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Winter Community Meetings – Free And Open To The Public!

Organic Farm Tour

Where: Froehlich Farms, Organic Farm Tour - Learn about organic farming from a local farm where 100% of the produce is donated to local charities.

Where: Froehlich Farms Nature Preserve, W. Rogues Path near Oakwood

When: Sat. Dec. 13, 2014, 1pm

Froehlich Farms encompasses what was once parts of Froehlich and Wicks Farms. This 310 acre preserve was used by early settlers for a timber resource and farming. Now it is a county preserve for everyone to go and enjoy nature and (respectfully) experience wildlife.

More info: www.huntingtonny.gov <<http://www.huntingtonny.gov/>> or 631-470-4272

Directions to Froehlich Farms: Rte. 110 to Jericho Tpke. (rte. 25), go west 1 mi., turn right (north) on Oakwood Rd., 1 mi. turn left on W. Rogues Path entrance is on right.

Natural History Of Wolves And Coyotes On Long Island

Where: Amityville Public Library, corner of Oak & John Sts. (just west of Rte. 110, Broadway)

When: Thu., Jan. 29, 7pm (6:30 refreshments)

What: Natural History of wolves and coyotes on Long Island, Frank Vincente, Wild Dog Foundation

Description: It's been 400 yrs. since wolf-like howls resonated on Long Island. Dutch and English settlers put bounties on them. Learn about the eradication and re-emergence of our canine ancestors from our local wild canine expert. Frank has been teaching residents about getting along with our canine forebears for over 30 yrs. More info: wilddog.com

Film Screening – “The Nature Of Cities”

Where: Amityville Public Library, corner of Oak & John Sts. (just west of Rte. 110, Broadway)

When: Thu., Feb. 26, 7pm (6:30 refreshments)

What: Film screening – “The Nature of Cities”, Throughline Productions, directed by Chuck Davis, 2009 (40 min.)

Description: “The Nature of Cities” follows the journey of University of Virginia’s Sustainable Communities Professor Timothy Beatly as he explores urban projects around the world representing the new green movement that hopes to incorporate nature into our urban environments for a regenerative way of living. You’ll see green roofs in Sweden, living walls in Paris, and car free communities in Denmark. More info: Throughlineproductions.com

Directions to Amityville Library:

From north: Take Sunrise Hwy. (Rte. 27) to Rte. 110 (Broadway) south .7 mi. to 3rd traffic light (1st light past RR tracks). Turn right on Oak St. Library is first driveway on right.

From south: Take Merrick Rd/Montauk Hwy. (Rte. 27A) to Rte. 110 (Broadway) north .6 mi. to 3rd traffic light (2nd light past gazebo). Turn left on Oak St. Library is first driveway on right.

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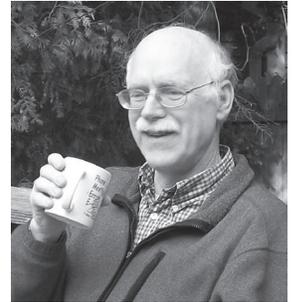
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**The ExCom meets monthly, generally on the third Monday or Tuesday. For details, call the Chair or Vice-Chair.

Letter from the Chair By Mark Kinnucan



“The underlying problem is confoundingly simple: agricultural methods that lose soil faster than it is replaced destroy societies.” - David Montgomery, *Dirt: the Erosion of Civilizations*

I will be stepping down as Chair of the Long Island Group at the end of the year, so this will be my last letter from the Chair. So, I've been thinking about my first column. Its theme was the importance of conservation, and the inherent conflict between unbridled economic growth and preventing environmental catastrophe.

Catastrophe can take many forms – and it will if we don't take sufficient strides to head it off. Global warming is not our only threat. I want to close out these letters focusing on a threat posed by modern agriculture – soil erosion and depletion.

