Laurels are not for sitting:

February is Black History Month, a time during which we can reflect not only on past history, but on unfolding history as we witness its creation. Black History Month began as a way of remembering important people and events in the history of the African diaspora. But in addition to celebrating events of the past, it offers an opportunity to reflect on the unique time we are living through right now. We are experiencing an inflection point in American history, and the way we proceed from here will impact the viability of our experiment in participatory democracy and our ideals about freedom and equality.

2020 saw an awakening of outrage over the serial killings of unarmed Black people by police in different parts of the country and the broadening of the Black Lives Matter movement in response. Demonstrations held in support of BLM in countless cities and towns across the country were attended by a remarkable number of racially diverse participants. These actions represented a broad awakening for many people. The message was conveyed far and wide that the structure of policing, governance and corporate domination that undergirds American society remains deeply racist and that only by acknowledging that fact and by purposefully overcoming it in all facets of our community life will we build the just and equitable society we claim to be – and deserve to be.
At the same time, with the presidential election of 2020 we saw the culmination of a troubling trend in which racial tropes were paraded out like in the old days and white supremacist and proto-fascist groups were emboldened. Polls are telling us that a significant percentage of the public believes that the presidential election itself was a fraud. This is yet another example of this troubling resurgence of racist impulses.

This election had more security and scrutiny than any election in history because of anticipated foreign interference and effectively no fraud could be found. Those who objected, however, pointed to the votes cast in the urban districts in the swing states and sought to have them discarded. They sought to delegitimize the votes from majority African American districts and to bar them from the tally. This shameless effort to throw the election has historic roots with racism at its core.

The fight for racial justice continues and we in the Ethical Culture community are part of that movement. But the problem is not only out “there” in states and districts other than our own. It is here in Long Island and even in our own associations. As a largely White community we can ask ourselves how we may subconsciously and inadvertently erect barriers to inclusion.

Our Ethical Society and the Ethical Culture Movement have been active and engaged at the forefront of the struggle for racial justice since the founding 145 years ago. But for all that our founders and ancestors did, the challenge persists and we cannot sit on laurels earned in the past. What more shall we do in order to build the civilization we aim to be? We need to examine our own roles in a racially unfair system, and to strive to contribute to its reform. The reward will be the realization of values we hold dear.

I would like to facilitate a program of shared exploration through which we can educate ourselves and grow awareness. I hope many of us will participate and learn to recognize the contours and lineaments of a race-based social organization and how to improve it starting with our own. It isn’t enough to be good in our hearts, while passive in our deeds. We have to be affirmatively anti-racist in our actions to move history forward.

Dr. Richard L. Koral, Leader EHSLI
Feb. 7: Jim Morgo: An evolved view of an ethical and practical approach to local government and politics.

Jim Morgo is currently President of Morgo Private Public Strategies, a private-sector consulting business that specializes in municipal approvals and community acceptance. He also serves as Suffolk County Community College’s Board of Trustees’ Vice Chairman and as a member of Long Island’s Regional Economic Development Council and Stony Brook University’s Community Council.

Mr. Morgo was Suffolk County’s Chief Deputy County Executive from November, 2007 to April, 2009. He also served as Chair of the Suffolk County Industrial Development Agency until 2012. Mr. Morgo served as the Long Island Housing Partnership’s first President and Chief Executive Officer for nearly seventeen (17) years. He transformed the Housing Partnership from a start-up organization of two employees with an annual budget of $160,000, to the Long Island region’s preeminent housing organization and the most well-respected suburban housing group in the nation.

*Newsday* named Jim Morgo as one of the ten Long Island Residential Real Estate “Movers and Shakers.” In 2005, he was named by the Long Island Business News as one of Long Island’s 100 most influential leaders. In 2005, 2006 and 2007 the Long Island Press named Jim Morgo one of Long Island’s 50 most powerful leaders. He has received many awards from civic, community and business organizations for his leadership in housing and business.


Over the past year, even over the past few weeks, we have faced significant crises, on numerous fronts. While respecting the complexities and unique aspects of these crises, we can still identify two general features that figure prominently in many, if not all: a rejection of science or a rejection of democratic values. Indeed, in many instances, we find the worst actors rejecting both.

