President’s Message

Isaias came into town disguised as a downgraded storm. 24 hours later our property had 4 downed trees and damage to several others. Incredibly, our building sustained no damage and our rain garden suffered a broken split rail fence. With all the deluges of rain before, during and after the storm, there was no flooding. What remains is a large tree stump which is being removed and in its place will be a beautiful sign which begins “Welcome to our Rain Garden…”. With COVD still lurking the storm seems like blip…a moment in time.

Welcome to September 2020!

Three of our tenants have returned in limited capacity and carefully following CDC guidelines. Ethical Friends of Children is back serving our community. We hope some of you can volunteer. We need help.

Discussion groups, support groups, the colloquy, game night, and of course, our Sunday service are as strong as ever. This speaks to how special our community is.

On Sunday, September 6, we will begin a new season of Sunday services at EHSLI. It will be an opportunity to showcase a cross section of our members.

Social Action will continue...getting out the vote, taking care of people in need, facilitating the development of neighborhood institutions, letter writing, perhaps a demonstration. Dr Steingrabber will speak on environmental political action and civil disobedience when government refuses to hear us. From Black Lives Matter to Multicultural...
Solidarity, we will be involved. I invite everyone to participate in the richness of our community. Again, welcome to September 2020 and looking forward to the year ahead.

Jim LoPresti

Quote: I am not afraid of storms for I am learning to sail my ship
Louisa May Alcott

Sunday Presentations
https://zoom.us/j/980426852

Sept 6: Opening Sunday: Embracing Our Moment of We.

“Embracing Our Moment of We” – Join us on Opening Sunday for a celebration of regeneration and renewal as we listen to the different voices of our Ethical Community reflecting on who we are and what we believe with a focus on our 12 Core Values.

1. Ethics is my religion.
2. Every person is important and unique.
3. Every person deserves to be treated fairly, kindly and with dignity.
4. I can learn from everyone.
5. I am part of this earth, I cherish it, and all the life upon it.
6. I learn from the world around me by using senses, mind, and feelings.
7. I am a member of the world community, which depends on the cooperation of all people for peace and justice.
8. I can learn from the past to build for the future.
9. I am free to question.
10. I am free to choose what I believe.
11. I accept responsibility for my choices and actions.
12. I strive to live my values.

Sept 13: Saying Yes To YES.

Introducing the youth ethical humanist society, a team of pioneers seeking out change in the form of volunteerism for their community. They have and will continue to delve into a variety of causes and issues that the community presents such as voter suppression, economic barriers provoked by back to school season, rejuvenation of vandalized communities, and provision of care to those who lack. This way they hope to ultimately amplify the voices of those who have been silenced and those who are in need and in the process, find themselves as young men and women.

Please join us on September 13th to find more about this youth initiative as presented by their recently appointed executive board!
Sept 20: Serena Liguori: Ending the Carceral System’s Abuse of Women Behind Bars.

Serena Liguori will talk about the mission of New Hour to empower justice impacted women and will share more information about the ethics lacking from the criminal justice system as it pertains to women and mothers. Serena Liguori serves as executive director of New Hour for Women and Children—Long Island, a nonprofit dedicated to supporting women and children impacted by incarceration. New Hour provides direct-service programming in the Suffolk County jails and reentry support to women across the state returning to Long Island. Prior to leading New Hour, she was the executive director of Herstory Writers Workshop, a nonprofit dedicated to bringing marginalized voices into the public arena. Serena served as associate director of policy at the Correctional Association of New York’s Women in Prison Project, where she spearheaded legislative initiatives and policy advocacy addressing prison reform. She was the key organizer of a successful effort to create the Adoption and Safe Families Act Expanded Discretion Law, which works to secure parental rights for incarcerated parents as well as the Anti-Shackling Law, which prohibits the shackling of incarcerated mothers during labor. Serena is a survivor of isolated confinement, received her associate’s degree in the College Bound Program at Bedford Hills Correctional Facility and her bachelor’s degree from Adelphi University. Serena co-chairs the Justice for Women COVID-19 Task Force for incarcerated women. She enjoys preparing her family’s favorite traditional Puerto Rican meals.


Claire Deroche is Social Justice Coordinator for the UU Congregation at Shelter Rock (UUCSR), a position she has held since 2007. She provides support to congregational social justice initiatives and collaborates with local faith communities and grassroots organizations in order to involve UUCSR in the concerns of the wider community.
Leader’s Message

The fall election season is under way in earnest, although I can’t say that I remember the last season ever having ended. It is a continuous, loud argument that doesn’t take a break. It especially doesn’t end when the feeling is so strong that the debate was never resolved. 2016 does not feel resolved.

