

November 2019



THE NEWSLETTER OF THE LONG ISLAND GARDEN RAILWAY SOCIETY INC.

Smoke n' Cinders

Monthly Meeting & Elections
SUNDAY, November 10, 2019
The Northport Yacht Club
11 Bluff Point Road
Northport, NY 11768
11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.



Once again we're going to get together for a Christmas/Holiday Brunch at the Snapper Inn in Oakdale. It will be a "Pay your own" brunch for anyone who is interested in getting together for some good food and socializing with fellow Club members.

To see the menu look on page 11 of the October Sn'C or you can go online to their website to check it out. <http://thesnapperinn.com> and for directions to the restaurant see page 9 of this newsletter

The Date of the Brunch is **Sunday, December 15th**; and it is from **11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.** The price per person is **\$54.00**.

We have to have a Definite Commitment by DECEMBER 1;
This will be the cutoff date for the Brunch. Please see **Bob Sewall** at the November meeting or contact him to let him know if you are coming.

Write checks to:

"The Long Island Garden Railway Society, Inc."

IMPORTANT We can only accommodate 50 people so get your reservations in early.

Food Donations Needed

As in past years we are gathering donations of non-perishable food items for the Grace United Methodist Church food pantry in memory of deceased member Doug Smith. Donations should be brought to the November meeting.

Cash donations are also accepted.

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2019/2020 LIGRS Meetings & Events Schedule

Date	Program/Notes	Time	Place
Dec. 15, 2019	Christmas Brunch	11:30 AM-2:30 PM	The Snapper Inn
Jan. 10, 2020	BOD	10:00 AM	Lou Cortese
Jan. 12, 2020	Monthly Meeting	11:00 AM	Northport Yacht Club
Feb. 22, 2020 SATURDAY AUCTION	Monthly Meeting	11:00 AM	Northport Yacht Club
Mar. 22, 2020	Monthly Meeting	11:00 AM	Northport Yacht Club

Important Information About The Proxy Form

What is a Proxy and why is it necessary?

In order to conduct official club business such as the nomination & election of officers, the club needs a quorum of 35 members to conduct such business. A completed proxy enables you to participate in voting on club business without being present at the meeting, but still be included towards the required quorum by authorizing another member in good standing to vote your position. This member could be your spouse, another member, a Director at Large or other officer who is willing to cast your vote as instructed on your behalf as though you were present via a completed proxy in their physical possession. This will ensure that there is a proper representation of the membership deciding club business at the meeting.

Proxy form may be downloaded from our LIGRS website or taken from page 10 of this newsletter.

View From The Cab



If you were at the October 13th meeting at the Oyster Bay RR Museum this article may be boring to you. So be patient with those who were not in attendance. They may find this article of some interest.

First, I would like to thank David Morrison of the Oyster Bay RR Museum for hosting our October meeting. It turned out to be a life saver for our club. Up until the moment he volunteered we did not have a meeting place for October. It was neat to have our meeting at a train museum. One could not ask for a better setting. The station building is currently undergoing extensive renovations to bring the building back to the way it was when former President Teddy Roosevelt was in office. He used this station when visiting his home in Oyster Bay. Over the years the LIRR made many changes to the building, such as the number of doors the building had. A century ago the station had five doors. Currently there are only two doors. New doors (five) are sitting inside the station; they are replicas of the original doors. They will be installed at a later date.

After the club's business meeting was concluded, a museum member presented a video, followed by a little history lesson on the station and all the problems and costs they encounter in restoring it. Because the station is on the Historic Register they have to follow certain mandates. These mandates are the basis of many of the higher costs of restoration. These are costs that one doesn't see, hidden costs. For example they had to have someone come in and analyze the paints used in the past; you don't physically see that cost, but five doors you can see.



Inside the building the majority of the plaster has been removed from the walls exposing the red brick walls which I found very neat. Of course when fully restored the plaster will be replaced. Also all the wood beams of the roof's vaulted ceiling are exposed. That maybe original. Personally I like seeing the beams showing.

After leaving the station building we could go to two other areas. One was another building, the museum's visitor center, located down the street from the station. I can't tell you about it because we did not go there. Kathleen and I went to the grounds that include the garden RR, the turn table, some small yard switch engines, the shell of a passenger car, pieces of steam engine 35 and its tender. The museum's long term goal is to put engine 35 back together but it will not be operational. The boiler will not be restored to hold steam pressure. To do so would cost over \$2,000,000.

