President’s Column

As I step into the office of President at our Society, I am brimming with ideas to continue to develop the effectiveness of the Board and our standing committees. Those who have been working hard the past few years deserve a lot of credit for increasing our Society’s vibrancy.

Now, I’m inviting others of you to step in and join the fun. Be sure to come to our Summer Sundays (a great schedule is being arranged), attend our special events, participate in the work of the Society and bring your friends!

Finally, I want to thank Joan Beder and Pat Spencer, our former presidents for steering our ship out of rough waters into what has become mostly smooth sailing. There will be shoals ahead, expected and unexpected, but together we will navigate them all.

If you have comments or questions, email lindanapoli819@gmail.com or chat with me on a Sunday morning.

Linda Napoli
President

Change In Board Meeting Time

The board meeting has been changed to the third Thursday of the month at 6:30 PM, which will be June 18th.

Thank you, Alyssa!

We are sorry to say goodbye to our Kids In Deed instructor Alyssa Tortora, who has taught the class for two years. Alyssa has finished her Masters Degree in education at Molloy College and will be teaching at Prospect Kindergarten in Hempstead. Alyssa was a warm and welcoming presence to our children. We will miss her and wish her the best of luck in her new career!

Alyssa with Becky and Pauline

HAVE YOU MAILED IN YOUR 2015 PLEDGE TO EHSLI?
OUR SURVIVAL Depends ON YOU!
Humanists of Long Island

The Ethical Humanist Society’s chapter of the American Humanist Association meets each month, on the last Monday at 8:00 PM, on the second floor at the Ethical Humanist Society. Our meetings will continue on Monday, June 29th and July 27th.

The mission of the AHA is the separation of church and state and to have the Constitutional and collective rights of atheists, agnostics and other freethinkers upheld. Our chapter works on these and other social justice issues.

Our chapter is growing. We have about 15 active members, 4 of which are not members of EHS.

Instead of canceling our May meeting, which landed on Memorial Day, Chris and I invited the AHA group to meet at our home for sun and fun.

At our next meeting in June, we will be discussing our next steps with regard to social action projects.

Some of us have been attending the monthly Progressive Network meetings and we are looking forward to the conference being held on Saturday November 7th, 2015, location to be determined. It will be a full day of workshops and discussion geared toward networking, increasing our activist skills among the myriad of social problems on Long Island, how we can better advocate for them. As many people from the Network organizations are invited to attend. This event will not be open to the public. We invite any interested people from the Ethical Humanist Society and the American Humanist Association to attend this important conference. Save the date! More details will follow.

Sharon Stanley, Co-Chair
EHS LI Chapter of AHA
June Sunday Meeting Schedule

**June 7:** Recognition Day — a Sunday school presentation and a Coming of age project by Kristin Morganstern.

**June 14:** Jason Neal with Nancy Mar, *Encampment for Citizenship*

**Bios:**

*Jason A. Neal* deployed to Afghanistan and Iraq as a combat infantryman with the 10th Mountain Division, and later served with the 378th Military Intelligence Battalion as a reservist. He received an honorable discharge in 2013. He is an active member of Veterans for Peace Long Island, Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW), Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America (IAVA).

In 2013, Jason was the guest speaker at the South Country Peace Group’s annual peace party. To date he has completed three courses through the United States Institute of Peace, including Conflict Analysis, Interfaith Conflict Resolution, and Negotiation and Conflict Management. He is active in the Greater Bellport Coalition and volunteers for the Encampment for Citizenship.

Graduate of Encampment for Citizenship, a teenage leadership program begun by Ethical Culture Leader Algernon Black, with the support of Eleanor Roosevelt. He is involved in reestablishing the Encampment after years of dormancy.

Jason is Director of Boys & Girls Club of Bellport, a track and field coach at South Country Central School District, a health and wellness coach at Suffolk County United Veterans and a member of Suffolk County Youth Board.

Jason was part of the US Army Military Readiness Command and served in Iraq and Afghanistan and has established a program that brings together American and Afghan youth using Skype.

*Nancy Marr* has lived in East Patchogue since 1962 with her family (husband and 3 children). During that time, she became interested in early childhood education and was co-founder of a nursery school that would serve children from our whole community, not just those who could afford it. Through her outreach for the nursery school, she became involved in other community activities that brought together all parts of the community. Nancy was part of the Bellport Area Community Action Committee, which opened a community center in North Bellport and ran a counseling and tutoring program in the high school, as well as an after school program for children whose parents were working. This became the Boys and Girls Club of the Bellport Area, where Nancy was director until 1999, when she retired.

Since then, she has been active in revitalization efforts in North Bellport, music and college scholarships for children in the South Country School District, the South Country Education Foundation, the South Country Community Land Trust, and the League of Women Voters. Nancy serves on the board of the South Country Peace Group as well as the national board of the Encampment for Citizenship. In 2012, she and Jason co-founded the Civic Engagement Workshop, an intergenerational and multicultural program that meets at the Boys & Girls Club of the Bellport Area, where Jason is the program coordinator.

