President’s Message

By Linda Napoli

“Faith in Ourselves, Faith in Each Other”

It looks like Mother Nature is not letting us down after all. Colors and scents are everywhere in spite of the often gray skies. Time to take a deep breath and get outside for a walk.

There are still some interesting speakers ahead in June as well as a book discussion and meditation group.

Summer Sundays are being planned beginning with “Share Your Favorite Poem” on July 8th. A schedule of each week will be sent out soon. There are still a couple of openings if you’re interested in presenting. Contact Pat Spencer who is the coordinator.

We’re also beginning to think about the 2018-19 season and how to develop our membership and fund raising goals as well as meeting our mission of serving the community and improving our society in general.

There is a lot to consider. I urge you to take part in these plans. Your opinion counts and is most welcome.

Happy Father’s Day!!
June Presentations

June 3: Arthur Dobrin, The ABC and D of Ethics.
What everyone needs to know about the basics of ethics, presented by our Leader Emeritus. Dr. Dobrin is also Professor Emeritus of Management, Entrepreneurship, and General Business at Hofstra University and the author, co-author or editor more than 20 books, including books in ethics and children’s books. He writes a weekly blog on Psychology today called “Am I right” which explores thoughts and opinions on how to live an ethical life.

June 10: Robert Gangi, Politics, Policing, and Race.
How quota-driven “broken windows” policing as applied in NYC and elsewhere targets low-income people of color, and how political considerations effectively stop even progressive elected leaders from enacting the fundamental reforms needed to end or even curtail the criminal justice system’s biased & abusive practices.
Bob served as Executive Director of the Correctional Association (CA) for over 29 years and founded the Police Reform Organizing Project (PROP) in April 2011. Gangi has been an activist, community organizer and public policy advocate in New York City for over 50 years.

June 17: Father’s Day program

June 24: Carl Romano, Things Worth Believing and Why.
This reflection aims to communicate one working scientist’s practical and personal view of the Scientific Method.
Carl is a member and current VP of the Ethical Society of Northern Westchester. Professionally, Carl is a scientist, a biologist with a long standing interest in Ophthalmic Pharmacology. He was on the faculty of Washington University Medical School in St. Louis for 14 years. For the last 14, he has been working in the pharmaceutical industry.
May Presentations

**May 6: Richard Koral, What is your resilience quotient?**
In challenging times and along life’s path, it is the trait of resilience that helps one endure and thrive. How can you fortify your resilience?

Dr. Richard Koral is the Leader of the Ethical Humanist Society of Long Island. Richard also serves part-time as a Leader at the New York Society for Ethical Culture.

**May 13: Edith Updike, Journalism, the Internet and Democracy.**
What is “fake news” and what should we do about it? Is tweaking the algorithms sufficient? We look at the sociopolitical origins and philosophical underpinnings of the First Amendment, as well as the core principles of American journalism and its role in democracy as refined through Supreme Court rulings. Ultimately, we’ll take up the question of a healthy response to “fake news.”

Edith Updike is a longtime journalist and educator with an undergraduate degree in philosophy, a master’s degree in journalism and a passion for the free flow of information.

**May 20: Bart Worden, American Compassion and Justice: How the American Ethical Union plans to bring ethics to life.**
The American Ethical Union is working to expand the national presence of the Ethical Movement, grow new groups in new locations, and support member Societies in their efforts to engage with their communities to bring about a society that is more caring and fair for all.

Bart Worden has been the Executive Director of the American Ethical Union, the national federation of Ethical Culture and Ethical Humanist Societies, since June of 2012, and is also the Clergy Leader for the Ethical Culture Society of Westchester in White Plains.

**May 27: Extraordinary people we have known: Stories by EHS members Mel Haber, Lyn Dobrin, Joan Beder and Alicia Evans.**
Leader’s Message

The Truth

Last month, the news swirled around the comedienne Michelle Wolf who delivered the keynote address at the White House Correspondents Association Dinner. She was excoriated by some people primarily for having mocked and insulted Sarah Huckabee Sanders, the White House press secretary. Wolf called Sanders out as a liar, plain and simple, and refused to mince words. Calling someone a liar is harsh talk and you have to mean it when you say it and be braced for the counter punches that are sure to follow.

It was harsh because people value truth. They hold it high in esteem. To be called a liar, accused of abusing truth, or Truth, is to be called out as someone who trashes a thing that is precious. But, curiously, people can have different ideas about what Truth is. They value only their own Truth and are quick to denigrate someone else’s Truth.

