President’s Message
By Linda Napoli

I hope you’re enjoying this (somewhat) beautiful season.

Our Summer Sunday talks have been especially outstanding this year, as those of you who attended in July well know. Don’t miss the upcoming August sessions! Thank you to all the members who volunteered and have taken the time to prepare so well: David Sprintzen, Judy Rosemarin, Alison Pratt, Lois Walker, Al Zeiger, Sharon Stanley, Kelly Tanza and Tara Klein. Your work is greatly appreciated!

The Board is having its annual retreat on August 17th, at which time we will brainstorm ideas, set goals and discuss plans to make the Society more responsive to our members and to the social issues of the day. However, making things happen requires volunteers to step forward to moderate and coordinate programs such as small group discussions and other types of proposals. Please see me if you are interested in helping.

This year Alison Pratt and Lorraine Agostino will be advising the Youth Group. They are full of plans including more social action. The Kids Ethics Program will be expanding its online presence. The theme of “Practicing Our Principles” will be used as a basis to improve and enhance the present curriculum.

If you are acquainted with parents who have children or teens, we invite you to spread the word about these two valuable programs. Instilling ethics in children can only improve the world’s future.

DON’T FORGET - September 10th is Opening Sunday!
Sunday Meetings

**August 6 - Al Zeiger - Genius of Mozart**

Al will talk about the life and genius of Mozart and his place in the classical period. With audience participation we will follow the form of the 1st movement of his symphony #40 in G Minor.

Dr. Albert Zeiger received his degree from Columbia University and has been a professional musician for more than forty years. He has written many articles on both jazz and classical music and is the former education editor of METRONOME MAGAZINE. He has taught at Five Towns College and in the Bethpage Public Schools for more than thirty-five years.

**August 13 - Sharon Stanley - The Humanism of the Beatles**

Many musicians and people from all walks of life were heavily influenced by The Beatles. Their musicianship, their song writing and the way they lived their lives had a heavy impact on people all around the world. Although the band broke up in 1970, they continue to affect generations, as people continue to discover and rediscover how they influenced rock and roll with their messages of love and humanity.

Sharon Stanley asserts that many of The Beatles’ songs reflect ideals present in humanism and she will enlist a multimedia presentation to support her premise. Come and enjoy the excitement and the sounds and the humanism of The Beatles! Sharon Stanley is a retired special education teacher. Her family have been members of the Ethical Humanist Society of Long Island for over 20 years. She is also the chapter chairperson of our American Humanist Association’s affiliate group, “Humanists of Long Island” and has recently been elected to the board of directors of the American Ethical Union.

**August 20 - Kelly Schmidt - Escaping a Cult Mentality, A Personal Perspective**

**August 27 - Tara Klein - “Limits of the #Resistance: State Politics and Citizen Action in the Era of Trump.”**

Tara Klein, former teen group advisor at the Ethical Humanist Society and legislative staffer in the New York State Senate, will join us to discuss the current state of national and state politics, the evolving role of citizen activism, and an insider perspective on the impacts and limits of that activism.
You're Invited

KIDS' ETHICS PROGRAM

A humanist, child-centered curriculum based on ethics and taught through games, stories, and play.
For ages 6 to 12

Classes meet September through June, 11 a.m. to noon

OPEN HOUSE

Sunday, September 17th, 10:30 a.m.
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YOUTH GROUP AVAILABLE FOR TEENS

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We Need You All!

The following members have shared their talents and dedication to help develop the health and vibrancy of the Society:

Marketing Team: Lyn Dobrin, Alison Pratt, Liz Seegert

Building Improvement and Maintenance: Jim LoPresti, Bill Larsen, Chris Stanley, Greg Robinson

Grounds Beautification: Stacy Leon and Ellen Mihok

Coffee Hour: Stacy Leon, Ellen Mihok, George Roemer, Wayne Rudin

Newsletter Editor: Linda Joe

Individual Event Planner: Alison Pratt

2016-2017 Poetry Maven: Lyn Dobrin

Building Enhancement: Alice Sprintzen

Point Person for Social Action Events: Sharon Stanley

Caring Connection: Lois Blatt

Pot Luck Plus Planning: Mel and Barbara Haber

Pastoral Person: Joan Beder

Speaker planning; Ongoing Rentals; Conference Phone setup: Pat Spencer
Our Affiliated Group: Humanists of Long Island

Humanists of Long Island

Summer Newsletter 2017

Although summer is the time for fun, vacations and frolic, the Humanists of Long Island group has been busy as we continue our advocacy to deter the Trump agenda.

