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FROM THE PRESIDENT

The Historical Society has been rather busy during the past six months. We had our second general meeting in March and enjoyed a very interesting presentation by Molly Keenan, a Manasquan High School Senior. She enlightened us with her in-depth knowledge of the native Lenni Lenape Indians that spent their Summer seasons in our backyards here in Brielle. She noted that in 1758 the tribe was relocated to Burlington County, thus creating the first Indian reservation (the Brotherton Reservation) in the Colonies. By 1832 no Native Americans resided in New Jersey. Ms. Keenan also presented a few “myth-busters”. For example, she explained that it was a myth that the Manasquan High School mascot is a Lenni Lenape Indian. She said that in actuality, the Chief pictured as the high school’s Mascot is wearing a Dakota Sioux war bonnet. A Lenni Lenape Indian would wear a headband with the feathers straight up. Also, contrary to popular belief, the exact translation of the word “Manasquan” is “place of gathering reeds and grass”, as verified by the Indian Tribunal Authority.

Our 1st Vice President Donna Disimile and her committee did an outstanding job for our Antique Road show. We also showed for sale the newly reprinted Brielle thank you notes. Donna also delivered a wonderful salute to our fallen military in the Decoration (Memorial) Day ceremony that she put together. Each year this ceremony is very moving and inspiring. Thank you again to Donna and her committees.

- Fred Rimmele, President

BITS & PIECES

Good news for all - you can now get much additional society related news via Facebook! Donna Benn registered our society a few weeks ago and you need to check this out, and of course participate! This medium is a much easier method of instantly getting information to and between our members plus the general public compared to last-century multiple e-mail

messages. It is a grand information media. Those of you who make use of e-mail and other on-line facilities of the internet can easily get on Facebook. Literally millions have and they do easily communicate through Facebook. It is not difficult to register. However, if you feel a lack of confidence to effect this, there is a simple way to do it. There are a multitude of technical experts out there

who will be happy and pleased to handle this chore for you, quickly and at no cost – your children, grandchildren [even better], nieces and nephews. The younger the age, the quicker the job will be done! Most of these experts will generally handle so rapidly you will wonder how they do it. “With one hand tied behind their back”! So, just do it!

- John Belding, Director

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Upcoming Events

July 24: Business meeting,
2 pm in the Council Room
at the Brielle Borough Hall

September 12: Brielle Day,
9 am - 4 pm at Brielle Park
on Union Lane

September 13: 9/11 Ser-
vice, 2 pm at the Memorial
Park on Riverside Drive

October 3: Archives Day,
10 am - 3 pm at the Mon-
mouth County Library
Headquarters in Manalapan.
Theme: The World War I
Era, 1910-1920.

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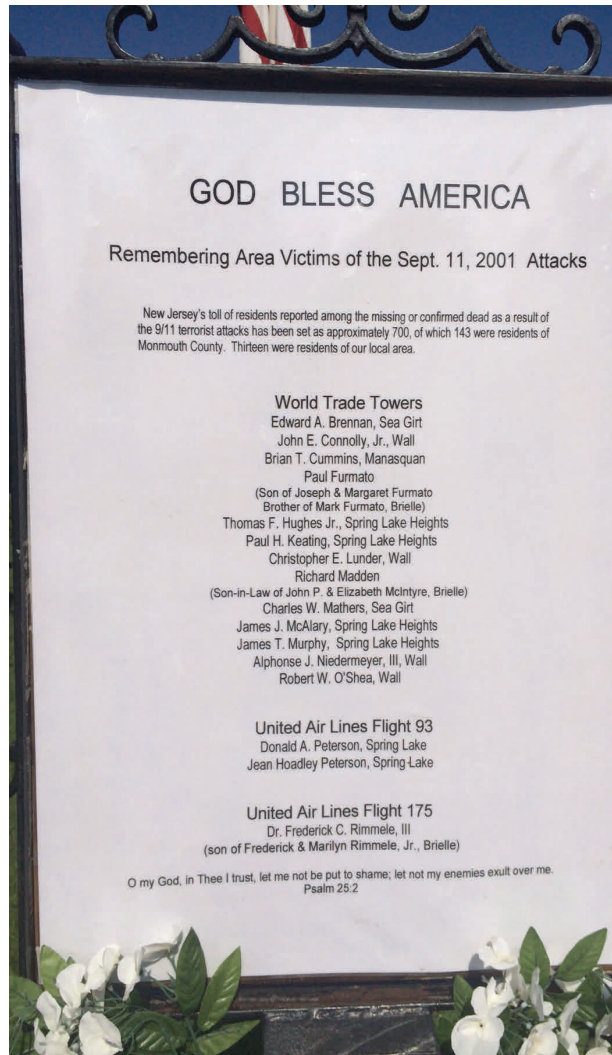
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9/11 MEMORIAL SITE