Modern industrial agriculture is unsustainable for a variety of reasons, but soil loss is a bedrock one. It is estimated that the global loss of topsoil every year is so great that many countries may face exhaustion of their agricultural land by the end of the century. Aside from erosion, chemical fertilizers deplete the soil, require large amounts of fossil fuels to produce, and create excess amounts of reactive nitrogen, a source of multiple ecological calamities.

Rather than treating soil as a “chemical warehouse” (David Montgomery's term), we need to husband it. This can take many forms, such as crop rotation or fertilizing with manure, but I'd like to focus on what it looks like in one very important piece of the agricultural landscape, my back yard.

About seven years ago, I marked off a three by five foot plot in a corner of my yard as my compost pit. Seven years' worth of kitchen scraps have disappeared into that 3 x 5 pit. Once a week I dig a hole in the soil, throw the scraps in, mince them with my shovel, and cover it back up. Chicken wire keeps the raccoons out. Every spring I spread the preceding year's compost on my garden.

Mark your calendars for April 25th, 2015. These topics and many others will be presented at the Long Island Food Conference at Hofstra University on that day. (LIFoodConference.com)

WINTER TRIP

Jackson, New Hampshire
January 16-19, 2015
Martin Luther King weekend

Join us for a fun filled winter trip to New Hampshire where we will mix it up with energetic and fun people of varying ages and kinds (couples, singles and folks on their own) in a classic Victorian hotel.



GENERAL PUBLIC INVITED

The hotel has a tavern, dining room, library, ping pong table, sauna, and hot tub. Cross country skiing and snowshoeing are available from the property on miles and miles of trails. Downhill skiing is within a 3 mile, shared taxi ride. Ski, snowshoe, and skate rentals available in Jackson, about a half mile away.

Prices include: Bus transportation*/ 3 nights lodging (Fri. – Sun.) in a shared two-person room or a single person room, each with a private bathroom / 5 meals (3 breakfasts, 2 dinner vouchers for up to \$23 of food and beverages) / use of all facilities / all taxes and gratuities

* **Bus:** Departs Bethpage Golf Course Fri., 11am. / Returns late Monday night.

Prices: \$480 double occupancy (2 in a room) / \$680 one person in a room

To register: Must do so by December 17th

Check: to “Sierra Club L.I. Group” AND a stamped self-addressed business envelope + your phone number postmarked by Dec 17th to:

True Hampton
26 Revere Rd., Port Washington, NY 11015.

PayPal: Go to www.LiSierraClub.org and use the “donate” button. Prices: \$495 or \$700.

Cancellation Policy: If you cancel before Dec. 22, full refund minus \$50. After Dec. 22, no refund (unless you or we find someone to take your place).

Questions? Call True (516-835-7689) or Jane (631-689-1568)

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Outings and Events

Note: More information about events, additions or cancellations: www.LiSierraClub.org, mouse over "events" and click on "calendar". Registration with the leader at least one hour before is strongly advised. Please call back if you can't attend. Read descriptions carefully. YOU PARTICIPATE AT YOUR OWN RISK.

For all hikes: 1 - bring a beverage, 2 - dress in layers, 3 - wear appropriate footwear, 4 - heavy rain or snow cancels, and 5 - pace is moderate unless stated otherwise. "E" means an event has at least three brief two-five minute stops for educational purposes and information sharing along the way. Leaders: Jane (631-689-1568), Len (LN56789@gmail.com), Jan (beachtowel1@verizon.net or 631-327-1268), Paul (631-70-6497 or wpziems@optonline.net).

