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FROM THE PRESIDENT

It has been a very busy, hectic, and different year, with some of our regular events, such as the Annual Antiques Road Show and Brielle Day, experiencing challenging weather conditions. Many other activities, such as the museum tours, were gifted with suitable conditions. The Antiques Road Show this year showed a slight dip in attendance due to the unseasonable warm and sunny weather that day, a well enjoyed break in the dreary winter weather that caused some people to venture to outside activities rather than attending the event. Yet we still managed to draw a substantial number of participants who enjoyed having their "prized" possessions examined and evaluated. Brielle Day's overcast weather all day hindered our Sarsaparilla sales a bit, but we still had a good showing.

The Decoration / Memorial Day ceremony was an outstanding success with a warm and sunny day in which to honor our country's armed forces. The ceremony featured the New Jersey National Guard Color Guard, the Boy Scouts, and retired Navy Captain Mark Pawlak speaking about the role of Naval Aviation in today's operations across the world.

As far as activities go, we had two wonderful museum tours this year. The first was to Mr. Art Sommers' farm in Brick, which was a real eye opener with the vast amount of collectables and vehicles, as well as his exhibits and scene settings of places from days gone by, such as Soda Shops and an old General Store. They just do not make them like this anymore.

To close out the year we had a very educational and interesting tour of Camp Evans. This site is filled with history right in our own back yard. Everyone who attended was amazed at the depth and size of this facility and its collections. What transpired here literally changed the outcomes of both World War I and World War II, along with the wars in Korea and Vietnam. In addition, their collection of early radios, televisions, and phonographs should not be missed. You can hear the music that your parents and grandparents listened to every night. You might even remember a few songs yourself!

In conclusion, an organization is only as strong as its membership. With this in mind we need to have members step forward to volunteer their services in filling a few board positions. These positions are not that time consuming, but their impact is substantial. We want our members to suggest new ideas that contribute to our progress. Volunteering for one of these positions would help the Union Landing Historical Society of Brielle continue to function and perform as an asset to our neighborhood.

- Fred Rimmele, President

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Upcoming Events

**December 12: Holiday
Party from 1 to 4 pm at
the historic Captain
Shem Pearce house -
704 Union Lane**

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BITS & PIECES

Good news for all who are receiving this issue of THE CRIER via e-mail, or even if you just plain enjoy access to computer based communication. In addition to the ULHS now having our own Facebook page we recently acquired the additional knowhow needed to update our website. We have owned the site for a couple of years, but unfortunately could not identify a member conversant with or willing to learn the necessary skills to place information on and update the site when and as needed. As a result just some original "page holding" data appeared. But even so, we have experienced a few hits on our sight from across the country by folks who specifically searched for Brielle info. Two of these people subsequently phoned me, with one sending me additional information for our archives.

Really good news however is that recently Carol in Borough Hall has graciously volunteered to learn the process. She has been in an extended conversation with Paul Mathews, who you may recall established and set up the site for us. He outlined the process for her by which information can be added, updated, removed, etc. Carol is now officially registered as our Site Administrator. I will continue to seek an Assistant Site Administrator for whatever assistance Carol may require. Why not check out the site and suggest what additions you feel might be beneficial?

- John Belding, Director

**HISTORY WITH ITS FLICKERING LAMP
STUMBLES ALONG THE TRAIL OF THE
PAST, TRYING TO RECONSTRUCT ITS
SCENES, TO REVIVE ITS ECHOES, AND
KINDLE WITH PALE GLEAMS THE
PASSION OF FORMER DAYS.**

~WINSTON CHURCHILL

2016 MEMBERSHIP DUES

2016 Membership Dues are payable in December.

Please send a check for your annual membership by January 1st
2016 to: Post Office Box 473, Brielle, New Jersey 08730.

