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ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT BRUNCH

Monday, June 8, 2015

10:00am - Somers Library



Featuring the League's Expert Cooks

Everyone who is interested in the League is invited to participate in our final meeting. Hear the President's report, learn about the work of the past year and our plans for the coming year. See the election of Officers and Directors.

Socialize with friends, meet new people and enjoy the delicious Brunch.

JUNE IS HERE AGAIN!

Time for Annual Dues!

Individual - \$60.00

Family - \$80.00

Look for the dues envelope in

Your mail - we need you!

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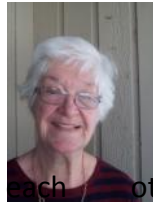
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CO-PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Next week, Monday, June 8, we will have our annual meeting accompanied by our usual community brunch. It's the time not only to wrap things up that took place the last year, but also to meet each other, to get re-acquainted with the chairs of the committees, the members of the Executive Board, the directors and the volunteers. It is time to elect new ones for the new year. To see each other face to face! Last February, as the snow was literally taking over Somers, I read an interesting article in the New York Times: "*The Epidemic of Facelessness*", by Stephen Marche, an Esquire columnist. We all are guilty of too often checking our smart phones, tablets and such. Here are some quotes from the article:

But the faceless communication social media creates, the linked distances between people, both provokes and mitigates the inherent capacity for monstrosity....

For the great French-Jewish philosopher Levinas, the encounter with another's face was the origin of identity – the reality of the other preceding the formation of the self. The face is the substance, not just the reflection, of the infinity of another person (...) But we need a new art of conversation for the new conversations we are having - and the first rule of that art must be to remember that we are talking to human beings"

This is why we meet here to see one another, to share our experiences, and feelings, to have a conversation. We enjoy a stimulating community and a powerful sense of commitment. We have to decide on important issues for the LWV and in particular for the Somers LWV. We like to talk about Lobbying, Environmental and Women issues, Voter Registration. You might want to take on an issue dear to you. Come to our annual meeting with ideas and let's talk about how to implement them!

Let's keep marching on!

Francoise Bennett, Co-President

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BOOK & AUTHOR LUNCHEON



Bea Bartner and Joyce Liebman sure know how to throw a party. The 2015 Book and Author Luncheon was a huge success. Some 45 of us gathered in our Sunday best at Traveler's Rest in a pretty dining room looking out at an even prettier garden. The company was good as were the food and drink, and the speakers were diverse and excellent.

(Left to right: Pat Miller, Bea Bartner, Francoise Bennett, Loretta Nelson Joyce Liebman)

After hors d'oeuvres and drinks, but before digging in to the main course, Joyce welcomed us and thanked Pat Miller, Somers' retiring and much admired and most helpful librarian, whom we were honoring on this occasion. She then introduced Susan Allison-Dean, a retired nurse who found a second career in gardening but always wanted to write. An incapacitating accident gave her time to do this. *Touched By A Nurse* and *I Know You're There* were created. She now spends her winter "off time" writing.

Stephen Kitsakos' background is in music journalism and libretto composition. He, more or less, dared himself to write a novel, and *The Accidental Pilgrim* was born. He enjoyed writing it but not the isolation its creation required. Perhaps, someday, he'll write another.

After a hearty luncheon, Joyce introduced Karen Engelmann. With a background in illustration and graphics, she is the author of *The Stockholm Octovo*, published in 2012 and since translated into 14 languages. Unlike the earlier speakers, she read from a prepared text telling us, in a humorous way, the 10 steps to take in writing *The Book Without A Name* because its name would change many times during its development.

Wendy Corsi Staub has pursued her career as writer and novelist for over 20 years. She has had over 80 books published in many genres and is currently at work on a "cozy" mystery series. She has also written under a pseudonym. One of her novels is to become a Hallmark television movie. She loved working with Ed Koch on his biography and loves what she does and would choose no other occupation.

