



November 2021 Newsletter

OUR NEXT MEETING WILL BE ON TUESDAY NOVEMBER 9 STARTING AT 6:30 PM AT OPUS STEAKHOUSE
4 Old Jericho Tpk., Jericho

NYS Attorney General Letitia James will be speaking

[Click here for our 2021-2022 meeting schedule.](#)

ALL MEETING ATTENDEES MUST BE FULLY VACCINATED

Tuesday, November 2 is election day

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK:

Dear Colleagues:

I was unable to be with you at the October 13 General Membership meeting as a previous commitment required me to be out of the country. Upon returning, I was pleased to learn that close to one hundred village officials and Friends of the NCVOA attended to observe the first head-to-head Nassau County Executive candidate debate between current County Executive Laura Curran and her challenger, Hempstead Town Board Member Bruce Blakeman. As expected, the contenders differed on most of the major issues. From what I was told the exchanges were, for the most part, cordial and respectful. I hope the program provided some insight as you determine the individual you believe is most qualified to lead our county for the next four years. Special thanks to First Vice President Nora Haagenson for deftly serving as the moderator.

Several mayors and trustees I spoke with who witnessed the debate were extremely disappointed that neither Laura



*President Daniel Serota
Mayor of the Village of Brookville*

Curran nor Bruce Blakeman made a firm commitment to support the NCVOA's prolonged efforts to share sales tax revenue. As we have mentioned numerous times, current state law excludes Nassau County from guaranteeing villages a percentage of sales tax revenue. For this inequity to be corrected, a Home Rule Message from the Nassau County Legislature and County Executive must be submitted to the state legislature before an amendment to the state law can be considered. If villages are as important as both candidates claim, why is it so difficult to right a wrong by committing to supporting a Home Rule Message?

Attorney General is Guest Speaker at November 9 Meeting

In a few days, the 2021 elections will be behind us and the focus will shift to November 2022. In addition to Congressional mid-term races, New Yorkers will decide the next governor. While current Governor Kathy Hochul has secured several early endorsements, her party's nomination is not a done deal as several others have expressed interest in running. One potential candidate is New York Attorney General Letitia James. A former New York City Councilwoman, she served as Public Advocate before being elected Attorney General. James gained recent notoriety by initiating the multi-pronged investigation of former governor Andrew Cuomo.

You can hear directly from Letitia James by attending the Tuesday, November 9 General Membership meeting, where she will be our guest speaker. We expect great interest from our members and Friends as the Attorney General will give us her perspective on her current role as well as her aspirations for higher office. This promises to be a very interesting evening and I look forward to seeing you November 9.

I would like to publicly thank former Hempstead Mayor and NCVOA Past President Jim Garner, who arranged for the Attorney General to be our guest speaker.

Sincerely,



Mayor Daniel Serota

TESTIMONIAL DINNER – December 14:

Our annual testimonial dinner to honor our immediate past president will be held on Tuesday, December 14 at Westbury Manor in Westbury this year. Ed Lieberman served as our dedicated and excellent president through our most troubling times for almost two years. Information on attendance and the journal has been provided to our villages and Friends of the NCVOA. If you require additional information or have questions, contact our dinner chair, Warren Tackenberg ASAP at exmayortac@gmail.com or 516-697-7172.

DID YOU KNOW?

Our county executive debate is online. If you missed our October 13 debate and would like to view it, go to www.villageboardmeetings.com and advance to 17 minutes (the candidates were late). The questions all were village related.

DO YOU KNOW YOUR VILLAGE'S CENSUS DETAILS?:

If you go to our website – ncvoa.org – the October “Did You Know?” is a spreadsheet detailing the 2010 and 2020 census resident populations of each of our villages as well as the increase or decrease in number and percentage. Links to that article appear under ABOUT US that appears under our homepage banner.

MEET THE FRIENDS OF THE NCVOA:

The logos of our Friends of the NCVOA appear at the end of this newsletter and on our website – ncvoa.org. If you click on a Friends' logo, you will be taken to their website home page.

FROM OUR OCTOBER 13 MEETING AND COUNTY EXECUTIVE DEBATE:



Nassau County Executive Laura Curran explained why she believes she should be re-elected to another term.



Hempstead Town Board Member and Republican County Executive Candidate Bruce Blakeman presented his platform to the general membership.



Close to one hundred village officials and Friends of the NCVOA watched the NCVOA's Nassau County Executive Candidate Debate.



NCVOA Past Presidents David Tanner and Jim Garner.



Port Washington North Mayor Bob Weitzner with Baxter Estates Mayor and NCVOA First Vice President Nora Haagenson.



NCVOA Past Presidents Stephen Mahler and North Hills Mayor and NCVOA Past President Marvin Natiss



Village of Bellerose Trustee Kate Dorry and NCVOA Executive Director Emeritus Warren Tackenberg.



Farmingdale Mayor and NCVOA Past President Ralph Ekstrand with Centre Island Mayor Larry Schmidlapp.



Massapequa Park Trustee Dana Durso and Mayor Daniel Pearl.



Sands Point Mayor Peter Forman with Baxter Estates Mayor and NCVOA First Vice President Nora Haagenson.



The Last Word:

“Success is no accident. It is hard work, perseverance, learning, studying, sacrifice and most of all, love of what you are doing or learning to do.”

-- Pele

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