In the two most profound crises, the COVID pandemic and the racial justice crisis, the rejection of both science and democracy are central components. This is neither surprising nor coincidental. There is a deep relationship between science and democracy, and not just because science informs many of the social and political issues facing the citizens...
of a democratic society, but because science and democracy are grounded in similar values and moral commitments. This deep connection is so important that, I will argue, a widespread social commitment to, and competency in science is essential if we are to ever achieve true democracy.

We will conclude by considering Charles Darwin and his theory of evolution via Natural Selection as a cautionary tale: a case study in how science can both support the cause of democracy and be used—when misunderstood or intentionally distorted—to undermine it.

Dr. John Teehan is Professor of Religion at Hofstra University, where he teaches courses in religion, philosophy, and cognitive science. He also serves on the external advisory board of the Center for Evolutionary Psychological Science, at Oakland University, and is on the editorial board of the journal Evolutionary Psychological Science. His research focuses on the evolved cognitive bases of religion and morality, and he publishes and speaks widely on these topics, nationally and internationally. He is the author of the 2010 book, In The Name of God: The Evolutionary Origins of Religious Ethics and Violence (Wiley-Blackwell). His current book project is Faith and the Moral Self: How Worldviews Sustain Us and Divide Us.


Although calls to abolish prisons and policing have reached new heights in the wake of the state sanctioned murder of George Floyd and Breonna Taylor, prison abolition has existed as an intellectual and political movement for more than five decades. Drawing from his experiences organizing and advocating against carceral systems in Alabama and New Jersey, Daniel Teehan will discuss the contemporary movement to transform our society’s response to harm and the incarcerated Black organizers leading it.

Bio: Daniel Teehan (he/him) is a writer, organizer, and prison abolitionist based in Brooklyn. He spent the last three years living in Montgomery, Alabama and working at the Southern Poverty Law Center, primarily on litigation challenging healthcare conditions in the Alabama Department of Corrections. He remains involved with the Free Alabama Movement, Decarcerate Louisiana, and the National Freedom Movement.

Anger on the political right has contributed to increased political polarization and the near paralysis of the federal government. This discussion will examine the sources of this ultra-conservative sentiment. Why do people see the past in idealized images and seek to restore it? Are some people more at ease under authoritarian structures? Why are so many tyrants and autocrats venerated - at first - by so many of their followers? Who gains from the loss of liberties to women, to minorities, to immigrants, and to labor? What are the dangers to the nation, if any, posed by a rising and increasingly militant extreme right? What might offset that danger in the future?

Philip Yale Nicholson was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania in 1940 and educated in the public schools there. He became a member of the Faculty at Nassau Community College in 1967 while completing work on his dissertation, “George Dewey and the Transformation of American Foreign Policy.” The University of New Mexico awarded him the Ph.D. degree in 1971.


In 1976 he became Vice President of the Nassau Community College Federation of Teachers, a post he held until becoming President of that organization in 1987. At the conclusion of his term as President of the NCCFT in May, 1999, he returned to the classroom full-time.

In 2001 Dr. Nicholson received a Distinguished Faculty Award from NCC, and was the recipient of the SUNY Chancellor’s Award for Excellence in Scholarship in 2004. In 2009 SUNY awarded him the rank of Distinguished Teaching Professor. He was Chairman of the Department of History, Political Science and Geography at Nassau Community College from 2005 until his retirement in August 2013.
President’s Column
by Jim LoPresti

A giant sigh of relief….a new president...a covid vaccine. I managed to get two appointments; one in mid February and one in mid March for vaccines 1 and 2. I did it through the Mount Sinai website. Here are some numbers I tried. Some of them give a message to try again next week, others are live persons giving suggestions and when to try again. It’s a frustrating process. It requires patience and endurance. 844-919-8222, 516-227-9570, 833-487-2273. Text my turn (1 or 2 words, I forget) to 77570.

A friend who lives in Suffolk dialed 311 and got an appointment. I live in Nassau and 311 didn’t work. Our president is upping the doses given to states, so I’m hopeful they won’t postpone my appointments.

Even with the good news, I find myself worn down, tired of wearing masks, social distancing etc. I have to remind myself that I have a good life. I don’t worry about paying the rent, putting food on the table and all the things I take for granted that many people don’t have.

I take comfort in the YES kids. I hope I do as much for them as they do for me. I’m energized by being part of a loving caring community. This is a crisis and all crises are of finite duration. We will get through it. The advice I give myself is stay strong, the best is yet to come. I look forward to the time we can enjoy each other in person.

