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**FROM THE PRESIDENT**

Well here we are with the New Year well on its way. We had our first meeting on February 12<sup>th</sup>. It included the installation of the new Officers and Directors, followed by an excellent presentation by our Borough Historian and Union Landing Historical Society (ULHS) of Brielle Director, John Belding. John gave us some rather interesting insights on local points of interest. We look forward to John continuing with other major aspects of Brielle's culture, development, and social history.

As we go forward, both of our Vice-Presidents have been active in seeking new venues and presentations. First Vice-President Donna Disimile's program for our April meeting was rather exciting as it stressed the importance of Fort Monmouth, its environment, and the effect it had on the local communities. Donna has also arranged changes in venue for the Memorial Day, Flag Day, and 9/11 presentations.

Second Vice-President Peter Albertelli has done wonders with updating our media profiles, including our website and Facebook page, and is adding new information constantly. He has also arranged for a very interesting speaker and presentation for our November meeting - one you and your family will not want to miss.

Tracy and Curtis Porcello continue to gear up for their fantastic ULHS presentation at Brielle Day in September. This event remains our major fund raiser of the year, and because of their dedication has remained both a very enjoyable and successful event for the Society.

Finally, please do not forget to pay your dues as we need the financing to continue to provide you with new and interesting programs. Thank you.

**- Fred Rimmele Jr., President**

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**HEAR YE...HEAR YE...ULHS HAS GONE SOCIAL...!!**

I have been working to keep all happenings of the ULHS updated and posted on our Facebook page and on our website (www.ULHS.org), along with pictures from our gatherings that have been held.

If you need to find out any info please check out our FACEBOOK PAGE (UNION LANDING HISTORICAL SOCIETY) or go on our WEBSITE (www.ULHS.org)...

For those Facebook users...PLEASE click on our Facebook landing page...**LIKE US**...and **SHARE IT** with your Friends and Family!! The MORE the Merrier!!

**- Peter Albertelli, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President**

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## 2017 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- May 28, 2017 - Memorial Day Celebration
- June 14, 2017 - Flag Day Service
- September 9, 2017 - Brielle Day
- September 10, 2017 - 9/11 Memorial Service
- October 14, 2017 - Monmouth County Archives and History Day
- November 5, 2017 - General Meeting
- December 2017 - Holiday Party

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### **Sunday, May 28<sup>th</sup> - Memorial Day Ceremony**

2:00 pm - Osborn Family Graveyard - Holly Hill Drive, Brielle

This year's Memorial Day Ceremony will focus on the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the United States' involvement in World War I. (See page 18 for more information.)

### **Wednesday, June 14<sup>th</sup> - Flag Day**

We are in the process of developing a special Flag Day presentation. When the presentation is finalized, all members and the community will be notified of its content, location, and time.

### **Sunday - September 10<sup>th</sup> - 9/11 Ceremony**

2:00 pm - 9/11 Memorial Park - Riverview Drive, Brielle

Every year we gather at the 9/11 Memorial Park to remember those from Brielle and surrounding areas who lost their lives on September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2001.

### **Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup> - Archives and History Day**

9:00 am - 3:00 pm - Monmouth County Library - Manalapan

The Monmouth County Library scheduled their annual Archives and History Day for Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup>. We will share more information as it becomes available.

### **Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup> - General Meeting**

2:00 pm - Curtis House - Union Lane, Brielle

We have a very exciting and interesting presentation scheduled for the November General Meeting. Guest speakers Richard J. Kimmel and Karen E. Timper will be discussing their new book "Folklore of the New Jersey Shore". Book Towne in Manasquan will be pre-selling the book prior to the meeting, and it will be on sale the day of the presentation at the Curtis House.

**- Donna Marie Disimile, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President**



## 2017 MEMBERSHIP

### *URGENT - Time to Renew!*

**It is that time of year again - time to renew, if you have not already!**

Individual memberships are just \$15, and Family memberships are just \$35 - or you may provide even more support by becoming a sponsor for \$125, a corporate member for \$150, or a Life Member for \$300. The Historical Society depends on its members and their support to continue providing all of our important and informative programs to the Brielle community, and to continue preserving its history. A membership application / renewal form is included on the last page of this issue of The Crier.

If you have been attending our meetings and programs you know how busy the Historical Society has been, and if you have not, well you have missed a good time! We hope to see many more of you at future events, perhaps with a friend and new member.