Kathleen went to see the garden RR along with other ladies of the club. I went over to the turn table where a museum volunteer gave a talk about it.

It turns out that when all the work on the turn table is com-

plete it will be the only working turn table within a 50 mile radius of NYC. The turn table does work but there are about 5 or more various government bodies involved in getting all permits in place, local, state, and federal. One of the problems encountered is that they can satisfy one government agency but then still be in conflict with another agency. One example is this. When complete, they want to give school children rides on the turn table, along with rides on a caboose. Their intent is to add 70 feet of track to one side of the turn table and have the small yard switch engine pull the caboose onto the turn table, and then turn the table with the engine and caboose on it. Another option is just to have the school children stand on the turn table as it turns. Well now one of the government agencies classifies this as an amusement ride and they need permits and certifications for such; and on it goes.

Someone in the group asked about the rides. It turned out, many years ago, the railroad did give rides on the turn table. Back then they didn't have all the railing and fencing that is required today.

Another person asked about the water standing around the pivot point of the turn table base area. Ground in this area of the turn table base is grass. The museum cannot do any digging in that base area because it is considered to be in a wetland area. This then involves the DEC.

Besides being outdoors we were blessed with a number 10 Fall day, which in turn made for a great day for our meeting and visit to the museum.

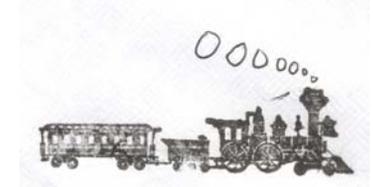
So, if you missed this meeting at the Oyster Bay RR Museum you may have a chance again next year. The museum plans a grand opening of the working turn table at that time and would like our club to attend, so stay tuned.

Remember the next meeting, November 10, 2019 is when we hold elections for club officers. If you cannot attend, please send in your proxy.

Our Christmas Brunch is December 15th at the Snapper Inn. Drop dead date for receiving reservations and money for the brunch is December 1, 2019, so it you intend to go get your money in. The first 50 paying on or before Dec. 1st eat! The rest are on your own! See the Christmas Brunch section of Smoke n' Cinders for details.

See you at the Northport Yacht Club for our November meeting.

Mike Kmeth



From The Secretary



LONG ISLAND GARDEN RAILWAY SOCIETY INC. MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OCTOBER 13, 2019

President Mike Kmeth asked for a moment of silence for all the Men and Women who are serving this country and especially for those who lost their lives protecting our freedom.

Member Dan Saporito led us all in saying the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Mike Kmeth asked that the meeting be opened @ 12:00 PM. A motion was made by Bruce Kropp, seconded by Rich Bishop to open the meeting. We had 27 members present, 15 proxies. We have a quorum.

Mike welcomed everyone to the October meeting here at the Oyster Bay Rail Road Museum. The club would like to thank them for letting us hold our meeting here on short notice.

Mike at this time thanked the club members whose efforts put this meeting together on short notice. Thank You

President Mike asked then for a motion to read the September 15, 2019 meeting minutes or forego the reading and accept them as written. Bill Arndt made a motion to accept the minutes as written, seconded by Bruce Kropp.

Reports:

Treasurers' Report was given by Mike Kmeth as Bob Sewall is away this week. Fourth quarter 2018-2019 Starting balance \$9,311.09 ending balance \$9,247.37 YTD report as of 9/30/19 starting balance was \$7,171.95 ending balance of \$9,247.37 Mike urged everyone should you have any questions about the club finances, please contact Bob and he will be happy to answer any questions you have.

Membership Report was given by Tom Rizzo. We have one new member Lou Caputal.

Program Directors Report – Nick Guarino stated all the winter meetings are covered by the NPYC. Nick also stated that the 2020 Spring, Summer and Fall meetings are covered, no open dates.

Modular Coordinator – Ed Assaf was not here this month

Bob Russo Memorial Fund – Dan Saporito noted we have pledges for \$4,180. We have enough for the bench but still need a little more to also do the tree. Dan noted that we received from the Bayard Cutting Horticultural Society \$500 for the Memorial Fund. Dan and Nick Guarino will meet with Nelson about having a bronze plaque made. Since the facility is state owned he has to check with them. The dedication is expected sometime in the spring of 2020.

