President’s Column

Hello Everyone,

As we enter the seasons of thanks and giving, it’s a good time to take a moment and ponder the gifts in our lives - our family and friends, the freedoms we enjoy in our country, good health and the opportunities we have to make a difference in the world, according to our passions.

While we’re at it, let us give a thought of gratitude to the community to which we belong – a place where we are welcomed for who we are and not just what we do.

Our Society supports us in being our best selves and encourages us to do what we can for our neighbors.

In turn, the Board and I want to thank you for your hard work, dedication and generosity all of which allow the Society to flourish and continue to be a symbol of good in our community.

Linda Napoli
President

Membership Meeting
Sunday, November 15th, 12:30 PM

Member Social Action

The Long Island Progressive Network Conference was held on November 7th and was attended by David Sprintzen, Alice Sprintzen, Linda Napoli, Bill Larsen, Sylvia Silberger, Ellen Mihok and Sharon Stanley. Eric Alexander was a presenter.

This meeting was an opportunity for members of many of the non-profit groups in our area to share their goals and the work they are doing to improve social conditions throughout Long Island.

Throughout the day, efforts were made to form coalitions based on common ground in an effort to consolidate strength and purpose. Some of the groups who were there were Planned Parenthood, Erase Racism, Long Island Jobs for Justice, MoveOn, New York communities for Change and unions such as NYSUT and the NYS Nurses Association.

Those of us who attended agree that we can apply what we learned to our Society’s social action efforts.

Linda Napoli

Conference attendees: Linda, Sharon, Alice, Bill, Mark, Sylvia, Tom, Ellen and Kanon
**Humanist Sunday School**

Happy November! Last month the children were discussing friendship and feelings, and this month our ethical education will continue as we expand on these thoughts by talking about topics such as self-esteem, individuality, and pride. Also, in keeping with the Thanksgiving holiday, being grateful.

If you have a moment, please come downstairs and see our bulletin board. We have finished our banner and have some of the children’s artwork displayed. Thank you to everyone who has taken the time to make program suggestions, and given advice, I really appreciate it!

Christine Lamattina

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**Save the Date — Darwin Day**

February 7th, 2016!!

Want to help?
Contact Sharon Stanley at LIHumanist@Gmail.com

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**End of Life Packets**

If you are interested in creating an end of life packet, as described at one of our summer Sunday talks, please contact Dr. Joan Beder at JBeder@optonline.net. This private meeting is a discussion of the various issues which come up before and after a person dies. As difficult as it may be, putting our affairs in order is one of the most important gifts that we can leave to our loved ones.

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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.
Report on the AEU Assembly

The Keynote Address at the American Ethical Union conference was Ami Dar. Ami Dar, who was born in Jerusalem, grew up in Peru and in Mexico, and now lives in New York, is the founder and executive director of Idealist.org. Idealist is a website that connects volunteers to volunteer opportunities around the world. Built in 1996 with $3,500, Idealist.org has become one of the most popular nonprofit resources on the web, with information provided by over 110,000 organizations around the world and millions of visitors every month. Idealist is a free place for nonprofits to post job and volunteer opportunities for their organizations. Ami Dar’s talk urged us to stay current with social media to get the word out about our Societies and to list opportunities that we may have to let people serve.

For example, we could link to our Society website, a video description of Ethical Friends of Children, our Youth Education programs, our Young Activist Grant, etc. I checked out the site and discovered that several of our sister Ethical Societies are listed on Idealist, as well as the AEU. Is there a reader of this newsletter who would like to take this project on? Besides creating a listing for ourselves, we could add information of opportunities for volunteering with Ethical Friends of Children, or a history intern to go through our archives, or some other opportunity that might present itself. If someone from our Society would be willing to coordinate this, please see me or any of the members of our marketing committee (Liz Seegert, Lyn Dobrin, Bill Larsen, Sylvia Silberger.)

Mr. Dar’s talk was inspirational. He urged us to reach out and connect. We can, and we should.

Alison Pratt

September School Supply Drive was a Success!