So, I decided to embark on a journey of discovery to search for Truth. Like others before me who searched for Truth, I googled it.

I learned that Truth has many aspects, according to the sages of yore whose quotes appeared in the search results. According to William Shakespeare, Truth is rich and valuable. He wrote, “No legacy is so rich as honesty.” And it is eternal and durable, as Elvis Presley said, “Truth is like the sun. You can shut it out for a time, but it ain’t going away.” Or as Aldous Huxley observed, “Facts do not cease to exist just because they are ignored.”

Truth is fragile and must be handled respectfully. Truth is “a beautiful and terrible thing and should therefore be treated with great caution,” as Dumbledore warned. “Half a Truth is often a great lie,” according to Benjamin Franklin. And to William Blake, “A Truth that’s told with bad intent, Beats all the lies you can invent.”

Maybe we are not worthy of the terrible, or beautiful, Truth. Mark Twain cautioned, “Never tell the Truth to people who are not worthy of it.” Is that why we are whipsawed again and again with competing versions of reality by our society’s leaders? We’re not being entrusted with the Truth?

Maybe the Truth is more than we can take. As Winston Churchill charged, “Men occasionally stumble over the Truth, but most of them pick themselves up and hurry off as if nothing happened.” Avoidance might be the most realistic and defensible reaction to the Truth. Maybe Truth is the awful Truth that we really can’t abide. “Sometimes people don’t want to hear the Truth because they don’t want their illusions destroyed,” claimed Friederich Nietzsche. The Truth is probably just too dangerous. As George Bernard Shaw explained, “If you want to tell people the Truth, make them laugh, otherwise they’ll kill you.”

Or is Truth too elusive? Nietzsche asserted that “there is no Truth, only interpretations.” Or, as Marcus Aurelius explained, “Everything is an opinion, not a fact. Everything we see is a perspective, not the Truth.” So, maybe there can be a personal Truth - say, an alternative fact will belong to Kellyanne Conway, a “vital lie” will be precious to Ibsen’s character Relling. The
Queen of Hearts relished her counter-facts. “Sometimes I’ve believed as many as six impossible things before breakfast!” she chimed.

According to novelist Iris Murdoch, “we live in a fantasy world, a world of illusion. The great task of life is to find reality,” she wrote. But what will we do if we find the Truth? Will it be liberating, or will it be terrifying? Maybe it’s even worse than we fear.

We should be mindful of Aldous Huxley’s prediction: “You shall know the Truth...and the Truth shall make you mad.”

It is unfortunate that our current president appears to be having as much trouble honing in on the Truth as any of us. We would think that the Leader of the Free World should have as steady a grasp on reality as anyone. Or, maybe as Lemony Snicket observed, “The sad truth is the truth is sad.” Sad.

For us in Ethical Culture, it is our duty to construct reality with a foundation of fundamental principles. Truth will be found where love, commitment, tolerance, fairness and equity are the closest. And courage to face facts, like Detective Sgt. Friday. (“Just the facts, Ma’am”). So long as we hold firm to the values that guide us, like the main mast on the rocking boat, we surely won’t stray far from the Truth.

Dr. Richard Koral

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Sundays 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Announcements

50TH JUBILEE LUNCHEON - JUNE 3

Celebrating Arthur Dobrin's 50 Years as an Ethical Humanist Leader

EVERY SUNDAY IS DIAPER SUNDAY!

We still need disposable diapers for our Ethical Friends of Children Program. Larger size diapers are preferred, but all sizes are useful. This is an ongoing request!!!
SUMMER SPEAKERS PROGRAM NEEDS YOU

The Summer Speakers program is looking for volunteers to speak at 11 AM on a Sunday morning this summer. Members can choose a topic that will be of interest to them. In the past we had topics as broad as photography, hiking, Long Island politics, health care & vacations. Please contact Pat Spencer to arrange a date for you to speak.

THANK YOU!!

Pat Spencer wants to thank all those members who helped in the planning and running of the Flea Market on Saturday, 5/26/2018, we made almost $1,600. WELL DONE ALL!
CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to EHSLI member Dorcas Kiptoo and to Jacki Beder, daughter-in-law of EHSLI's Joan and Steven Beder, highlighted in Newsday.