The 9/11 Memorial Park was well decorated for Decoration / Memorial Day with flags flying everywhere. If you have passed the Park lately you may have noticed that the signage was missing. Dr. David Du Pre, the park manager, thought that the necrology sign appeared "dirty" and not within the parameters that he deemed appropriate. Therefore we had a new and brighter sign made by Ahern Printing, which they laminated to prevent additional weathering. A "Life Scout" project created in order to ensure better weather protection from the elements was given to Evan Hilla (Boy Scout Troop 63) to complete. The project began in June and the new sign is now in place. All will notice at the next 9/11 Memorial service, scheduled for September 13th at 2:00 PM at the Memorial Park. Please mark your calendars accordingly.

- Fred Rimmele, President

MEMBERSHIP

Membership is the foundation of any organization, but active members are what give it life. In the forty-two years of our society such active members have accomplished great works, creating a legacy worthy of our mission - and we see no reason to slow down now. That is why we are especially pleased with the recent influx of many new members. We look to the new members to bring us new ideas, to energize us, and to help us carry on our important work. Our board has been working very hard to offer new programs and opportunities for both the society and the public. But we need the participation of all of you to make it work. So if you have not taken advantage of our events, or volunteered to help the Society, please do so, and be among our treasured "active" members.

If you have not yet paid your 2015 dues, please send them in—your membership is very important to us! A membership form is included on the last page of The Crier. Your help in getting new members would also be greatly appreciated!

- Ann Scott, Director and Membership Chair

Q I am told there is a house in Brielle with a g-clef symbol several feet high attached right on the front of the house. Is that true? If so where this house is located and does anyone know the reason for such a sign? Answer on page 4

DECORATION (MEMORIAL) DAY CEREMONY

On Saturday May 23rd of Memorial Day weekend, a perfectly warm and sunny blue-sky day, dozens of members and their friends and family gathered to remember and pay tribute to the country's armed forces at the Union Landing Historical Society of Brielle's annual Decoration (Memorial) Day ceremony. The ceremony was held at the Osborn Family Graveyard, located on Holly Hill Drive in Brielle. The graveyard was well decorated with red, white, and blue ribbons and flags, and each grave was marked with an American Flag.

The ceremony began with the presentation of colors by New Jersey National Guard members stationed in Sea Girt. They marched in step and placed the nation's flag and state flags in front of the Osborn Graveyard. After the presentation of colors, the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Boy Scout Mason Pierciey of Troup 63. Reverend Paul Walther then gave the Invocation and Mayor Thomas Nicol welcomed everyone on behalf of the Borough of Brielle.



John Belding, Brielle Borough Historian, gave a presentation on the history of the Osborn Family Graveyard. His presentation included a description of the long overdue restoration to the grounds and tombstones that was made several years ago, and continues to make the graveyard a wonderful and attractive piece of history for everyone to remember and honor the Osborn Family.

The guest speaker was local resident and retired United States Navy Captain Mark J. Pawlak, who gave a detailed presentation on United States Naval aviation today and in the future. Following the guest speaker, representatives from VFW Post 1838 gave a talk on the proper handling and respect of the American Flag.

The ceremony was concluded with a wreath that was laid by Marion King, an Osborn family descendent and a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution, on the grave of Lieutenant Osborn as Boy Scout Troup 63 Eagle Scout Josh Ostberg played "Taps" on his bugle, followed by the exiting of the Color Guard.

The ceremony was extremely well attended by more than fifty people who took the time to remember all those fallen heroes who gave the ultimate sacrifice for our country, and to pray for those who are actively serving our country - keeping us safe and allowing us to be able to enjoy a beautiful, sunny day in Brielle.

- Donna Disimile, 1st Vice President

Decoration (Memorial) Day Ceremony



Captain Pawlak



John Belding and
Fred Rimmele



VFW Post 1838 Members

ULHS ANNUAL ESSAY CONTEST

The historical Society held its annual essay contest for the Brielle Elementary school 8th graders. The theme was the fishing industry in Brielle from the 1920s to the 1960s, during which time Brielle was considered the Sport Fishing Capital. Three prizes were given: 1st place of \$150.00, 2nd place of \$100.00, and 3rd place of \$50.00.