Democracy requires that certain fundamental values be shared. The range of debate cannot be so broad that the other side seems like a distant stranger, instead of disgruntled in-law. In much of the post-WWII era, the differences between the parties seemed narrower than they do today. The sides seemed to remain within, at most, shouting distance of each other. But now, we seem too distant to even understand each other’s words.

Winston Churchill once said that the political parties must have enough of a common understanding of governance that they will recognize the government when it’s their turn to take over. Neither party should be so extreme as to transform the government beyond the other party’s capacity to repair it.

We have had alternating parties in control of the White House for the last 75 years and each in-coming president certainly re-made the administration in his own image. For example, on each first day of a new administration during the last 40 years the new president issued an executive order reversing the policy of its predecessor on the “gag rule.” That is the regulation that bars foreign women’s health organizations that are the recipients of American foreign aid from advising their clients about abortion. Clinton and Obama each ended the gag rule on Day 1 while Reagan, Bush and Trump reinstated it when it was their turn. This back and forth, tit for tat, has become a partisan kabuki theater in its predictable repetition.

But nothing in the past has approached the concerted effort by the Trump administration to eradicate all traces of President Obama’s administration by cancelling every rule, regulation and statute implemented in his eight years in office. Call it revenge over a personal slight or an intended reversal of governing philosophy, the policy of
eradicating the previous administration’s work brings inconsistency, instability and unpredictability in government. And that’s just the practical problem. It also undermines the establishment of a national ethic - the common understanding of how we organize society and view ourselves as a polity. For democracy to function, there must be an acceptance of the legitimacy of a decision rendered with due process, even if the policy is objectionable.

On the other hand, policy can’t be made so beyond the range of a generally accepted national ideal and moral vision that the national ethic is violated. The current administration has so stretched the bounds of behavior, many fear that the guard rails and boundaries, the conventions and traditions, have been irreparably damaged and transformed.

John Adams wrote that the American Constitution was made only for a moral people and that it is wholly inadequate to the government of any other. He was saying that our society’s compact for orderly self-governance isn’t for everyone. Some people need the monarch.

It is hoped that this election can show that we are indeed a moral people and that we can restore orderly, experience driven, evidence based and people loving values to the federal government.

Dr. Richard Koral
SUNDAY PRESENTATIONS

Join us every Sunday for our Sunday Presentations held via Zoom. Doors open at 10:30, meeting starts at 11:00.

https://zoom.us/j/980426852
Or phone in at: (929) 436-2866

The Zoom link will be the same every week. Click on the link or copy and paste to your browser.

THURSDAY DIGITAL DISCUSSIONS

On Thursdays at 1:00 p.m. we will hold a digital discussion group with Leader Richard Koral on Zoom. It will have a topic, but it will be wide ranging and people will have an opportunity to share. The topics will be announced in the weekly email, but the link to join will always be the same:

https://zoom.us/j/377400022
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FRIDAY COLLOQUY 10 AM

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. It is a structured meeting, including reflection and self-expression in a nonjudgmental, confidential atmosphere."

If this is your first time attending please register by emailing jimlopr@gmail.com
Put COLLOQUY in the subject.
Vote ABSENTEE,
Vote EARLY,
VOTE!

VOTE EARLY IN NASSAU COUNTY
Early Voting Locations and Hours—2020 General Election

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Fri, Oct 30 | 6am to 7pm
Sat, Oct 31 | 9am to 6pm
Sun, Nov 1  | 10am to 3pm

*General Election*

Tuesday November 3rd
6am to 9pm
Your Designated Voting Location

All BOE Hours Same As Above
EXCEPT Monday 10/26 and Wednesday 10/28 open until 8PM

Any eligible voter in Nassau County may vote at any of the above locations during the times listed EXCEPT on November 3rd.

*On General Election Day, November 3rd, go to your designated polling place.*

www.nassauvotes.org - 1-800-345-VOTE (8683). Please note that if you vote during early voting, you will not be permitted to vote on the General Election Day or on a subsequent day of Early Voting.
This program is free, but a $20 donation would be greatly appreciated.

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This free event is presented by
The Ethical Humanist Society of Long Island

To join the presentation: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86205973720

Create a Caring World
Social Action:

Here are a few action items from our affiliate organization, MultiCultural Solidarity, plus an important campaign of the NYS Equity Agenda, of which EHS is a member, promoting Public Banking legislation.

