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**NUCLEAR SECURITY EXPERT TO BE GUEST SPEAKER AT  
ANNUAL MEETING OF LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF THE HAMPTONS  
Saturday, May 7, 3:15 p.m., Southampton Cultural Center**

Carol Kessler, the new chair of the Nonproliferation and National Security Department at Brookhaven National Laboratory on Long Island, will be the guest speaker at the 34th Annual Meeting of the League of Women Voters of the Hamptons on Saturday, May 7, at the Southampton Cultural Center, 25 Pond Lane.

The public is invited to hear her speak at approximately 3:15 p.m., midway through the 2-4:30 p.m. annual meeting.

Ms. Kessler's talk will cover the work of Brookhaven Lab in general and her department in particular, whose 67 employees conduct research for the U.S. Departments of Energy, State and Defense. Their role, according to BNL, is "to safeguard nuclear materials and prevent the proliferation of nuclear, chemical and biological weapons in the U.S. and throughout the world." In addition, its responsibilities include developing technology for arms control verification and counter-terrorism, and conducting training for radiological and infrastructure protection.

The business portion of the meeting will include adoption of the budget for 2011-12, the report of outgoing president Carol Mellor, the election of officers and directors, and the adoption of local program.

Also on the agenda is the presentation of the Betty Desch Student Leadership Award of a \$1,000 scholarship to this year's winner—East Hampton High School senior Thalia Olaya.

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