From Our Religious Director

Opening Sunday, September 8th, I invited a conversation among the assembled Members and friends, about the varied motivations that bring us together. Those motivations can be assembled, roughly, under three categories: Head, Hands, and Heart. For some of us the opportunity to think about serious topics, to hear knowledgeable speakers and to engage in stimulating discussions is a primary connection to the Society. The Head, in a word. For others, it is the opportunity to contribute to the common good, to do something to make the world a better place and, particularly, to join with others to increase our effectiveness and to have boon companions along the way. Our Hands! The third category: many of us find our primary connection to the society through the Heart. We want to be in a community of caring people, we want friends who understand us and share our concern for the world. And, we want the challenge an Ethical Humanist Society provides to deepen our understanding of ourselves and the world, to grow more patient, empathetic, generous, kind. Wiser. The Heart, so to speak.

No one comes for just one of these reasons, of course. But when I asked those assembled on Opening Sunday to group themselves with other Head, Hands or Heart people, everyone quickly found their place: for some the Head, for some the Hands, for some the Heart. We need all three to keep us alive, of course, whether as individuals or as a Society. And the vitality of EHS LI in the months and hopefully, years ahead, will depend on the investment all of us make of our heads, our hands and our hearts in the life of our society.

Calvin O. Dame
Religious Director

Events with Calvin

Ethical Café
Monday, October 14: The Ten Commandments of 2013
What if we were in charge of writing contemporary ten commandments for 2013? Would “Don't text and drive” make it in?

Ethical Café starts at 6:30 pm at the Society

Community Singing
Monday, October 21: For anyone who would like to sing a bit and help to plan for the Sunday morning Community Singing.

Community Singing starts at 6:30 pm at the Society
By now, or within the next week, you will have received a letter from the Society outlining the terms of the Sprintzen matching fund. Alice and David’s extraordinarily generous financial matching program comes at a time when the Society is facing financial challenges due to shifts in the economy, demographic changes on Long Island and the departure of some of our long-term renters. The Board has been attempting to address these financial concerns and we are making gains, albeit slowly, toward ameliorating the financial situation.

This summer I gave a mini talk on generosity. Some of the presentation is reproduced below and hopefully will inspire you to be as generous as possible in your financial support of the Society and to take full advantage of the Sprintzen matching fund.

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Some thoughts on generosity, generosity of spirit and of goods, money and caring:

“A truly generous man [person] is he [she] that always gives whether it be much or little, before he is asked.”
-Elie Weisel

“No one has ever become poor from giving.”
-Anne Frank

Buddha taught that giving brings happiness at every stage of its expression. In Hinduism, the third observance states: Be generous to a fault, giving liberally without thought of reward.

For those who appreciate a more modern rationale for generosity, consider a study done by the University of Notre Dame which looked at American practices on generosity. Hundreds of Americans nationally were interviewed. Findings: The more generous Americans were, the more happiness, health and purpose in life they enjoyed. The association between generosity and personal wellbeing was strong.

Are you amongst those who would be considered generous? Have you reaped the benefits of giving? In what ways are you generous? What have you given of yourself, taken from yourself in the last few months and given to another? Surely we can learn to be more generous, it is in the doing that we become proficient.

And this brings us to the Society. Many of you have been very generous in giving of financial support and in other ways to EHS. You are to be commended and are appreciated for your generosity. However, others, much less so.

In the Tennessee Williams play, the character Blanche du Bois says “Whoever you are, I always depend on the kindness of strangers.”

I am depending on the kindness and generosity not of strangers but of people I know and have known for many years. We need you to dig a little deeper at this time especially, to partake of the Sprintzen matching fund and help support our organization. Practice generosity, and your own well-being and that of the Society will be enhanced.

Joan Beder
EHSLI Co-President
YES Update

The theme to this year’s YES conference in Washington DC was “Utopia.” So we started off by both planning for the conference and discussing Utopia. Even this early on in the year, we've found that thinking and discussing Utopia opens up some of the fundamental questions and thoughts at the heart of Ethical Humanism.

Before getting into such heavy topics though, YES had a celebration to kick off the year by going bowling and then to the dinner.

Anyone who is interested in the YES group can contact me for more information, at sampreeni@gmail.com.

Derek Smith
YES Adviser

Top Ten Reasons to Care about AEU Membership

10. Participation at the AEU Assembly allows you to meet people from other Societies across the country helping you to feel part of a larger whole.