Dec. 6 Sat. - E

WALK Bayard Cutting Arboretum, Great River **Noon**
3-4 miles, 2 hrs., flat, easy to moderate pace. From the Great River RR station (West side of Connetquot Ave., south of Sunrise Hwy.) walk through a parcel of mixed hardwoods, pine and vines where you'll learn what it was, why it's woods now, why that's important, what poison ivy looks like in winter, and why bittersweet is bitter and sweet. In the arboretum, walk to the mansion/cafeteria, and bathrooms. Those who park on the grounds should meet us at the kiosk/gazebo at 12:45. Then walk around in the woods, along the river, out onto the island, and up to the barns where you'll see chickens and learn about the CSA before heading back to the mansion. Leader Jane (see header)

Dec. 14 Sun. - E

HIKE - Brookhaven State Park, Shoreham **Noon**
5 - 6 mi., 2 hrs., rolling and flat. From behind the Shoreham-Wading River High School walk into the forest and, weather permitting, to two ponds. Learn about Allegheny mound ants, pitch pines, huckleberries, and other flora and fauna we encounter. Bathrooms in the library. Park in the far right corner of the Wading River High School parking lot. The school entrance is at the first traffic light east of the intersection of 25A and William Floyd Parkway. Leader: Jane (see info in outings header).

Dec. 20 Sat.

HIKE - Trailview, Woodbury **1:00 pm**
5- 6 mi., 3+hrs., hilly, moderately strenuous fast pace. This hike is only for those in good physical condition. Enjoy friendly conversation as you explore the awesome natural beauty of Trailview State Park. This is a multi-group hike. A snack, a smile and a positive attitude are advised. This is a fast paced hike, not a WALK, so be sure you are up to it before you register. Bathrooms in the Stop and Shop on Rte. 25 (Jericho Tpke.) in Woodbury on the north side. Trailview Park is on the east side of the Stop and Shop. You Must Register by leaving your phone number with Len (see info in the outings header).

Dec. 27 Sat. - E

HIKE - Lakeland Co. Park & Upper Connetquot Park, Islandia **Noon**
3.5 - 4.5 mi., 2 hrs., flat. Walk ¼ mile on boardwalks (will be slippery if wet) over the headwaters of the Connetquot River at a slow pace. Then bail out OR continue into Connetquot Park. Getting there requires going through a RR underpass which may contain water so wear waterproof shoes or carry a spare pair. Learn to recognize and avoid poison ivy, what grape and bitter-sweet vines look like, which animals live in these woods, how to tell which direction you are heading when the sun shines, and more. Bathrooms may be closed. The park is on Johnson Ave. ¼ mile east of Old Nichols Rd., south of the LIE. Leader: Jane (see the "outings" header)

Dec. 28 Sun. - E

HIKE - Rocky Point Preserve **Noon**
Approx. 3 mi., 1.5 - 2 hrs., slightly rolling terrain. Things you'll learn about are poison ivy (without leaves), native grape vines (should we encounter some), how and why open fields turn back to woodland, why the land is rolling, native oaks, and Allegheny Mound Ant hills (should any show up along the trail). We'll try to identify any animal tracks we see. No bathrooms. Meet at the DEC parking lot on the south side of 25A, west of Rocky Point Road (across from Waldbaums). Leader: Jane (see the outings header)

Jan. 3 Sat. - E

HIKE - Terrell River County Park, Center Moriches **Noon**
3+ mi., 1.5 hr., flat. The 263 acre park welcomes leashed dogs, but still, it's peaceful. The estuary where the river meets Moriches Bay is a nursery for game fish and crustaceans. You could see deer, squirrel, a variety of forest bird, and wintering waterfowl. See an Artesian spring, and learn what it is. The trail begins narrow, opens wider in the mature forest, and terminates at a beach along Moriches Bay. The Moriches Bay Audubon Society acts as steward for this county park. No bathrooms. Off Montauk Hwy., park and meet in the lot for Kalers Pond Town Park. Address: 20 Main Street, Center Moriches. Leader: Jane (see outings header)

Jan. 10 Sat. - E

HIKE - Lower Connetquot Park, Great River **Noon**
3 - 5 mi., 2.5 hr., flat. From the parking lot, walk to the mansion (bathrooms should be open), through the fields (we could see deer) and woods to the defunct fish hatchery where you'll read about what fish were raised here, why the hatchery was closed, and what the nets were used for. Walk up the west side of the river crossing on an earthen dam where you'll find out why the stream was dammed (no, it was NOT for the hatchery). On the east side, pass and learn about the artesian well field, the largest of the ponds, and the grist mill. The park is between exits 46 and 47 of Sunrise Hwy. Eastbound, exit at 47A (Oakdale-Bohemia Road). Go left over the bridge. Turn left onto the service road, get on Sunrise, and exit for the park. Meet in the first parking lot on your left. Leader: Jane (see the "outings" header).

