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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Spring has sprung, summer has sweltered, and fall was fantastic; now winter is winding its way through the woods of Brielle. It is time to enjoy the holidays with friends at the ULHS of Brielle's Holiday Celebration, once again hosted by Mrs. Ann Scott at the historic Captain Shem Pearce House (see the article enclosed for more information). We sincerely hope that you will attend and join us in closing out a very successful year.

This year we presented some very interesting historical topics and programs to the membership. It began with an outstanding presentation by Dianne Fitzpatrick, a descendant of the Lenni Lanape Tribe that inhabited the land from Hazlet to Brielle. This presentation was followed by a presentation from Fran and John Drew regarding the "Brielle Bridge" and its importance in history. We also had another successful Antiques Roadshow.

The Decoration / Memorial Day celebration featured a presentation by United States Coast Guard Executive Petty Officer Zachary Gray from the Manasquan Inlet - Shark River Stations. In this presentation we learned of the history of the Manasquan Inlet Station and the dedication of the men and women of the Coast Guard to protecting the residents and visitors of Brielle and neighboring towns while on the waterways in the area. Many of the Coast Guardsmen were given awards for bravery, including a Medal of Honor recipient. This event was then followed by another exciting program arranged for Flag Day that included a presentation by Borough of Brielle Historian John Belding on the history of the flag of the United States.

The conclusion of the summer brought our participation in Brielle Day, including our famous sarsaparilla and vintage soda and pumpkin bread sales, followed the next day by our 9/11 Memorial Ceremony, which was not only outstanding but was the best attended thus far.

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

I have been working with our Facebook administrator to keep all happenings of ULHS updated and posted! 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 on our WEBSITE (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, 2nd Vice President

“The farther backward you can look, the farther forward you are likely to see.” -Winston S. Churchill

FROM THE PRESIDENT (CONTINUED)

With the arrival of fall came once again our participation in Monmouth County Archives and History Day, and our most recent meeting was highlighted by having Joseph Bilby, author of the "The History of Submarine Warfare Along the Jersey Shore", share his many interesting insights into submarine warfare off the coast of New Jersey.

Another achievement of specific interest this year is that the Board is now wearing official ULHS of Brielle shirts at our events, both Oxford and polo, thanks to the efforts of Donna Disimile and Peter Albertelli. Members of many other organizations have commented on our "professional image" at various events while wearing the shirts.

This year's success has been due to the outstanding participation by the Board and members of the Historical Society. As always, an organization is only as strong as its membership. Please attend our meetings, volunteer at our events, assist in guiding our ideas, and continue to support us through your dues and donations. Your support is greatly appreciated.

- Fred Rimmele, President

UPCOMING EVENTS

- December 10, 2016 - Holiday Party
- December 17, 2016 - Wreathes Across America
- January 2017 - General Meeting, Introduction of New Board Members
- April 2017 - Annual Fundraiser (To be announced)
- May 2017 - Memorial Day Celebration
- June 2017 - Flag Day Service
- September 2017 - Brielle Day
- September 2017 - 9/11 Memorial Service
- October 2017 - Monmouth County Archives and History Day

- Donna Marie Disimile, 1st Vice President

2017 MEMBERSHIP

Time to Renew!

What better present to give a friend than a membership in the Union Landing Historical Society of Brielle? And while you are at it, renew your own! It is that time of year - dues are due.

If you have been attending our meetings and programs this year 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 this coming year, perhaps with a friend and new member. A membership application and renewal form is included in this issue of The Crier.

Hope to see you at our holiday celebration and our annual meeting in January. Happy Holidays!

- Ann Scott, Membership Chairperson



2016 HOLIDAY CELEBRATION

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

The celebration will be

Saturday, December 10th 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.

“WREATHES ACROSS AMERICA”

Save the Date: December 17, 2016

Time: 11:45 AM

Place: Brielle Honor Roll Board, in front of Borough Hall

Ceremony:

Presentation of a wreath from the “Wreathes Across America” caravan that delivers made-for-the occasion memorial wreathes, traveling from Maine down across New England and then Atlantic states terminating at Arlington National Cemetery. At Arlington a Christmas memorial wreath is placed on every grave, as has occurred for these last many years. One of those special wreathes will be delivered to us for placement on our Honor Roll site. There will be a succinct and meaningful ceremony delivered by our Mayor and others. It will be grand if all members will make an effort to join with us.

- John Belding, Director and Borough of Brielle Historian

OCTOBER GENERAL MEETING - GUEST SPEAKER JOSEPH BILBY

On Sunday October 30th, local author and historian Joseph Bilby gave a very informative and impressive presentation to members and guests of the ULHS on his latest book, "**The History of Submarine Warfare Along the Jersey Shore**".