Elections –Mike reminded us all to please come to the Nov 10 meeting @ NPYC for the Election. If you cannot attend

please send a proxy to Mike. Even though it is uncontested we need a Quorum for an official business meeting:

Vice President-Steve Gaherty Treasurer – Bob Sewall
Membership Director – Tom Rizzo Director at Large – Pat Russo Director at Large – Lou Cortese

At this time Mike noted that he forgot to thank Dino and Kornelia for picking up all the expenses for the meeting at their house last month.

Show & Event Review:

Work session at Dan Saporito's house – We built 6 new modules for a 4 track yard. The wood was donated by Lou Cortese. The green trailer wheels have been removed and new tires have been mounted. Some modules have been painted and others had ballast applied. We had 9 people working. A lot was accomplished.

Red Trailer – We looked at all the items in the trailer and determined we have too much stuff. Many of these items are damaged or broken. As per the by-Laws we will list the item in Smoke n Cinder and then sell them at the February Auction.

Upcoming events and Shows:

Sayville Historical Society – Dan Saporito still has no date at this time and has not heard back from them so this is up in the air.

Daisy Garden – Dan Saporito still has no firm date at this time

Clark Botanic Garden's Christmas – Karl Wagner noted that we have no dates yet for The Winter Wonderland table top display. We expect to have the times for each date and to announce them at the next meeting.

Cradle of Aviation – Ed Assaf is still hoping to have the exact dates from them by the November club meeting.

Christmas Brunch – It will be held on Sunday, December 15th at the Snapper Inn. Buffet served from 11:30-2:30. \$54 per person. Please send checks to Bob Sewall, 29 Locust St., Massapequa, NY 11758. **Write checks to "The Long Island Garden Railway Society, Inc." Checks need to be in the mail with a Postmark no later than Dec 1, 2019**

Bayard Cutting Arboretum – They want us back for June 6 & 7. The BOD wants to do this show. A couple of us will look at the location, measure it and have Tom Rizzo draw up a layout. This may be a day/evening event so we are waiting on more info.

Photo Contest – Congratulations to this month's winning photo was taken by Susan Cortese on her "The Northern Valley RR". A link to the rules is on the LIGRS Home page. Please remember to take pictures and send your best picture to Louise Sewall.

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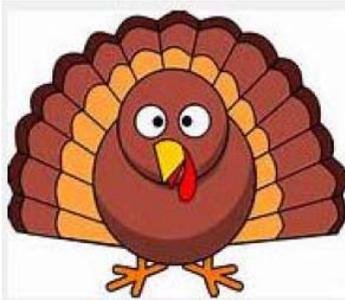


From The Secretary (Continued)



Chic Chat Corner – Thank you Judy Rizzo for your wonderful comments about seeing Dino and Kornelia's House with so many items from around the world, oh and trains too.

Club Resource Library – The list of books, videos and plans are on the club's website. Just ask Nick Guarino and he will bring it to the next meeting for you to borrow.



Club merchandise – Georgiana noted we have a newer club jacket, Bruce Kropp stood up as he was wearing the new version. Please see Georgiana & Steve Gaherty for club items for sale such as hats, shirts, jackets, pins and DVD's

Aluminum Can Tabs – Please give them to Eileen & Karl Wagner. This helps fund the Ronald McDonald House for Children needing treatment and their families. Please check them with a magnet as only Aluminum are used NOT STEEL

New Business:

Veterans -In order to recognize and honor LIGRS members who have served during any time or are currently serving, please contact Louise Sewall at 516.541.4837 or email your info to louisesevall@verizon.net with your

branch of service and years served. Please check out last year's November issue on page 6 to ensure we have your correct information.

Food Donation – It's that time again to help others less fortunate than us. As in past years we are gathering donations of nonperishable food items for the Grace United Methodist Church food pantry in memory of deceased member Doug Smith. Donations should be brought to the **November meeting**. Cash donations will also be accepted

Mike explained that we needed new club badges and the last time we purchased them was about ten years ago. As the quantity we need is worth a little over \$500.00 Our By-Laws say the membership needs to approve the expenditure over \$500.00. Mike asked the members for a show of hands and it was unanimous to do the expenditure for badges.

