

The Ethical Humanist Society of Long Island

Sunday, February 8, 2026

Meeting: 11:00 AM

Program

Presider Welcome

Judy Rosemarin

Milestones

A time for the community to share joys and sorrows

Poem

Linda Napoli

(poem is on page 2 below)

Reflection

Silent reflection to remember those who have had an important impact on your life, and to ask, "How can I bring out the best in others and thereby bring out the best in yourself?"

Music

Address

Dr. John Teehan

Meaning-Making: The Biological Imperative

Q&A

Music

"Always Look on the Bright Side of Life"

written and sung by Eric Idle, originally written for "Monty Python's Life of Brian." This sing-along was performed in Albert Hall in 2025.

Musical selection curated by Mel Haber

Announcements & Collection

During these challenging times, your contribution, no matter the size, will greatly help our society. Please consider making a virtual basket donation. Visit our website (click on the link or cut & paste into your browser): www.ehsl.org/social-action/give/

Closing

No matter how great the achievements in science and the arts, nothing will matter, nothing will survive, and nothing will be fulfilled of the human potential unless we all move toward a more ethical condition in which everyone's worth and potential is respected and protected and nurtured.

— **Algernon Black, Leader NY Society for Ethical Culture, (1934-1973)**

Community Song

May The Work That I Have Done



LOVE AFTER LOVE

The time will come
when, with elation
you will greet yourself arriving
at your own door, in your own mirror
and each will smile at the other's welcome,

and say, sit here. Eat.
You will love again the stranger who was your self.
Give wine. Give bread. Give back your heart
to itself, to the stranger who has loved you

all your life, whom you ignored
for another, who knows you by heart.
Take down the love letters from the bookshelf,

the photographs, the desperate notes,
peel your own image from the mirror.
Sit. Feast on your life.

Derek Walcott
(1930-2017)

Upcoming Sunday Programs

February 15: Katy Lasell, *NYS Equity Agenda Coalition: Campaigning for a Just, Cooperative Economy in NYS!* (Hybrid)

February 22: Thomas Powell, President, and Carol Vogt, Board Member of the Friends of Cedarmere, *William Cullen Bryant, Cedarmere, and Ethical Humanism* (Hybrid)