On that up note, we took our last sips of coffee, thanked those who made this delightful afternoon possible and returned home.

by Betty Golob

(left to right: Karen Engelman, Pat Miller, Francoise Bennett, Loretta Nelson, Joyce Liebman, Stephen KLitsakos, Susan Allison Dean, Wendy Cori Staub,)



SOMERS LEAGUE OF WOMEN			
	PROPOSED 14-15	ACTUAL 14-	PROPOSED 15-16
INCOME			
Dues: Household \$85x7	510	595	595
Individual \$60 x 83 proposed \$60x100	6,000	4,980	6,000
Supporters	500	420	500
Education Fund Raffle	0	0	100
Development (see details, special events)	1,000	434	500
TOTAL OPERATING INCOME	8,610	6,424	7,695
<i>SPECIAL EVENTS- Development</i>			
<i>Luncheon revenue-October</i>	<i>2,500</i>	<i>1,443</i>	<i>1,500</i>
<i>Luncheon expense-October</i>	<i>2,000</i>	<i>1,069</i>	<i>1,100</i>
<i>Luncheon revenue May</i>	<i>2,500</i>	<i>2,500</i>	<i>2,500</i>
<i>Luncheon expense May</i>	<i>2,000</i>	<i>2,000</i>	<i>500</i>
<i>Dreyfus Expo expense Feb</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>450</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>Dreyfus Expo Revenue Feb</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>0</i>
EXPENDITURES			
<u>Operating costs</u>			
Computer supplies	75	150	75
Bank charges	20	0	0
Postage	75	75	75
P.O. Box	192	192	193
NYS Use Tax	0	50	50
Misc. Gifts-Donation	150	150	150
Spring & Fall Luncheons		3,079	2,500
Year End party	0	50	50
<u>Delegates</u>			
Convention	300	0	0
Meetings	0	150	150
<u>PMP's</u>			
US PMP	3,200	2,920	2,400
NYS PMP	900	1,720	1,524
County PMP	200	191	162
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<u>Education</u>			
Scholarship	300	80	300
Voter Guides	20	20	20
Candidate Night	300	275	50
Total expenditures	5,732	9102	7,699
Net income (or loss)	2,878	loss: 2,678	loss 4

SATURDAY, JUNE 6TH & 7TH

2015 NY State Convention
Desmond Hotel & Conference Center
Albany, NY



MONDAY, JUNE 8TH

10:00am Final Meeting
“All You Can Eat” Brunch
Somers Library, Reis Park



MONDAY, JULY 13TH



10:00AM Monthly Meeting
10:30am “Elder Abuse: The Astor
Case”
Elizabeth Loewy, former chief of the
Elder Abuse Unit—Manhattan
District Attorney’s Office
Somers Library, Reis Park

MONDAY, AUGUST 13TH

10:00AM Monthly Meeting
10:30am Speaker TBA

WELCOME NEW MEMBER

Gloria Anderson

WOMEN AND THEIR MONEY

KNOW YOUR OPTIONS!



Where is your money? Is it working for you? On Monday, May 11th, Paul Sheldon, an experienced investment councilor, spoke to the Somers League, focusing largely on safe investments for senior women.

First on his list of safe investments are Ginny Mae Bonds, guaranteed by the U.S. government as well as the Ginny Mae Mutual fund, paying 2.34% interest. Municipal tax free bonds are also safe and some pay up to .0425%. Paul also described preferred stocks with good companies that pay about 5-6% in interest.

Sheldon strongly urged the importance of diversifying holdings so as to minimize the impact of any loss. It was an interesting discussion that stimulated a number of questions from the audience.



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American Portfolios	Louis Tagliaferro	100 Mill Plains Road, Danbury Ct. 06811
Annie's Nails		5 Heritage 202 Center, Somers
Appliance Plus		3 Lovell St., Lincolndale, 10541
Aries Automotive of Somers		253 Route 100
Fred's Haircutting		270 Katonah Ave., Katonah
Hair by Lisa		256 Route 100, Somers
Il Forno Trattoria		343 Route 202, Somers
Marti Lowenfeld, Houlihan/Lawrence		Somers, NY
The Mexican Shack		256 Route 100, Somers
Osceola Garage		44 Route 118, Baldwin Place
Rainbow Tailors & Cleaners		7 Heritage 202 Center
Somers Smiles		356 Route 202, Somers

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Fran McLoughlin	Lucille Williams



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