President’s Column

Social Action and EHS: Recently a number of our members attended the People’s Climate March in NYC. They joined somewhere between 300,000 and 400,000 people who flocked to New York City for this event; it was the largest climate rally in history. This demonstration was just one of some 2,700 events around the globe that day, all delivering the same message: the need for international action on climate change. A few days later President Obama addressed the General Assembly of the United Nations calling on all countries to dramatically reduced carbon emissions “not next year, or the year after, but right now.”

While the problem is global, each of us can/must make some effort to reduce our reliance on carbon emissions. A number of suggestions have been offered that we can put into place to do our share in this effort: buy a hybrid or electric car, reduce your household use of electricity, walk to your destination, vote for those public servants who support this agenda, etc.

The underlying question for each of us to consider is what we can do when faced by such daunting issues as the ‘climate problem’. We are so often confronted with enormous problems that appear to be beyond the scope of the individual to address. But, as Humanists we try to not duck the big problems but rather we try to find a way for the individual to find a place of impact, where he/she can make a difference even if it is a small difference. Think about it… and not just this particular problem as cited by President Obama, but many of the larger problems faced by our society, find your place and act.

Joan Beder, co-President

HAVE YOU MAILED IN YOUR 2014 PLEDGE TO EHSLI? OUR SURVIVAL DEPENDS ON YOU!

Joan Beder
President, EHSLI
We are sounding the alarm! Again! “We” (and by “we” I mean “us, the masses of Americans”) are trying to raise attention that will create action on the part of our government. Global warming is the most critical problem facing our planet today. It is suicidal for our planet if we continue the way we’ve been living. Our very lives depend on this. No longer is it “voluntary manslaughter,” it’s violence with intent to kill.

Global warming and climate change are finally being thought of in terms of the danger, morality and ethics. It is wrong for communities to be forced to live with fracking which could potentially pollute our drinking water and destabilize the ground, as in Oklahoma. It is wrong to allow the continued increase in greenhouse gasses that cause the polar ice caps to melt and sea levels to rise, resulting in more severe weather, as exhibited by Hurricanes Katrina and Sandy, which in turn causes disruption in crops, bird migration and threats to animal and human survival. In every case, when one thinks of environmental abuses, it is unethical and destructive.

As one of the sponsors of the Citizen’s Climate March the American Ethical Union also felt this has become a question of ethics. Ethical Humanists came from all over. The Long Island contingent met all the other marchers from Ethical Culture and Humanism on Central Park West at 64th Street and had a few moments to enjoy the magnificent building that stands as the first Ethical Culture Society, which is where the movement began in 1876.

When our group from the Ethical Humanist Society of Long Island first heard about the Citizen’s Climate March back in late spring, we knew we wanted to be a part of it. We were very proud to be joining the ranks of humanists and faith-based groups to declare our concerns. It was particularly encouraging that the American Ethical Union was one of the co-sponsors of this event. Anne Klaeysen, the leader of the New York Society for Ethical Culture, was the final invocator during the ceremonial start of the march, where we joined other interfaith groups that gathered before the march on W. 58th Street. The Washington Ethical Society was there, along with other ethical societies from the New York Metropolitan; NYSEC, Brooklyn, Westchester, Northern Westchester, Suffolk, Bergen and Essex Counties. Our YES group members met up with other teens from around the movement.

In all, over 20 members from the Ethical Humanist Society of Long Island were in attendance at the march.

Our attendees included: Sharon, Chris and Gabriel Stanley, Alison Pratt, Steve and Reid Hetzel, Sylvia Silberger and Bill Larsen, Joan Petersen and Eric Morgenstern, Didi and Becky Amukora, Tara Klein, Lorraine and Chloe Agostino, Eric, Maria and Ryan Dobrin, Andrea and Matthew Mullin, Daniel Harding and Norm and Sue Roscoe.

At times, it was hot and crowded and due to the humongous crowd, the “march” was more like a stroll through the streets of New York City. But we kept each other enthusiastic and engaged in the festivities. The people-watching opportunities was wonderful. So many of the signs people carried were very clever and poignant. Many young children were present; including a new born baby. The true future of our world was recognizable.

The numbers of actual participants in the march varied depending on the report you read. The New York Times reported that there were 311,000 marchers. At one point the march had to stop because people filled the entire 2.2 mile course and there was no place for people to go. People’s Climate Lobby, sponsor of the event, stated that it was the single largest climate march in history!

