



December 2021 & January 2022 Newsletter

ALL MEETING ATTENDEES MUST BE FULLY VACCINATED

OUR NEXT MEETINGS WILL BE

OUR TESTIMONIAL DINNER ON TUESDAY, DEC. 14 AT WESTBURY MANOR

AND

TUESDAY, JAN. 11 STARTING AT 6:30 PM LOCATION TO BE ANNOUNCED

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

Our annual testimonial dinner on December 14 will honor our immediate past president. 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.

Our January 11 meeting will feature Wade Beltramo, General Counsel of NYCOM, and David Chauvin, a partner in ZE Creative Communications, speaking on dealing with individuals and the press seeking to video record meetings, village halls and police headquarters.

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK:

Dear Colleagues:

WOW! That was my initial reaction and I am sure it was shared by many throughout the county when the results



*President Daniel Serota
Mayor of the Village of Brookville*

of the 2021 elections were announced. In one day, Nassau County's political landscape experienced a colossal shift. Hempstead Town Board member Bruce Blakeman upset County Executive Laura Curran by 2,150 votes, making it one of the tightest county executive races in Nassau County history. We will begin 2022 with a new county executive, district attorney, comptroller and North Hempstead town supervisor, while the legislature's Republicans retain the majority. Congratulations to Nassau County Executive-elect Bruce Blakeman and all those newly elected, especially two of our former Flower Hill Mayor and State Senator Elaine Phillips, the new comptroller, and Mineola Trustee Dennis Walsh, who is now a North Hempstead Town Council member. I also would like to thank County Executive Laura Curran and her administration for their efforts in working with the NCVOA during the past four years. We appreciate her inclusive leadership style and wish her the best in her future endeavors.

Will Campaign Promises be Kept?

As a non-partisan organization the NCVOA interacts regularly with our county and town leaders, regardless of political affiliation, to best represent the interests of our 475,000 village residents. We have been advocating for years with Republican and Democratic administrations for the right to share sales tax revenue. At the NCVOA's recent County Executive Candidate Debate, Bruce Blakeman committed to the NCVOA that, if elected, he would sit down with the villages and negotiate sales tax sharing. We hope our new county executive and all newly elected officials will remain true to their campaign promises.

Attorney General Addressed NVCOA at November Meeting

Now that the 2021 elections are behind us, the focus shifts 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.

Former Apple CEO John Sculley once said, "Timing is everything in life." When former Hempstead Mayor and NCVOA Past President Jim Garner arranged for the attorney general to be the guest speaker for the November 9 General Membership meeting, it

was just prior to her announcing her decision to run for governor. We were the first group of elected officials she appeared before as a gubernatorial candidate.

Judging by the packed room, there was great interest among our members and Friends in hearing from Attorney General James, who centered her remarks around her long history of public service and how it prepared her for her current role as the state's top law enforcement official. The attorney general was gracious and accommodating as she stayed the entire evening, answering questions and visiting individual tables. We appreciate Attorney General James taking time from her busy schedule to be with us and look forward to having her return in the future. Once again, I would like to thank Mayor Garner for making this happen.

Happy Holidays!

As we enter the holiday season, we have much to be thankful for – our families, friends, and the inalienable rights we enjoy as citizens of this great country.

As you and your family celebrate Christmas, Hanukkah or Kwanzaa, I hope you take some time to step away from your hectic routine and enjoy the spirit of the holidays.

On behalf of the NCVOA Executive Board, I wish all our members and Friends a very happy and healthy holiday season and look forward to seeing you at our December 14 Annual Dinner and Testimonial honoring Mayor Ed Lieberman.

Sincerely,



Mayor Daniel Serota

DID YOU KNOW?

If you opt out you must file

If your village opted out of the on premises sale or consumption of marijuana, in addition to filing the law with the Secretary of State, you must file a copy with the Office of Cannabis Management. That can be done on-line through their website --

cannabis.ny.gov Click on the Local Government link. You will find additional relevant information on their website.

Survey results

Our recent survey produced only 29 responses (out of a possible 64). Every responding village elected or will elect to opt out of the sale of marijuana and on site consumption. One additional village did not opt only because it has no commercial property.

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 NOVEMBER MEETING:



Attorney General Letitia James speaks about her role as New York State's top law enforcement official.



NCVOA President Dan Serota and Attorney General Letitia James.



Former Hempstead Mayor Wayne Hall with Westbury Trustee Beaumont Jefferson.



Friends of the NCVOA: Bencor/S.J. Edwards Sales Director Michael Going and Munistat Services President Michael Loguercio.



Saddle Rock Village Clerk Carmela Speciale with Mayor Dr. Dan Levy.



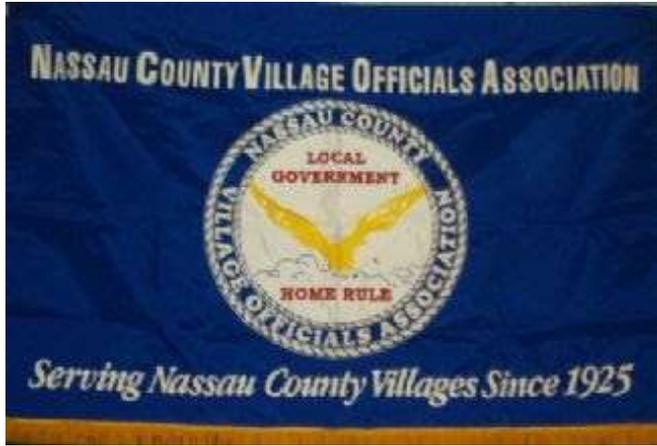
North Hills Mayor and NCVOA Past President Marvin Natiss with Westbury Deputy Mayor Steve Corte.



Lynbrook Village Administrator John Giordano conversing with Attorney General Letitia James.



NCVOA President Dan Serota with NCVOA Past Presidents Barbara Donno, mayor of the Village of Plandome Manor, and Jim Garner, former Hempstead mayor.



The Last Word:

“Leadership is the capacity to translate vision into reality.”

-- Warren Bennis

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