50/50 was won by Geraldine Coney \$8 for Geraldine and \$8 for the club.

Next meeting is on SUNDAY November 10 @ North Port Yacht Club.

Bill Arndt made a motion to close the meeting seconded by Steve Gaherty. Motion approved. Meeting ended @ 12:35 PM.

Respectfully Submitted, Karl Wagner, Secretary

Photo Contest



This month's winning photo "Yard Storage" was taken by Louise Sewall of a vignette on Dino Zilic's indoor layout

October Meeting at the Oyster Bay RR Museum



Bruce Kropp modeling our new club jacket.

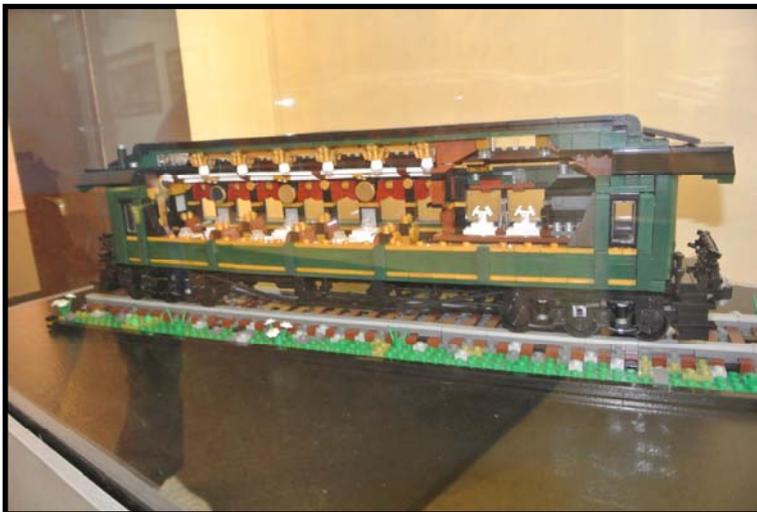


Chic Chat Corner



For our latest vacation, Bob and I visited Colorado. Bob had been kicking himself for missing the last "Gathering of the Geese" sponsored by the Colorado Railroad Museum a few years ago. When he discovered that the Ridgway RR Museum was holding one this year he just had to go. We flew into Denver and stayed a few nights in a hotel in Golden. Then we spent 2 days at the CO RR Museum. They have really made quite a few improvements since our last visit. I must share photos with you at some time.

Now, however, I have a special treat for Geri Coney. We all have seen the rolling stock that she and Bill have constructed out of Lego (these cars have been run at a few of the latest club events.) Well, downstairs in the CO RR Museum visitor's center is a large, detailed HO layout. They did have other model trains on display and one of them was a G scale dining car created with Lego. Take a look.



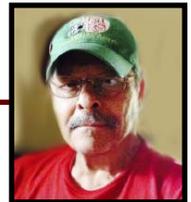
A Salute To Those Who Served Our Country



On the occasion of Veteran's Day, on behalf of Uncle LIGRS we would like to thank all club members who have proudly served in the United States armed forces.

NAME	SERVICE	YEARS
Richard Bishop	Navy	66-69
Peter Conte	Army	52-54
Ernie DeCarolis	Navy	61-63
Joe DiBenedetto	Army	58-60
Steve Gaherty	Air Force	67-94
Robert Garruba	USN Seabees	65-67
Joe Luginsland	Army	
Richard McGorty	Army	65-69
Everett Phillips	Army	55-57 active to 61 reserve
John Sakal	Air National Guard	52-85
Bob Sewall	Air Force	62-66
Ray Shelton	Navy	
John Sulsenti	Navy	77-81
George Wecklein	Navy	55-59

Tom's What the Heck Puzzle (Solution on following page)



Collection John C. La Rue, Jr. - RAILROAD.NET

Solution to What the Heck Puzzle



Tampers smooth the track and have a weird-looking extension on their front to sense how flat the track is.

Club Items for Sale

To all LIGRS members. There are a number of items in the red trailer that we need to dispose of in order to have room. They are double trestle bents, bird houses, plastic buildings and some train cars. The intent is to auction these items off at our February 22, 2020 auction.

Mike Kmeth

Our Annual Auction

Don't forget the annual club auction which will be held on a **SATURDAY** at the February 22nd meeting.