All in all, it was incredible to be a part of this event. We are honored to have stood up and been counted in the quest for environmental regulation and supervision. It was important participate. After all, our lives depend on it.

Sharon Stanley

Proud marchers: Gabe, Chris and Sharon

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Citizens’ Climate March — Another EHLI Perspective

New York City, September 21, 2014

On the eve of the People’s Climate March, I attended a forum at the New York Society for Ethical Culture called "A Global Climate Treaty: Why the United States Must Lead." Not least among the passionate and moving speakers was Bill McKibben, who predicted that we would double the 100,000 marchers expected. I shook my head, sure he was being overly optimistic. My apologies to Mr. McKibben! I was thrilled to be one of approximately 400,000 packing the streets of Manhattan last Sunday. My fellow Citizens’ Climate Lobby volunteers and I waited on a side street for two hours to join the procession — the crowd was too large to fit along the designated route — yet only once we turned the corner did we begin to sense the truly massive nature of this demonstration.

CCL Founder Marshall Saunders recently described how in 1806, the British Parliament voted overwhelmingly to keep the slave trade going. Only one year later, they voted 283 to 16 to abolish it. Slavery had become an ethical dividing line and a political tipping point. At first, I had been concerned that this loosely-organized event did not have a single, central demand for our leaders. Yet it is now public knowledge that 400,000 people felt strongly enough to show up and march in New York, 300,000 others marched in solidarity around the world, and each one of them represents countless others who share their concern for the climate. I went to the march feeling cynical, but left humbled by the idea that future generations may one day point to this event as the tipping point that led to a cascade of change.

Jeanne Brunson

Editor’s Note: EHLI member Jeanne Brunson marched with the Citizen’s Climate Lobby rather than with the other members of the Ethical Humanist Society.

Jeanne
More Pictures of Citizens’ Climate March
Free Cooking Demonstrations

Free cooking demonstrations on Italian cooking, the Spuntino way!

Reserve your spot now!

Talk to anyone who has been to Italy and they’ll rave about the food—how fresh and delicious it was, whether they dined in the small cafes or fancy restaurants. Throughout Italy there’s a commitment to great ingredients and well-honed techniques. Two Italian food experts, Andrea Luca Rossi, general manager, and Ryan Keough, executive chef, at Spuntino Wine Bar and Italian Tapas restaurant at The Gallery at Westbury Plaza, are bringing that enthusiasm for great food to the Ethical Humanist Society in Garden City for three cooking demonstrations this fall. The demos, which are free, will be held on three Monday evenings: October 13th, and November 10th, all beginning at 7 PM. Lyn Dobrin, food writer and member of the Ethical Humanist Society, will host the events. Tastings and recipes will be provided.

“These two chefs are all about freshness,” says Dobrin, who is a food writer for the Anton Community newspapers, “and their commitment sustainability is in keeping with the values of the Ethical Humanist Society.”

October 13th at 7 PM
Gnocchi con Cinghiale Toscano
This gnocchi is made with fresh ricotta making it lighter than typical potato gnocchi. The chefs will show variations of spinach, bell pepper and tri-colored gnocchi and show how the cinghiale Toscano—wild boar sauce—and gnocchi is “a match made in heaven.”

November 10th at 7 PM
Branzino
Starting with a whole fish, the chefs will demonstrate how to dissect this light and flaky Mediterranean fish to get filets and the best ways to cook it. They will offer tips on making fish stock and tell what to look for when buying fish.

Call 516-741-7304 to reserve a spot.

from left, Ryan Keough, Lyn Dobrin and Andrea Luca Rossi
October Sunday Meeting Schedule

October 5: Kathleen Rice, D.A., *Ethical Leadership in Government and the Private Sector*
The DA will discuss gaps in – as well as examples of – ethical leadership among public officials and in the business world that she has come across as District Attorney.

October 12: Bob Berson, Westchester Leader

October 19: Joshua M. Greene, Adjunct Professor of Religious Studies, Hofstra University, Author, Filmmaker, *Urban Yogi – Social Action as a Spiritual Pursuit*
A Fieldston graduate’s journey from ashram to boardroom. What he learned in India that connected his Ethical Culture training to millennial teachings.

Bio: The New York Times describes Joshua Greene as “a storyteller who traces journeys to enlightenment.” After thirteen years in Hindu ashrams, he returned to the U.S. and began a career as educator, author and filmmaker. His books include Witness: *Voices from the Holocaust*; *Justice at Dachau*; and *Here Comes the Sun: The Spiritual and Musical Journey of George Harrison*.