**- Ann Scott, Membership Chairperson**

*"I believe that the more you know about the past the better you are prepared for the future." - Theodore Roosevelt*



## **BITS & PIECES**

Next time you are in Borough Hall, take a look at the display cabinet in the upper hallway. For some time a display there told the story of the discovery of Indian artifacts (including pottery shards, arrow heads, etc.) here in Brielle. A newer and bit more current story is now taking form. Note two great photos of Dorrer's Market (formerly on the corner of Route 71 and Higgins Avenue) with commentary. This store was the nucleus of the Brielle ShopRite that was built up the road on Higgins Avenue about 1960. Also note the photo of two vintage school buses, from the Herculaneum School District [near Pompeii?], but guessing Pennsylvania or Missouri, in front of the Scheible boarding house. The boarding house, which had previously been on the river, was moved to Ashley Avenue up against the new Route 35 overpass bridge in 1950. More displays to come!

**- John Belding, Director and Borough of Brielle Historian**

## **HISTORIC OSBORN GRAVEYARD**

During the restoration of the Osborn Family Burial Ground we were unable to locate the complete headstone of William Henry Bailey Osborn, a six year old boy who died in 1852. There did remain a small section of this gravestone with about 12" above the ground. The graveyard committee made a decision last year to replace that stone with a new one. Fortunately from a previous inventory we had the exact wording of the inscription.

I am pleased to report that this new gravestone was received from H.T. Hall and installed this past February. For your reference the original, broken headstone was left in place in front of the new one. Ruth and George Harms insisted they be permitted to pay the replacement cost for the new headstone, for which we are deeply grateful.

**- John Belding, Director of the Osborn Burial Ground Committee**

## **"SOME INTERESTING INCIDENTAL INTELLIGENCE" . . . . .**

**Save the date: Friday April 28, 2017**

Time: 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

Place: Ocean County Library

101 Washington Street, Toms River

What: Commemorative Road Show and displays of America's entry into World War 1

## **ULHS GENERAL MEETING - FEBRUARY 12<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

At the Historical Society's general meeting on Sunday, February 12<sup>th</sup> the slate for the 2017 Board of Directors (below) was presented and approved, and the new officers were inducted.

**President - Fred Rimmele**

**First Vice President - Donna Marie Disimile**

**Second Vice President - Peter Albertelli**

**Secretary - Theresa Porcello**

**Treasurer - Curtis J. Porcello Sr.**

**Director - Ann Scott**

**Director - Bridgette Markuson**

**Director - John Belding**

The guest speaker at this meeting was Director and Borough of Brielle Historian John Belding. John shared a very interesting slide presentation, created with the help of Donna Disimile and myself, of vintage photos of several historical sites in Brielle, including the Manasquan River Golf Club, the Brielle railroad facilities, the Osborn Family Burial Ground, the Longstreet Farm (Boxwood) Cottage, and the postal facilities in Brielle.

John's extensive knowledge of the history of the Borough is remarkable, and he never ceases to amaze all those in attendance by not only being to identify all of the structures in the half century or more old photographs and tell you their history, but by also telling everyone the names and histories of many of the people standing in front of the structures in the pictures. The Board has unanimously agreed that a new project needs to be implemented to capture Mr. Belding in video while discussing historic sites and the history of Brielle to ensure that his wealth of knowledge is captured for generations to come.

After the presentation everyone enjoyed refreshments in the Curtis house living room while having a chance to meet and speak with the Board members.

**- Curtis J. Porcello Sr., Treasurer**

*"The three great essentials to achieve anything worthwhile are, first, hard work; second, stick-to-itiveness; third, common sense."*