9. It is engaging to meet others who understand the vocabulary we use, like colloquy, humanism, platform talk, etc.

8. It is interesting to see the differences among Societies and learn how they run their congregations.

7. It’s so much fun to meet people and find out that they have same discussions/arguments we have, like clapping or no clapping, singing or no singing, are we a religion, etc.

6. It’s important to network across the movement because you can find out what ideas work or do not work in Ethical Society management.

5. The AEU is our national representative to the public and resolutions that are passed at the assembly enable us to voice our stand and participate in effecting change in national social issues.

4. Information is given on participating in the AEU’s Lay Leadership Summer School, which helps you to relate in a meaningful way to people from other Societies. This biannual program has inspired many of our current Ethical Culture Leaders to enter Leader training.

3. The National Religious Education Committee offers a workshop for Religious Education Directors which increases their ability to run their KIDs programs more effectively. It is a great resource of information and support all year round.

2. With Bard Worden as Executive Director and Richard Koral as AEU President, there is a new energy that engages and inspires those who attend the Assembly.

And finally, the number 1, most important reason is “There is strength in numbers, while we all create a caring world.”

Brought to you by Sharon Stanley,
Heidi Mann and Linda Napoli

Note from the Editor

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.
The Ethical Humanist Society of Long Island once again will “Light The Night” (LTN)
http://pages.lightthenight.org/ll/Eisenhow13/EthicalHumanistSocietyOfLongIslandFBB

Join us and Register for the 2013 Walk!

Eisenhower Park
Friday October 11, 2013 05:00 PM EDT in Eisenhower Park
1899 Hempstead Turnpike, East Meadow, NY 11554,
Questions? Call and leave a message for Sharon Stanley 516-741-7304
October Sunday Meeting Schedule

**October 6**: Calvin Dame, Religious Director  
*Risking Hope*

**October 13**: Lisel Burns  
"Diversifying Our Ethical Action Efforts - Valuing Principled Partnership Large and Small"

**October 20**: Michaelle C. Solages, State Assemblyman  
**Bio**: Hofstra graduate, Michaelle Solages represents the 22nd district in the New York State Assembly.

**October 27**: John P. Teehan, Professor of Religion at Hofstra  
**Bio**: Dr. Teehan has published and lectured on the impact of evolutionary theories on moral philosophy. His recent book is *The Evolutionary Basis of Religious Ethics*.

Other Scheduled Fall Platforms

**November 3**: Calvin Dame, Religious Director  
“How to Make Yourself Really Unhappy”

**November 10**: Jeanne Brunson, EHSII Member  
“Climate Reality Project”  
**Bio**: EHSII member Jeanne Brunson trained with Al Gore to become a presenter for the Climate Reality Project. As a climate leader, she is set to present on the science, the challenges and the available solutions for climate change.

**November 17**: Mike D’Antonio, Newsday Journalist  
**Bio**: As part of a team of journalists from Newsday, Michael D’Antonio won the Pulitzer Prize for reporting before writing many acclaimed books including *Atomic Harvest, Tin Cup Dreams, Mosquito,* and *Mortal Sins.* His upcoming book on the global Catholic sexual abuse scandal will be published in 2013.

**November 24**: Fall Festival

**December 1**: Bond Street Theater  
The Bond Street Theater has initiated innovative theatre and theatre-based programs in over 40 countries worldwide that improve leadership skills, build self-confidence, stimulate the imagination and illustrate health and civic issues to audiences of all ages and genders.

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**Sunday Meetings begin at 11:00 AM**  
**Sunday Colloquies begin at 9:30 AM**
Goings on at and Announcements from EHSLI

Affordable Care Act Health Insurance Seminar: On Wednesday, October 2nd, 2013; 7:30 PM at the Ethical Humanist Society of Long Island (38 Old Country Road, Garden City). Confused about the Affordable Care Act? You're not alone. An expert panel will discuss provisions of the law, its effect on public health, and provide details on health exchange enrollment - what to do, and how to do it. Come join us! This free seminar is open to the community -- Please RSVP to office@ehsli.org. More on page 2.

“Light the Night” Walk: Once again, the KIDs program, and other members and friends of the Ethical Society of Long Island are invited to participate in the "Light the Night" Walk, to help raise money for the Lymphoma and Leukemia Society, as part of the Foundation Beyond Belief National Team. The event will be in Eisenhower Park, on Friday, Oct. 11th, 2013, at 6:30 PM. Registration begins at 5:30 PM. Our team page: http://pages.lightthenight.org/li/Eisenhow13/EthicalHumanistSocietyOfLongIslandFBB. More on page 3.