MultiCultural Solidarity News

1. **MultiCultural Solidarity: Announces: New Diversity Listening Circles**

   MultiCultural Solidarity members used to meet monthly in people’s living rooms but now we Zoom together. We deep-listen to each person speak in turn, uninterrupted, in reply to the given topic, most often race-related. Speaking only from personal experience and feeling. The goals are to increase cross-cultural understanding and friendship, decrease barriers such as white fragility, and build a local solidarity. Not a debate or forum. More like consciousness-raising, with solidarity of diversity. Research confirms a huge way racism replicates itself in our social structure is that most people’s friends are close to exclusively within their own ethnicity. Not us!

   Here are a few options for you, all once monthly:

   1. **Which Thursday evening** in the Fall would work for you? And please say your best starting time: Email MulticulturalSolidarity@gmail.com
   2. **What about Friday eve at 7PM**? Email us to specify which Fridays in the Fall would work for you: Email MulticulturalSolidarity@gmail.com
   3. **If you prefer Saturdays**, our next one is Sept. 12 at 11AM. But as of October it will start at 2PM. Advise us of your interest: Email MulticulturalSolidarity@gmail.com and specify Sat. 11AM or Sat. 2PM
   4. **If you need a different day, put in your request now.** For example: Tuesday morning, or Thurs. afternoon, or Wed. evening. Email MulticulturalSolidarity@gmail.com and specify your available days & times.


   African American Educational & Cultural Foundation. For more information: aaecfinc@gmail.com

   631-494-5665/ 631-208-1739

3. **Zoom Series on Policing: Re-Imagining Community Safety** by LI Network for Change (LINC) & the LI Black Alliance (LIBA): https://tinyurl.com/policeallies

4. **Policing: Re-Imagining Community Safety**: Recorded video of recent webinar by Alex S. Vitale, author of The End of Policing. Click here for the VIDEO RECORDING Accompanying SLIDE PRESENTATION.
5. **How to support essential excluded and undocumented workers** in this time of COVID-19. Almost 100,000 undocumented immigrants live on Long Island, most having to flee terrible violence and poverty in their homelands. Now they hang in legal limbo, arrested by ICE agents, or fearing arrest, deportation, family separation, and now with COVID-19, they are suffering extraordinarily high infection rates and unemployment rates. And they are excluded from almost all supports. Three actions you can take:

1. **Advocate** for a New York State excluded workers fund [https://www.nysenate.gov/legislation/bills/2019/s8277](https://www.nysenate.gov/legislation/bills/2019/s8277). In the assembly the bill number is a10414. It is a billionaire tax which would provide excluded undocumented workers with unemployment benefits. This will also pump about $370 million into Long Island’s economy monthly. Your state senator’s contact info is here: [www.nysenate.gov/find-my-senator](http://www.nysenate.gov/find-my-senator).

2. **Get active in a local rapid response network (RRN)** in your area. Call Richard Koubek 631-499-6725 or email him at rkmicahli@gmail.com

3. **Contribute to the LIJWJ** jobs with justice solidarity fund which helps families of documented immigrants who lost the breadwinner to ICE with funds, food, clothing etc. Tax deductible donation: [https://LongIslandjwj.org/Donate/Solidarity-fund/](https://LongIslandjwj.org/Donate/Solidarity-fund/)

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**PUBLIC BANKING**

**How to Support a Public Banking Law**, which could LEVERAGE PUBLIC FUNDS TO ADVANCE RACIAL JUSTICE & ECONOMIC DEMOCRACY, particularly for under-served communities, and empower disenfranchised people to gain greater control over their communities.

LEARN HOW AND WHY: [https://48c1f661-b90e-4b81-a7cc-c5d67acba774.filesusr.com/ugd/1833d2_4882bc0efe88454bbbe57e2a6e0fca9d.pdf](https://48c1f661-b90e-4b81-a7cc-c5d67acba774.filesusr.com/ugd/1833d2_4882bc0efe88454bbbe57e2a6e0fca9d.pdf)

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**WEEKLY EMAIL NOTICES**

Sign up for the weekly email notices to be informed of all of our activities and Zoom links. Email the office [office@ehsli.org](mailto:office@ehsli.org) or call 516-741-7304.
EHSLI Board member, Barbara Haber, attended the AEU 2020 Assembly (on Zoom) this summer as EHSLI’s delegate. She attended 5 business meetings on: Budgets, 2021 Assembly, Bylaws and Policy Changes, and Board Candidates. The Business Meetings were very informative, with much discussion and debate. She also attended Jim Lo Presti’s presentation on the Ethical Friends of Children at EHSLI which, like some other Assembly programs that were offered, showcased a successful community-building program and the work it achieves.