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

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

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June 21: Transition Sunday comprises of a discussion panel of Arthur Dobrin, David Spritzen and Liz Seegert on limits to free speech.

**Bios:** **Liz Seegert** has spent more than 30 years reporting and writing about health and other topics for print, digital, and broadcast media. Her primary beats currently encompass aging, women's health, chronic disease and health policy. She is a co-producer of HealthStyles, on WBAI-FM, NYC and a Senior Fellow, Center for Health, Media & Policy, Hunter College.

Liz’s work has appeared in numerous national and local media, including Consumer Reports, The Los Angeles Times, Women Magazine, and New America Media. She has a bachelor's degree in Broadcast Journalism from Boston University and a Master's in Social Policy, from Empire State College, State University of New York. Liz is a member of the Boards of the Ethical Humanist Society of Long Island and of the Journalism and Women Symposium (JAWS), a national organization which supports the professional empowerment and personal growth of women in journalism.

**David Spritzen** is both an activist and scholar. He is the founder and served as the co-chair of the Long Island Progressive Coalition, an organization that for 36 years has advocated for affordable housing and health care, decent and well-paying jobs, ecologically sustainable economic development, social and racial justice, and a more effective democracy. David is Professor Emeritus of Philosophy at Long Island University. He is the author of four books, including *Critique of Western Philosophy and Social Theory* and *Camus: A Critical Examination*. He is also a long-time member of the Ethical Humanist Society of Long Island.

**Arthur Dobrin** is Leader Emeritus, Ethical Humanist Society of LI, Professor Emeritus, Hofstra University, and Blogs for Psychology Today.

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Stormy June 1st on Long Island!
Summer Sunday Meeting Schedule
(Babysitting will be provided)

**June 28:** Richard Rapp, musician, author and political activist, *Creating — What Is It?*

**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.*

**July 26:** Ginger Hendler, artist, *The Adventures of Gingerella and the Peaceful Planet Project—When Art and Social Activism Overlap.*

**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.*

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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.

Sylvia Silberger and Bill Larsen, Yosemite National Park
Photos of the Social Justice Leadership Awards Dinner!

The awards in waiting

Award recipient Bob Keeler giving his speech.

Award recipient Michelle Schimel giving her speech.

Deputy Speaker Earlene Hooper recognizing Assemblywoman Schimel for her achievements

Attendee Alice with future candidate.

Award recipient David Spritzen giving his speech.

Three incredible people.

Happy humanists Joyce, Heidi, Tracy and Joan
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](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:** Friday, June 19th is Jenny Goodspeed, Katie Clarke, & Stephanie Marshall. The Boxcar Lilies have quickly made a name for themselves with their signature mix of folk, country, and bluegrass-tinged Americana music featuring spine-tingling, innovative harmonies and top-notch songwriting. Accompanying themselves on guitar, clawhammer banjo, ukulele, electric bass, and washboard, they have brought their uniquely warm sound and energetic stage presence to venues up and down the Eastern seaboard, including The Birchmere Music Hall, Club Passim, and Philadelphia’s Tin Angel, and opening for legendary performers like Bill Staines and The Seldom Scene. In 2012, they were selected to perform an official showcase at the International Folk Alliance Conference.

Based in Western Massachusetts, The Boxcar Lilies are Jenny Goodspeed, Stephanie Marshall, and Katie Clarke - three singer-songwriters that met through a local musicians’ cooperative and discovered a shared passion for three-part harmony. They joined forces and in 2011 released their debut CD Heartwood, recorded with producer Dave Chalfant (Erin McKeown, The Nields).

In 2013 they released their second studio album Sugar Shack which they recorded with producer Lorne Entress (Lori McKenna, Catie Curtis). The album debuted on the Folk DJ Charts at #2 this May and it was highlighted by both CMJ.com and eMusic.com in their roundup of exciting new releases.

For more information visit [http://www.ourtimescoffeehouse.org/](http://www.ourtimescoffeehouse.org/).

   Doors open at 7:15 PM and the show starts at 8 PM.
   Tickets: Adults $15, Students (w/school I.D.) $10, Children (under 12) $6. (Very young children are free.)

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**Potluck** All members of the Ethical Society are invited to a pot luck party & meeting at the Spritzen's place at 3 PM on Saturday, June 6th, to discuss potential speakers for next year's Sunday meetings. You can RSVP, let them know what you are bringing, and find out the address by emailing David at dsprintz@liu.edu or leaving a phone message at 516-364-2178. Children are welcome.
Goings on at and Announcements, Continued

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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.

**Free Vinyasa Flow Yoga Class:** Sylvia’s yoga class is suspended through June. If interested in attending after that, contact Sylvia at matsbs@yahoo.com to be put on her class confirmation email list.

**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 Phyllis 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
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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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