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UPDATE OF THE LONG ISLAND SOUND STUDY

SPEAKER: DR. LARRY SWANSON

**Director, Waste Reduction and Management Institute
and Associate Dean, School of Marine and Atmospheric
Sciences at SUNY-Stony Brook**

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 7:30 PM

AT

COMSEWOGUE LIBRARY

170 TERRYVILLE ROAD

PORT JEFFERSON STATION

See page 5 for list of Primary candidates

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE— We are pleased to announce six new members to our League, and look forward to welcoming them to meetings and activities.

At our first meeting of the year, on September 24, at 7:30, Dr. Larry Swanson, Director of WRMI (Waste Reduction and Management Institute), and Associate Dean of the School of Marine and Atmospheric Sciences at the State University of Stony Brook, will speak about the Long Island Sound Study and its findings from field studies in the coastal waters of Long Island Sound .

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

JUDY BIRD—BROOKHAVEN

CAROLINE LEVINE—SETAUKET

DEBRA ROSS—MEDFORD

ELAINE LOWENSTEIN—BROOKHAVEN

HON. BARBARA DONOVAN—POQUOTT

TOBY SILVERMAN—PATCHOGUE

IN MEMORIAM

We are very sad to announce the death this month of MaryJane Rau, a very long time member of the League of Women Voters of Brookhaven, and an active resident of Bellport. MaryJane brought her enthusiasm to everything she did. She worked on the effort to get Universal Health Care and helped observe Brookhaven Town meetings, As Voter Service Chairperson, she was vigorous in distributing our Voter Guides and Directories to all the schools and libraries, worked at the Town Fair, and enlisted League members to cover the polls for the News Election Service. Reporting the results to the NES brought a generous amount of money to the League treasury, but it was a tremendous task that MaryJane did well. We will miss her.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

HEALTH—The League will be supporting a single payer plan based on the Medicare system. The committee will study the Conyers-Kucinich bill (H.R. 676) to find out more about how it works. The League is also supporting the full authorization of the Child Health Plus Funding, which provides funds to the states to expand health insurance for children with family incomes under \$80,000. Our next committee meeting is October 18 at 2:30 pm, call Estelle Auerbach for more information, 698-1139.

IMMIGRATION—Our committee has been looking over the proposed consensus questions, preparing to gather information about how immigration impacts our sustainability, our economy, and our legal system. We plan membership meetings in November and December, in order to reach a consensus with other leagues in the US by January 31. Our next committee meeting will be September 28, 9:30 am, at Robbie Fishman's (286-0614).

VOTER SERVICE—Our committee will meet on Monday, Sept 17, at 2 pm, to discuss registration in libraries, colleges, and other sites. Anyone interested in doing any work, a little or a lot, come to the meeting at my house, 368 Private Road, E Patchogue or call 730-6556.

Nancy Marr

THE NATIONAL POPULAR VOTE

AT the New York State convention in June, delegates from a local League introduced a motion for a statewide study: "Should NY join the Compact for a National Popular Vote?" Under this compact, the popular vote during a national election would be counted from all the states and Wash, D.C. They would be added together to obtain the total for each candidate. The states entering the Compact would award their elector votes to the candidate who receives the largest number of total votes. The LWVUS believes the direct popular vote method of electing the president mad vice-president is essential to representative government and that the Electoral College should be abolished. This compact is essence does the same thing, but without an amendment to abolish the Electoral college, a highly unlikely probability. The delegates from local Leagues across NYS almost unanimously voted to do a statewide study. The Huntington and Hamptons League are doing this study, and will share their findings with our League and with the Suffolk County League.

Judie Gorenstein
Huntington LWV

REPOWERING LIPA PLANTS

Dear League of Women Voters,

Many of Long Island's power plants were built 40 and 50 years ago. As such, these inefficient plants have been "grandfathered" and do not have to comply with the Clean Air Act. The resulting levels of sulfur dioxide, nitrogen oxide, and particulate matter have been associated with cardiac problems and respiratory complications such as asthma. Those most vulnerable are children and the elderly. Moreover, these plants are releasing tons of carbon dioxide (CO₂), a greenhouse gas that contributes to global warming. To add insult to injury Long Islanders pay some of the highest utility rates in the country.

