We have come to the end of the regular year, and it has been a good year. We have enjoyed great programs and events: Darwin Day, Founder's Day, Teen Arts Festival, our seasonal festivals, many, many fine Sunday programs, beach cleanups, Ethical Friends of Children, the Yes program, the KID program, lots of fine music, new faces, new friends, new members, and even more events I can't remember at the moment. There have been losses, as well, of course. Every year brings losses, and those serve to underline the importance of this caring community in all of our lives. Thanks to everyone who has contributed to the rich tapestry of our society this year!

We begin the transition into our summer schedule. Building on our successful summer meeting in 2011, we have a great line of programs lined up. Summer Sunday mornings are a little less formal, but still a great opportunity for reflection and connection. Come when you are in town, bring a friend, and be sure to thank the presenters for their gift to the community.

Summer is a time for renewal and rethinking. Recreation, let me remind you, breaks out into "re" and "creation." So, I will be away some over the summer working on recreation, but available much of the time. I am reachable by phone or email. Call me if you would like to talk, have a pastoral concern, know someone who might have a pastoral concern, have an idea for next year you'd like to talk about. Or just to check in.

Whatever your favorite summer activity, I wish you plenty of it and deep renewal as well!

— Calvin O. Dame
Religious Director

**Changes in the EHSLI Board of Directors Next Year**

Tara Klein and Carol Pincus will be stepping down from the board for the next year. We thank them for their exemplary service. In their stead, Joan Beder, Bill Larsen and Lois Blatt will join the remaining board members: Sue Feifer, Mel Haber, Jim LoPresti, Don Morgenstern, Alison Pratt, Wayne Outten, Pat Spencer, Liz Seegert, David Spritzen and Deborah Strube. Congratulations to Joan, Bill and Lois, and thank you for stepping up for this service. Don Morgenstern will remain president until 2013. Hail to the chief!
YES Update

Daniel Harding couldn't make it to Recognition Day in June because he was at his college orientation at Tulane University in New Orleans. He sent in the message below to read during the bridging ceremony, addressed to the children who would soon be joining YES.

— Tara Klein, YES Director

Ethical Humanism will open doors for you. I've been an active Ethical Humanist since I was 3 and I cannot begin to tell you how much I've learned from it and how many opportunities it's brought me. In YES, you'll really learn what being an activist and an ethical adult means. You'll do community service, take part in deep discussions on really important topics, and find yourself as an ethical humanist. You really apply what you've learned in the KID program to some very real situations. And you'll love it, I promise. You'll love the feeling you get when you help others. You'll love seeing your work make others' lives better. And people will see that in you and it'll make a huge difference in how you're perceived.

I'm not here at EHSLI right now because I'm in New Orleans at my Tulane University orientation, and I know that I would not be here if I hadn't earned a community service scholarship, and written my college essay on how community service affected me. And I wouldn't have had those two things without ethical humanism and without YES.

I'm so happy to hear that you're coming to YES next year because I know that it will change you too, and that in four or five years you'll look back and realize the same thing I've really begun to think about lately: that you wouldn't be where you are or who you are right now without the guidance and experience you had in the YES program. Good luck guys, you're entering into something awesome.

—Dan Harding
A VISIT WITH HELGA KATZ

Saturday, June 23rd Debbie Strube, Linda Joe and I traveled to Pennsylvania to visit long time member Helga Katz and celebrate her 90th birthday which is on the 26th of June. Helga, always the positive person and great hostess, showed us around the impressive facilities (see www.foulkeways.org for more information), arranged lunch for us and showed us the photo album of the family birthday party that was thrown for her on the 16th of June with over 40 guests.

Helga is very happy living at Foulkways, she remains an outgoing person: an official greeter for new members, helping them to settle in; works with the hospice patients and she remains a lover of nature and walking, which she can do easily in the large impressive grounds. Helga has her piano and guitar but no longer gives lessons, "I cannot find anyone who wants lessons", she said. Helga gave Deborah the autobiography that she had recently completed. Many of you will recall that Helga had many fascinating stories to tell including the time she was an official interpreter at the Nuremberg trials after WW II. The book should make fascinating reading.

If you would like to contact Helga you need to write or call her. She no longer uses the internet. Please contact the Ethical Humanist Office at ethicalsociety@optonline.net, (516)741-7304, or me, Pat Spencer, at PatriciaSpencer@gmail.com for Helga's contact information.

— Pat Spencer

June 23rd, Patricia Spencer, Helga Katz, Debbie Strube and Linda Joe in Pennsylvania

June 23rd, Patricia Spencer, Helga Katz, and Debbie Strube at Helga's home in Pennsylvania
Goings on at and Announcements from EHSLI

**Movie Group:** The movie group will be meeting on Saturday, June 30th at 2:30 PM. The movies to be discussed are *Elles & The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel.* After an interesting & lively discussion, we will be dining at a neighborhood diner. Please join us! I'm sure you'll agree it's fun & stimulating. How can you go wrong?