Jan. 11 Sun. - E

HIKE - Muttontown Preserve, Muttontown **Noon**
3 - 4 mi., 1.5 - 2 hrs., rolling & flat. Cover this 550 acre plot of fields, woodlands, ponds and estate grounds in Nassau County's largest nature preserve and one of the most beautiful settings on Long Island. Hear about the mansion and its ruins and learn about some of the native and non-native plants on the grounds. Bathrooms probably not open at this time of year. If it recently rained, the ground will be wet and slippery so wear appropriate shoes. Directions: At the end of Muttontown Lane, South off 25A in East Norwich west of Route 106. Meet at the nature center at the second parking lot off the dirt driveway. Leader: Jane (see the outings header)

Jan. 25 Sun. - E

WALK - Goddard Iselin Preserve, Upper Brookville 10 am
You MUST call Jane Jackson to REGISTER for this walk (516-626-0908). Join North Shore Land Alliance's Stewardship Director and field educator, Jane Jackson, and the Sierra Club for an invigorating winter walk through this 42 acre preserve abutting Planting Fields Arboretum. Learn what's involved in protecting and managing this property with its variety of meadow and forest communities and be able to identify some native and foreign plant species while hearing the songs of winter birds. The maintained 5 acre open field and a lovely pine forest provide lots to see and hear. If there's snow on the ground, bring cross-country skis or snowshoes! If there's heavy rain or snow covered roads, the hike is cancelled. Leader: Jane (see the outing header).

Jan. 28 Wed. - E

HIKE - Indian Island State Park, Riverhead 1 pm
3 mi., 2 hrs., flat. A joint L.I. Sierra Club and L.I. Greenbelt hike. Loop the park on a path along its edges by the various waterways that surround the park including a cove off the Peconic Bay, the Peconic Bay, and the Peconic River. With few exceptions, the path is packed earth meandering through upland trees. Learn about the erosion done by Sandy, the marsh and its bird life, and any upland birds, plants and animals we see. Bathrooms probably not open. Meet in the Indian Island County Park parking area. The park is on the east side of CR 105, north of Route 24, south of Route 58, and just north of the golf center exit. Leaders: Jane (see outing header) and Karen.

Feb. 11 Wed. - E

HIKE - Wildwood State Park, Wading River 1 pm
4 - 5 mi. (or bail out half way), 2 hrs., hilly, moderate to fast pace. This is a joint hike with L.I. Greenbelt and Sierra Club. This 600 acre park is composed of undeveloped hardwoods with high bluffs overlooking the L.I. Sound. We may see seals hauled out on the rocks here if the tide is low. From the main visitor parking lot, walk the roads and trails to almost every section of the park. Learn about and maybe see a "piebald deer" and learn a bit of the history of this park. Bathrooms usually open. Address: 790 Hulse Landing Road. Meet in the parking lot on the left. Leaders: Jane (see the outings header) and Karen.

Feb. 14 Sat. - E

HIKE - Massapequa Preserve, Massapequa Noon
4+mi., 2 hr., flat and rooted. Starting at the east end of the parking lot on the NORTH side of the Massapequa train station, walk to the bathrooms, then along the Greenbelt trail to the second bridge, cross the stream, and return along the stream on a paved path. Learn how the park came to be, why the stream is still running, what purpose the ponds serve, what the tall grasses are, and more. You'll be able to identify greenbrier, poison ivy, grapes and more when you leave this hike. Take Sunrise Hwy. to Broadway, Massapequa (a traffic light and a diner are on the corner). Go NORTH under the RR trestle. At the light, turn immediately right. Pass through the parking lot, zig a bit, and enter the second lot. Go to the far end, right side, by the opening in the fence. Leader: Jane (see info in header).

