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BROOKHAVEN LWV ANNUAL UN DINNER

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2007, 7 PM

at Alice D'Amico's, 5 Old Field Road, Setauket

SPEAKER: Mary Reed Dewar, M.N.

Working worldwide to improve health

SAVE THE DATE

Suffolk County LWV

Post-Election Brunch

Sunday, November 11

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE— October 24 will be United Nations Day. A commitment to international cooperation as an essential path to world peace is deeply rooted in League history. We are proud that the League was one of the nongovernmental organizations first affiliated with the UN, a relationship that continues to this day.

On October 19, we will hold our annual UN dinner, an occasion to share good food with other League members and think internationally. Our speaker will be Mary Dewar, a nurse who has run hospitals, trained nurses, and worked on health policy in China, Africa, and the United States.

November 28 is the date for the annual trip to the UN, with a tour of the UN building and lunch in the delegates' dining room overlooking the East River. This year they plan a briefing on the effects of war on women around the world.

On a personal note, my granddaughter is spending the first four months of her junior college year in Kenya, learning Swahili and doing an independent study on Muslim women and the upcoming election; she hopes to do volunteer work with the Kenyan LWV.

CANDIDATES DEBATE EVENTS

ABCO (Affiliated Brookhaven Civic Organization) will present the two candidates for Brookhaven Town Supervisor in a candidates debate on Monday, October 15, at 7:30 pm at the Longwood Library, Middle Country Road, Middle Island. The two candidates are Brian Foley (D), Incumbent, and Robert DiCarlo () (). The public is invited.

The MASTIC CIVIC will hold its annual candidates' forum on Wednesday, October 17 at the Mastic Firehouse, on Mastic Road. All candidates are invited. Public welcome

TRIP TO BROOKHAVEN NATIONAL LABORATORY

League members and their friends are invited to tour Brookhaven National Laboratory on Monday, October 30, 9:30 am. We will hear presentations about nano science technology, the gene that makes us fat (or some of us), and two other subjects. To go on this trip, which is always a lot of fun and features a lunch provided by BNL, you must call Robbie Fishman to put your name on the list (for the Lab's security) - 286-0614

LONG ISLAND SOUND STUDY

On September 24, Dr. Larry Swanson from the Department of Marine and Atmospheric Sciences at SUNY-Stony Brook, addressed the problem of hypoxia in the Long Island Sound—what is it, what causes it, and what can be done about it. Levels of dissolved oxygen of 5 mg/l are generally accepted as being protective of the Sound's estuarine life. Hypoxia is the condition where the level of dissolved oxygen is too low, which reduces or kills finfish, lobsters and diminishes the habitat value of Long Island Sound. Its primary cause is excessive discharges of nitrogen. Nitrogen fuels the growth of planktonic algae, which die, settle to the bottom of the Sound and decay, using up oxygen in the process. It is agreed that the problem has been caused by the nitrogen that is pumped into the waters of the East River by New York City now that they have stopped putting it into the ocean. Mixing the waters from the Eastern Sound or from the atmosphere would mitigate the problem, but in the spring the layering of water, with warmer fresher water with low salinity on the surface and colder denser water with higher salinity at the bottom, makes this mixing impossible. Swanson demonstrated that the hypoxia has increased between 1950 and 2000—Why has the temperature of the water at the bottom decreased while the temperature at the surface stayed the same, creating a greater difference between the surface and bottom temperatures causing more layering, less likelihood of mixing the waters and distributing the dissolved oxygen? The reason he cites as the major one is the change to earlier spring warming by two or three weeks, caused by regional changes plus an increase in the amount of asphalt and rooftops in our communities. The wind patterns have also changed, with lower wind speeds than forty years ago, causing less

mixing of the surface waters with the bottom. If then, climatic changes are the major cause of hypoxia, what can be done? The effort to build tertiary sewage treatment plants will not address the problem on Long Island, although it may help at the western end of the Sound. Efforts are underway to monitor and reduce the discharge of nitrogen into the waters of the East River and Long Island Sound. But Dr. Swanson emphasized the importance of looking at be looking at environmental changes—more green roofs, more open space, alternatives to septic systems. We thank Dr. Swanson for his presentation, illustrated by charts and graphs that made clear the dilemma we face.

