

INDIVIDUAL PROJECT/ PROGRAM/ EVENT 2011-2012 *Islip*

Note: Any program since last year's deadline is eligible.

Category: (Please circle or highlight the category for which this program is being submitted.)

Women – Education – Community – International – Cultural -Diversity -Public Policy

Title: Get In"forum"ed Voting 2011

Part I:

Other community groups involved, if any(list):(5 points) National Association of Puerto Rican Social Workers (NAPRHSW) Enterprising and Professional Women of Long Island(EPWLI)

Number of members involved in planning or putting on the program (5 points) 5

Number of nonmembers involved in the program (5 points) 5

Number of members who attended or benefited (5 points) 30

Number of nonmembers who attended or benefited (5 points) 2

Number of new members who joined (if any)(5 points) 0

Part II:

Describe your project/ program/ event in 75-150 words. Be sure to include:

how the project addressed AAUW's mission (15 points)

branch goals in doing this program (10 points)

specific action steps in planning this program (15 points)

steps taken for community visibility (Attach newsletter and newspaper articles.)(10 points)

measurable impact on the community (10 points)

lessons learned for future programs/ projects/ events (10 points)

AAUW Mission of promoting equity for women & girls through advocacy as expressed in the Public Policy Program statement "We support...voter education efforts... was the basis of our forum. Our purpose was to give voters in two Townships the opportunity to hear how 12candidates for local elected offices (5 were women) answered AAUW issue related questions.

Branch Goal was to inform voters about candidate opinions, to gain support of diverse community groups, to encourage member participation and attendance, to achieve visibility.

Specific Action Steps-

1. Included in strategic planning

2. Ccontacting organizations to Co-sponsor.

3. Contact Board of Election and Political Parties for candidates names

4. Develop questions to ask the candidates and cover letters

5. Follow up to ensure candidate or a representative is coming

6. Develop a visibility plan including announcements in newspapers and flyers given to: members for distribution; libraries; newspapers (Attached)

7. Measurable impact will be providing voters with candidates views on issues

8. Lessons learned -It is difficult to get candidates to attend, but effective. However,more responses are given when members can contact them and read their answers.



**AAUW**  
**Breaking through Barriers**  
**for 130 Years**

American Association of University Women

Islip Area Branch

**GET IN"FORUM"ED**

**VOTING 2011**

**October 17, 2011 at 7:00PM**

**Bay Shore/Brightwaters Library**

**FEATURING**

**Babylon Town Council and Islip Town Council**

**CANDIDATES**

**and**

**PAMELA GREENE**

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Peggy- This is a newsletter article about the Candidates Forum . The flyers also appear on the front page of the "Connection" announcing the monthly meeting. Nancy

## ***WHO WILL BE VOTED INTO LOCAL OFFICE?***

**The decision will be made by those who vote!**

**PEOPLE MUST BE REGISTERED TO VOTE BY OCTOBER**

**14,2011. You can help by:**

- 1. Offering to spend a few hours at an AAUW Islip Area registration table at Dowling College, Constitution Day Celebration, September 15.**
- 2. Carrying registration forms with you. They will be available at the Sept. 19 Meeting or from Nancy or download at**

**<http://www.elections.state.ny.us/NYSBOE/download/voting/voteform.pdf>**

**PEOPLE NEED TO ATTEND OUR FORUM ON OCTOBER 17<sup>TH</sup>**

**TO BE INFORMED ABOUT CANDIDATES VIEWS ON ISSUES**

- 1. Candidates for both the Babylon and Islip Town Councils will be invited**
- 2. It will start at 7:00PM at the Bay Shore/ Brightwater Library**

**If you can help Contact Nancy Mion, AAUW Islip Area Public Policy  
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