**SPICE Event — Authentic English High Tea:** Please join Pat Spencer and experience what an authentic English Tea is like. There will be finger sandwiches, little cakes and various teas. It will be brought to a higher level because you will be served from bone china cups, and a silver tea service. You will be in the warm atmosphere in Pat's home, surrounded by good friends. Wearing a hat will add to the experience. They could be from plain, fanciful or outrageous.(Gloves and or spats optional.)

DATE Sunday, July 22nd, 2012  
PLACE 98 5th Ave. Hicksville  
TIME 3:30 PM  
MAXIMUM 10 adults  
DONATION $18

To sign up please call Phyllis at (516) 741-7304, or stop in the office. If more than 10 people sign up, names will be chosen at random one week prior to the event. Don't miss out what promises to be a great experience, sign up now!

**SPICE Event — Online Buying and Selling Training:** Do you want to learn how to navigate Craigslist & eBay? Our own Liz Seegert, who wears many hats, social media whiz being only one of them, has volunteered to instruct us. She will patiently explain the ins and outs of these important buying & selling tools. The time and place are convenient and "the price is right."

DATE SundayJuly 15th, 2012  
PLACE Ethical Humanist Society of Long Island  
TIME 1 — 2:30 PM  
MAXIMUM No limit  
DONATION $10

To sign up please call Phyllis at (516) 741-7304, or stop in the office.

**Folk Dance Returns:** Lois Blatt will be teaching Folk Dance classes on July 11th and every Wednesday in August from 9:00 AM — 11:00 AM. Folk Dancing is fun and great exercise. International circle dances from Greece, Israel, Europe and Balkan countries will be taught. Classes are $5 per session. Call Lois at 516-536-8755 if you plan to attend.

**Free Yoga Classes:** led by Sylvia Silberger. The vinyasa class will continue at a different time through the first week in August, Wednesdays 7:30-9:00 PM the Gentle/Restorative yoga is canceled until further notice. Email Sylvia at matsbs@yahoo.com if interested.

**Sponsor a Coffee Hour:** $15 and, with notice, add your name and message to the Sunday Meeting bulletin! Contact Phyllis at ethicalsociety@optonline.net.

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Photos — [picasaweb.google.com/LIEthical](picasaweb.google.com/LIEthical)

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Summer Sunday Meeting Schedule

For the second year in a row, we are planning on holding Sunday Meetings and Colloquies throughout the summer. The will be less formal than the standard Sunday Meetings. Below is the Summer Meeting Schedule.

**July 1**: David Sprintzen  "America & The Ethical Movement"

**July 8**: Calvin Dame "Making Some Music"  
Calvin, along with some friends, will make and share some music!

**July 15**: Liz Seegert  "Social Media 101"  
The basics of Facebook, Twitter and other popular platforms, along with tips for protecting privacy.

**July 22**: Joan Beder  “Friendship”  
Friendship - what it means, how to be a 'good' friend, bounds of friendship - all to be explored...... and more.

**July 29**: Sylvia Silberger “On Absolutely Nothing and Everything”  
A journey from zero to infinity (yes, it is math-related)

**August 5**: Linda Napoli  “A Poetry Workshop” 
Why poetry matters……

**August 12**: Marriele Robinson “Power Up Communities”  
How to save money and make your home energy efficient at NO COST to you.

**August 19**: Lorraine Abrams  “Two Short Stories”  
Lorraine has been leading monthly book groups for 15 years for my local library; she will read from two interesting short stories, then lead what I’m sure will be a lively discussion.

**August 26**: An Introduction to the Ethical Humanist Society  
An Open House for Adults & Children led by Calvin, Don, Alison

**September 2**: Don Morgenstern  TBA

**Sunday Meetings begin at 11:00 AM**

**Sunday Colloquies begin at 9:30 AM**

More Goings on ....

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**The Caring Connection:** our commitment to taking care of those of us who are sick or in need. We encourage involvement from all, as this is core to who we are as Ethical Humanists.

Patricia Spencer suggested we make room for a free “classified” section in the Newsletter. These classifieds should be for things you’d like to give away for free, or to request things you need. I will accept friendly (and clean) personals, as well. Please send classifieds to matsbs@yahoo.com by the 15th of the month for the subsequent month’s newsletter.

— Sylvia Silberger

**Suggestions for Sunday Speakers:** If you have heard any speakers recently, whom you would like to recommend to the Sunday Committee, based on their excellence and subject matter including ethical issues, for the committee to consider for next season, please submit their names and means of contact to us. Please send suggestions to the office to be forwarded to committee members.

**Weekly Food Drive:** Members of the EHSLI are collecting food items for INN (Interfaith Nutrition Network). Please bring in non-perishable food items to the basket in the lobby.
KIDS Update

NEW! Kids In Deed Summer Program! This summer we are offering a summer program for children in the community. The program will meet from Monday, August 20th through Friday, August 24th from 9:00 to 11:30 AM. We will base the program on a combination of the Six Pillars of Character (Trustworthiness, Respect, Responsibility, Fairness, Caring, and Citizenship) as well as perform community service projects in the classroom. The cost is $150 for the week, with discounts available for families with more than one child. We hope to enroll 15 to 20 children. Adult or teen members of EHSLI are needed to assist in the classroom, for one day or all five! Please contact Alison Pratt.