Nancy Marr

Mashantucket Pequot Museum

Native Waters Exhibit

A new special exhibition, Native Waters: Sharing the Source, opens Oct. 14 at the Mashantucket Pequot Museum in Mashantucket, CT. The exhibit incorporates science, art, film and Native American cultural traditions to increase awareness and respect for water resources. Designed to represent a tepee, the display presents an engaging opportunity to learn about the importance of water through storytelling, audio and video presentations, and hands-on activities and science programs. One of several interactive components involves constructing a model watershed to appreciate how it consists not only of land and water, but also animals, plants, people and all that we build on it and add to it. Visitors can also try to guide a marble "raindrop" to a drinking fountain without polluting it along its path from the ground past potential contaminants. The exhibit runs through Dec. 30.

GENERAL ELECTION—NOVEMBER 6, 2007
 CANDIDATES FOR BROOKHAVEN TOWN VOTERS

Country Legislative Districts

- 1st District—Edward Romaine (R, I, C)—Matthew Bjelobrk (D)
 3rd District—Kate Browning (D, WF)— Betty Manzella (R, I, C)
 4th District—*Brian Beedenbender (D, WF)—Thomas Muratore (R,I,C)
 5th District—Vivian Vilorio-Fisher (D, I,WF)—Irene D'Abramo (R, C)
 6th District—Daniel Losquadro (R, I, C)—Bryan Lilly (D, WF)
 7th District—Jack Eddington (D, I, WF)-Brian Egan (R,C)
 8th District—William Lindsay (D, I, C,WF)—John Bugler (R)
 12th District—John Kennedy (D, R, WF)—Vincent Trimarco (I, C)

District Court Judge—6th District—Vote for 2

- William J Burke (R, C),
 Kevin J Crowley (R, C, I)
 William De Vore (D, WF)
 Chris Ann Kelley (D, I, WF)

Supervisor, Town of Brookhaven

Brian X Foley (D, I, WF)— Robert J Di Carlo (R, C)

Receiver of Taxes, Town of Brookhaven

Carol Bissonette (D)—Louis Marcoccia (R, I, C, WF)

Superintendent of Highways—Town of Brookhaven

John H Rouse (D, I, WS)— Martin Haley (R, C)

Brookhaven Town Council

- 1st District—Steve Fiore-Rosenfeld (D, I)—Edward Wendol (R, C)
 2nd District—*Jane Bonner (R, D)—Bill Shilling (D, I, WF)
 3rd District—Kathleen Walsh (R, I, C)—Kevin L Hymys (D, WF)
 4th District—Constance Kepert (D, I, WF)—Roberta Owens (R, C)
 5th District—Timothy P Mazzei (R, I, C)—Jack Fath (D, WF)
 6th District—*Edward J Hennessey (D,WF), Keith Romaine (R, C), Joseph May (I)

**No incumbent. The candidates' names are alphabetized. Where there is an incumbent, the incumbent's name is first in the list.*

UN DINNER—OUR SPEAKER

Mary Reed Dewar has two Masters Degrees—in Nursing and Community Health Nursing. She has been active in nursing for more than fifty years, starting as a missionary nurse in North China (1947-1951) where she taught student nurses and helped run a 120-bed hospital with Chinese colleagues when there was no doctor during liberation and the change from Nationalist to Communist regimes in 1948-49.. During most of the 50's, she worked in mission hospitals in Angola teaching student nurses and helping run the various hospitals in Dondi and Galangue, none of which exist today because of the civil war. From 1960-65 she did the same in Zimbabwe, on the Mozambique border. In 1968 she was reassigned to the World Council of Churches Christian Medical Commission in Geneva, which was established to look at all the churches' medical work around the world and establish a central bureau of the total work being done. In 1970, she returned to the US to begin her second career in nursing, teaching at Adelphi University in the School of Nursing, teaching Community Health Nursing and its clinical component, Family Dynamics, Epidemiology, for the next twenty years until she retired in 1992.