This book describes and illustrates the early development of the submarine. The First American submarine sank off Fort Lee, New Jersey in 1776, and the first successful one adopted by the U.S. Navy was invented by Paterson, New Jersey's John Holland at the end of the nineteenth century. Those early vessels were tested in the Passaic River and on the Jersey City waterfront. Today, the only surviving Union Civil War submarine, built in Newark, is on display at the National Guard Militia Museum in Sea Girt.

For a wonderful history lesson do yourself a favor and learn more about this interesting subject by getting a copy of Joe Bilby's book - you will not be sorry. It will make a wonderful stocking stuffer for that special historian on your Christmas list. The book is available at Manasquan's very own book store BookTowne on Main Street.

- Donna Marie Disimile, 1st Vice President

BRIELLE DAY

The results are in and we had another very successful Brielle Day! It was a fantastic day once again for selling our Sarsaparilla and other vintage sodas, as well as our books and Crane House pumpkin bread!

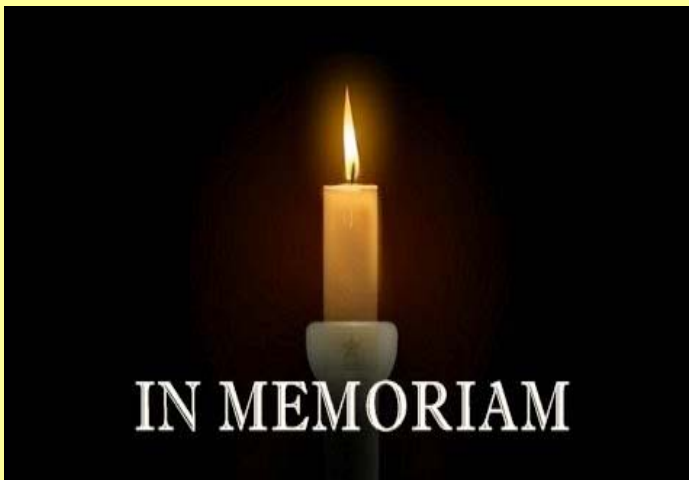
We had a good turnout and strong volunteer support at our booth. The Manasquan High School Key Club sent several student volunteers who were a tremendous help with the Sarsaparilla and soda sales. We had ice cream floats again this year, which were enjoyed by all, and introduced the sale of water in small, 8-ounce bottles, which sold out before the end of the day. 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, as always, was a tremendous success, selling out by noon! She's quite the baker - and quite the sales lady!

I would like to extend a special thank you to our Secretary (and my wife) Theresa Porcello for all of her extensive efforts in coordinating the soda purchase and sales, and to 2nd Vice President Peter Albertelli for his assistance in receiving the soda, setting up, and in helping Theresa throughout the day. I would also like to recognize the efforts of 1st Vice President Donna Disimile in coordinating the student volunteers and helping from set-up through breakdown, and to President Fred Rimmel 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, to the gentlemen from the Brielle Public Works for loaning us the large recycling buckets to hold the ice and soda, and to the other Board and Society members that came out to help.

It is a fun day for all of the many people involved, and we need everyone's support to make it a success, so please come join us and volunteer next year!

- Curtis J. Porcello Sr., Treasurer



MR. RICHARD HOLMQUIST

It is with deep sadness that we note the passing of Mr. Richard (Dick) Holmquist. Dick and his wife Natalie were long time members of the ULHS of Brielle, and both were very instrumental in editing and publishing all three of the Historical Society's books on the history of Brielle. He will be missed greatly.

Brielle Day 2016



9/11 MEMORIAL SERVICE

Every year since the 9/11 Memorial Site was established in 2004 the Historical Society has held a program to remember the tragedy of September 11th, 2001 and to support the sixteen families from our local community who lost a love one that day. At our 9/11 ceremony this September 11th we came together to remember one of those lost souls - Dr. Fredrick Rimmele III, son of Marilyn and Fred Rimmele of Brielle. Donna Disimile was the Master of Ceremonies and led the service.

At this year's service we had participation by Boy Scout Troop 63, the Girl Scouts, the Brielle Recreation Department, the Brielle Volunteer Fire Department, and Brielle Mayor Tucker Nicol. Deacon Gary Pstrak from Saint Denis Church gave both the Invocation and Benediction at the service. Brian Heiney from the Manasquan High School marching band played Taps at the conclusion of the ceremony. The service was very well received by an overwhelming crowd of over 100 people.

You may recall the large white banner at Ground Zero at the World Trade Center that several of the first responders put up that said, "**We Will Never Forget**". Well, thankfully, on September 11th, 2016 on the fifteenth anniversary of this terrible attack on our country, we all came together as a community to show that "**We Will Never Forget**".