October 26: Colleen Eren, Social Science Professor, LaGuardia Community College
Professor Eren will be speaking on the death penalty.

November 2: Susan Herman, ACLU President, *Terrorism and Civil Liberties* (with Q & A)

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Get Involved: Up Coming Social Action Events

The *Light the Night* Walk for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, is on Saturday, October 18th at 5:30 PM this year. We need volunteers to help organize the EHS LI contingency at the walk. More information on the walk here: [http://pages.lightthenight.org/li/Eisenhow14](http://pages.lightthenight.org/li/Eisenhow14)

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Note from the Editor

Newsletter Editor: Sylvia Silberger

Please email comments and suggestions for additions to future EHS LI 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.
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 Bill Larsen at EHSFundraising@gmail.com with descriptions and pictures (if possible) 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. Visit our sales at http://myworld.ebay.com/ehslifundraising?

SPICE Event — Central Park Walking Tour: Join Alan (an official Central Park tour guide) and Marianne Cohen on this two-hour amble through the Ramble and experience being lost in nature. You'll see such iconic sites as the Swedish Cottage, the Shakespeare Garden, the Castle, the Lake as well as a picturesque stream and several bridges and arches. Since the tour is during the fall bird migration, we are likely to see several different species of birds on their way south. The Ramble in Central Park is a 38-acre "wild garden" that provides visitors an escape from bustling, unhealthy city streets. The tour will involve stairs, hills, and some uneven surfaces. After our walk we can have lunch together at one of the many restaurants in the area.

Date/Time: Saturday, October 11th at 11 AM (please arrive 10-15 minutes before), Rain date 10/18
Host Name: Alan Cohen
Donation: $10.00
Meeting Place: West 81st Street entrance to the Park, at the Diana Ross Playground
Number of participants: 20, includes kids over 10 years

Sign up by contacting Phyllis in the office ASAP

AHA Meetings: The Ethical Humanist Society of Long Island is a member society of the American Ethical Union and a chapter of the American Humanist Association.

Beginning September 30th, 2014, Heidi Mann and Sharon Stanley began co-chairing the EHS/AHA Chapter, meeting monthly at 7:00 PM. Meetings will be held on the last Tuesday of each month at the Ethical Humanist Society of Long Island, 38 Old Country Road, Garden City, NY 11530. We will meet on the 2nd floor in the Board Room. The first meeting was be on September 30. Future dates include October 28th, November 25th and December 30th. These meetings will consist of a mixture of discussion, social action and socialization. Preliminarily, the focus will be on current social action activities of the American Humanist Association, such as the struggle to keep church and state separate.

Come out and join the group! Your participation will be a wonderful contribution in our efforts to make the world a better place.

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

Women’s Retreat: Reserve the dates October 18th-19th at St. Retreat House in Glen Cove. For more information email Delorie Cohan at Rodel48@aol.com or call (718)459-1380.

2014 LICG Crafts Fair: SAVE THE DATE!!! The 2014 LICG Craft Fair will be held on Saturday, November 15th, 10 AM - 4 PM at the Ethical Humanist Society, Garden City, NY. We are pleased to present our second annual craft fair, a juried show featuring original work in glass, clay, fiber, metal and more, created by our most talented local artists.

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**Our Times Coffee House:** Our Times Coffeehouse Presents 2 Acts: Cathy Kreger & Heather Pierson, Friday October 17th at 8 PM

**Heather Pierson:** is an award-winning pianist, multi-genre singer/songwriter, arranger, bandleader, and performer. From New Orleans-style jazz and blues to rousing Americana and poignant folk narratives, Heather’s live performances move seamlessly and effortlessly from one style to the next, and a growing catalog of wildly divergent CD releases reflects her boundless creativity. She is now finishing up work on her eighth studio recording, Motherless Child, a collection of inspired originals and renditions of blues and jazz standards that promises to be her best release to date. In bringing a Dr.-John-meets-Dave-Brubeck sensibility to songs like "The Gumbo's Too Hot" and embodying the very meaning of heartache in her Nina Simone infused renditions of classics like "I Loves You, Porgy" and the stunning title track, Heather's formidable talents as a vocalist, pianist, songwriter, arranger, and bandleader are on full display. Motherless Child is scheduled for a late 2014 release.