Feb. 15 Sun.- E

HIKE - Arthur Kunz Co. Pk. / Smithtown 1:30 pm
2 - 3 mi., 1 - 1.5 hr., hilly. Situated on the western bank of the Nissequogue River, near its estuarine mouth, this 93 acre forested property features great views of the River. Arthur Kunz County Park features tidal creeks, a lush, mixed deciduous forest, rolling hills (some steep spots), valleys, and quaint hidden ponds all of which provide important habitat for wildlife. The naturalist leading the hike will share insights about the plants and animals that

call this park home. Adults only. No bathrooms. Registration required. Meet in the northeast corner of the Smithtown Landing Golf Club parking lot. Leader, Jan (pronounced Yahn) (see the outing header).

Feb. 22 Sun.

HIKE - Montauk State Park Oyster Pond Trail 10:20 am
5 mi., 3 hr., varied terrain. At 10:30, walk to the Money Pond trail from the lower lighthouse parking lot (restrooms are here). Follow the wooded trail on the north side of the highway past Money Pond to, and around, Oyster Pond. Loop the pond and take an old, unpaved roadway back. Along the way, side track onto Seal Haul Out Trail to an overlook where seals can be seen resting at low tide. Be quiet as noises will frighten them. Complete the walk on the dirt fishing road, close to the beach, and come out near the Lighthouse Grille. The Grille should be open. They make great clam chowder in addition to other food, and there's a big, warm, fireplace. Parking is free with NYS Empire pass or \$8 to the park if the toll booth is staffed. Leader: Paul Ziems (see outing header)

Feb. 28 Sat. - E

HIKE - Edgewood Preserve, Commack Noon
3 + mi., 2 hr., flat. Learn about the Edgewood-Oak Brush Plains Preserve's significance to groundwater recharge, drinking water, wildlife (plants and animals), and get a short history of the park and the Pilgrim State hospital that once stood here. This state-owned, 843-acre nature preserve, situated in the hamlets of Deer Park, Dix Hills and Brentwood, is the only remaining pitch pine, scrub oak wildlife habitat and groundwater recharge area west of the Pine Barrens. Some sandy areas and potentially wet spots. No bathrooms. Meet at the Edgewood parking lot on the east side of Commack Road, about 2 miles south of LIE exit 52. Leader: Jane (see the "outings" header).

Mar. 4 Wed. - E

HIKE - Wertheim's White Oak Trail, Shirley 1:30 pm
2.5 mi., 1.5 hrs., flat. Optionally add 3.3 miles. A joint hike with the Sierra Club, LITE Meet Up, and the L.I. Greenbelt. Start at the refuge center on Smith Road on the east side of the river, walk the connector trail across the river to the White Oak trail with its upland forest and marsh along the Carmans River. Hopefully we'll see animal tracks and be able to identify who made them. And from viewing platforms, we should see some wintering waterfowl. You'll learn what the tall reeds are, why they're a problem, why the pine trees have needles sticking out of their trunk, and more. Return to the refuge center where those who wish can continue on the Black Tupelo Trail (learn why it's called that) for an additional 3.3 miles. The center has bathrooms and exhibits of Wertheim's 2250 acres of wildlife. Take William Floyd Pkwy. Turn onto Montauk Hwy. West. Go ¼ mi. to a traffic light at Smith Rd., Turn left. Park is about ½ mi. down on the right. Leaders: Jane (see outing header) and Karen.

Mar. 7 Sat. - E

HIKE - Caumsett State Park Noon
3 - 4 mi., 2 hrs., hilly, moderately paced with stops. Walk on a mix of woody trails, paved paths and maybe some beach in this scenic park, north of Huntington in Lloyd Harbor. Discover, uncover, and discuss plants, animals, insects, crustaceans, and other "finds". This park is rich in living things which most people don't see but hopefully we will! Bathrooms are at the start and finish in the barn. Leader: Jane (see outings header).