*- Thomas A. Edison*



## February General Meeting Presentation



**John Belding (above) and  
an early photograph of what was to become the Manasquan River Golf Club (below)**



**February General Meeting Presentation**



**Manasquan River Golf Club**





**February General Meeting Presentation**



**Brielle Railroad Station (above) and Train (below)**





## February General Meeting Presentation



**Clearing the overgrown Osborn Family Burial Ground and unearthing grave sites**





**February General Meeting Presentation**



**Longstreet Farm (Boxwood) Cottage (circa 1820) - then (above) and now (below)**





**February General Meeting Presentation**



**Early Brielle Post Office on Union Lane**





**February General Meeting Presentation**



**Brielle Post Office on Green Avenue**



## ULHS GENERAL MEETING - APRIL 9<sup>th</sup>, 2017

The Union Landing Historical Society of Brielle held a general meeting on Sunday April 9<sup>th</sup> at the Curtis House. The guest speaker was Professor Melissa Ziobro from the Department of History and Anthropology at Monmouth University. Professor Ziobro's excellent presentation was on the history of Fort Monmouth. It focused on the start-up of Fort Monmouth before the United States became involved in World War I in 1917, its importance during World War I and II, and touched on its history after World War II until it officially closed on September 15, 2011. The presentation was very interesting and informative, and was well enjoyed by all in attendance. Many thanks to Donna Disimile for arranging for Mrs. Ziobro's presentation.

### About Professor Ziobro:

Professor Ziobro served as a command historian at the United States Army Communications - Electronics Command, Fort Monmouth, New Jersey from 2004-2011. She previously served on the now defunct Executive Council of Brookdale Community College's Center for World War II Studies and Conflict Resolution in Lincroft, New Jersey and currently serves on the Events Planning Committee for the World War II Era Studies Institute at the InfoAge Science History Learning Center and Museum, with which she has been affiliated since 2004.



Since the Spring of 2015 she has served as the General Editor for *New Jersey Studies: An Interdisciplinary Journal* (see <http://njs.libraries.rutgers.edu>). She also volunteers with the National Guard Militia Museum of New Jersey and as an at-large board member of Oral History in the Mid-Atlantic Region.

She currently works at Monmouth University, where she has taught a variety of courses since 2007. She serves as the faculty advisor of the History and Anthropology Club and the coordinator of the fledgling Monmouth Memories Oral History Project (see [http://library.monmouth.edu/main/monmouth\\_memories](http://library.monmouth.edu/main/monmouth_memories) ).

**- Curtis J. Porcello Sr., Treasurer**



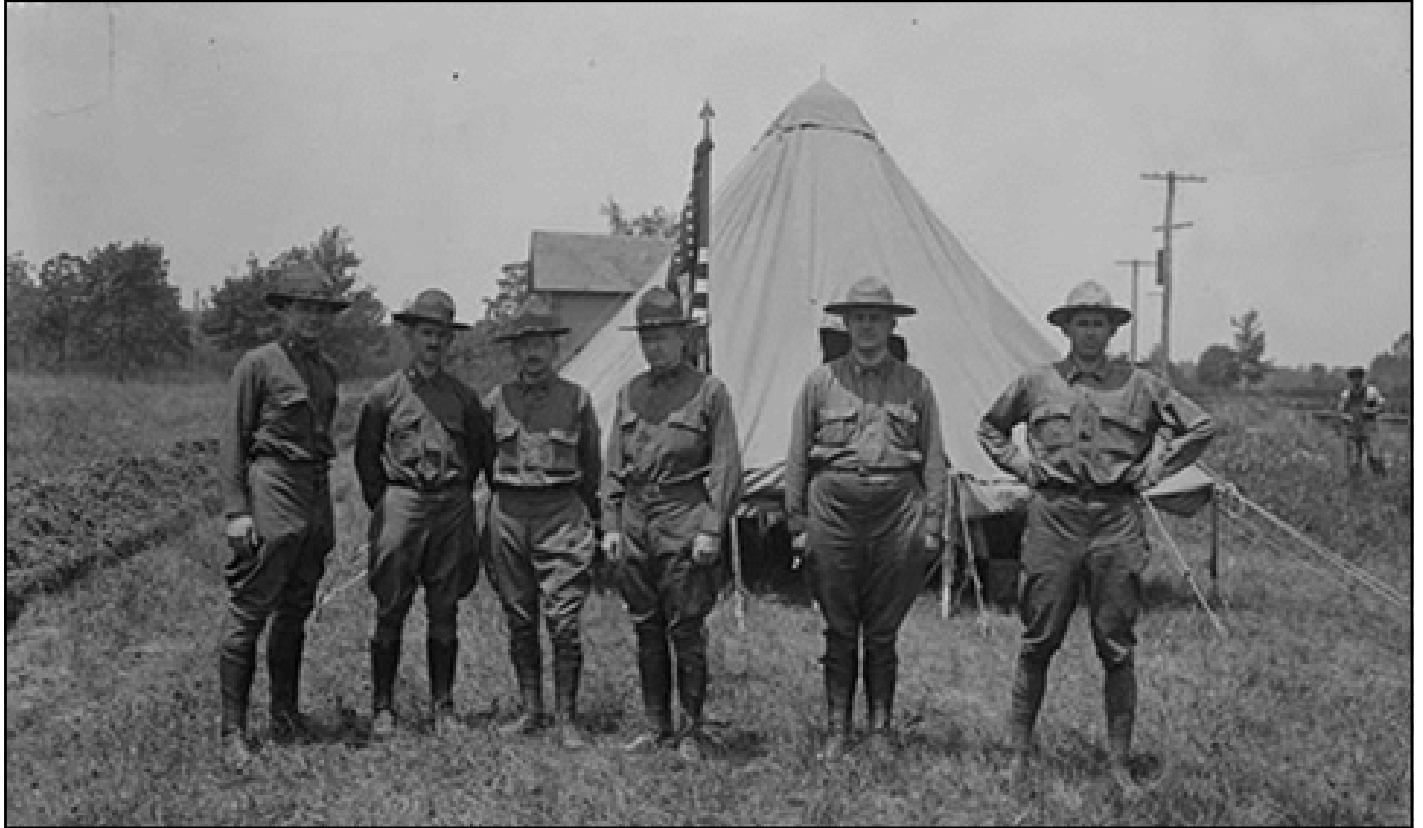
## April General Meeting - Fort Monmouth Presentation



