Hello Everyone,

The season of heat and light is finally here! Thanks to Liz Seegert, David Sprintzen and Arthur Dobrin for ending our regular year with an interesting and thought provoking panel discussion on the limits of free speech.

Now that our Summer Sundays have started, it promises to be a great season. Some of our most talented and accomplished members are getting on board to share their passions and expertise in art, science and philosophy. This is a great time to bring a friend or two to acquaint them with our Society.

A list of the weekly speakers and topics is printed here in the newsletter, as well as on our website.

Of special interest is our Humanist Open House on July 12th. If you’d like to share your thoughts in an informal atmosphere about what it is to be a humanist this is a great Sunday to attend.

Whether you swim, go to the beach or travel in the summer, be sure to come to the Society on Sundays as often as you can to nourish both your mind and spirit.

Linda Napoli
President

Muriel Neufeld’s Story in NYTs

Check out Muriel’s story in the “Sitting Room” section of the online NYTs, Peppy and the Pretzel Man.
In Memoriam: Tony Pumo, Frank Berardi & Alice Young

Tony Pumo, a long time member from a number of years ago, has passed away in December. He and wife, Annette, were residents of New Hyde Park.

With sadness we also announce the death of Frank Berardi, who with his wife Adele, was a member of the Ethical Society from the mid-1950s through the 1980s. Frank was one of the people most responsible for the overseeing the construction of the building we now occupy. He was smart and tough and tender all the same time. He was the person who fired the first contractor and then continued to head up the House Committee to make sure that everything was maintained in working order. His voice was always present at board meetings, at Sunday meetings and at just fun get-togethers around food and drink. He was a big presence that was a wonderful contribution to the Society we are today.

Frank's obituary is here.

Linda Joe's mother, Alice Young, passed away quickly and peacefully on Wednesday, June 17th. Alice and Joe Young were longtime members of CCLI, so the family requests that in lieu of flowers, donations should be sent to:

Chinese Center on Long Island
395 Hempstead Turnpike
West Hempstead, New York 11552

Alice's obituary is here.
If you love New York and especially the beautiful Finger Lakes region, go to the website, www.WeAreSenecaLake.com to find out what you can do to save the region from becoming a toxic gas storage dump! There is information there to contact Governor Cuomo as well as other legislators to reject the Houston company who wants to poison the land and water of this pristine area by storing toxic waste.

This year’s winner of the Elliott-Black Award, Sandra Steingraber, Ph.D., biologist, poet and activist, shared her story with us at the American Ethical Union (AEU) Assembly regarding her involvement in this cause. Dr. Steingraber was the co-founder of New Yorkers Against Fracking. Author of Raising Elijah and Living Downstream, her training as a biologist gives her a deep view into the impending climate crisis and her poetic sensibilities allow her to communicated this understanding succinctly and compellingly. She is widely recognized as an effective activist and has even gone to jail for her beliefs.

Act today and join the fight!

The following three resolutions were passed at this year’s AEU Assembly:

1. Reviving the fight to ratify the Equal Rights Amendment
2. Recommitment to Peace, Disarmament and World Cooperation
3. Support the rights of those who are incarcerated in our country.

These resolutions will be explained more fully at the September 20th platform which will be a report on the 100th AEU Assembly.

Linda Napoli

The AEU Assembly

A total of eleven (!) EHSLI members attended the 100th AEU Assembly in Stamford, CT in June: Sharon Stanley, Alison Pratt, Linda Napoli, Stacy Leon, Joyce Wildermuth, Heidi Mann, Elissa Paulis, Bill Larsen, Sylvia Silberger, Tara Klein and Arthur Dobra, who all gave a workshop on colloquies there as well.
Summer Sunday Meeting Schedule
(Babysitting will be provided)

**July 5**: Alison Pratt, psychologist, *Moral Instruction of Children—Teaching Kids to be Better People.*

**July 12**: Welcome to Humanists — For people who identify as humanists and want to meet like-minded people, this is the opportunity to converse and share views in a relaxed atmosphere. Hosted by Ethical Humanist Society president, Linda Napoli. Refreshments will be served.

**July 19**: Al Zeiger, musician, *Learning the Blues.*


**August 2**: David Sprintzen, Professor of Philosophy and community activist with the Progressive Coalition, *Challenges Facing Us.*


**August 16**: Kelly Schmidt, musician and musical director at the Ethical Society, *Music and Community.*

**August 23**: Open house for adults and children

**August 30**: Sylvia Silberger, mathematics professor, Hofstra University, *Math-o-Magic — a demonstration of some surprising mathematical card tricks and the math behind them.*

**September 6**: Heidi Mann, RN, *Is Death Outside Your Comfort Zone?—starting the conversation on end-of-life planning.

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**Newsletter Editor**: Sylvia Silberger

Please email comments and suggestions for additions to future EHSLI newsletters to me at Sylvia_silberger@yahoo.com. Submissions due by the 15th of the month for the next month’s newsletter. All submissions are subject to editorial modifications and approval of tone and content. Printing is also limited by space constraints.
EHSLI Summer Garden Pictures

(Thank you Heidi and Stacy and all who helped!)

