ANNUAL SOCIETY REPORT

Society Report for the Ethical Culture Society of Suffolk

Leader(s): No Leader

President(s): John Valenti & Diana Valenti (Co-President)

Administrative Director/Office Contact: Diana Valenti

Please provide brief updates on the following areas of your Society that occurred or developed in 2020:

**Ethical Action:** Our Ethical Action is by financial contributions to a number of local, national and international organizations that our Social Outreach Chair, Elsa Ford recommended. Elsa just passed away this April 2021. We support the following organizations by contribution:
- Economic Justice: (ACLU)
- Development and Peace: (Doctors Without Borders)
- (Planned Parenthood,)
- Climate: (Environmental Defense Fund)
- Other: (WUSB - Stony Brook Radio, Long Island Cares, The Inn, Salvation Army)

**Ethical Education:**
We do not have a Sunday School at this time. In the 1970’s - 1990. We had a large youth population. They are all adults now. Some attend Society meetings with their parents.

**Membership:**
Our Membership has been stable with eleven members. One member passed away this April, 2021, so now we are ten.

**New Developments:**
We obtained a free telephone connection for the Suffolk Society.
Goals for 2021:

With the ongoing Covid 19 epidemic, we have been unable to meet in person. Starting in November, 2020 and continuing in 2021 we established a monthly Zoom Platform meeting that meets regularly on the third Sunday of the month at 11:00 AM. We’ve had a Colloquy format, led by a member, this month we will hold a “Remembrance” meeting for Elsa Ford, our Social Action Chair, who passed away in April 2021.

We use Zoom for Board Meetings, and other group gatherings at this time. We hope to re-establish semi-monthly Platform meetings in September 2021, at our regular rented meeting place, the Veterans Hall in Smithtown, NY. (assuming that the Covid 19 epidemic and New York State permit group meetings and that all of us have obtained full vaccinations by that time.)