There were two proposals that the Assembly put forth: “Death with Dignity,” supporting passage of state laws allowing physicians to assist dying, and “Black Lives Matter to AEU,” supporting “Reconciling with the AEU’s Connections to White Supremacy and Systemic Racism; Reaffirming Resolutions against Racism and for Civil Rights; and Moving Forward within an Anti-Racist Framework.”

There was a great deal of discussion and debate about this second Resolution both at the AEU Assembly and in EHSLI’s own Board Meeting when the report on the Assembly was presented. The EHSLI Board will soon be making plans to bring this discussion to its own membership.

[You should be able to access these full statements on the AEU website: https://aeu.org/resource-category/statements/ but they are currently missing as of 9/3/2020. Check back at a later date]
Our Youth Programs:

**Kids Ethics Program Long Island**

Is currently on hiatus.
See our Social media pages for recent programming.

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

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

Y.E.S. is a group of high school students who want to make a better world. We will be meeting the new group on September 13 when they present the Sunday morning program via Zoom. Be sure to attend!

Read about the very successful school supply drive to benefit Ethical Friends of Children
Announcements:

ETHICAL ISSUES IN OUR TIMES - SEPT.3

Join Dr. David Sprintzen for The 7th in our monthly series of public discussions on “Ethical Issues in Our Times” via Zoom.

**Topic:** “What Does Community Mean To You?”

**When:** Thursday, September 3, 2020, 7:00 - 9:00 pm

What communities do you belong to? Do you find them supportive? Or constraining? Are there communities you would like to create? or join? or abolish?

Let us know if you will attend.

To register, call the EHS office: 516-741-7304 or email: office@ehsli.org

To join Zoom Meeting click on the link or cut and paste to your web browser:

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/896985586

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**THIS TALK IS FREE, BUT A DONATION OF $20 OR MORE WOULD BE GREATLY APPRECIATED**
ELECTION 2020 - BEGINS EARLY!

1) New York offers absentee ballots by mail to voters.
   APPLY FOR YOUR ABSENTEE BALLOT ONLINE
   You may also call or email to request an absentee ballot:
   Nassau County Board of Elections
   240 Old Country Road - 5th Floor,
   PO Box 9002 Mineola, NY 11501
   Phone: 516-571-8683 Fax: 516-571-2058
   Email: InfoBOE@nassaucountyny.gov

2) New York voters can also vote EARLY
   from Saturday, Oct. 24, 2020 to Sunday, Nov. 1, 2020,
   See the flyer on page 8 for locations, dates and hours

3) Voters registered in New York can look up where to VOTE IN PERSON on Nov. 3, 2020 on New York’s BOARD OF ELECTION site.

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Garden City Rental Space Available

Do you need meeting rooms to accommodate up to 50 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 a conference room for meetings up to 50 people and a smaller room for up to 8-12 people in addition a large auditorium is available for occasional use. 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:
https://www.ehsli.org/ceremonies-building-rentals/building-rental/

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

It's not too late to be counted.
Do it online at https://my2020census.gov/login
You must find your CENSUS ID.
IN MEMORIUM: Larry Bluth

Larry Bluth died on Thursday night, August 27, 2020 after a long and arduous battle against cancer.

Larry was a long time member of EHSLI and, before that, of the Riverdale Yonkers Society for Ethical Culture. He was a celebrated jazz pianist and the jazz trio he led cut three CD’s, which were reviewed in the music press. We remember Larry for his quiet charm, his wry wit and the times he played piano for us at the Society for festivals and events. His many, many piano students remember him for his guidance, support and inspiration.

We send our heartfelt condolences to our dear friend in Ethical Culture, Elke, his bride of 40 years.