Individual - \$15.00

Family - \$35.00

Sponsor - \$125.00 Corporation - \$150.00

Individual Life Membership - \$ 300.00 (one-time payment)

**Holiday Gifts....think about giving a 2016 ULHS Membership
as a Gift!**

- Ann Scott, Director and Membership Chair

A morsel of genuine history is a thing so rare as to be always valuable. ~Thomas Jefferson

BRIELLE DAY

We had another successful Brielle Day. Although the weather was a bit overcast, with some light drizzle along the way that slowed soda sales, we still had a good turnout and strong volunteer support at our booth. The Manasquan High School Key Club sent a dozen a student volunteers who were a tremendous help with the Sarsaparilla and soda sales. We had ice cream floats for the first time this year, which were enjoyed by all. Book sales were also very successful, with long time member Janice Wurfel available for part of the day to sign them. Ann Scott's famous Crane House pumpkin bread was a tremendous success, selling out by early afternoon.

I would like to extend special thank you to my wife, Theresa Porcello, for her extensive efforts in coordinating the soda purchase and sales, and to Secretary Terre Vitale for her assistance to Theresa. I would also like to recognize the efforts of Vice President Donna Disimile in coordinating the student volunteers and to President Fred Rimmele for his assistance in setting up the event, managing the cash, and manning the booth throughout the day.



The Society would also like to send a special thank you to Brielle Police Sergeant Jim Seidel for once again getting the ice for us, and to the gentlemen from Brielle public works for loaning us the large recycling buckets to hold the ice and soda. Many thanks to the other Board members and Society members that also came out to help. It was a fun day for all involved.

- Curtis J. Porcello Sr., 2nd Vice President

Brielle Day






2015 HOLIDAY CELEBRATION




The ULHS of Brielle will again be starting the season with a Holiday Celebration at Director Ann Scott's home - the historic Captain Shem Pearce house at 704 Union Lane. The celebration will be

Saturday, December 12th from 1 to 4 pm.



Please stop by to meet the Board and other ULHS members and enjoy wonderful food and holiday cheer.

All members and their friends and family are invited to attend.



2015 9-11 MEMORIAL CEREMONY

Nearly sixty people attended this year's 9-11 Memorial Ceremony, the largest group since the ceremony was established in 2004. Unfortunately Dr. E. David Du Pre, the driving force behind the establishment of the Park, was unable to attend due to illness. In his absence, Donna Disimile and I collaborated to continue David's work and the ceremony was very successful.

Brielle Boy Scout Troop # 63 once again performed in presenting the pledge of Allegiance, and they then placed a rose in the ceremonial vase as each name was read and the bell tolled. Deacon Gary Pstrak gave both the Blessing and the Benediction. Brielle Mayor T. Nichol also addressed the group, reminding all of the need to remember this day.

The ceremony was dedicated to the Mathers family. Mr. Charles Mathers was a Past President of the Sea Girt Fire Company and a Managing Director at Marsh & McLennan. The Sea Girt Fire Company brought the Mathers family to the ceremony in their antique fire truck in a special homage to him.

The ceremony was concluded by the Brielle Police presenting a memorial wreath to Mrs. Mathers, to mark the occasion, and the Boy Scouts then presenting the folded ceremonial flag to Mrs. Mathers and her family.

- Fred Rimmele, President

Trivia Question: I understand there are two separate streets in Brielle named after the same person. Is that true?

Answer: That is correct. The streets so named are Chester Avenue and Bradley Avenue. Frederick Chester Bradley, Jr. owned considerable property in Brielle in the 1920s. He built Bradley's Bungalows, a resort vacation community with Sears Roebuck kit houses along a lane on his property now known as East Woodland Avenue. Most of those cabins have been removed, although two still remain as year round homes.

- John Belding, Director and Borough of Brielle Historian

9-11 Memorial Ceremony



INFOAGE SCIENCE HISTORY LEARNING CENTER TOUR

On Saturday, November 7th the ULHS of Brielle visited the InfoAge Science History Learning Center and Museum at Camp Evans in Wall, New Jersey. We were able to schedule a guided tour for our group to see and learn about this historic site, which truly turned out to be a wonderful surprise for all who attended.