STEM Education For Today's Students Is Critical For Tomorrow's Innovators

By Erica Cirino

Farmingdale State College hosted its third annual International Energy and Sustainability Conference, an event open to researchers, executives, educators, students, and the public and sponsored by the college's Renewable Energy and Sustainability Center, on October 23 and 24. The conference—"Renewables in Smart Grid Technology for a Sustainable Future"—focused on "smart grid" technologies meant to optimize energy consumption, decrease energy costs and decrease the negative impact of energy use on the planet as the world moves away from the use of fossil fuels toward the increased use of renewable energy technologies like wind, biomass, tidal and wave, solar and geothermal.

However, in order to solve the scientific challenges of developing a smart grid and other sustainable technologies, attendees also emphasized the need for a high-quality education in science, technology, engineering and math—or "STEM"—to be available to all students, starting from a young age and continuing through college.

Five college educators participating in the panel discussion titled "Education and Workforce Training in Renewable Energy" highlighted this need.

"As educators, we have to think four or five years ahead of time," said Kamal Shahrabi, PhD, dean of the School of Engineering Technologies and a professor of the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering Technology at Farmingdale State College. "The students that graduate from high school and come to college are going to be there for four years, and then they're going to graduate and get a job. As educators in today's world, we need to prepare them for a job in the STEM fields."

Kamal was joined by four other STEM and sustainability educators from various colleges around the state of New York in Roosevelt Hall's Little Theater to discuss education strategies meant to prepare students for jobs in the renewable energy and sustainability fields: Gary Halada, PhD, of Stony Brook University; Babak Beheshti, PhD, of New York Institute of Technology; Neal Lewis, of Molloy College; and Corinne Johnson-Rutzke, PhD, of Cornell University.

These colleges' curricula all share in common the integration of intensive hands-on student training and live demonstration models of renewable and sustainable technologies in use, said Kamal, initiatives typically funded by both federal and state grants. He also noted that STEM graduates of Farmingdale State College and Stony Brook University are among the highest paid workers in renewable energy and sustainability in the state of New York.

Back on the exhibitor floor in Roosevelt Hall's multipurpose room, some Farmingdale students said that they were proud to

host what they considered an "important" conference on the future of renewable energy.

"It's good to get everyone here to see and learn about the renewable energy technologies we'll be using in the future," said Lindsay Bascom, 19, a mechanical engineering student at Farmingdale State College.

In between his classes, Bascom spent time at the conference standing near a red Magna bicycle connected by several wires to a large rectangular air compressor. At one point, he explained the energy storage potential of compressed air to a group of students visiting the conference from Wyandanch High School. Several of the students said that they were surprised that they could create and store energy for later use by solely using the power of their own bodies.

"I think it's critical that students get the opportunity to work with renewable energy technologies and learn about sustainability in the classroom from a young age," said Mohamad Zoghi, PhD, an assistant professor of mechanical engineering technology at Farmingdale State College, as he watched the high school students try the bicycle.

"For example, compressed air has a lot of potential when it comes to energy storage. With the right education, dedicated students like Lindsay will get jobs in the fields of renewable energy and sustainability, where they can improve these technologies."

Emily Plassermann, a 21-year-old Farmingdale State College mechanical engineering major agrees that education in renewable energy and sustainability should be taught to students as early as possible in their educational careers in order to create innovation and positive change. "It's harder for older people to break unsustainable habits and change their lifestyles even with education," said Plassermann. "For example, my mom is a nurse. For years I've been trying to teach her to recycle, but she was taught in nursing school that everything 'used' should be thrown away—not recycled—since it could spread germs. It's hard to break that cycle."

Anthony Grilli, 24, also a mechanical engineering major at Farmingdale State College, said that he felt "lucky" to be studying at a school that gives students access to an education in new renewable energy and sustainable technologies.