Quote of the month is from Martin Luther King, Jr.:

“We must accept finite disappointment but we must never lose infinite hope.”

Our 100% Campaign was a huge success!

With 95% membership participation and a big show of support from our friends, altogether we raised $14,520 for our society! With your help, we are able to maintain our mission, keep our community, services and programs alive and our building in good repair so that we can celebrate the fabulous future of EHSLI.

The Fundraising team: Lorraine Zeller-Agostino, Lyn Dobrin, Susan Feifer, Judy Rosemarin and Alice Sprintzen.

What a wonderful community we have!
THANK YOU!
With 95% membership participation and a big show of support from our friends, we raised $14,520 for our society!
WEEKLY MEETINGS

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.

TUESDAY MEDITATION GROUP AT 11 AM
Join member Judy Rosemarin every Tuesday from 11:00 am - 12:00 pm for a weekly meditation on Zoom. Learn different ways to meditate and enjoy doing it with others.

All are welcome to join.

We will meet every Tuesday starting October 27th at 11:00 am.
If you would like to join us, please register by calling the office at:
516-741-7304, or email office@ehsli.org and we will send you the Zoom link.

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
or phone in at (929) 436-2866
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 or calling Arthur Dobrin at 516-997-8545.

(See Al Zeiger’s article describing the Colloquy in the Members section (page 17) of the 2020 October newsletter.)

MONTHLY MEETINGS

ETHICAL ISSUES IN OUR TIMES- FEB. 4

Join Dr. David Sprintzen for our monthly series of public discussions on "Ethical Issues in Our Times" via Zoom. (First Thursday of each month)

We will explore the challenges confronting the new administration, and the ways it and we, can respond.

When: Thursday, February 4, 2021, 7:00 - 9:00 pm
Let us know if you will attend or register via Meetup
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
WOMEN'S GROUP - FEB. 5, 7:30 pm

The next Monthly Women's Group (for members of EHSLI only) will be on Friday, February 5. The zoom site will open at 7:15 pm, and the group will run from 7:30 to 9 pm. Barbara and Delorie will host the group. The topic is: TELL US ABOUT ONE DIFFICULT TIME IN YOUR LIFE AND WHAT QUALITIES HELPED YOU SURVIVE IT AND MOVE BEYOND IT.

Meetings will be on the first Friday of every month on Zoom. Barbara will send emails to all women members of EHSLI with the topic and the Zoom link a week before every meeting.

RULES FOR ETHICAL WOMEN’S GROUP

1. Whatever is said in this zoom room stays in this room.
2. When you want to speak, click on “Participants” and then on “Raise Hand” box. I will see that you have raised your hand and I will recognize you by name. UNMUTE YOURSELF, and then you can speak. WHEN YOU ARE FINISHED SPEAKING, PLEASE MUTE YOURSELF AGAIN.
3. Please stay on Mute unless you are speaking. If you need to step away, please click “stop video.” When you return, click “stop video” again so we can see you.
4. No cross talk. That is, when a speaker has the floor, please do not interrupt, respond, or converse with the speaker or any other participant. Please do not use Chat at all.
5. Please talk about your own life and your own feelings.
6. Be respectful of others at all times.
7. You have a right to ‘pass’ and not speak.
8. This is not a therapy group, and we don’t try to solve people’s problems.
9. Please respect the time limits when you are speaking. Every speaker will have a maximum of 4 minutes to speak. If you finish what you want to say sooner than 4 minutes, that’s fine. If you want and need the 4 minutes, that’s fine, too. In that case, Judy Rosemarin will give a heads-up when you have one minute left. When everyone has spoken who wanted to speak, we will go around again until 8:45 when we will begin to close.
BOOK DISCUSSION: FEB. 23, 7 PM

Join our Zoom Book Discussion at 7 PM.

Email Linda Napoli lindanapoli819@gmail.com to get the Zoom Link. Please let Linda know what books you are reading and would like to discuss.

NAMED ONE OF THE TEN BEST BOOKS OF THE YEAR BY THE NEW YORK TIMES BOOK REVIEW • ONE OF PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA’S FAVORITE BOOKS OF THE YEAR • BILL GATES’S HOLIDAY READING LIST

Born to survivalists in the mountains of Idaho, Tara Westover was seventeen the first time she set foot in a classroom. Her family was so isolated from mainstream society that there was no one to ensure the children received an education, and no one to intervene when one of Tara’s older brothers became violent. When another brother got himself into college, Tara decided to try a new kind of life. Her quest for knowledge transformed her, taking her over oceans and across continents, to Harvard and to Cambridge University. Only then would she wonder if she’d traveled too far, if there was still a way home.