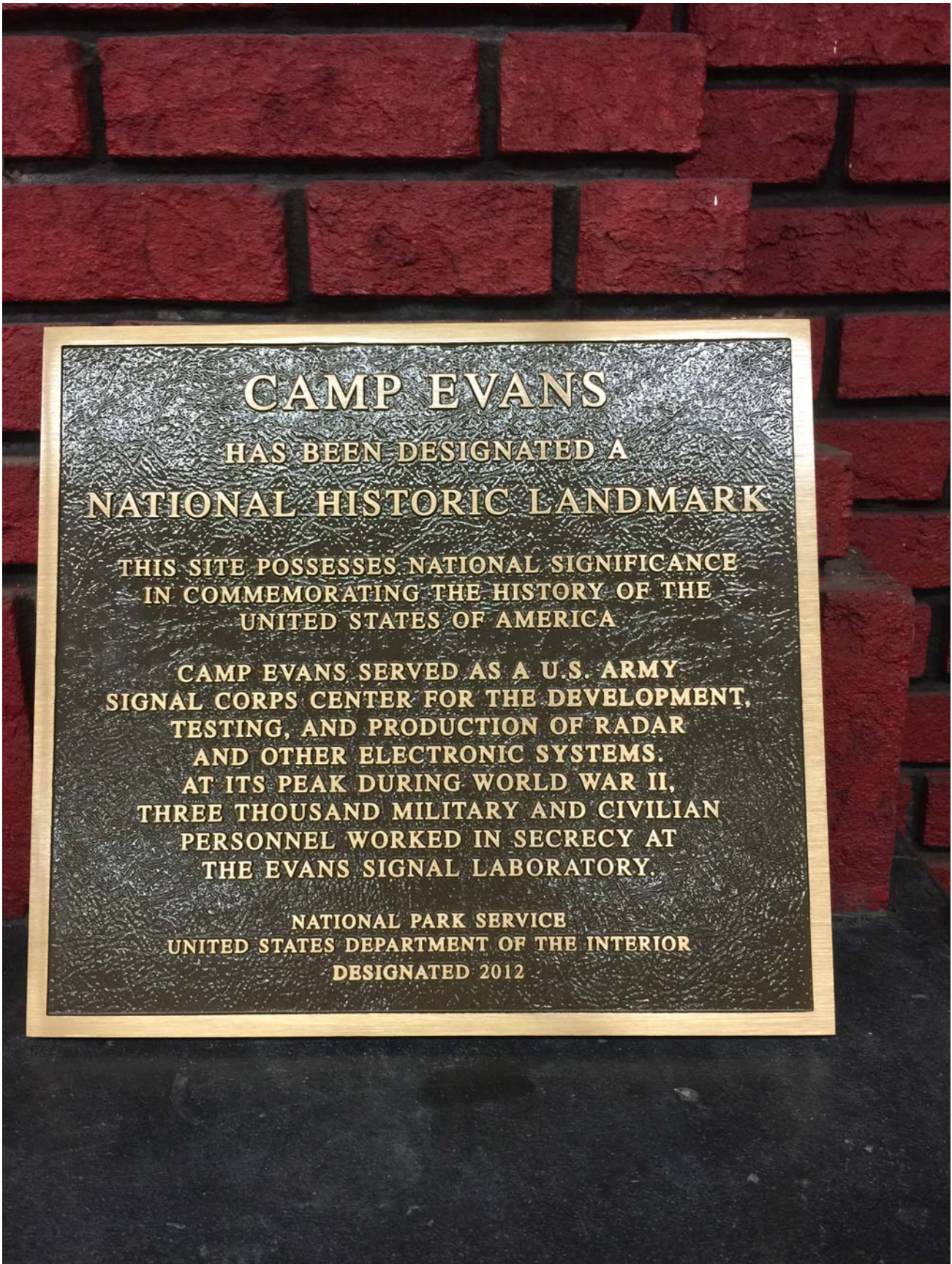
We have all read articles in the Coast Star describing the InfoAge Museum, but none can compare to what we all saw and learned during the tour about all the history associated with Camp Evans. There are several different buildings that comprise the InfoAge Learning Center museum. There is a building dedicated to all phases of communications including authentic amateur radios, televisions from the 1950s on, vintage computers and the Apollo computer, and all kinds of wireless equipment. Another building stores over 50 jeeps and other vehicles used during several wars, including World War I and World War II.