"We have a solar carport, photovoltaic arrays, a small wind farm, the Energy Smart House, the plug-in electric vehicle lab and other renewable and sustainable technology initiatives at Farmingdale," said Grilli. "It's pretty exciting to get the opportunity to work on such important and interesting projects, right here on campus."

CANDIDATES' STATEMENTS FOR THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE'S 2015-16 TERM

JACK FINKENBERG

I have been a board member for the past few years and I have learned a lot. I will work to be more effective in my next term. I have monitored the Suffolk Legislature, the Environmental Committee, Parks Committee and the CEQ, that advises the legislature on Suffolk County environmental impacts. I have also worked closely with NY Communities for Change in protesting the dumping of toxic waste in the Town of Islip and working on Environmental Justice issues in Central Islip and Brentwood. I hope to improve my computer skills to better keep up with developing environmental issues on Long Island.

TOM HELLING

As Political Chair for the past two election cycles, I have worked closely with ExCom members in the Long Island Group, and been exposed to the many Club activities and activist efforts this group supports. I am also working with the Sierra Club on a national level as a participant on a committee to manage change in Club technology. As a professor at NYU, I teach engineering students, in part, how global corporations pursue innovation through sustainable business models. I see our political work as a means to aiding in the successful implementation of a myriad of Club initiatives in renewable energy, conservation, and protective legislation. My interest in joining the ExCom is to broaden my contribution to the Group in these areas.

MARK KINNUCAN

I first joined the LI Sierra Club ExCom in 2005, and was elected as the Group's Chair in 2011. After four years as Chair, I am stepping down at the end of the year. I would like to remain on the ExCom, however, so I ask you to re-elect me for another term. If I am re-elected, one focus of my efforts will be sustainable food practices; I am currently helping to plan the 2015 Long Island Food Conference. In my mind, this past year has been a special one for the Long Island Group in that we have collaborated more with the larger Sierra Club than at any other time in my experience. In particular, we worked with National Sierra Club staffers Lisa Dix and David Alecia on the Wind 100 Run and again on the People's Climate March. This kind of cooperation and good communication between our Group and other Sierra Club entities adds strength to our fight for the environment.

HARVEY MILLER

As Treasurer, I've decreased response time in paying bills and reimbursements, increased our amount of reimbursements, helped to reduce phone costs, revamped our monthly Treasurer Reports in a way that enables the other members of our ExCom to fully understand what is going on in our accounts which frees up time at our meetings to focus on our environmental activities, enabled online and offline backup of our banking data so that it is both safer and accessible to other members of the ExCom and lots more. I ask that you vote for me so that I can continue what has proven to be an experience that all the members of our ExCom have appreciated.

BILL STEGEMANN

When members encouraged me to serve on the "ExCom" in 2010, my initial thought was that new responsibilities might distract me from hands-on environmental efforts. Yet I found myself spending a significant part of this past two-year term studying our bylaws, reading up on nonprofit governance, and pondering issues of ethics. I've gained appreciation for these issues; they are essential to fulfilling the Club's environmental mission while doing right by our membership. Related observations have been helpful at the Group, Chapter and National levels of the Club. As the Conservation Chair for our Group, working with the Water for Long Island coalition has been a priority. The sources of drinking water for most NYS residents are protected by compacts, multi-regional agreements that provide professional, science-based management. A coalition goal is a Nassau/Suffolk compact, working in concert with other entities, that would bring these protections to Long Island's sole source aquifer system.

To vote online, please visit our website: www.LISierraClub.org (You'll need your membership number from the address label.)

To vote by mail, fill out this ballot. Vote for up to five candidates by placing an "X" or a check mark in the circles under Ballot 1. Ballot 2 is to be used for a joint membership. Each member should cast a vote. Please be sure that your address label (on the reverse side) is included so that we may be sure the vote is being submitted by a Sierra Club member. You may cross out your name and address if you wish to vote anonymously. If you are a PDF subscriber, write your membership number on your ballot. Mail the ballot by 12/31/14 to:

c/o Ex Com Election
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BALLOT # 1

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