NEW! POETRY CIRCLE

POETRY CIRCLE - SIGN UP NOW
FIVE SESSIONS BEGINNING ON
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22nd at 7:00 p.m.

Do you read poetry? Do you write poetry? Do you love poetry? Be a part of a sharing and discussion of the genre of poetry. For the first session, bring a poem you love to share with others.

If interested, please contact Linda Napoli lindanapoli819@gmail.com
Greetings Ethical Humanists.

I wanted to update all of you on the Social Action projects we’ve been working on for the past month or so. I’d love to figure out how to get more of you engaged in the work. We need help in big and small ways on these projects. Most of the work is done together on zoom—it’s a great way to see old friends and make some new ones! Join our new Social Action Committee so you can get updated on all our efforts and work with us on new initiatives to your liking. Email me and get more info: sonia@meow.name.

As you may know, David Sprintzen and I have been working on the Public Banking Bill and this last week we met with Senator Brook’s office and met with his legislative aide to discuss the bill and our support for it. Susan Feifer joined us as a representative of his district. So far we have met with Senator Thomas’s office as well as Senator Kaplan. For more information on the public banking bill, feel free to refer to the following:

- NY Public Banking Act
  - Bill memo
- What a Public Bank Can Do For Real People
- White Paper: Public Banking in the Northeast and Midwest States

Susan Feifer, Pat Spencer, Lorraine Zeller-Agostino, Sharon Stanley and I have also been working with New Hour for Women and Children on creating care packages for women transitioning out of jail. We are also proud to announce that we are joining efforts with Femme Forces, who are contributing sanitary napkins and tampons to the collection. We hope to put 75 bags together sometime in late February/early March so if you are interested please let me know. This has been a fun collaboration of EHSLI members, a local youth group that emerged from our YES group and staff at New Hour!

Arthur Dobrin and I have been developing the Westbury Volunteer Corps to create a mentoring/tutoring cadre of volunteers dedicated to guiding youth in Westbury School District. We are creating a website and already have several members of the EHSLI signed up to participate. What about you? Feel free to put your talents to good use.

Finally, Long Island United to Transform Policing and Community Safety, a group that Ginger Hendler, Sharon Stanley and the YES group have been participating in are releasing their People’s Plan and are having a press conference on February 11th. Keep your eyes and ears open for the
groundbreaking report on evidence-based research and how communities across the United States have already reformed their public safety systems so that they are anti-racist and restorative.

Lots happening--come join us!

Sonia Arora, Social Action Coordinator
sonia@meow.name

Our Affiliate Organization, MultiCultural Solidarity

Multicultural Solidarity's "Diversity Friendship Listening Circles" are a positive approach to the problem of racial separation. Through community organizing and a love thy neighbor, we attract African and Caribbean Americans, whites, Hispanics, Native Americans, Asians, immigrants, the LGBTQIA communities and a dozen religions. Our circles meet regularly and create opportunities to engage in a deep level of personal communication and build relationships across society's barriers. The method consists of confidentially expressing one's direct personal experience with a given question and the associated feelings in a consciousness-raising style. The topics are all relatable and lead to getting to know each other better, broadening everyone's perspectives, and building a multicultural solidarity. Some sample topics have been: How do you handle everyday bigotry on LI? When did you first notice a double standard of some kind?

Before the pandemic we met in people's living rooms by choice for the friendship atmosphere. At our pre-covid peak we had 3 circles a month in several houses throughout Suffolk. We had the good problem of fitting up to 32 people in a living room. Nowadays we meet on Zoom, just once a month so far. But even as you read this, "Multi-Solid." (or MCS) is working to offer these Circles on additional days and evenings each month. Facilitators are trained from amongst our participants and take turns.