AEU Religious Education Conference and Family Weekend: Join the American Ethical Union for the annual AEU Fall Conference and Family Weekend. This year's theme is "Be the Difference, Not the Bully: Building Ethical Community," We will again meet at Stony Point Conference Center in New York. The weekend is Friday Nov. 1-Sunday November 3. Directors of Religious Education (DREs), Sunday School teachers, parents, families, and others interested in learning more about an Ethical Religious Education are invited to attend.

WHERE: Stony Point Conference Center
17 Cricketsown Road
Stony Point, NY 10980

WHEN: Friday, Nov. 1st, 2013 at 4:00 pm EDT through Sunday, Nov. 3rd, 2013 at 12:00 pm EST

Scholarship opportunities are available. For more details visit http://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/event?llr=mltf4jkab&oeidk=a07e80nezb7401b1085a&oseq=a021qxh5bej011

Our Times Coffee House: On Friday, October 18th Our Times Coffeehouse will be hosting the Counterclockwise Ensemble, a guitar, strings and percussion quintet that plays contemporary American chamber music. Equally at home in a variety of genres, the group primarily plays the compositions of guitarist Rich Stein, sprinkling in pieces by Gustav Holst and Aaron Copland as well as traditional American and Irish folk tunes into their sets.

Doors Open: 7:15 PM
Performance At: 8:00 PM
Suggested Donation: Adults $15, Seniors (65 & up) $12, Students (with school ID) $12, Children (under 12) $6 (very young children: $0)

For more information on all upcoming performances go to www.ourtimescoffeehouse.org.

Secular Movement Update: For those of you interested in how the secular movement is proceeding around the country, check out the latest news from The Secular Coalition for America: http://us6.campaign-archive2.com/?u=9241bef44976519ab9f9df194&id=8e5a4c78fc&e=bfc2c41e11

Help needed — Long Island Council of Churches Meeting Attendance: Members who would be interested in attending The Long Island Council of Churches workshop on the solutions to aging religious buildings with little money on Saturday, October 19th, 2013 from 9:30 - 3:00 PM in Riverhead need to contact Pat Spencer (516) 433-5019. October 19th is the weekend of the women's retreat, therefore it would be great to get a man to attend the workshop.

The Diogenes 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.

Women's Retreat: EHSLI's annual Women's Retreat will be on October 19 - October 20, 2013. More information will be announced shortly. If you have any questions call Delorie Cohan at (718) 459-1380 or email her at rodel48@aol.com.
Goings on and Announcements, Continued

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Bed donations needed: Do you have a bed, sofa or sofa-bed to donate? please contact licriverhead@optonline.net in Suffolk County and liccmurray@yahoo.com in Nassau County.

We are now a regular chapter of the AHA: Previously an Affiliate Chapter, over the summer we filed for and became a regular Chapter of the American Humanist Association. Roy Speckhardt Executive Director of the AHA, and Maggie Ardiente, AHA Director of Development and Communications will be visiting EHS next April, but, if you are interested, you can meet them at the New York Society of Ethical Culture on Thursday, Aug 22nd at 6:00 PM. (2 West 64th Street, New York)

Furniture needed for Sunday KID class: We will be offering babysitting / a young child class on Sundays in the fall and need make it presentable to parents. Needed: Small, sturdy bookcase for the children's classroom on the lower level to enhance our space for very young children. Tot-sized furniture or toys. We could use a comfortable rocking chair, but not too worn.

Ethical Friends of Children needs help: Ethical Friends of Children could really need your help, switching it's Summer clothes to Winter clothes from 10 AM to 1 PM on Tuesday, September 3rd, no prior knowledge is required. Please reply to Pat Spencer (516) 433-5019.

Get your EHSLI tee shirts! We have new Ethical Humanist tee shirts for EHSLI fundraising! The new tees consist of an original design printed on super soft organic cotton fair trade tee shirts with ecologically friendly water-based ink. The shirts are natural color and the printing is in blue (but can be done in other colors by request or put on your own shirt). Choose S, M, L, XL or XXL. There are some tee shirts available for sell in the EHSLI office and you can order one from Sylvia by emailing matsbs@yahoo.com. There are two styles: unisex and fitted women's, each for $20 + shipping, if applicable. We can print the design on your own cotton garment for $12 if bring the tee shirt to Sylvia or Bill. All profits from the sale of items with this design ($10 per tee shirt) go to the Ethical Humanist Society of Long Island. Sample tee shirts of each style is displayed in the lobby. The tee shirt design is to the right.

