



# American Ethical Union

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## ANNUAL SOCIETY REPORT

### Society Report for: Ethical Humanist Society of Long Island

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President(s): James LoPresti

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

#### **IN 2020 WE HAVE:**

- Participated in Police Action reform and created the Police & Communities Talk initiative
- Partnered with New Hour, an organization that helps women transition back into society from prison
- Joined forums on Public Banking campaigns initiative
- Celebrated International Women's Day with a dinner for 200 honoring the Backstretch Community of the Belmont Racetrack
- Built a Rain Garden to protect our parking lot from flooding and help the environment
- Continued the work of Ethical Friends of Children giving clothing and supplies to children in need
- Sent over 2,000 handwritten Reclaim Our Vote postcards to disenfranchised voters
- Donated over \$2,000 worth of meals, masks, wipes and other supplies to Racetrack Chaplaincy
- Donated over \$6,000 worth of school supplies to families in need
- Donated hundreds of masks made by members and friends to essential workers
- Participated in the American Ethical Union's 2020 Virtual Conference
- Participated in shared Sunday meetings with other ethical societies throughout the country
- Joined phone banking efforts
- Hired a Social Action Coordinator to help lead us on our social action efforts
- Provided a Stress Management/Meditation Workshop to our community
- Facilitated reopening for non-profits: Attitude Adjustment Group, The North Shore Sobriety Group, Olive Branch AA Group, Spanish Immersion Workshop and Community Legal Advocates.
- Hosted Leader Richard Koral's Thursday Discussion Group for our community
- Hosted a Monthly Public Forum on ethical issues in our times
- Hosted Friday morning Colloquy
- Hosted A Virtual Living Room where the community can meet
- Offer a monthly Women's Retreat
- Offer a monthly Men's Night Out
- Hosted acclaimed environmental activist and speaker Dr. Sandra Steingraber's Talk "When Science Can't Speak: Acts of Civil Disobedience in the name of public health, from cholera to the climate crisis"
- Hosted LI Media Task Force presentation "Deconstructing Fake News"



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### **In addition we have sponsored and worked closely with the following projects:**

- Multicultural Solidarity
- NYS Equity Agenda
- Police and Communities Talk
- Humanists of Long Island (HoLI)
- Public Banking Act

**Youth of Ethical Societies (teens ages 14-18):** We have a very active YES group with 15 members. All members will be returning next year.

Our YES group has:

- Hosted several book drives & collections for Book Fairey's
- Created and distributed hundreds of facial masks to essential workers when they were most needed
- Formed an independent organization called Femme Forces that help distribute hygiene products to underdeveloped countries.
- Raised money to purchase and provide sanitary & hygiene products to women in Kenya and for the New Hour project.
- Raised \$5,000 to purchase school supplies for Ethical Friends of Children

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