If you would like to access the MCS December Newsletter in your browser, use this link: https://mailchi.mp/ae125390b4db/december-2020-multicultural-solidarity-newsletter?e=[UNIQID]

Check out our Facebook group: https://www.facebook.com/groups/multiculturalsolidarityli

Questions? Ask David Sprintzen or email me at Joel<multiculturalsolidarity@gmail.com>

Joel Diamond, Co-chair
Our Youth Programs:

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

The YES Executive Board had an informative meeting with Sharon Stanley of Moms Demand Action on January 24th. With recent rumblings on topics such as police brutality, accountability and gun safety, the group deliberated how to move forward with youth involvement in advocacy of these issues. Two members, Anitta Kottai and Gauri Shyamnath, have spoken at the Suffolk County Police Reform session and met with the Long Island United Coalition to get involved in making a difference.

Utilizing the valuable information Sharon has provided the group, Y.E.S is eager to actualize youth involvement in gun safety. The Y.E.S group looks forward to working with Sharon and other members of Moms Demand Action to spread the message of SMART gun safety to local schools.
WAY TO GO!

Rafia Ahmed  
Gauri Shyamnath

New Hyde Park seniors start nonprofit

Two students from New Hyde Park Memorial High School have joined forces to provide feminine hygiene products to young women in Kenya.

Rafia Ahmed and Gauri Shyamnath, both seniors, recently established a nonprofit organization titled Female Forces, which strives to ease the financial burden for females worldwide in securing adequate supplies of sanitary napkins.

The duo recently raised more than $2,000 in donations through the crowdfunding platform GoFundMe. That amount provided 450 underprivileged girls with a three-month supply of pads.

“We noticed a lack of attention surrounding feminine hygiene and pre-and postnatal care in developing nations,” Ahmed said. “As young women of South Asian descent, we also recognize the taboo that surrounds feminine sex health in our culture.”

The donations will benefit female students through the Kenya Education Fund, which provides scholarships to high schoolers and helps female students to get sanitary products. The fund is run by Brad Broder, to whom the girls where introduced through the Ethical Humanist Society of Long Island, of which Shyamnath is a member.

In addition, Ahmed and Shyamnath are providing sanitary products for packets being assembled for local women as they are released from prison through the New Hour for Women and Children of Long Island.

“We are extremely appreciative of every dollar donated to help empower women on local and international scopes,” Shyamnath said.

— MICHAEL R. EBERT

Here’s the link to an article in the January 17 copy of Newsday about the great work of two of our youth group members.

http://paper.newsday.com/html5/reader/get_clipping.aspx...

Lyn Dobrin (worked with YES members on an ad hoc basis):
“It has been a great pleasure being an advisor to the young women in our YES group. They are eager to do good in the world and willing to put in the hard work required to make things happen.”
Announcements:

The Ethical Humanist Society of Long Island Presents…

Our Fundraising Committee is pleased to bring you a new series of “fabulous fundraiser” events sponsored by the society and to be held on the Zoom platform. This winter, stay home and stay connected.

The first in our series of Fabulous Fundraisers debuts this month, our own Musical Maven Mel Haber will keep the romance going after Valentine’s Day with a special Zoom presentation about the life and music of Frank Sinatra.

A Zoom Musical Tribute to Frank Sinatra

February 15, 2021
7:30 - 9:30 pm
(doors open at 7:15)
Dr. Haber will trace Sinatra’s career from his early days with Harry James and his band until the early 1980s. Included will be not only some of Frank’s greatest recordings, but also his appearances in movies, television, and concerts. In addition to the thematic “My Funny Valentine,” Zoomers will get to see him sing such songs as “One for My Baby,” “I Get a Kick out of You,” “That’s Life,” “Night and Day,” “Blues in the Night,” and “My Way.” As an extra added attraction, Sinatra will sing with Ella Fitzgerald, Dinah Shore, Dean Martin, and Johnny Carson--yes, that Johnny Carson.

Dr. Mel Haber, a retired business writing teacher, is a devoted music lover, primarily of popular music and opera. His music programs at libraries, JCCs, adult education centers and Hutton House are sold-out events. Audiences have found him to be extremely knowledgeable, entertaining, and passionate in his presentations.

**SIGN UP:**

The suggested contribution amount for this event is $20 per Zoom window. To sign up and make payment, click on the link to the google form:

https://forms.gle/W561rbfyJFtC8xir5

Or mail a check payable to The Ethical Humanist Society of LI, 38 Old Country Road, Garden City, NY. 11530. Please include your email address for the Zoom window and let us know your contribution is for our Special Event on 2/15/21.

Contact the office at: office@ehsli.org or 516-741-7304 for more information. The Zoom link will be sent when payment is received.