Free Vinyasa Flow Yoga Class: Join Sylvia for a free vinyasa flow yoga classes on Wednesdays at 5:30 PM. If interested, contact Sylvia at Sylvia_Silberger@yahoo.com to be put on her class confirmation email list.

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.

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.

Visit EHSLI Online!
EHSLI Website: http://www.ehsli.org
EHSLI on Twitter: www.twitter.com/ehsli
EHSLI on Facebook: www.facebook.com/LIEthical
K.I.D. on Twitter: www.twitter.com/KidsInDeed
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
SPICE EVENTS & UPDATES

— Make Your Own Home Aquarium: Steven Beder has been setting up aquariums since he was eight years old and he has lots of tips to pass on to anyone who wants to try this beautiful hobby. Learn what you need to do to have success. Detailed travel directions will be emailed to those who register. To sign up call the EHSLI office at (516)741-7304.

DATE: to be decided at convenience of participant(s)
PLACE: Steve and Joan’s home in Old Westbury
LIMIT: 8 people
DONATION: $15
HOSTS: Steve and Joan Beder

— Funny Songs from Stage and Screen: "Tragedy Tomorrow, Comedy Tonight" is the title of a song that captures what this SPICE is about. Mel Haber has put together videos of funny songs from shows and films for your entertainment. Included will be songs from "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum," "Guys and Dolls," "Kiss Me Kate," "Sweeney Todd," "Singing in the Rain," "Annie Get Your Gun," and "The Music Man." You will smile and laugh, as well as have a good time. Coffee, tea and dessert will be included.

DATE: Saturday, November 2nd, 2013, from 4-6 PM
PLACE: auditorium of the Ethical Society
LIMIT: unlimited
DONATION: $15
HOSTS: Mel and Barbara Haber

— Authentic Middle Eastern Food Demonstration: Aida Nema will demonstrate the preparation of a healthy Middle Eastern vegetarian meal, which we will eat. You'll learn how to make hummus (chick pea and tahini appetizer), tabouleh salad, koshari (lentil, rice pilaf with tomato sauce). For dessert there will be basbousa semolina cake and mint tea. You may want to bring your aprons and chef caps and appetites to this exciting event. Aida will need some sous chefs. Definitely bring your appetite.

DATE: Saturday, December 14th at 5 PM
PLACE: home of Arthur and Lyn Dobrin, 613 Dartmouth St, Westbury
PHONE: (516) 997-854
LIMIT: 15
DONATION: $30
HOSTS: Aida Nema and Arthur and Lyn Dobrin

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? trksid=p2047675.l2559

LETTER FROM LORRAINE AND JERRY ABRAMS

Hi to all our friends at the Society!

We would like to inform you that at the end of November we will be visiting with our son and family in Plainview. We will be going to the Society on Sunday, November 24th and hope to see as many people as possible. We will be also attending that day. We hope this finds you all well. We are very much looking forward to being at the Society and seeing you at that time.

Lorraine & Jerry.
Committees and Committee Membership

9/8/2013 Description of committees that need additional members

**Membership Committee – Finance/Pledge**
Description: The committee makes recommendations to the board on financial needs and concerns of EHS LI, including pledging and assisting the treasurer in the preparation of an annual budget. No financial experience required.

**Membership Committee – SPICE**
Description: A fun group whose main purpose is to assist members to get to know each other better by getting members to have social events that they and others would enjoy.

**Membership Committee – Fund Raising**
Description: To brain storm for fund raising ideas. Choose fund raising projects to go forward with. Review members fund raising ideas.

**House Grounds Committee**
Description: The committee ensures that the building and grounds are maintained; anticipating ongoing and upcoming needs.

**Membership Committee – Caring**
We are going to rejuvenate and hone the way we connect with members who are sick or in need. This includes making calls, paying visits, sending cards, and providing transportation for those who can’t drive. We will also be contacting members who have not been here for a long time. We are calling ourselves “The caring connection”. This is a core part of who we are as Ethical Humanists. When we say “Create a caring world” perhaps it should begin with us. Calvin and I will be working together to make this happen. We cannot do this alone. We need everyone’s help. What can you do? Make calls? Visit? … Let us know. Do you have suggestions?