All the buildings are constantly being updated and new historic artifacts are continuously being added. The volunteers are not only personable, but are also extremely knowledgeable of the history associated with the items exhibited throughout the museum.



Camp Evans is a fountain of information almost beyond belief and we are very fortunate to have it located right here in Wall Township. It is hard to believe, and many people do not realize, how much history was made right here in this little part of Monmouth County that affected the outcome of both World Wars. A visit to these museum buildings is certainly a well spent afternoon for the entire family, and especially for history buffs. Anyone who spends an hour or so at Camp Evans will come away both amazed and surprised to learn all about the history found in these old buildings. The museum is open Wednesdays, Saturdays, and Sundays from 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM and admission is \$5.00 for adults and \$2.50 for children. An admission ticket could make a wonderful and unforgettable Christmas gift for someone special on your list.

- Donna Marie Disimile, 1st Vice President



InfoAge Science History Learning Center Tour



HISTORIC OSBORN GRAVEYARD

I do not need to introduce the Questors national organization to you, they are well known. They are a nonprofit organization dedicated to the education through the research and study of antiques, with the goal of preserving and restoring the past for the future. There are a few chapters right here in the general shore area. I have been in touch with one of their local leaders and have learned of their expressed desire to undertake a project at the Osborn Burial Ground. I stated we would be delighted to accept their support. I suggested to them our wish to acquire one, or even two if they could afford it, sturdy, solid, permanently affixed heavy duty benches facing the graveyard in the vicinity of the gate. We did have a homemade bench there a few years ago, however unfortunately it was a fairly crude homemade type and did not stand up well. From time to time folks did avail themselves of that previous bench to sit-down and contemplate the graves. I will look into possible sources for a quality bench, perhaps similar to the two that have been placed at the 9/11 Site.

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

ARCHIVES AND HISTORY DAY

Archives and History Day was held on Saturday, October 3rd 2015 at the Monmouth County Library Headquarters in Manalapan, New Jersey. Archives and History Day celebrates annually Archives Week, designated by the Mid-Atlantic Regional Archives Conference; Archives Month, proclaimed by the Society of American Archivists; and Humanities Festival week, sponsored by the New Jersey Council for the Humanities.

The featured speaker of the day was Melissa Ziobro, Specialist Professor of Public History at Monmouth University. Her presentation was entitled "Fort Monmouth and Monmouth County in World War I" and included a slide presentation with various historic scenes of the fort during World War I. It was amazing to see how sparse the Fort Monmouth facilities were during that time compared to the facilities we have today. It was also interesting to see the vehicles, grounds, living quarters, hospital, and dining halls that were very plain, scantily furnished, and not luxurious in anyway, but were extremely functional. Ms. Ziobro's presentation and slide show was very well received by the audience. It gave everyone a time to reflect and look back in history, and reminded them of how far we have come as a country in such a short period of time. To accomplish and achieve all that we have required a lot of hard work and determination.

Archives Day gives historical societies throughout the State of New Jersey a day to come together and share historic information about their town. Each society sets up an exhibit table to show interesting historic artifacts and tell some wonderful stories reflecting the history and happenings of their town through the years.

The ULHS exhibit was a big success with a computer power point presentation showing images of this year's events in Brielle, including the Annual Antiques Road Show, Memorial Day Ceremony, Brielle Day, and the 9/11 Memorial Service. The main attraction at the Brielle table was Ann Scott's famous 1796 Crane House "Pumpkin Bread" and old time Sarsaparilla soda that were also sold at Brielle Day. Both items were a huge success and enjoyed by many.

- **Donna Marie Disimile, 1st Vice President**



Union Landing Historical Society of Brielle - 2016 Membership Dues

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