enjoying the company of fellow Ethical members.

**Date/Time:** Saturday, October 28, 2017, at 6 p.m.

**Hosts:** Lyn and Arthur Dobrin
**Maximum number of people:** 15
**Event Location:** 613 Dartmouth Street, Westbury, NY 11590
  (516) 997-8545
  lyndobrin@gmail.com

**NOTE:** There is no fee. To register, you can enter your name on the sign-up sheet at the back of the auditorium. Or you can call the office at 516-741-7304.
Music of Simon & Garfunkel

Friday, October 20th at 8:00pm

"Simon & Garfunkel are channeled by Swearingen & Kelli" - The Tribune, Hendersonville 2017

Join us for a trip back into the 1960s Greenwich Village coffeehouse scene with a concert featuring the music of Simon & Garfunkel performed by Swearingen and Kelli. These two artists recreate the music, memories and magic of the most famous folk-rock duo of our time. AJ Swearingen has been performing this music for 20 years with mastery of Paul Simon’s intricate guitar playing. His deep baritone blends perfectly against Kelli’s angelic vocals, which invoke a true sound in the spirit of Art Garfunkel. They perform favorites such as Homeward Bound, 59th Street Bridge Song, The Boxer, Sounds of Silence and Hazy Shade of Winter.

Adults: $20, Students (w/IDs): $15
Children under 12: $6 (very young children are free)
Tickets on sale at the door.
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. on Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/Kids-Ethics-Program-Long-Island-139022706699890/

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 @YesLleh

Humanists of Long Island is the name of The Ethical Humanist Society of Long Island's chapter of the American Humanist Association. We meet on the last Monday of each month. For questions email Sharon Stanley at lihumanist@gmail.com or leave a message at 516-741-7304.

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more at www.ehsli.org.
**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:**

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

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


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](http://arthurdobrin.wordpress.com)

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

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