— Alison Pratt

Alison Pratt, KIDS IN DEED Director

Save the Date!

Save the dates! Thursday Night Movie Series! September 13th, 20th, and 27th at 7:00 PM. This is a collaborative effort between EHSLI and Crossroads Farms (the former Grossman’s Farm of Malverne, now owned and run by the Nassau Land Trust) to show movies of conscience relating to the food industry. $10 gets you a movie, popcorn, drink, and discussion! Our first scheduled movie will be DIVE! — Digging into the Hidden Recesses of the American Food Industry. This eye-opening documentary reveals the appalling amount of edible, nutritious goods that are thrown away — wasted — every day in a nation where millions of citizens still go hungry.

The movie is a perfect confluence of interests between us as Ethical Humanists and the folks who run Crossroads Farm. Crossroads Farm is in its second year of raising crops. They farm organically, accept food stamps, and work with Island Harvest to donate crops that would go to waste if not donated. This collaboration can help both our groups, as well as provide some thought-provoking and fun evenings.

The American Ethical Union 2012 Strategic Plan is Out

The AEU (American Ethical Union), of which we are affiliated, has come out with their 2012 strategic plan. You can read the whole document here: http://www.ehsli.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/07/AEU-strategic-plan-2012.pdf.

The Summary of the Session Comments stated "The Strategic Planning Listening Sessions were an opportunity for members to talk about what the AEU does now and what they felt that the AEU should do in the future. Although separated in time and location, many common themes were brought up at the Strategic Planning Listening Sessions. Major topics included: Membership Growth; the need for National Leadership/Executive Director; Increased Outreach Activities; Public Relations – Getting the Ethical Culture Message Out; Nationally Coordinated Social Justice Activities; and Better Use of Technology."

— Sylvia Silberger

Note from the Editor

Newsletter Editor: Sylvia Silberger

Please send suggestions for additions to future EHSLI newsletters and comments to

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Submissions due by the 15th of the month for the next month’s newsletter.
**June Board Meeting Minutes**

ETHICAL HUMANIST SOCIETY OF LONG ISLAND
MINUTES OF THE JUNE 6, 2012 BOARD MEETING

**PRESENT:** Wayne Outten, Pat Spencer, Liz Seegert, Alison Pratt, Jim LoPresti, Mel Haber, Deborah Strube, Don Morgenstern

**ABSENT:** David Sprintzen, Tara Klein, Carol Pincus, Sue Feifer

**GUESTS:** Calvin Dame

1. **Financials:** In reviewing the Budget, the Board noticed that we have recently lost a considerable amount of rental income that justifies a concern about our finances.

2. **New Member Applications:** The Board agreed to grant membership to the following two applicants:
   1. Cynthia Corvese
   2. Liam Stephens

3. **Arthur Dobrin’s Council of Elders Proposal:**
   Arthur Dobrin sent Don a proposal to establish a Council of Elders. That is, he wants to have people who have been members for at least 10 years serve as mentors to new members. The Board decided not to vote on his proposal until he can come to a Board meeting to explain it in more detail.

4. **Transition Sunday:** Sunday, June 24, will be Transition Sunday, which will be a transition from our regular year of programs to summer programs.

5. **Planning/Visionary Meetings:** On Wednesday, June 20, we will have the first planning/visionary meeting of Board members to discuss the issue of finances. In the future, we’ll have several more meetings, spaced two to three weeks apart, to discuss other Society issues, one issue per meeting.

6. **The Mary Kay Company as a Room Renter:** We discussed whether we should rent a room upstairs to an officer of the Mary Kay cosmetics company. Don is thinking of charging her $750 per month room rental and will discuss the amount with her. The Board felt that as long as there are no problems with delivery of merchandise, or with the company putting signs out front, we should rent to this company.

7. **The KIDs Program:** There are seven kids in the program now. Gabriel Stanley has now joined the YES program. Recognition Sunday went very well.

8. **Summer Open House:** Sunday, August 26, will be our next Open House program for adults and children. One goal will be to publicize our programs.

9. **Liz’s Report:** We are doing a little bit better than last month in terms of visits to our Web site.

10. **The Weill Grant:** The winners recently got their check. [Addendum: The most recent winners, Augusta Greenbaum (president) and the National Honor Society students Westhampton Beach High School, have received their check and have been working on their project of refurbishing children’s play things at a homeless shelter.]

11. **Summer Programs:** Every Sunday program is now set, thanks to Calvin’s efforts and those who agreed to offer a program.

The meeting ended at 8:40 PM
Minutes submitted by Mel Haber,
Board Secretary

**New EHSILI Members!**

We would like to welcome our two newest members Cynthia Corvese and Liam Stephens. They have both visited frequently so many of you have already met them. Hopefully everyone will have a chance to welcome them in the coming months. We are thrilled to have them join our community (and attending our yoga classes).
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To save resources and postage costs, we encourage you to email Sylvia at matsbs@yahoo.com if you would be satisfied with an email-only version of this newsletter rather than a paper copy.

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Haven’t heard of us? Come see what we are about some Sunday!
Sunday Colloquia start at 9:30 AM and Sunday Meetings at 11 AM.

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