

Councilwoman Bonner Honors Suffrage Movement Leaders at Long Island Suffrage Trailhead Event in Shoreham

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Farmingville, NY – On April 1, Councilwoman Jane Bonner joined members of the Islip area branch of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) at Shoreham Village Hall to initiate the Long Island Suffrage Trail. The association will install three plaques (above) at the Shoreham homes of prominent suffrage movement leaders Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Harriot Stanton Blatch, Nora Stanton Barney (who lived with her mother, Harriot) and Robert Livingston Stanton. Shoreham, known as the “Summer Capital of the Suffrage Movement,” will be established as the trailhead of the Long Island Suffrage movement. It was in her Shoreham cottage that Elizabeth Cady Stanton penned her autobiography, “Eighty Years and More.” Her daughter, Harriot Stanton Blatch, a mighty force in the movement, hosted suffrage events, most notably the “Frolic at Shoreham.”

“To be in Shoreham celebrating the start of the Long Island Suffrage Trail was truly an inspiration to me. I thank the Islip AAUW for inviting me to participate in this wonderful event and for keeping the rich history of the Women’s Suffrage Movement alive on Long Island.

The Islip area branch of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) is a women’s advocacy organization empowering women and girls since 1881. Members of the Islip area branch of the AAUW formed the LI Suffragists Committee for the purpose of discovering the history of the Women’s Suffrage Movement on Long Island.

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