At our last meeting, we wrote numerous postcards and made many phone calls, trying to appeal to out of state Republican Senators that the Indivisible group identified as being on the fence.

Sylvia Silberger set up a meeting with Kathleen Rice, who is the United States Representative for District 4, which includes the Town of Hempstead. It took Sylvia several months to get this meeting at a time that was mutually convenient for Ms. Rice and a group of us and happily, four of us attended. She is an intelligent and sympathetic politician, who encouraged us to keep the phone calls, cards and letters coming, because that is how things can get done. She told us that is the best way to make a difference. And since the Republicans were unable to repeal the ACA, our meeting with Ms. Rice and the difficulty repealing the current health care plan provided us with much needed momentum and reassurance that this was the way to proceed.

Several of us attended a Planned Parenthood Rally and helped to make phone calls there, encouraging people to support the movement to stop the “defunding” of this important organization. It is shocking to see that today and every day there are people picketing in front of the Hempstead office! As a result, it is intimidating for people to come in for services and counseling. At an advocacy meeting held at Hofstra University the following week, some of us signed up to be trained for counseling clients and escorting women to appointments.

I have invited representatives from Planned Parenthood to join us at our next meeting on July 31. We will continue our postcard writing and make phone calls on behalf of Planned Parenthood. Please bring cell phones and computers if you can.

The dates of our next few meetings are: Aug. 28, Sept. 25, Oct. 30, Nov. 27.

All our meetings meet at the ethical society on the second floor and begin at 7:00 pm. If you have any questions, Please RSVP Sharon lhumanist@gmail.com

Everyone and anyone is welcome. We are all humanists of Long Island!
Here’s a sample of the activities in which our members are involved!

Please look for us on Twitter @HumanistsLI.

For more information, email me at lihumanist@gmail.com

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

Sharon Stanley
Social Action: Ethical Friends of Children

Please continue to 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.

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For some families, buying the supplies their children need for school is a burden. Our children ask that you donate the following supplies, which will be given to Ethical Friends of Children for distribution.

- **Pencils**
- **Pens – blue, black, red**
- **Post it notes**
- **Pencil sharpeners**
- **Colored pencils**
- **Scissors**

- **Pencil cases**
- **Two pocket folders**
- **Composition books**
- **Glue sticks**
- **Washable markers**
- **Crayons**

PLEASE BRING YOUR DONATION IN ON SEPT. 10 or 17TH
THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY
Society News

UPCOMING SOCIAL ACTIONS

“Any state, any entity, any ideology that fails to recognize the worth, the dignity, the rights of man, that state is obsolete.”

Rod Serling

The Long Island Progressive Coalition (founded by our own David Sprintzen) has a great website ([LIPC.org](http://LIPC.org)). Be sure to check it to find out about participating in local rallies.

Our Society will host a community forum on October 3rd to present the case for voting against having a NYS Constitutional Convention.

Also in the fall, we will have a documentary series beginning in October sponsored by the LI Media Task Force. More information about this soon.

ON VACATION

Phyllis will be out of the office starting Friday August 4 and returning on Monday August 21. For emergency situations that can’t wait until her return, contact Linda Napoli at 516-643-7798.

QUESTION OF THE MONTH

"How well do you listen?"
MARK THE DATE - Oct. 14, 15

The Annual Women’s Retreat at St. Josephat’s Monastery will be on Oct. 14 - 15. Come for Saturday or enjoy the serenity of the entire weekend at the Glen Cove Monastery. We will be back in time for our Sunday Meeting. Contact Delorie Cohan at Rodel48@aol.com or call (718)459-1380. More information about price to follow.

CATCHING UP!

Did you miss any of our Sunday talks? Catch up over the summer! We tape our talks and post them on our website so you can catch up over the summer, or review a talk or share it with a friend. Go to our website at http://www.ehsli.org/resources/archives/talks/. If you scroll down to the bottom of the page you’ll see that we have talks in this archive from 2010, so you’ve got a lot of listening to choose from. Enjoy your summer!
Our Youth Programs
are on vacation for the summer, but they’ll be back and better than ever in September.

The Kids Ethics Program on Long Island

EHS LI YOUTH @YesLlehs
YES is a group of high school students determined to make the world a better place.
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/](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](http://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 @YesLleihs

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.

Darwin Day is our annual celebration of science, held in early February in honor of Charles Darwin.

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more at [www.ehsli.org](http://www.ehsli.org).
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

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Social Media:
Facebook: www.facebook.com/LIEthical
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Twitter: www.twitter.com/ehsli
www.twitter.com/YesLiehs
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.
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