Elke and Larry have been regular and valued members of the Colloquy. His thoughtful and erudite musings will be sorely missed.
Carolyn Ferrell

He was the only real father I have known, and I wish I could’ve told him that. Lawrence Bluth passed away last night, leaving us to try and figure out the world without him. He made my mom very happy, and he enriched our lives in countless ways. Larry often told jokes that began, “A rabbi, a priest and a nun walked into a bar…” and he loved the effect of Gifs at the end of text messages. Probably one of the most accomplished jazz musicians to live—he introduced us to Billie Holiday and Lester Young. He loved the majesty of Bach and the wisdom he found in the novels of John Le Carre. Through his guidance he taught me how to be an intellectual, and with his love, he taught me how to be the best possible human being I can be. He was a City boy until he was a Long Island man…and though he never swam in the ocean, walks along Fire Island was a source of comfort and a state of being for both him and my mother. He passed away surrounded by portraits—of his grandparents who’d fled pogroms in Eastern Europe, of his mother, who gave him a certain delineation, and of us, the family he met in 1980 and nurtured all these years. He is still in our air.
REMEMBERING LARRY
by Al Zeiger

I met Larry and his wife Elke ten years ago at the Sunday Colloquy. I was happy to see another man join us, and another musician! He told me that he was a graduate of The Berkley College of Music which was known for its performing arts program. I was impressed with his creativity when he played piano at the Society. As we got to know each other, I was also impressed with his knowledge of classical as well as jazz music.

Larry was a man of principle and integrity. He refused to join the commercial music scene which included weddings and bar mitzvahs. Instead he went into private practice as a piano teacher. His views on music were unconventional. While he accepted the icons of classical and jazz music, he did not accept many of the legends which critics espoused.

Larry had a wonderful sense of humor. He would send me jokes and tell me jokes. He would send me performances on YouTube that he admired.

Larry was well read and had a strong interest in philosophy, always with a book in his lap. In the Colloquy his approach was often interesting and unusual.

As I sit here with tears in my eyes, his death came as a shock to me. He did not want anyone to know how sick he was. We have lost a man of principle and integrity, an unusual human being. I will miss him very much. We all mourn his death.
The rain stops.
The sun appears.
A new day arises
Bursting with potential.

Shot taken Long Beach NY 6:45 am August 28, 2020 by Judy Rosemarin

By contributing to the Ethical Humanist Society of Long Island you are helping to maintain its mission and purposes and the many programs and services it offers to its member and the public.

Click here to DONATE
**Society News:**

**WEILL FUND**

The Weill Fund committee is currently soliciting social action ideas that could be supportable by a Weill Fund grant in 2021. This current year’s grant has been helping EFOC supply diapers and other supplies to needy families along with providing for a spectacular dinner benefitting the Backstretch Community at Belmont Racetrack in partnership with the Racetrack Chaplaincy.

The fund seeks to “improve moral and ethical human interaction and relationships, standards of conduct and thought, improve race relations, and ameliorate economic hardships of individuals and families.”

**Deadline for submitting ideas is September 25th. The committee will then review all proposals and select a few for submission to the Weill Fund Board at the end of October.**

Please contact Jim LoPresti for further information or to submit ideas for a future grant. [jimlopr@gmail.com](mailto:jimlopr@gmail.com)

All ideas are welcome! No need to commit yourself to instituting or being responsible for completion of your proposal.

**EHSNI SOCIAL EVENTS.**

We renamed Pot Luck Plus to EHSNI Social Events.

EHSNI currently has one phenomenally successful Social Event—the group is now so full that it cannot presently accept new members. This is Lyn Dobrin’s Scattergories game. Mel and Barbara will soon be planning more Social Events for the Fall that they hope will entice you to join and help create fun, pleasure, and learning.
EFOC is still operating but not live, we have been filling orders and the customers come after hours and pick them up from a storage box outside the society front door, that way we do not come in contact. EFOC work load and organizing of our supplies is still more than Jim and Pat can do without some extra help. Can you help us for a few weeks on a Wednesday morning? Please contact Pat Spencer.

We are getting out the vote! Thanks to the organizational efforts of Sharon Stanley and Lorraine Zeller-Agostino, EHSLI Members, friends and the youth group have sent out 1200 personalized post cards to individuals who are at risk of disenfranchisement. The American Ethical Union and other Ethical Societies throughout the country are involved.

Nationwide the Reclaim Our Vote Campaign has sent almost 2.5 million cards since January. The cards send the message “Your VOTE is Your VOICE!”

There is still time for you and others to help as the campaign will continue into October. If you would like to join our postcard campaign, please contact Sharon at lihumanist@gmail.com, or Lorraine at lorraine@agostinoarts.com.

Here Lorraine hands over a packet of postcards to Linda Napoli.
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/

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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 weekly. 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.

Commemoration Sunday is our first meeting of each new year when we renew our core values of freedom, justice, dignity and compassion.

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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, please contact Phyllis or Tina at ethicalsociety@optonline.net

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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

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