**Membership Committee – Social Action**:
If you are interested in doing some social action, join our group for occasional meetings to brainstorm ideas, and launch and carry out projects that will make a difference in our community. We'll begin with discussing ways to publicize and enhance the work of Ethical Friends of Children, our Society's social action project.

9/8/2013 Current committees, members and program chairs

**House and Grounds Committee**:
Chairperson: Chris Stanley
Members: Heidi Mann, Alice Sprintzen, Stacey Leon, Jim Lo Presti, Steven Beder, Bill Larsen.

**Membership Committee – Caring**:
Chairperson: Jim Lo Presti  Members: Beverely Freestone, Irma Zeigler, Kori Schroeder, Linda Joe, Audrey Roberts, Dorcas Kiptoo.

**Membership Committee – Finance/Pledge**:
Chairperson: Mary Sherman  Members: Pat Spencer, Muriel Neufeld, Ken Feifer & Sue Feifer.

**Membership Committee – SPICE**:
Chairperson: Needed
Members: Alice Sprintzen, Pat Spencer, Ron Freestone, Mary Sherman & Mel Haber.

**Membership Committee – Fund Raising**:
Chairperson and members needed

**Membership Committee – Marketing/Advertising**:
Chairperson: Liz Seegert
Members: Heidi Mann, Bill Larsen, Alison Pratt

**Membership Committee – Web & Newsletter**:
Chairperson: Liz Seegert  Members: Sylvia Silberger, Alison Pratt and Calvin Dame

**Sunday Morning Committee – Presidents**:
Chairperson: Deborah Strube
Members: David Harmon, David Sprintzen, Judy Rosemarin, Sue Feifer, Lyn dobrin, Arthur Dobrin, President & vice-president.

**Sunday Morning Committee – Speakers**:
Chairperson: Calvin Dame
Members: Lyn Dobrin, Pat Spencer, Linda Napoli, Sylvia Silbinger, David Sprintzen, Alice Sprintzen, Liz Segert, Heidi Mann, Joan Beder, Muriel Neufeld, Deborah Strube, Lois Blatt, Jim Lopresti, Lorraine Agostino, Mel Haber.

**Sunday Morning Committee – Music**:
Chairperson: Calvin Dame
-Social Action: Chairperson: Linda Napoli  Members: Alison Pratt, Sharon Stanley, Dorcas Kiptoo and Julie Tortorici (julie75@juno.com)

Program Chairpersons

**Ethical Friends of Children**: Jim Lo Presti

**Kenya Fund**: Eric Dobrin

**YES group**: Tara Klein and Derek Smith (Advisor and Board liaison person Susan Feifer)

**Kids In Deed**: Joan Beder (Alison Pratt and Sharon Stanley)

**Weill Fund**: EHS LI President/Delorie Cohen

**Colloquy**: Ken Swartzman

**Diogenese Project**: David Sprintzen and Liam Stevens
September Board Meeting Minutes

ETHICAL HUMANIST SOCIETY OF LONG ISLAND
MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 9th, 2013 BOARD MEETING

PRESENT: Joan Beder, Lois Blatt, Sue Feifer, Mel Haber, Bill Larsen, Jim LoPresti, Alison Pratt, Liz Seegert, Mary Sherman, Pat Spenser, David Sprintzen, and Deborah Strube

ABSENT: Delorie Cohan, Heidi Mann, Wayne Outten, and Liam Stephens

GUESTS: Calvin Dame

1. Approval of minutes: The August Board minutes were approved.

2. Calvin’s report: One person has come to the Society out of seven who came to our Open House. The Sunday Morning Committee has been functioning well; only three Sundays remain to fill with speakers. Calvin has signed a contract to buy a house in Brattleboro, Vermont.

3. President’s report:
   Weill Fund: Delorie Cohan will take over from Alison in running the Weill Fund. A Newsday reporter, Beth Whitehouse, recently called our Society wanting information about the Weill Fund. Pari Drin will reach out to her. Alison wrote an article about the Weill fund for the AEU Social Action newsletter, which Linda Napoli forwarded to Hugh Taft-Morales, leader of the Philadelphia Ethical Society, for publication in that newsletter.

   Committees: At our September 8th Sunday morning meeting, several members signed up for committees.

