

2024 Vestry Nominees



Lili Neuhauser, nominated for 3rd full term as Senior Warden

Liane Lunny (Lili) was born in Morristown, New Jersey to Robert M. and Liane v.W. Lunny. She grew up in Far Hills, New Jersey, initially on a farm and then the family moved to Oldwick, N.J.

Lili attended Far Hills Country Day School, the Gill St. Bernard's and then on to Drew University. Her great loves in school were always the arts, painting, and then art history and a rousing field hockey or ice hockey game! An idyllic childhood meant lots of animals, gardening with her mother, who had a fabulous vegetable garden, trips to her grandparents in Germany, where her historian father made sure that jaunts to every museum in striking distance were always on the itinerary.

Lili worked at Lederer de Paris on Madison Avenue and after she married Charles W. Neuhauser in 1983, they moved to Baltimore where she worked for the wearable art concern Gazelle in Cross Keys. She volunteered for Ladew Gardens, where she chaired her first dinner and auction in 1997. It is here that she also worked for Kirby French, a floral designer, who made countless weddings and events in the area beautiful with blooms. Their son Charles Schuyler Neuhauser was born in 1998 in Baltimore and they moved back north to New York and settled in Tuxedo Park in December of 1998.

Having joined St. Mary's Episcopal Church in Tuxedo, her next job came in the form of vestry member for 7 years. She has chaired and co-chaired countless events for the church. As Schuyler was enrolled at the Tuxedo Park School, it was on to their board for two terms, her fund raising was put in high gear, along with designing many sets for school plays.

Eventually, having a child in school in the UK, meant lots of wonderful travel opportunities, which were very inspiring for her continued love of all things creative, painting being foremost. It was at this time that a friend asked if she would fill his seat on the Village of Tuxedo Park's Board of Trustees, for a one year term. She accepted this new unusual political challenge, enjoyed it and the following year ran and won the seat of mayor. This was often a difficult job, gaining insight into many aspects of village life, the police department, public works and keeping their drinking water clean and safe. Two years later she ran again and was defeated. Blissfully this allowed for far more time to write, paint and continue her love of floral design with a dear friend in Tuxedo Park, Serene Designs.

Perhaps one of her greatest honors, after motherhood, was the surprise naming, by CDA President Brantley Knowles, to become the third honorary member in the history of the Colonial Dames of America. In truth the honor was hers, being able to strengthen relationships and make many new ones has been a delight and working on the Mount Vernon Hotel's garden going forward is something she very much looks forward to. Saint Mary's Church was calling once again and Lili joined the vestry again in 2018 and became the senior Warden in January of 2020.



JoAnn Hanson, nominated for her second full term

JoAnn Hanson serves on the Real Estate Advisory Committee of the NY State Common Retirement Fund, the Advisory Board of the Alternative Investment Forum, and is President of the Church Investment Group. In Tuxedo, she serves on the Vestry of St. Mary's-in-Tuxedo as Treasurer and is the Chair of the Tuxedo Park Planning Board.



Sue Heywood, nominated for her first full term

Born in England just before World War Two, I grew up with parents who volunteered and led several organizations serving the town and beyond, during, and after the war. Reaching out to help others was simply a way of life. After 27 years working in different parts of Africa, Malta and the UK we came to the USA. I was superintendent of the Church School in St John's, Ramsey, for 12 years before moving to Tuxedo.

I joined St Mary's in 2001 when we came to live in Tuxedo. For several years I was superintendent of the Church School and produced a series of pageants and children's services where the children took all the roles needed to conduct the service, including the sermon! I was also on the Outreach Committee.

Joe Hlavka was Chair. After Joe retired in 2008, I was honored

to be asked to chair the committee, which I have done, and loved doing, ever since. I am a Lay Reader, Acolyte and Eucharistic Minister and have served on the Vestry for two periods of six years. St Mary's and the parish community are a big part of my life and working with the Outreach Committee we have been able to make a significant difference to so many less fortunate than ourselves.



Cecily Potouridis, nominated for her first full term

Cecily grew up in Texas and Alabama before moving to NYC in 2007 to attend university. She earned a B.A. from NYU in Linguistics and Anthropology, but has worked in the construction industry since 2011. In her current role as a consultant, she helps nonprofit sector building owners manage their affordable and supportive housing projects.

In 2015, Cecily and her husband moved to the hamlet of Tuxedo, where they continue to live with their two children and pets. Cecily serves as the Treasurer for the Tuxedo UFSD PTO, and has really enjoyed finding another welcoming community in this congregation.