

## INDIVIDUAL PROJECT/ PROGRAM/ EVENT:

**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: Meet the Judicial Candidates and Celebration of Eleanor Roosevelt's 125th Birthday (Public Policy)**

Part I:

- Other community groups** involved, if any (list):(5 points) Suffolk Republican Committee, Suffolk Democratic Committee, (No candidates were running exclusively from another party)
- Number of members** involved in planning or putting on the program (5 points) 5
- Number of nonmembers** involved in the program (5 points) 7
- Number of members who attended or benefitted** (5 points) 31
- Number of nonmembers** who attended or benefitted (5 points) 9
- 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)

**Attach copies** of newsletter and newspaper articles about this project/ program/ event.  
(No more than 4 pages maximum)

**Mail or email** the original of your entire application with supporting materials to:

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## **AAUW Islip Area Individual Program Public Policy Meeting Description for Judicial Candidates Forum and Celebration of Eleanor Roosevelt's 125 Birthday**

Once legislation for equity is passed it is sometimes challenged in the courts. To help ensure that we have a judiciary that is responsive to equity we need to know the background of those running for judgeships.

Our goal was to provide interesting programs that would attract members and the community. It was the second best attended meeting so far this year.

Local Democratic and Republican Committees with whom relationships have been developed were contacted. Letters and emails were sent to all local judicial candidates from late July to early October. A branch Committee developed questions. E. Roosevelt made relevant remarks and cut the cake. E>R> Reader's Theatre presented.

Flyers were made and placed in libraries and distributed to members. PR Dir sent information to local newspapers. Announcement appeared in Islip Area's newsletter

A measurable result would be having the best AAUW mission focused candidates elected.

All the candidates attended and responded to questions asked. Audience was interested and Eleanor was fun.

## Public Policy Article

### SECTION OF SUFFOLK COUNTY JUDGES

system comprised of six Districts with 23  
judges to serve in the District Courts.

as needed..

Civil, Criminal, Drug and Mental Health  
them all. The Mental Health Court is the

The Judicial Code of Ethics prevents judicial candidates from campaigning. The six candidates running for the three judgeships from the 5<sup>th</sup> District Court, Town of Islip were at our "Meet the Judicial Candidates" event October 19 along with Judge Madeleine Fitzgibbon who is running uncontested for reelection as District Court Supervising Judge. They told us about their background and more.

This year there are candidates on the ballot for judgeships for the NY Supreme Court, 10<sup>th</sup> Judicial District (Suffolk and parts of Nassau). There is a Voters Guide about them available at

#### WHAT CAN YOU DO?

1. Encourage everyone to vote in these important local elections.
2. Contact you NYS Legislators and tell them how important you feel it is to have services to meet the growing mental health problem.

Nancy Mion, Islip Area Public Policy Director

# **October Meeting**

## **Meet the Judicial Candidates Questions**

**What is the province of a District Court Judge?**

**Tell us about your background and what you bring to the position of District Court Judge**

**How do you view the Judicial System in our society?**

**How will your views will impact our citizens?**

**What does a District Court Judge do?**



**Meet**  
**judicial candidates**  
at the  
aauw Islip area branch meeting  
**Monday, October 19, 2009, 7:00**  
at Bay Shore/ Brightwaters Library

Judicial candidates will be telling us about their background, how they view the Judicial System in our society and more. You will have the opportunity to speak with them.

**We'll also celebrate**  
**Eleanor roosevelt's**  
**125<sup>th</sup> birthday**

with our Islip Area Players presenting Lisa Blau's Reader's Theatre *Eleanor Roosevelt: The First Lady of the World* and Eleanor Roosevelt will make remarks and cut the cake