Join the entire auction team for another great LIGRS Annual Auction. Don't have room for all of those new trains? The LIGRS Annual Auction is the perfect solution. So clean out the attic, closet, basement and/or garage and bring all those unwanted train related items to February's Annual LIGRS Auction or donate them to the club. Watch the LIGRS auction team perform its magical alchemy by transforming those excess trains into cash, or excess cash into trains. (A win-win event!)

The auction is a wonderful event that combines aspects of *Let's Make A Deal*, *The Price Is Right* along with a bit of *Family Feud*.



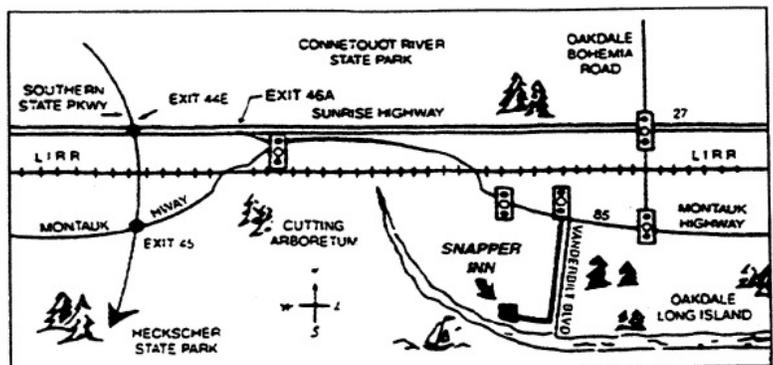
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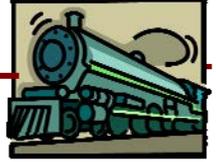
Southern State Parkway to Exit 44E (Rte. 27)
Approximately 2 miles to Montauk Hwy. (Exit 46A).
Stay on Service Lane & follow signs for 85 East.
Follow down to Montauk Hwy. Make a right at the
Second Traffic Light onto Vanderbilt Blvd. (7-11 on corner).
Go to the end of Vanderbilt and turn right onto Shore Drive.
The Snapper Inn is 1/2 mile on the left.

FROM THE EAST

Sunrise Hwy. (Rte. 27) west to Exit 48 (Locust Ave.). Go two traffic lights to Oakdale-Bohemia Road South. Take to the end and make a right onto Montauk Hwy. Approximately 1/2 mile, turn left onto Vanderbilt Blvd. (7-11 on corner). Go to the end of Vanderbilt and turn right onto Shore Drive. The Snapper Inn is 1/2 mile on the left.



Elections



Elections will be held at the November meeting. If you can not attend, please fill out a proxy form (see below) and give to another member in order to ensure that we have a quorum and are able to have an official meeting.

Thanks to the following candidates for accepting their nominations. All are running unopposed.

Candidates

Steve Gaherty — Vice President
Bob Sewall — Treasurer
Tom Rizzo — Membership Director
Pat Russo — Director at Large
Lou Cortese — Director at Large

Proxy Form for November Elections



PROXY --- LONG ISLAND GARDEN RAILWAY SOCIETY

I _____, a member of the Long Island Garden Railway Society, hereby nominate and appoint _____, my true and lawful attorney with power of substitution, for me in my name, to vote as my proxy, at the Business Meeting of Members of said LIGRS to be held on _____ at _____, upon any and all matters which may be presented, considered and voted upon at said meeting, as fully and with like effect as I might or would have done if personally present, hereby ratifying and confirming all that my said attorney may do in my name, place and stead. I hereby revoke any proxy or proxies, heretofore given by me to any other person or persons whatsoever.

Dated _____

Signature _____

Address _____

2020 Dues Reminder

Why not renew your membership to LIGRS before the busy holiday season?

Individual memberships, the 1st member of a household, are \$40 per year.

Family Memberships for members over 18 years old are \$15 for **EACH** additional member in the same household.