   KIDS Director: We currently do not have a Kids In Deed director. Joan, Sharon and Alison are volunteering to help coordinate the program for the existing children, which will include service projects, field trips, and lessons from volunteers in the Society. The KID class is currently planning to walk in the Light the Night walk-a-thon on Oct. 11th and do an educational field trip to Crossroads Farm on Oct. 27th. Alyssa Tortuara has been hired to provide weekly babysitting services for children of all ages. This would include story time and crafts, depending on the age of the child. She will be earning $30/ Sunday and begin on Sept. 29th.

   New boilers: Joan got a confirmation from our plumbing company that we will be getting two new residential boilers.

   Reducing expenses: Pat and Joan met with Armando and Amelia to tell them that we need to reduce their responsibilities in half to reduce our expenses. From now on, they will do Sunday morning work and some cleaning.

   Rentals: Pat met with Jobs With Justice who said they will definitely rent from us. Regarding our ad in craigslist for rental of our building, Pat got no response, perhaps because of the great competition from others who want to rent space in their buildings. On October 1st, Eric Alexander’s organization, Vision Long Island, will rent from us. Fortunately, we are doing well in renting our auditorium for parties. Liz suggested to Pat that she should put an ad in The NonProfit Times advertising our rental space.

4. Committee liaison reports:
   Jim LoPresti: Jim and Bill Larsen will paint the damaged back corner of the auditorium. Jim will get Caring Committee members to increase their reaching out. Ethical Friends of Children was busy during the prior Wednesday. Jim and David Sprintzen went to a foundation to learn about getting a grant for Ethical Friends.

   Mary Sherman (Finance): She suggested two things: increasing the minimum pledge and enabling members to use a credit card to make regular payments.

   Pat Spencer (SPICE Committee): As head of the SPICE Committee, Pat mentioned that Mel Haber has joined the committee.

   Liz Seegert (Marketing Committee): Her committee got together recently. Lyn Dobrin and Heidi will work together to get press releases out to the media. Bill is reaching out LGBT groups. As to our Health Seminar on October 2nd, Liz has lined up various panelists. She needs marketing materials. Alison will be at the welcoming table greeting people and passing out EHS marketing materials.

   Deb Strube (Presiders): We’re doing well with presiders.

   Linda Napoli (Social Action): She discussed the “Light the Night” event on Friday, October 11th. We, as a Society, are walking in and/or sponsoring the Light the Night for Leukemia and Lymphoma walk-athon on Oct. 11th. We chose this walk in part to honor some of our members who are leukemia survivors, and in part because Dale McGowan’s group, Foundation Beyond Belief, has chosen this cause to highlight humanist social action. Each board member is being asked to contribute to this fundraising. You can sponsor a named walker or join our walker list at: http://pages.lightthenight.org/lit/Eisenhow13/EthicalHumanistSocietyOLongIslandFBB

   Sue Feifer (YES): The YES group is doing well. Tara is in graduate school. Derek is now leading the group.

   Lois Blatt (Colloquy): They are meeting downstairs in the auditorium and are able to end at 10:30 AM to give us time to set up for the Sunday meeting at 11 AM.

   Liam Stephens (Diogenes project): David Sprintzen reported for Liam, who was absent, that the group decided to open up the group to everybody. It meets on Thursday evenings.

5. Report selling property: Linda Napoli investigated the possibility of our selling part of the lot adjacent to our building to raise money for our Society. A realtor said we could get $200,000-$250,000 for selling part of our property that is at least 60x100 feet. Linda has a blank application form which a lawyer needs to fill out if we go through with the sale. The Board approved filing the paperwork.

6. Reasonable roundtable: David spoke at the Reasonable Roundtable, an organization that is designed to coordinate activities of groups in the area that are similar to ours. They meet thrice yearly.

7. Paring seminar: Alison reported that planning for the Parenting Seminar is going well. Crossroad Farms is going to donate flowers for the event in return for us distributing their flyers.

8. Fundraising dinner: Sue reported that to have a fund-raising dinner for Muriel and her sons would require an up-front deposit of $5,000-$8,000 to hold the dinner on a Saturday night in March at a place where we originally thought of holding it. Joan suggested that Sue look elsewhere to get other price quotes.

The meeting ended at 10:05 PM
Minutes submitted by Mel Haber,
Board secretary
Opt-Out of Paper Newsletter Mailings

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.

Ethical Humanist Society of Long Island

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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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