Westbury Arts Board Welcomes New Members

Local women Jacki Beder, Dorcas Kiptoo and Angelica Medina are the newest members to be elected to the board of directors of Westbury Arts. Beder is a longtime Westbury resident and Westbury High School alum. She holds a B.S. in commerce with dual concentrations in marketing and management from Niagara University. After college, she married her high school classmate, Eric Beder, and settled in Westbury. She previously served on the boards of the Westbury Memorial Public Library (where she worked as a page during her high school years), Girl Scouts of Nassau County and the executive board of the Central Westbury Civic Association.

Beder is an executive vice president for a boutique Wall Street equity research firm and a licensed associate real estate broker. “I bring to the table a love of the arts and strong combination of business expertise,” she said.

Kiptoo is a transplant from Kenya through Europe then New Jersey and finally to Westbury where she has lived and worked since 2011. A graduate of Kenyatta University in Kenya with a Bachelor’s of Education degree, Kiptoo is now a Fortunoff jewelry specialist with Fortunoff Fine Jewelry. She is also a member of the Ethical Humanist Society of Long Island. “I look forward to bringing my love of literature and visual arts and my passion for humanity in reference to justice and fairness [to the board],” she said. She hopes that the roots that she has planted in Westbury will grow even deeper, thanking the community for welcoming her and her children.

Medina works at the Adelphi Breast Cancer Program at Adelphi University, developing and implementing interventions to promote healthy behaviors and reduce breast cancer related disparities among medically under-served populations. She graduated Magna Cum Laude from Stony Brook University with a bachelor’s degree in psychology and earned a master’s degree in health education from Columbia University’s Teachers College.

Medina moved to the United States from Colombia when she was 16 years old, and in 2011 moved to Westbury. Her high school art teacher encouraged and guided her to express herself through art to overcome feelings of loss and isolation in her new country. Medina created a collection of drawings and paintings representing Colombian landscapes and culture, which were exhibited at Illies Center. “Art in all its forms can be an agent of individual and social change and well being,” she said.

Medina hopes to use her experience in community outreach to increase participation in the activities offered by Westbury Arts. “Westbury Arts is the perfect platform to unite and celebrate all cultures through artistic expression, for everyone to get in touch with their inner artist, and to enjoy all our community has to offer,” she said.
May/June 2018

On Monday, May 14, the Ethical Humanist Society of Long Island, Humanists of Long Island, and Planned Parenthood cohosted an event called “Sharing Our Stories.” Currently, Planned Parenthood continues to be under attack. This event was to improve supporters’ and/or patients’ ability to tell the Planned Parenthood story to defend us in this climate. People’s stories put a face to the statistics. Sharing our stories is cathartic for the patient and inspiring for future patients. It reduces the trauma and stigma of using these extremely vital services.

On April 7, 2018, Sylvia Silberger, Bill Larsen, Kiam Larsen-Silberger, Ellen Mihok and I attended the Secular Social Justice Conference in Washington D.C. The Secular Social Justice Conference was developed to emphasize the connection between secular humanist values and social justice activism. This conference, hosted by the American Humanist Association, was a platform for activists of color to lead workshops and discussions that address the ravaging effects of systemic racism, sexism, heterosexism, transantagonism, and white supremacy. Here is a summary of speakers in attendance and the topics discussed: https://thehumanist.com/commentary/secular-social-justice-2018-rehumanize-decolonialize-get-free

June is a beautiful month! It includes the summer solstice, end the school term and annual PRIDE parades all over the world. Although I am unable to attend this year, for those that do, here is a link to the Facebook page of this year’s Long Island PRIDE Parade held in Long Beach on June 8th. https://www.facebook.com/LIPride/

There is no June meeting. Our next summer meetings will be on Mondays, July 30 and August 27th All of our meetings are at EHS www.ehsl.org and begin at 7:00 p.m. on the second floor. Please RSVP lihumanist@gmail.com.

Sharon Stanley
June greetings from the Kids Ethics Program!

It's almost summer, and the kids program is coming to an end for the year. It was a pleasure for us to work with such wonderful children. We are honored to have been a part of their ethical education.

We are hoping to expand our program next year, so please think about referring anyone with young children to visit us. If there are any questions about the program, I can be reached at ccl1311@aol.com.

If you have a suggestion, or comment about our program, please email me. I'd love some input!

See you in September!

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Please like us on Facebook:
Kids’ Ethics Program Long Island
YES (Youth of Ethical Societies) is for teens aged 13 to 18.