**Cathy Kreger:** "Her voice could make a bulldog break his leash to hug a hound!" says one fanatic fan. Armed with only an acoustic guitar and a voice as clear as cool water, Cathy Kreger delivers more pure music per minute than a bevy of roadhouse rockers. Her irresistible voice and guitar has earned her a place on stage with world-class acts, including: Bonnie Raitt, David Bromberg, The Band, Patty Larkin, Maria Muldaur, Taj Mahal and Aztec Two-Step. For over 20 years, this girl and her guitar have been touring throughout the Northeast performing in small theaters, bars, churches, colleges and homes, gathering a devoted following. Her musical style is a unique combination of adult contemporary and old blues, with an alternative folk flair. Noel Paul Stookey (of Peter, Paul and Mary) once said "No doubt about it. She has a great voice and really has her act together. Her original songs of true-life stories will pierce your heart, evoking tears and laughter along the way. Kreger turns folk, rock, blues, and pop influences into a lyrical and melodic style that is as passionate as it is polished. She has released four CDs to date. Her latest CD release Pure Imagination has garnered rave reviews, securing her a place in the singer-songwriter/acoustic arena.

The suggested donations are $15 adults; children under 12, $6. Tickets will be on sale at the door; sorry, no pre-sales are available. Doors open at 7:15 PM. For more information, visit [www.ourtimescoffeeshouse.org](http://www.ourtimescoffeeshouse.org) or call 516-741-7304.

The Our Times Coffeehouse, staffed entirely with volunteers, has been presenting live music for 24 years. OTC is dedicated to supporting affordable folk music on Long Island, and over the years has hosted hundreds of outstanding performers in a warm, intimate setting. The Our Times Coffeehouse is a joint project of the Ethical Humanist Society of Long Island (EHS) and the Long Island Progressive Coalition (LIPC), with the assistance of the Research and Education Project of Long Island (REP-LI).

**Bart Worden on Enticing the ‘None’s:** Bart Warden has an interesting column on how Ethical Humanist Congregations might consider evolving their message to attracting more from a demographic that increasingly declines membership in anything in the latest issue of the EHU Dialogue [here](#)

**Change for Change:** Linda Napoli is looking for a large clear pickle type jar that can be used for our "Change for Change" campaign. If anyone has a jar please bring it to the office.
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Board Meeting Minutes: We will no longer be posting the board meeting minutes in the monthly newsletter. The minutes will be available to members upon request. Contact Phyllis in the main office if you’d like a copy of a particular month’s minutes. You may email her at office@ehlsi.org or call her at (516) 741-7304.

Ethical Friends of Children Reopening: Ethical Friends of Children was closed for the summer, but is reopening on September 3rd.

Small Group Connections: The Small Group Connections will be meeting every 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month. The meetings will begin promptly at 7:30 PM in the Board room. This month, the meetings will be on October 8th and October 22nd. The topics will be announced in the weekly emails. Please join us if you have not attended a meeting and would like to see what they are all about. We would love to have you. Contact Linda Napoli at vequa45@yahoo.com if you have questions.

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.

Free Vinyasa Flow Yoga Class: Join Sylvia for a free vinyasa flow yoga classes at the EHSLI on Wednesdays at 5:45 PM. (Please note the change in time.) If interested, contact Sylvia at matsbs@yahoo.com to be put on her class confirmation email list.

Diogenese Roundtable: Discuss your thoughts with us, as we probe the deeper questions of life and have a few laughs along the way. Every month we will explore a different topic in philosophy and learn from the ideas of great thinkers. For meeting times e-mail AnHonestManEHS@gmail.com, or talk with Liam Stephens or David Sprintzen. All are welcome.

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 consider 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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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
Photos: picasaweb.google.com/LIEthical
EHSLI on Linked-In: Under the name “Ethical Humanist Society of Long Island”
You are all invited to attend a special 2-day AEU Membership and Growth workshop, October 24-25 at the Ethical Culture Society of Westchester!

Come learn how to run successful pledge drives that engage our members and build community. The workshop will include timelines, volunteer roles, communications, strategies, and more. It is sponsored by the AEU Membership Committee and facilitated by congregational stewardship consultant Mark Ewert.

**Send a team from your Society and save on fees, which range from $50-65! Registrations must be completed by October 17th, so register today to save your spot.**

Hospitality and travel assistance are available by request (requests must be made by October 10th).

For questions about the AEU Membership & Growth Workshop, contact Law'nence Miller, Director of Administration at lmiller.aeu@gmail.com or 212-873-6500.

We look forward to working together to elicit the best in our Societies by developing successful pledge drives.

More information [here](#).

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