Our recent school supply drive for Bethany House brought in boxes of supplies, only a portion of which are shown here. We already received a “thank you” note for the last bin of donated items. Thanks to everyone who pitched in to help kids in need!

On September 26th, Alison, Sylvia and Beverly represented EHSLI at the Floral Park Street Fair. The picture to the left is of Sylvia and Beverly standing in front of the display Alison put together.

Ethical Friends of Children Donations

At the September Board meeting, they voted to give one half of the collection on the first Sunday of each month to Ethical Friends Of Children. Run by Jim LoPresti with lots of volunteer help, this group is a prime example of local social action and something to be very proud of. There is always a need for diapers as well as cribs and other items children need.
$500 grant available

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November 15
Alexis Grasso
Move to Amend (End Citizens United)

November 22: Toy Drive for children of incarcerated people
Albert Jones
Osborne Association, criminal justice group for education, treatment and vocation services for accused and incarcerated people.

November 29
Fall Festival: Celebration of the Season

December 6
Barbara Treen
My Life as a Parole Officer

December 13
Rev. Tom Goodhue
A Progressive Christian's View of Miracles

December 20
Winter Solstice Celebration

December 27
TBD
Long Island Craft Guild

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Saturday, November 21
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38 Old Country Rd., Garden City, NY

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Refreshments available

Both LICG and the Ethical Humanist Society are non-profit organizations.

Artists, from top: Jonathan Zemot, Barbara Kruger, Sally Shore, Nancy Yoshih
Goings on at and Announcements from EHS LI

**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 regular meetings is scheduled for November 30th, at 7:00 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.

**Darwin Day:** Darwin Day will be on February 7th this coming year!! If you’d like to help out, contact Sharon Stanley at LIHumanist@Gmail.com.

**Drug Policy Alliance Presentation:** On Sunday, December 13th at 12:45 PM, the Drug Policy Alliance will give a presentation/workshop at our Society to discuss “The End of Marijuana and the Repairing Process.” This program will include a discussion of the failure of the war on drugs and its contribution to the incarceration rate in our society. Become informed about this important social issue.

**Our Times Coffee House:** On Friday, November 20th, Our Times Coffee House welcomes Claudia Schmidt. If it were the intention of the creator or creators of this universe to perfectly blend together the night sky with moon and stars, it might have been their intention as well to deliver Claudia Schmidt as their messenger of reminder.

To say that Schmidt is simply a performer with a talent to entertain would be a miscarriage of understatement. Schmidt takes her audiences into her world as easily as the child who discovers the endless universes that exist in a cardboard box.

From lying on sandy beaches under an endless barrage of northern lights, to the expected anguish and frustration of spinning tires on cars stuck deep in snow, from the age-old struggle of change between adolescence and adulthood to the observation of sheer idiocy, she leaves it to the imagination of her audience to conjure their own images of her storytelling and song. No interpretation of a Claudia Schmidt song or story is wrong - she invites audiences to tie their associations to her style.

Schmidt weaves her way through her concert in much the same manner as a jester. Interwoven anecdotes, revealing her past and present, bring people to expect a relationship between themselves and memories driven deep with the passage of time. The concert is an endless display of self-realization through humor and longing, leaving audience members yearning to become an integral part of her world. Having performed on stages across the country, Schmidt has developed the ability to remain fresh. She enjoys her talent to entertain as much as the audience enjoys being entertained.

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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Goings on at and Announcements, Continued

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**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. (Cancelled November 18th and 25th.)

**Long Island Crafts Fair:** Saturday, November 21st, 10 AM—4 PM at the Ethical Humanist Society, 38 Old Country Rd, Garden City. Original works in clay, fiber, glass metal paper and more. Admissions is fee.

**Next Board Meeting:** The board meets on the third Thursday of the month at 6:30 PM, which will be November 19th this month.

**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 EHSLI 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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**EHSLI on Twitter:** www.twitter.com/ehsli

**EHSLI on Facebook:** www.facebook.com/LIEthical

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**EHSLI 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 EHSLI meet up member.

**Leader emeritus Arthur Dobrin** is blogging weekdays at arthurdobrin.wordpress.com

**EHSLI 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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