Her third career as a retired nurse has led her into health policy. She is on the executive board of the LI Coalition for a National Health Plan (1990—present), and is the health policy point person on the Public Issues Committee of the LI Council of Churches (chair since 2000). As chairman, she represents the LI Council of Churches on the boards of LI Labor and Religion Coalition and LI Chapter of Jobs with Justice.

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF BROOKHAVEN ANNUAL U.N. DINNER

For reservations and information, call Alice D'Amico, 751-0328

Plan to bring a main dish or dessert

\$5.00 per person with dish (one per couple)

\$15.00 per person without a dish

Invite a friend and come for a good evening

Directions: going north on Nicholl's Road, turn right at the end onto 25A. At the first traffic light (before the hill), turn left. Go past the Setauket Neighborhood House, to the end (Old Field Road). Turn left over the bridge over the Setauket Mill pond. It is the 2nd house on the right after the Mill Pond (up a driveway). From the East, take 25A to Main Street in Setauket, turn right and go past the post office and across the bridge.

IMMIGRATION—THE ISSUES FACING US

On November 28, the committee studying immigration will present facts we have learned about immigration and how it works currently, what its problems are, and how the system could be improved. At this point in time, the League is not considering options like ending all immigration to the US or deportation of all illegal immigrants. In December, we will have two consensus meetings. Members can attend either meeting. LWV-US, which is coordinating the study, has developed a group of questions that we will discuss and answer, covering some of the following:

Should legal immigration rules be based on ethnic diversity, need for economic and service employment in US, goal of family reunification, humanitarianism, health and age. .

Do all workers have the right to safe working conditions and liveable wages, fair treatment under the law?

Should illegal immigration be dealt with differently for immigrants if they have been in the US for a specific amount of time, if they have learned English, if they pay fines, if there is a need for their services? What provision should be made to limit illegal immigration—barriers, fences, personnel, tracking of persons, technological improvements to help employers and officials check on legality of employees? Should there be provision for immigrants who wish to come temporarily for a specific job?

What are the benefits contributed by illegal immigrants? What are the costs they incur? What can be done to reduce emigration from other countries?



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DATES TO REMEMBER

OCTOBER

Thurs Oct 4 Ida Trager NYS LWV Training Workshop, Farmingdale University, 11am -3 pm
 Mon Oct 8 BROOKHAVEN LWV BD MEETING, Edie Emblers', 12 noon
 Wed Oct 17 SUFFOLK COUNTY LWV BD MEETING, Riverhead Library, 10:30 am
 Fri Oct 19 UN DINNER at Alice D'Amico's, 7 pm
 Mon Oct 30 TRIP TO BROOKHAVEN NATIONAL LABORATORY, 10 am

NOVEMBER

Thurs Nov 1 BROOKHAVEN LWV BD MEETING, Ruth Schwarz', 12 noon
 Sun Nov 11 POST ELECTION BRUNCH, Bellport Country Club, 10:30 am
 Mon Nov 26 Meeting on IMMIGRATION—Place to be announced, 7:30 pm
 Wed Nov 28 UN Trip—Briefings on the Effects of War on Women Around the World

DECEMBER

Thurs Dec 6 BROOKHAVEN LWV BD MEETING, Edie Lewis', 12 noon
 Sat Dec 8 CONSENSUS MEETING ON IMMIGRATION, Edie Emblers', 10 am
 Thurs Dec 13 CONSENSUS MEETING ON IMMIGRATION, Ruth Schwarz', 7:30 pm