There were 43 entries and the board shared in reading them all and selecting the finalists. The winners were then chosen by a retired professor and member of the Society. The winners were: 1st Place - Jenna Harms , 2nd Place - Michael Muscato, and 3rd Place - Janie Cowley.

The prizes were awarded at our Decoration (Memorial) Day ceremony at the Osborn Graveyard, during which Jenna and Michael read their essays for all in attendance to enjoy.

- Bridgette Markuson, Director

The Constitution only guarantees the American people the right to pursue happiness. You have to catch it yourself.
- Benjamin Franklin

ANTIQUES ROAD SHOW

After a long, cold, and dreary winter, the Union Landing Historical Society of Brielle held their 16th Annual Antiques Road Show on the first sunny and warm Saturday in April at the Curtis House on Union Lane.

The beautiful weather did not hinder all those true treasure hunters and antique enthusiasts who made time to come and bring their treasures to be appraised by one of the three local appraisers who donated their time and expertise to carefully examine and explain in great detail their knowledge and history of over 96 items that were appraised.

The three appraisers were John Weaver of Weaver-Allaire Galleries, Inc., Wall Township, Clara Johnson, former owner of The Antique Emporium, Point Pleasant Beach and Colonel Bob Randolph of Randolph Galleries, Manasquan.

Some of the items brought to be appraised were:

- A large Murano glass vase, which was estimated to be from the 1950's and a family heirloom for over sixty years.
- An old mantle top Seth Thomas Clock that belonged to the owner's great grandmother.
- An outstanding piece of furniture - an antique baby cradle belonging to Ann Scott, former town councilwoman who is now serving as a Director and the Membership Chair of the Historical Society, that was used by several generations of her family.

Other items appraised were, dolls, beer steins, silver pieces, jewelry, musical instruments, and old tools.

The Antiques Road Show is a wonderful day for the entire family to enjoy and bring their family treasures to be seen and appraised. Whether you have a treasure worth ten dollars or several hundred dollars this is event is a fun time for everyone to spend a day in Brielle...so mark your calendars for next April to attend the 17th Annual Antiques Road Show at the Curtis House!

- Donna Disimile, 1st Vice President

A Yes, it is true. Many years ago the owner thought such a symbol would make a statement as to her musical background. The house is located at 642 Rankin Road. - John Belding, Director

Antiques Road Show



HISTORIC OSBORN GRAVEYARD

The Osborn Family Burial Ground is now on line! First, go to www.findagrave.com. Thence on that home page click "Search for Cemetery" (second bullet in the right column). In the new window that opens enter the cemetery name, which is "Osborn Family Burial Ground" and click Search (it is not necessary to enter the country or state information). The Search results will then come up, and you just click on the Osborn Family Burial Ground and you will enter the site showing headstone information and photos. I need to edit for corrections/additions.

- John Belding

Trivia Question*: What important transaction took place on July 7th, 1881 that had great impact on Brielle?

*Answer Below

SOMMERS FARM TOUR

Thanks to the help of long-time Board member Gail Herbert, the Union Landing Historical Society of Brielle arranged for a private tour of Mr. Art Sommer's farm on July 9th for its members and their friends and family. This farm is not open to the public, so this opportunity was very rare indeed!

The Sommer's Farm includes eight barns that are loaded with many very interesting items collected over several decades, including a vast array of exquisitely restored and maintained antique automobiles from the turn of the century up to the 1960's, motorcycles, farm equipment, two fully furnished and functional diners / ice cream parlors, a complete replica of the Whistle Stop Café, as seen in the movie Fried Green Tomatoes, a room of Lincoln memorabilia, a room of Indian memorabilia, not to mention a stagecoach and chuck wagon, as well as other items of interest. The bucolic grounds also were home to numerous animals, including cattle, geese, horses, and even peacocks! Everyone in the large group in attendance was nothing less than amazed at the collection. We are very thankful to Gail for helping to arrange for the private tour, and of course to Mr. Sommers for hosting our group.

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

Answer: On July 7, 1881, a group of businessmen formed the Brielle Land Association, and purchased 150 acres of farm land between Longstreet's (or Debbie's) Creek and mud pond to be divided into lots for sale as vacations home sites. This land was north of Union Landing. They named this development "Brielle" upon the suggestion by one of their number who had visited Brielle, Holland the year before.





Union Landing Historical Society of Brielle - 2015 Membership Dues

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