



L.V.I.S.

Ladies' Village Improvement Society

Established in 1895

January 2017

Happy and Healthy New Year!

Annual Budget Approval Meeting

Saturday, January 21

Calendar

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**Saturday 9:30 a.m.
Member Meeting
Emergency Services
Building**

Looking Ahead

No February Meeting

**March 1
Box and Books
Reopening**

**March 13
Monday 2:30 p.m.
Member Meeting
Springs Community
Presbyterian Church**

**Colleen Rando
Editor, Photos**

The 2016 Budget

We've come a long way since our early years at the beginning of the twentieth century, when our community program expenses included sweeping crosswalks and lighting the oil street lamps that lined Main Street. Fast forward to 2017 when LVIS members will be asked to approve over \$400,000 for far reaching community programs.

The Process

Preparation for the yearly budget begins with committee chairs and the General Manager, who submit proposed budgets to Finance Committee Chair Kathy Walsh and her committee. After careful scrutiny and number crunching, the committee makes its recommendations to the Board of Directors, who can accept those recommendations or work with the committee to make changes. The final step in the process will take place at Saturday's meeting, when the entire budget is presented to



the membership.

Transparency

New members are urged to attend — not only will you learn a great deal about our efforts in the community, but you are guaranteed to be impressed by the transparency with which the budget is presented and discussed. In addition to this year's budget, a financial report for the year 2016 will be presented. A quorum (10%) of the membership must be present to vote on the budget; please make every effort to attend this important meeting.

December Membership Meeting



Above, Guild Hall's Executive Director Ruth Appelhoff, left, is interviewed by Dawn Watson at the First Presbyterian Church of East Hampton. Right, Membership Chair Patti Ferrin, left, introduces new permanent member Penny Hays.



January Sales

*Be sure
to take
advantage
of the
January sales
throughout the
LVIS shops*

New Speakers for 2017

The 2017 membership meeting agenda includes several new speakers and a return to two former venues, Guild Hall and the East Hampton Library. In October, Dr. William Tucker, psychiatrist, will speak at the East Hampton Library and in November, Andrea Grover, recently appointed Executive Director, will speak at Guild Hall. Other speakers include Carol Saxe, an East Hampton artist, who will speak at the March meeting and Keith Roe, a Professor of Communications,

who will speak in April. In May, the editor of the East Hampton Star, David Rattray, will address the membership, and December's meeting will feature Anne Chaisson, Executive Director of the Hamptons International Film Festival in addition to a performance by the East Hampton High School Camerata.

The year's schedule was arranged by Program Chair Penny Hays and Vice-Chair Susan Winkler with input from President Anne Thomas.

A Message from the President

Dear Ladies,

Your hard work and dedication made for a year of stunning accomplishments and successes — 2016 is one for the record books in so many ways:

- Besides maintaining our on-going and very ambitious Tree program, we were able to step up to help the Village with the Dutch elm problem.
- In addition to looking after the Nature Trail and Village Greens, we are participating in the on-going Bioswale project on the South Green.
- Seventeen Scholarships were awarded to East Hampton High School seniors and one Madelon DeVoe Talley scholarship to a woman returning to school.
- The Landmarks Committee hosted a sold-out Luncheon featuring Dick Cavett and his wife, Martha Rogers.
- Box and Book Sales were up well over 8%.
- Our 120th Fair netted a record amount with nearly 60% coming from the hugely successful Silent Auction. Pam Cataletto and Bonnie Pizzorno are back as Fair Chairs for 2017.
- The Annual Appeal total exceeded last year, itself a record-breaker.
- The Community Report also broke income records, all the while presenting a beautiful ‘annual report’ to our community.
- We received a generous bequest from Dr. and Mrs. William Abel — Marilyn Abel was Chair of Trees for many years.
- We held our first Board Retreat, updated the By-laws, changed accounting firms saving considerable dollars and producing an early audit, and took a substantial portion of our portfolio in-house saving money and producing better results.
- And, two of our most interesting and informative Membership Meetings featured our own Linda James and Ruth Appelhof!!

The year 2017 offers great promise and, with all of our Programs functioning so successfully, we can focus on some long range goals for the coming year:

The 125th Anniversary Committee will flesh out plans for several of the activities chosen by the Membership in response to the Questionnaire that was distributed in the Fall, including the November 30th Kick-Off in 2020, Parade, Cookbook, joint Exhibits/Celebrations co-sponsored with other organizations and the 2021 Fair. Additionally, in anticipation of the 125th Anniversary, our Archives are undergoing a complete re-organization and we will develop a master plan for the Grounds and Sunken Garden. A special Membership Committee will look into rebuilding and retaining our dwindling numbers as well as recruiting younger members.

We are undertaking a study of space usage throughout the House. Six architects have walked through the house and will present proposals for consideration by the end of February. This is enhanced by the recent news that the Village is willing to rent us the Garages on the property — the lease is being drafted. You will be kept informed at every step along the way. Your input is crucial.

Our achievements are due to the hard work and dedication of stalwart LVIS Members. With much admiration and appreciation for your tireless efforts and

All my best,

Anne

Notable LVIS Events from 1916, 1965 and 1990

The Looking Back section of the East Hampton Star continues to be a great source of LVIS history. Below are three excerpts.

Fair Canceled

The Ladies Village Improvement Society is laying out its program of work for this winter, and evidently members will be very busy. Although the annual fair, which brings a tidy sum into the treasury of the society, was cancelled, through the enthusiasm and interest of Mrs. E.J. Vaughan, auction bridge parties have been held in most of the summer homes during the summer, at which the aggregate amount of \$800

was raised. The society is indeed fortunate in having such friends and members. 9/22/1916

After the Fact

Representatives of the East Hampton Ladies Village Improvement Society and Mayor Stephen L. Marley found themselves face to face Friday night on the subject of an in-front parking lot for the planned new A&P on the Newtown Lane site of the former Halsey Garage. The three LVIS representatives, angered to have discovered that the Village board made a formal policy decision on the matter two weeks earlier, argued that the LVIS should have been "given a chance to discuss it, before the decision was made."

3/25/1965

Win Some, Lose Some

The East Hampton Ladies Village Improvement Society found itself, ostensibly, fighting truth, justice, and American veterans last week. The ladies lost. The LVIS did not intend to mount such a battle. The society had asked only that a war memorial planned for the Hook Mill Memorial Green be built somewhere else. Its president, noting that there is already a monument there, told Friday's Village Board meeting that another one would be redundant, and could detract from the value of the existing green as a historical landmark. 1/25/90

This and That

- The Christmas in July booth is seeking Christmas donations other than trees or lights. Christmas china serving pieces are especially popular. Please label your donations "Christmas in July fair booth."
- ◆ New Directors Ann Davis and Nancy Erdos, and Secretary Sue Vaughan have officially started their service.
- ◆ The current Board will hold a "retreat" at the home of Cathy Humphrey to hold informal discussions concerning various issues facing the Board.
- ◆ The shops will close on January 31st and will reopen, restocked for the spring season, on March 1st.
- ◆ The Nominating Committee, chaired by Vicki Bekkedahl, held their first meeting on Friday, January 13th. Several positions will need to be filled for 2018.



Tilly Delehanty Claire Dibble-White
 Dorrie Freedman Cathy Gagliotti
 Anne Gerli Suzanne Goell Carol Mercer
 Ruth McCrea Anne Wolfe

January in the LVIS Shops



Lisa Prevete