The good news is that there is a solution: repowering. Repowering with combined cycle technology by using exhaust gas from combustion turbines to make steam to power the existing turbine generators could nearly double the efficiency of these units and potentially triple electric capacity. Most compellingly, repowering can reduce pollutants by up to 90% and if we repowered systemwide we would remove seven million tons of CO₂ from our atmosphere. Repowering is not speculative; it has been cost-effectively applied by such utilities as the Los Angeles Department of Water & Power and Florida Power & Light. Though Long Island officials, business leaders, and community organizations have called for repowering for five years now, not a single megawatt has been repowered.

RePowerLI is a call for action which proposes to unify and galvanize all those that support repowering. The campaign has launched a **RePowerLI** website (www.repowerli.com) and printed thousands of **RePowerLI** bumper stickers to launch the campaign that will ultimately inform and draw the majority of Long Islanders to the necessity and benefits of repowering: more efficient energy and cleaner air.

Sincerely,

Steven Bellone	Town of Babylon Supervisor
Lisa Tyson	Long Island Progressive Coalition
Sarah Anker	Community Health & Environmental Coalition of L.I.
Ann Auriello	Sierra Club

Go to **the RePowerLI** website if you wish to sign the petition to support repowering. Please contact me if you would like to represent the League at meetings about repowering, to find out more and bring information back to the League Board. .

Nancy Marr (730-6556)

To Members—If you are not receiving the National Voter, please let me know. It is a quarterly magazine that should be sent to all members. It includes a great of information important to League members.

Nancy Marr

PRIMARIES IN BROOKHAVEN TOWN, SEPTEMBER 18, 2007

Country Legislative Districts—Working Families Party

3rd District—Kate Browning, no opponent to date

4th District—Brian Beedenbender, Thomas Muratore

5th District—Vivian Vilorio-Fisher, Irene D'Abramo

6th District—Bryan Lilly, Daniel Losquadro

District Court Judge—6th District—Vote for 2

Independence Party—William De Vore, Chris Ann Kelley, William J Burke, Kevin J Crowley

Working Families Party—Chris Ann Kelley, William De Vore, William J Burke, Kevin J Crowley

Supervisor, Town of Brookhaven

Working Families Party—Brian X Foley, Robert J Di Carlo

Superintendent of Highways—Town of Brookhaven

Working Families Party—John H Rouse, Martin W. Haley

Brookhaven Town Council

2nd District—Working Families Party—Bill Shilling, Jane E Bonner

3rd District—Working Families Party—Kevin L Hymms, Kathleen A Walsh

5th District- Working Families Party—Jack N Fath, Timothy P Mazzei

6th District—Independence Party—Joseph P May, Edward J Hennessey

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RESERVE YOUR PLACE NOW
UN DINNER

Our Annual UN dinner will be held Friday, October 19, at Alice D'Amico's house, at 7 pm at 5 Old Field Road, Setauket. It is a good occasion to recognize the importance of multinationalism. This year we will have a speaker to talk about world health issues. Each person brings a dish (or pays an extra \$10) and the meal is always delicious. Call Alice to reserve your place (\$5 each, with a dish). (751-0328) Directions will be in the October VOTER.

UN TRIP

The NYS LWV will sponsor the trip to the UN on Wednesday, November 28—We will hear briefings on the effects of war on women around the world. It is always a stimulating and interesting day.



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DATES TO REMEMBER

SEPTEMBER

- Thurs Sept 6 **BROOKHAVEN LWV BD MEETING, Robbie Fishman's, 12 noon**
Tues Sept 11 **SUFFOLK COUNTY LWV BD MEETING, Riverhead Library, 10:30 am**
Mon Sept 24 **UPDATE ON THE LONG ISLAND SOUND STUDY, Comsewogue Library, 7:30 pm**

OCTOBER

- Thurs Oct 4 **Ida Trager NYS LWV Training Workshop, Farmingdale University, 11am -3 pm**
Mon Oct 8 **BROOKHAVEN LWV BD MEETING, PTBA, 12 noon**
Fri Oct 19 **UN Dinner at Alice d'Amico's, 7 pm, speaker**

NOVEMBER

- Wed Nov 28 **UN Trip—Briefings on the Effects of War on Women Around the World**

Direction to Comsewogue Library—Port Jefferson Station (928-1212) - from the east, on Nesconset Highway, go past Route 112 and turn right on Terryville Road (there is a Sunoco Station on the corner) - from the west, turn left at the Sunoco Station onto Terryville Road—from Route 112 in Port Jefferson, turn right onto Terryville Road before you get to Nesconset Highway