Please send a check made out to “**The Long Island Garden Railway Society, Inc.**” (full name please as the bank frowns on “Pay to the Order of LIGRS”) for the appropriate amount to:

Questions? Contact
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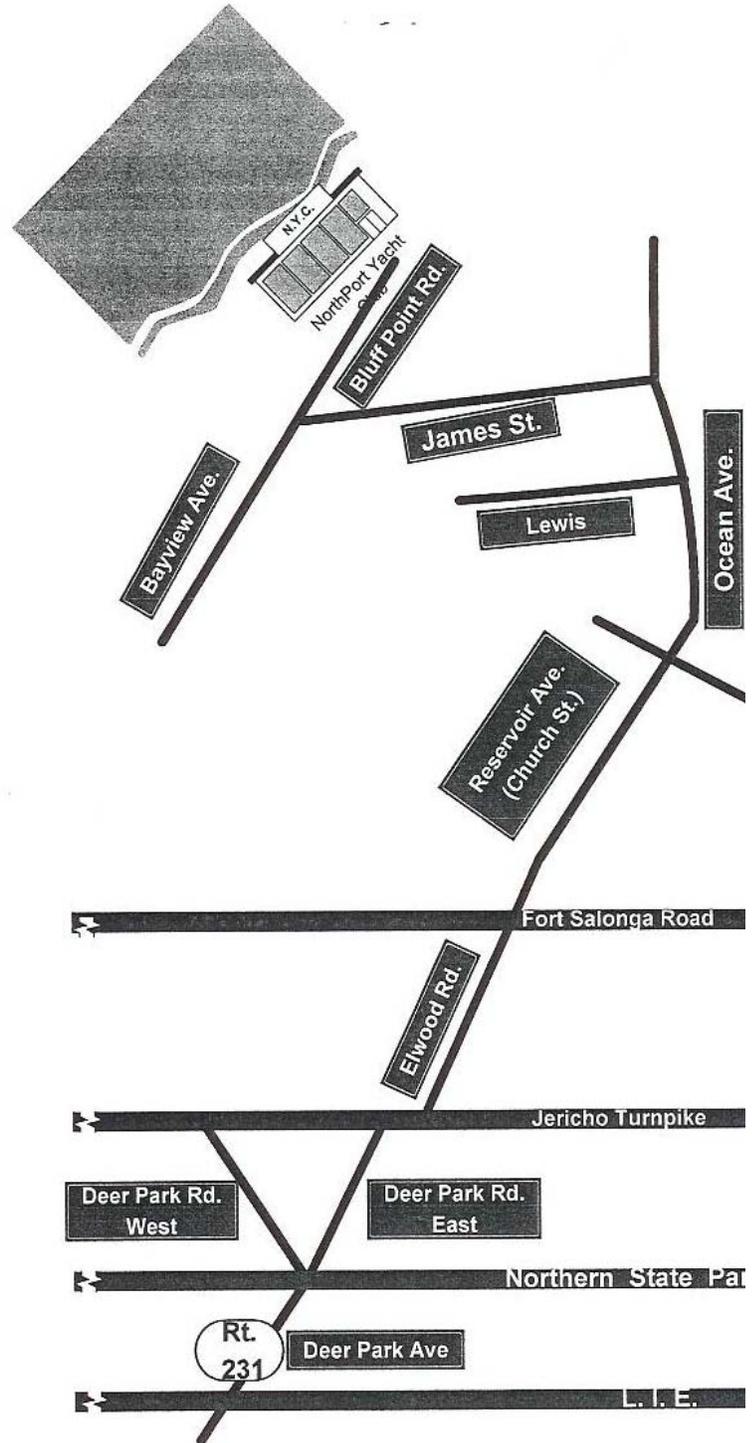


**Directions to the November Meeting at the
Northport Yacht Club
11 Bluff Point Road Northport, NY 11768
November , 2019 11:00-2:00**



Turn by turn directions:

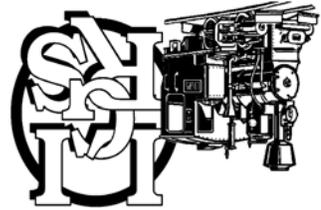
Take the LIE or Northern State Parkway to Deer Park Ave (Rte. 231) north. Bear right onto Deer Park Road East. Merge onto Jericho Tpke. (Rte. 25) and make the next left onto Elwood Road. Elwood changes into Reservoir Road and then into Ocean Ave. Make a left on James Street and follow to Bluff Point Road and make a right. Northport Yacht Club is on the left.



IMPORTANT

**This is our Election meeting.
Please send us your signed
proxy form if you cannot
attend.**





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A hobby is something you get goofy about to keep from going goofy
about things in general.
- Author unknown