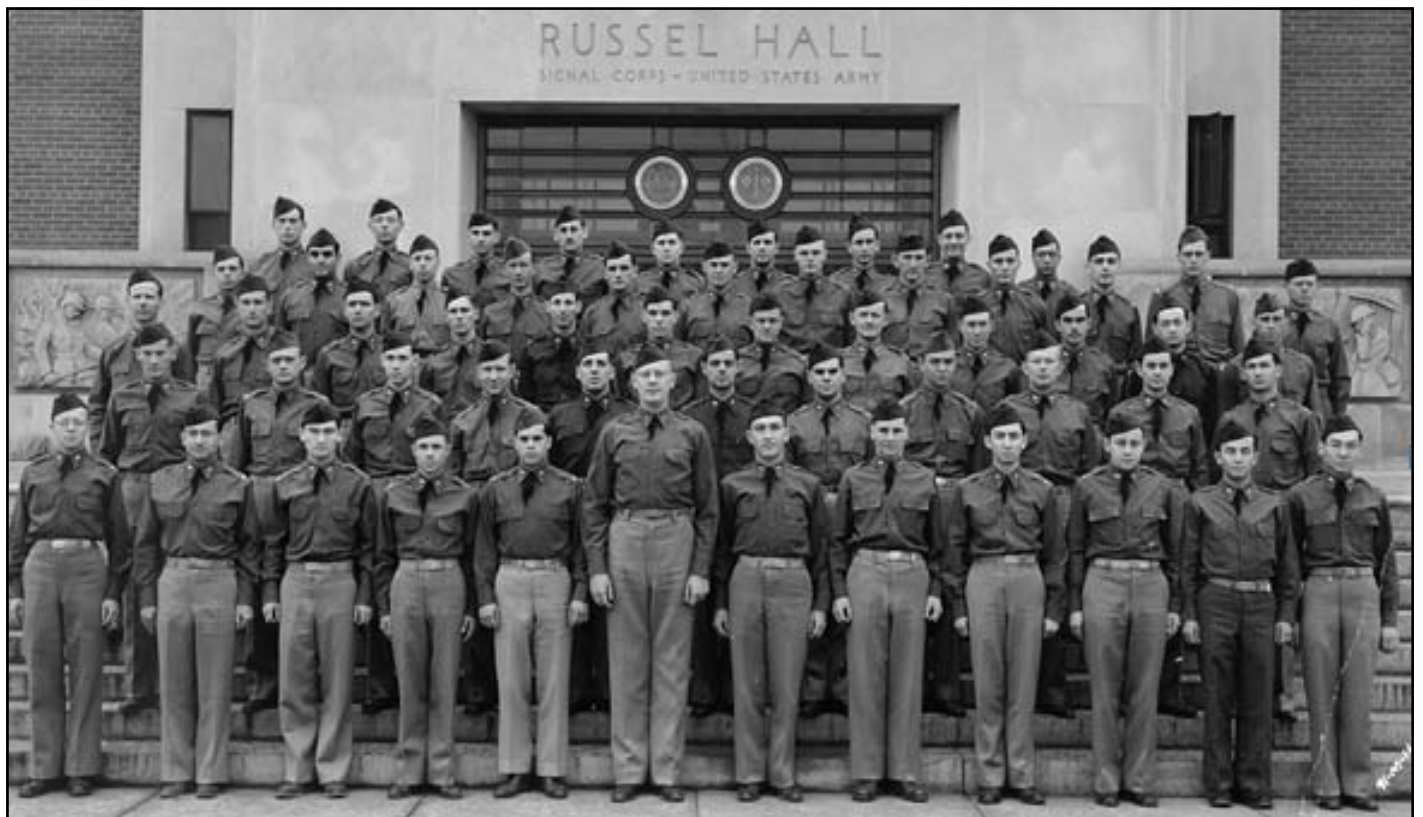
**Professor Ziobro (above) and the audience (below)**