- Donna Marie Disimile, 1st Vice President and Gary Pstrak, Site Project Manager



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BITS & PIECES

Here is another interesting tidbit or two to contemplate: There was once a street in Brielle known as “Avenue A”. The road is still there but has another name. Can you identify which street it is today? There were also two streets named “First Street” and “Second Street” that are still there, but have other names. Do you know their locations?

Two more changes: Where precisely within the Brielle Borough limits was “Route 34” located and where was “Highway 4N” known to local residents as just “State Highway”?

Answers below.

- John Belding, Director and Borough of Brielle Historian

MONMOUTH COUNTY ARCHIVES AND HISTORY DAY

Once again the ULHS of Brielle participated in Monmouth County’s Archive and History Day at the Monmouth County Library headquarters in Manalapan. Monmouth County has hosted Archives and History Day for 20 years in an effort to connect the public with archivists, historians and other preservationists. The event gives attendees the opportunity to view many interesting presentations from museums, historical societies, universities, parks, and related organizations across Monmouth County and the State of New Jersey.

This year’s theme was transportation in New Jersey, and specifically in Monmouth County. Keynote Speaker Paul W. Schopp, Assistant Director of the South Jersey Culture and History Center at Stockton University, discussed the famous Blue Comet Train. This train ran between Jersey City and Atlantic City, stopping at a number of towns in Monmouth County, and was in service from 1929 to 1941

The Historical Society’s booth was very well received, with many visitors throughout the day. We were able to share the history of Brielle and sell several books on the topic. Special thanks goes to Ann Scott for once again baking many loaves of delicious Crane House pumpkin bread, which were all quickly sold benefitting the Historical Society.

- Curtis J. Porcello Sr., Treasurer

Answers:

Avenue A is now Osborn Avenue

First Street is now Brainard Place

Second Street is now Forrest Road

Back in the early 1930’s Route 70 was a continuation of Route 34

Highway 4N, also formerly known as State Highway, is now Route 71

HISTORIC OSBORN BURIAL GROUND

During the restoration of the Osborn Family Burial Ground we were able to discover and restore 20 of the 21 missing or broken headstones of the then known graves. However, we did fail 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 at its yearly meeting this past September to replace that stone with a new one. Fortunately from a previous inventory we have the exact wording of the inscription. This new gravestone has been ordered through H.T. Hall, and I am very pleased to tell you that Ruth and George Harms insist they wish to cover the cost, for which we are most grateful. We are hopeful to see delivery before the end of the year.

- John Belding, Director - Osborn Burial Ground

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.

Earlier this year, after many years of dedicated service, Dr. DuPre relinquished his responsibilities as Project Manager to Deacon Gary Pstrak, who has worked very closely with Dr. DuPre in overseeing the Memorial Site in the past. Deacon Pstrak has continued to do a wonderful job in overseeing the Memorial Site.



Every year the Historical Society holds a program to allow us to gather as a community at the site to pay tribute and remember the great losses of September 11th, 2001.

- Donna Marie Disimile, 1st Vice President and Curtis J. Porcello Sr., Treasurer

THE BRIELLE ROAD “GLIMMER GLASS” BRIDGE

The Board was recently approached by members of both the ULHS of Brielle and the Squan Village Historical Society of Manasquan to ascertain the Historical Society’s willingness to support the effort to preserve the Brielle Bridge, a very unusual and rare historical site. You may not be aware that this bridge is the last remaining vestige of a rolling counterweight design for a “Bascule Bridge” not only in the United States but in the world. As such it is of great historical interest and significance requiring preservation.

The Board of the Union Landing Historical Society reviewed the history and the requests and agreed that we would also submit a recommendation to the Monmouth County Board of Chosen Freeholders for the preservation of this unique landmark. A similar recommendation had already been submitted by the Squan Village Historical Society .

- Fred Rimmele, President



Volunteer!



Gathering of the Board members and volunteers after the 9/11 Ceremony with their families and friends, including a delicious dinner, good cheer, and croquet.

(From left: Ann Scott, John Belding, Drew Eitner, Theresa Porcello, Marilyn Rimmele, Karen Porcello, Jacqueline Porcello, Dr. Jean Wilson, Timmy Belding, Donna Marie Disimile, Fred Rimmele, Peter Albertelli, and Curtis Jr. and Sr. Porcello).

Please come out and volunteer at our events and join in the fun!

Contact Fred at FredRimmele@Verizon.net if you would like more information.



Union Landing Historical Society of Brielle 2017 Membership Dues

Please Print Clearly

Name: _____

Address: _____

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Membership Category

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

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