Strawberries grown by Sunday School
Goings on at and Announcements from EHSLI

**eBay SPICE Fundraiser** — The SPICE committee and Bill Larsen are organizing an EHSLI eBay account as a fundraiser for the EHSLI. Email descriptions and pictures (if possible) to Bill at EHSFundraising@gmail.com if you have something you think might be worth donating. Email Bill for more detail on item specs needed. Our eBay seller ID is EHSLI fundraising. Come visit our eBay sales site here: http://myworld.ebay.com/ehslifundraising?_trksid=p2047675.l2559

**AHA Meetings:** The Ethical Humanist Society of Long Island's chapter of the American Humanist Association, which previously met on the last Tuesday of the month, will now be meeting on the last Monday of each month. The next two regular meetings are scheduled for June 29th and July 27th, at 8:00 PM in the second floor meeting room.

For questions or information email Sharon at lihumanist@gmail.com or leave a message for Sharon or Heidi at 516-741-7304.

**Our Times Coffee House:** On Friday, September 18th, Our Times Coffee House welcomes the Nields. Their 17th album, *The Nields - XVII*, is both their most personal and their most community minded. Well into their third decade as a musical partners and judging by this sublime album at the very top of their game, the Nields turn to meditations on time, and turning points, their roots and community - both musical and personal - but they also express joy in the present, faith in the future, and a whole lot of hope and promise. The Nields' albums are often an eclectic mix of ideas and music styles, but clear themes emerge. Love and China (2002) was about the fragility of love and relationships. The Full Catastrophe (2012) explored the messy experience of raising a family. XVII has the Nields looking out from midlife, focusing on themes of time, love and community. The primary inspiration behind XVII was Nerissa and Katryna's hero, Pete Seeger, who died in January of 2014. His love of sharing music and his passion for justice had been a part of their lives since before they were born (their parents fell in love at a Pete Seeger concert). His death affected them profoundly. Pete is clearly on the album in songs like "Joe Hill" and "Wasn’t That a Time," but the entire album is infused with his spirit. It's there in the Nields' delight in sharing music and in using it to build a community. And it's there in the title XVII: when compared to a career and life like that of Pete Seeger, they're not even out of their teens.

For more information visit http://www.ourtimescoffeehouse.org/.

**Free Vinyasa Flow Yoga Class:** Join Sylvia on Wednesdays at 5:45 PM for a free vinyasa-style yoga class. If interested in attending, contact Sylvia at matsbs@yahoo.com to be put on her class confirmation email list in case she has to cancel for some reason.

**Annual Membership and Growth Conference:** Save the Date! October 23rd-24th, 2015 is the Annual Membership and Growth Conference, *Growing the Movement Together*, at the Bergen Ethical Society. Stay tuned; more information to come.

**Furniture Drive:** Do you have furniture you no longer want? The LI Council of Churches matches donors with those who need furniture. In Nassau County, contact Yolanda Murray liccmurray@yahoo.com or (516) 565-0290; or on the East End, liccriverhead@optonline.net or call (631) 727-2210.

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Summer Babysitter: Maggie Mann has been hired to babysit the kids from June 14th on through the entire summer. Our children will be in excellent hands.

Social Action Committee: Plans are afoot to organize an active and current committee that will involve the Society and various voluntary members in Social Action activities. To keep abreast and/or join the committee, please read this newsletter and follow the announcements at Sunday platforms. For more immediate information and answers to your questions or to become a vital part of this committee email Richard Rapp at nydonkey1@aol.com or call his home phone (718) 767-3610 or his cell phone (718) 314-8135.

New Board Meeting Times: The board meeting has been changed to the third Thursday of the month at 6:30 PM, which will be July 16th.

Ethical Friends of Children: Ethical Friends of Children is looking for volunteers to help man the free store on Wednesdays, 10 AM—1 PM. Contact the EHS LI office if interested.

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

Movie Group: For info on the movie group contact Al Zeiger at 516-538-2687. Leave message and he'll get back to you.

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

Suggestions for Sunday Speakers: If you have heard any speakers whom you would like to recommend to the Sunday Committee, based on their excellence and subject matter including ethical issues, for consideration for next season, please send suggestions to the office to be forwarded to committee members.

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

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EHS LI on Meet-up: http://www.meetup.com/Ethical-Humanist-Society-of-Long-Island/. This site lists a full schedule of our events. Support us by becoming an EHS LI meet up member.
Leader emeritus Arthur Dobrin is blogging weekdays at arthurdobrin.wordpress.com
Photos: picasa web.google.com/LIEthical
EHS LI on Linked-In: Under the name “Ethical Humanist Society of Long Island”
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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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