## April General Meeting - Fort Monmouth Presentation



Fort Monmouth - 1917 (above) and the troops (below)





## **NEW SECRETARY**

Theresa Porcello recently requested to step down as Secretary due to family commitments, but said that she would continue to organize the Historical Society's Brielle Day soda sales, as she has done for several years now, and will also continue to bake tasty treats for our meetings and events. The Board nominated James Ham as her replacement, and he graciously accepted. Mr. Ham recently retired from a long and distinguished career in the pharmaceutical industry. He has a passion for history and has been very helpful in supporting recent Historical Society events. We would like to give James (Jim) a warm welcome to the Board, and look forward to putting his skills and enthusiasm to good use!

**- Curtis J. Porcello, Sr. - Treasurer**

## **ESSAY CONTEST**

Once again the Union Landing Historical Society of Brielle will be hosting an essay contest for 8<sup>th</sup> grade students at Brielle Elementary School, with a \$150 award for first prize, \$100 for second prize, and \$50 for third prize. The prizes will be awarded at the Memorial Day ceremony on May 28<sup>th</sup>.

This year's topic will be:

*2017 marks the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the entry of the United States into World War I. New Jersey played many vital roles in supporting this war effort, including through the creation of Fort Monmouth and through the contributions of the Belmar Receiving Station in Wall Township. This Belmar site was originally opened in 1914 as the Marconi Belmar Trans-Atlantic Wireless station to help open world-wide wireless communications, and played an important role in World War I Trans-Atlantic communications. The site later became part of Camp Evans, and is now home to the InfoAge Science History Learning Center.*

*Please discuss the importance of New Jersey, Fort Monmouth, and the Belmar Receiving Station to the success of the United States in World War I, and the impact that this War would have had on life in Brielle at the time.*

**- Bridgette Markuson, Director**

## **9/11 MEMORIAL SITE**

The 9/11 Memorial Site on Riverview Drive in Brielle was established in 2004 through the efforts of Dr. David Du Pre. The Union Landing Historical Society of Brielle's 9/11 Memorial Site Committee is responsible for the oversight of the maintenance of the Memorial Site in coordination with the Borough of Brielle, and for recommending any enhancements deemed appropriate. This committee has a Project Manager as its head, and four Trustees, representing the Memorial Site's major stake-holders: Victims' Families, Fire Department, Boy Scouts, and ULHS.

**- Gary Pstrak, 9/11 Memorial Site Director**

**Please join us for our Memorial Day (Decoration Day) event!**

In remembrance of the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the United States' entry into World War I, a detailed historical program has been developed by local resident and historian Dr. Jean Wilson to honor and give recognition to all those who served in the Great War.



**Union Landing Historical  
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**MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND 2017**

**Sunday May 28th**

**2:00PM**

**Osborn Family  
Cemetery**

**Holly Hill Drive, Brielle  
NJ**

**Open To the Public!**



# Union Landing Historical Society of Brielle

## 2017 Membership Dues

**Please Print Clearly**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

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### Membership Category

Individual	\$15	___	Life Member	\$300 (one-time payment)	___
Family	\$35	___	Corporate	\$150	___
Sponsor	\$125	___	<b>Donation</b>	<b>\$</b>	_____

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