Check out this terrific article in the Garden City News about our Music Man Mel Haber’s upcoming Fundraiser on Monday, Feb 15 at 7:30 pm.

https://www.gcnews.com/.../ethical-humanist-society.../

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Ethical Humanist Society sponsors post-Valentines Day musical tribute

The music will keep on playing after Valentine’s Day, as the Ethical Humanist Society of Long Island, will sponsor a musical tribute to the legendary singer, Frank Sinatra. The online Zoom program is scheduled for Monday, February 15th, from 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Former business writing teacher, Dr. Mel Haber, organized the event, which will trace Sinatra’s early career from his days in music to his highly successful career as a film actor.

“The presentation will detail all aspects of Frank Sinatra’s life, from a difficult birth where he was left for dead, to his early music experience in the 1940’s, right up to his legendary film career in the 1950’s and 60’s,” said Dr. Haber. “I will show the audience a couple of YouTube videos of his recordings and there will be snippets from some of his many films and concert series.”

After a thirty plus year career as a business writing teacher and consultant, Dr. Haber said that he wanted to pursue a passion that was closer to his heart.

“I have been a lifelong lover of music since I was a child, particularly popular music and opera, and I always had a need to share my passion with others. After a long career in business writing and with the economy the way it was, I wanted to pursue something that I adore and I know other people adore as well.”

As a member of the Ethical Humanist Society since 1998, Dr. Haber said he initially approached Arthur Dobrin, (Leader Emeritus of EHS) with a proposal to start an opera group there.

“He was definitely open to the idea at the time, and over the course of the next ten years from 1998 to 2008, I lead an opera group and organized fundraising events, where music from various artists was played. I’m pretty much known as the music man by my fellow members.” In 2013, he expanded upon his passion for sharing music, by contacting local libraries and various organizations on Long Island, to see if they’d be interested in holding musical education programs.

“Over the past seven years and during the pre-COVID times, I’ve held over 40 popular music programs and 40 opera programs onsite at area libraries and organizations,” said Dr. Haber. “Now I’m relegated to holding Zoom presentations until things hopefully return back to normal.”

In the presentation, viewers will get to see Sinatra sing some of his favorite hits such as “I Get a Kick out of You” “Mv Wav” and “That’s Life.” They’ll also be treated to his renditions with other artists including Dean Martin, Ella Fitzgerald and Dinah Shore.

In order to sign up, you can email office@ehsl.org. Contributions are $20 for each Zoom window.
Society Members

Artist, Alice Sprintzen has been busy! Famous for her work with found objects, here is her challenge: Can you figure out what these jewelry pieces are made of? Can you search your home and find small objects or parts of objects to put together to create something? E6000 is an excellent glue.
Sharon Stanley reminds us that it’s February, so besides it being Black History Month, Gun Violence Survivors Month and what she has decreed as “The Beatles! Month,” it is also Darwin Day on Feb. 12. Included below is an article from 2015:

The debate about evolution vs. creation theory is constantly being challenged. It is incredible to think this is still up for debate, but for some it is. This is a time in America where the separation between church and state is slowly being blurred, and in some cases, whittled away. It’s important to create celebrations that do not have religious history and can also educate and provide moral examples without the use of superstition and false “truths,” because secular holidays are inclusive instead of exclusive. As humanists, we are awed by the mysteries of the natural world and support the use of science to reveal those mysteries. Ethics guides us to be mindful of our individual responsibility to preserve the earth’s beauty and resources for future generation and that science and technology can help us achieve this goal. Charles Darwin encompasses many of the values we embrace as ethical and secular humanists. He did not publish his famous book, *The Origin of Species*, for 20 years, because he feared religious faith would be shaken, as his had from his insights. He finally decided the scientific truth was more important than holding on to false beliefs. His theory also negated common, racist thought of the time; that people of European descent were somehow superior to all other ethnic distinctions. I contend that he was a humanist and he didn’t even know it!
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, so that 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 email Pat Spencer or call 516-603-1940.

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

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
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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Humanists of Long Island is the name of The Ethical Humanist Society of Long Island’s chapter of the American Humanist Association. Find them on Facebook at Humanists of Long Island.

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. Please contact director Jim LoPresti at EFOC@ehsli.org if you’d like to help.

Affordable Office Space for Rent: We have great office space available for long term leasing by non-profit organizations. Reasonable rates. Ample free parking and a short walk from the Nassau County Seat and the Mineola LIRR train.

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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