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***LWVSC Annual Convention and Lunch 11:30am Tuesday May 3 at Outerbanks at Indian Island CC, Riverhead, preceded by Riverhead wastewater plant tour, 10am**
***LWVSC Board Meeting: 10:00am Wednesday June 22 at SCCC, Main St., Riverhead**

LWVSC Board approves focus on transparency issues

Members of the LWVSC board monitor activities, discussions, and decisions of the Executive and Legislative branches of Suffolk County government throughout the year. After discussion, the LWV board approved the following...

“LWVSC will work to obtain evidence needed regarding Suffolk County waivers, certificates of necessity and similar methods of decision making and passing legislation that have not been publicized or distributed in a timely manner to the Legislators and citizens. This inhibits transparency and LWVSC is considering ways to comment on its findings to the media and the Legislature.”

Local Leagues should schedule meetings with their county Legislators as well as leaders in the Executive branch of county government. We hope to gather information from our elected officials and have a clearer understanding of the scope / details of possible transparency issues in decision making. We encourage non-board League members to assist us in this effort during the second half of the year.

Suffolk County local Leagues team up for recent Voter Engagement Project

With the assistance of volunteers from the Hamptons, Huntington and Smithtown local Leagues, LWV Brookhaven’s pilot project for LWVUS on voter engagement was successfully executed. There were robo-calls made reaching 5104 live recipients (people who picked up the phone) and 8288 messages left. and 2745 volunteer calls placed over three days of phone-banks. Thanks to all who participated!!!

Update on Suffolk County proposed plastic bag ban

The bill (IR1207), originally introduced by Legislators Spencer, Hahn and Krupski had been scheduled for a vote at the Legislature’s April 12 General Meeting, but has been put on hold. It was tabled at the Legislature’s Health Committee on April 7. Although many members of the public spoke in favor of the ban, there has been opposition from Melville based Poly-Pak Industries (a plastic bag manufacturer) as well as from seniors complaining about the permitted ten cent cost per (paper or heavy plastic) bag by retailers.

LWVSC selects Bianca Taipe for Students Inside Albany conference

Bianca Taipe, a junior at Deer Park HS, hopes to major in international relations with a focus on Latin American regions and cultural diversity, working towards the goal of becoming an immigration lawyer.

Bianca volunteers at her town’s Youth Court and participates in the court process serving as both prosecuting and defense lawyer. She also volunteers at Make the Road New York’s office in Brentwood as an assistant teacher in Adult Literacy classes that teach English to adult immigrants. She traveled to Ecuador in 2014 and volunteered at university English classes.

Bianca is looking forward to learning about New York State’s legislative process and meeting with legislators, while getting to know students from all parts of New York State. We hope to hear about her experiences at the end of May.

48th Annual LWVSC Convention and Luncheon Tuesday May 3, 2016 11:30am preceded by tour Outerbanks at Indian Island Country Club, Riverhead

Luncheon Speaker:
Carolyn Peabody PhD, LCSW, ACSW
 Director, Community & Political Social Action Specialization
 School of Social Welfare, Stony Brook University

Cost: \$35 LWV members in advance;
 \$40 at door for LWV members and all non-members

**10am Tour of
 Riverhead Advanced
 Wastewater
 Treatment Facility**

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*5 minute drive
 from restaurant*