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Mission:

To build powerful women personally, professionally, and politically.

Vision:

To make a difference in the lives of working women.

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President's Letter

Cathy Di Stefano is recovering from knee surgery. I understand that the surgery was successful and Cathy is now home. Cards and phone calls would be welcome.

We made our first \$2000 presentation to Harbor Lights Theater Company on Thursday, April 28, 2016. Thank you Margaret Barry, Ann Celia, Donna D'Ermillio, Dianne Hague, Liz Micalizzi, Helen Napoli, Diane Seridge and Robyn Zappola for attending this event.

Our next \$2000 presentation will be to Staten Island Residence of Good Counsel Homes on Thursday, May 19th.

At our April meeting Christine Donahue, Diane Seridge, Cathy Di Stefano, Elizabeth Micalizzi and Margaret Barry were unanimously elected to be our Officers in 2016-2017. Congratulations to our new team.

Please read the three motions on page 3 that will be presented at our May meeting for your consideration.

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MAY MEETING

May 17, 2016
 6:30 P.M.
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 Forest Avenue – Staten Island

PROGRAM

Patricia M. Salmon
 Retired as Curator of History at the Staten Island Museum in 2012. A Staten Island resident for almost fifty years, she was a Naturalist/Historian at Clay Pit Ponds State Park Preserve in that borough for eight years. Ms. Salmon has authored many books Realms of History: The Cemeteries of Staten Island, The Staten Island Ferry: A History, Murder & Mayhem on Staten Island and Staten Island Slayings: Murderers and Mysteries of the Forgotten Borough. A board member of the Tottenville Historical Society, she is a consultant to the Friends of Abandoned Cemeteries of Staten Island and an adjunct professor at Wagner College in Staten Island.

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**PRESENTATION TO
HARBOR LIGHTS THEATER COMPANY
ON STAGE OF THE
MUSIC HALL AT SNUG HARBOR**

The following photograph and caption information appeared in
SILive.Com of the Staten Island Advance.



Tamara Jenkins (HLTC), Diane Seridge, Robyn Zappola, Helen Napoli,
Dianne Hague, Donna D’Ermillio, Elaine Croteau

In the audience: Margaret Barry, Ann Celia, Liz Micalizzi

The New York State Women Inc. – Staten Island Chapter, presented a \$2,000 check to the Harbor Lights Theater Company to assist them in their efforts to bring “Broadway to Staten Island.” The check presentation took place at Harbor Lights’ well attended, “back by popular demand”, fundraising event, SHOWSTOPPERS, a thrilling evening of show stopping numbers by the hottest talents on Broadway. “We are thrilled that New York Women, Staten Island Chapter has decided to support Harbor Lights. It is an honor to receive support from a local chapter of a state organization with such a rich history and important mission. Receiving support from the community and the vibrant organizations in our borough helps us grow our theater company and fulfill our mission, “ said Harbor Lights Founders and Artistic Directors Tamara Jenkins and Jay Montgomery. (Courtesy/MLM Public Relations)

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***See page 5 for information on our next presentation to Staten Island
Residence of Good Counsel***

POEM

The Gray Wool Sweater
By Ann Clinton

Among the many brightly colored items
Residing in my clothing closet
There is one garment that is
Alien in its demeanor and style
There is no question it is different
And, that is its appeal
It hangs simply, almost sadly draped
A crooked sleeve of gray
Rests on its neighbor
A new blouse of lacy rose
Together they make the odd couple
Daring, vivacious and perhaps flamboyant
Accepting the gentle pressure
Of age and experience.

MOTIONS

Your Board approved the following motions for your consideration:

Each motion will be presented individually at our May meeting.

Theresa Fazzolari will be inducted as President of NYS Women, Inc and is from Staten Island. To show our support for Theresa we make the following motion:

Motion: NYSWi-SI Chapter agrees to take a full page ad in the Journal at a cost of \$100.00

Barbara Sanchez a new member and the designer of our web site has been awarded the Lathrope Voorspuy Memorial Scholarship to the Women’s Campaign School at Yale. To show our support for Barbara we make the following motion:

Motion: NYSWi-SI Chapter agrees to take a ½ page ad in the LVMSF Journal at a cost of \$45.00

The 2016-2017 Officers of our Chapter would like to have a dinner for our 10 new members. This dinner will be for the five officers and 10 new members for a total of 15. The reason for this dinner is to make them aware of our Chapter and what we are doing and asking for their help.

Motion: NYSWi-SI Chapter agrees to have a dinner on June 13 from 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM at the Marina Café for 5 officers and 10 new members at a cost of \$700.

CALENDAR

May 15, 2016 – Lathrope Voorspuy Memorial Scholarship Fund

Location: The Staaten

May 17, 2016 – General Meeting

Location: The Staaten – 6:30 P.M.

May 22, 2016 – NYS-Richmond County Tea

Location: Woodrow United Methodist Church Hall
1075 Woodrow Road, Staten Island, NY 10312

1:00 PM – 4:00 PM: \$35.00 per person –

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED

June 3 – 5 - NYS Women, Inc. Annual Conference

Location: Embassy Suites, Saratoga Springs, NY

June 6, 2016 – Board Meeting

Location: TBA – 6:00 P.M.

June 21, 2016 – General Meeting/Installation of 2016/2017 Officers / Scholarships

Location: The Staaten – 6:30 P.M.

STATEN ISLAND CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

NYSWi-Staten Island is pleased to announce its Membership in the Staten Island Chamber of Commerce

As a member of the Staten Island Chapter you are entitled to attend all the meetings and other functions that are supported by the Chamber.