Look for us on Facebook: LONG ISLAND Y.E.S.

Congratulations to our Y.E.S. group for a year of service: Aniyah Granger, Ryan Kay, Didi Amukowa, Maggie Cullimore, and Erika Avallone.

Congrats to Nadiya Sivin-Kachala, for high school graduation and heading off to college.

Getting ready for the book drive! Sunday, May 6, 10 to 1, EHSLI. 23 boxes of books were collected for The Book Fairies! What a haul!
Society News:

BOOK TALK – JUNE 10th

“The Bridal Chair” by Gloria Goldreich is the next selection. This is a historical fiction novel centered on the daughter of Marc Chagall during the time of the Nazi occupation of Paris. Go to Goodreads.com for an extended description and review. Published in 2015. 496 pages.

The book discussion begins at 12:30 pm.

MEN’S NIGHT OUT - JUNE 14th

One evening a month we’ll gather together to catch up on our news, share insights about world events and maybe even concoct a plan.

When: Thursday evening, April 12, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.

Please RSVP to Richard Koral at: leader@ehsli.org.

WOMEN’S MEETING JUNE 16TH

The Women’s Meeting will be on Saturday, June 16 at 12:00pm at Joan Beder’s House. To sign up and for more information email Delorie at Rodel48@aol.com.
LEADER’S LUNCH DISCUSSION - JUNE 28th

Join the EHSLI Leader, Richard Koral, every month for a group discussion on a chosen topic or a featured article. A link to the article will be distributed the week before so you’ll have time to read it before the discussion.

Bring a brown bag lunch.

DATE: THURSDAY, JUNE 28 AT 12 NOON
Please RSVP to Richard Koral at: leader@ehsli.org.

All members are invited to a Pot Luck Party and Speaker Planning Meeting.

Sunday, 7/1/2018 at 2PM

Location: Home of David and Alice Sprintzen.
16 Southwoods Rd. Syosset.
(GPS may say they are in Woodbury)
516-364-2178

RSVP to Phyllis 516-741-7304 plus dish you are bringing
MONTHLY QUESTION

“How do you support the women in your life?”

MONTHLY QUOTE

“There is no influence so powerful as that of a mother.”
Sarah Josepha Hale, (1788-1879)
First Female Magazine Editor

Garden City Rental Space Available

Do you need private office space? Are you looking for meeting rooms to accommodate up to 194 people for religious services, seminars, trainings or offsite events?

Non-profit organizations like ours often have a need to find affordable space to rent. The Ethical Humanist Society of Long Island has great office space available for your long term leasing. Available are one individual office, a board room for meetings up to 50 people and a large auditorium that you use for larger events. In addition we have ample free parking and we are a short walk from Winthrop University Hospital, the Nassau County Seat and the Mineola train station.

The rental spaces can be seen on our web site under Resources/Rentals: www.ehsli.org/ceremonies/building-rental/

For further information about renting affordable space please call: 516 741-7304 or email ethicalsociety@optonline.net
KIRSTEN MAXWELL & KIPYN MARTIN

FRIDAY JUNE 15, 2018

Kirsten Maxwell is a Long Island based singer/songwriter. She started writing songs in high school and performed regularly at open mics and small gigs in college. Since then, Kirsten has committed to a life of music full-time. Without the help of label, agent, or manager, she has toured extensively in the U.S., released one album and recorded an EP, won a number of songwriting competitions and performed at festivals on the East Coast and in Texas.

Kipyn Martin is an emerging Indie folk artist whose roots sink deep into the banks of the Shenandoah River. She plays festivals, concert halls, coffeehouses, and house concerts from New England to Texas. Accolades for Kipyn include multiple Gold Awards in the Mid-Atlantic Song Contest (most recently for "God Is Love" from her 2017 album release Dance Across the Sky), as well as the honor of Washington Area Music Association’s WAMMIE Award for New Artist of the Year.

Suggested Donations For This Performance: 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 at a diner 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. Facebook: Kids Ethics Program Long Island

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. Join their Facebook group at Long Island Y.E.S.

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. Find them on Facebook at Humanists of Long Island.

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.
**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:  [Ethical Humanist Society of Long Island](https://www.facebook.com/ehsli)

Kids Ethics Program Long Island

[Long Island Y.E.S.](https://www.facebook.com/ehsli)

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


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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