Cost \$20

Great networking opportunity

For more information, please sign on to their web site at:

www.sichamber.com

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

Update Your Profile

www.NYSwomeninc.org

- Member Login: your email address
- Password: NYSW09 (you will be asked to change it)
- The Website contains online copies of the Communicator, Nike, etc.
- **You need to login to get into the Database and Membership Only Section.**

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MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Members will receive a notice from State about their renewals.

Follow the instructions to send the Dues to contact at New York State, Inc.
This information will arrive via e-mail
Or postal mail.

Do not send your renewal to Margaret Barry.

Using postal mail send to:

Robin Bridson,
State Database Manager
162 W Genesee Street # 7
Chittenango, New York 13037



NEWSLETTER

If you have any information or meetings that you would like to place in the newsletter, please notify

Elaine B. Croteau

At Ebcroteau@aol.com

Or 718-698-6056

Or

Articles that you would like us to include.

WOMEN HELPING WOMEN

At our December 2015 meeting the members approved giving \$2,000 each to the following organizations:

Harbor Lights Theater Company
Road Home Foundation for Injured Warriors and Families
Staten Island Residence of Good Counsel Homes, Inc

Our first presentation took place on April 28, 2016 at the Snug Harbor Music Hall at 7:00 P.M. at the opening of Showstoppers.

Our second presentation will be at Staten Island Residence of Good Counsel Homes on Thursday, May 19th.



Presentation to Staten Island Residence of Good Counsel

On Thursday, May 19th, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. our chapter will be presenting the Staten Island residence of Good Counsel with a gift of \$2,000.00 to help insure their new home is fully supplied and functional. We will have an opportunity to meet some of the residents and the staff will give us a tour.

**Good Counsel
38 Wiman Place, (between Clifton and Bay St. behind St. Mary's Church)**

Following the presentation the group will go to lunch.

If you would like to join us, please call Diane Seridge at 718-984-8294.

Our generosity will immeasurably improve the lives of young women from Staten Island in desperate need.

Hope you can join us.

Excerpt from New York State Communicator

How a bill becomes a law in NYS

The legislature is in full swing in May.

Both houses are reviewing legislation and passing bills. It is important to understand how a bill becomes a law in New York. This is a complicated process and involves many steps.

First, a bill must be introduced in identical form by a sponsor in both the Assembly and the Senate. If even one word is different between the two versions, the bill cannot become law in New York. Unlike Congress, the Legislature in New York has no conference committees to resolve differences between bills.

In order for a bill to pass in either house, it must pass through the appropriate committees. There is always the initial topic committee to which a bill is assigned. For example, if the bill deals with education, it will be assigned to the Education Committee. Bills in the Senate tend to have to go through fewer committees than bills in the Assembly. Depending upon their subject matter, some pieces of legislation must go through particular committees before coming to a floor vote, no matter what committee they were first assigned. For example, if a bill has a fiscal impact, it must go through the Ways and Means Committee in the Assembly or the Finance Committee in the Senate. Navigating a bill through the committee process takes time and attention.

If an organization or person is supporting a bill, it is important to know the bill number, what bill the committee is in, who the sponsors are and what other committees a bill will have to go through before either the Senate or Assembly can vote on it. *Without this information, asking your local Senator or Assembly member for help can be difficult because they will not know what bill you are referring to or how they can help.*

Thousands of bills are introduced in both houses. In the Assembly in 2015, there were over 8,300 bills introduced and in the Senate, there will over 6,000 bills introduced. All of these bills are active in 2016 and even more bills have been introduced this year. In the Assembly we are currently over XX,000 bills, and in the Senate, we are at over X,000 bills. While thousands of bills are introduced in any given year, a very small percentage of those bills pass both houses. For example, in 2015, only 718 passed both houses.

Amy Kellogg is a New York State Women, Inc. member at large, a Past State President and a partner at Harter Secrest & Emery in the Albany, NY office where she practices Government Affairs. For more detailed information, she can be reached at ajkellogg@aol.com.

COMMUNITY INFORMATION



Food Pantry

Please bring non-perishable items to our meetings.
Items will be brought to the Ocean Breeze Food Pantry



Clothing Donations

St. Andrews Church in Richmond Town will pick up clothing for women, men and children
The clothing remains on Staten Island for use by Staten Islanders
For pick up call: 718-981-6275

Electronic Recycling

Every Saturday and the first Friday of the month you can bring your electronic equipment to be recycled.

Location: Muldoon Avenue Sanitation lot

Meals on Wheels is looking for volunteers to deliver meals to the homebound

If you are interested, contact:
Roseann Holt at 718-727-443

Bennett's Café in Historic Richmond Town

Spring 2016 Dinner Schedule - \$28.00

May 21	-	Roast Chicken
June 18	-	Pasta Nite

All dinners accompanied by: appetizer, Basket of Breads, Salad,
Chef's choice of vegetables, Complimentary wine, or BYO
Dessert and Coffee



ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP TEA

**Where: Woodrow United Methodist Church Hall
1075 Woodrow Road, Staten Island, NY 10312**

When: May 22, 2016 Time: 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Price: \$35.00 per person – RESERVATIONS REQUIRED

- New Members will be Installed
- Long Standing Members will be Recognized

**If you would like to donate a basket, please contact: Fran Ferrari @
ffmfran@aol.com or Christine Cannella @ccannella20@gmail.com**

Make Checks payable to: NYSWi – Richmond County Chapter and mail to:

Theresa Fazzolari

141 Dover Green Staten Island, NY 10312

no later than May 15, 2016

Name: _____

Tel. #: _____ Check #: _____

Email Address: _____

of Guests: _____

Preferred Seating: _____