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**FROM THE PRESIDENT**

Well here we are, it is now after the 4<sup>th</sup> of July and more than half of the year has elapsed. The Historical Society has been rather busy during this time period, having hosted and presented a number of special events and held two general assembly meetings.

The general meetings started with a presentation of the Native Americans (Lenni Lenape) by Dianne Fitzpatrick, a direct descendant of the Tribe. The next meeting featured an interesting and provocative presentation regarding the Brielle Road Bridge, as given by Fran Drew. We are always interested in hearing from you regarding subjects that you consider relevant and interesting to the Brielle community.

As far as our activities go, we had a successful Antique Roadshow, thanks to our 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Donna Disimile and 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Peter Albertelli, with the help of many volunteers. In addition, Donna was responsible for presenting an exceptional Decoration (Memorial) Day program, which was highlighted by our main speaker representing the US Coast Guard Station Manasquan - see a featured article inside. This event was then followed up by another exciting program arranged for Flag Day.

Do not forget to set aside time this fall for both Brielle Day and our 9/11 Ceremony at the 9/11 Memorial Park on Riverview Drive. We look forward to seeing you at both events, and as always we look forward to receiving any suggestions and ideas for future venues.

**- Fred Rimmele, President**

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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, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President**

*There has never yet been a man in our history who led  
a life of ease whose name is worth remembering.*

*-Theodore Roosevelt*

**2016 MEMBERSHIP**

Summer is flying by quickly. It is not too early to start thinking about Brielle Day and the mouth-watering goodness that awaits you at our ULHS booth. Make sure you stop by and say hello, have a cold drink – perhaps our famous sarsaparilla – and by all means do not leave without our trademark 1795 Crane House pumpkin bread. Been selling like hotcakes since the first Brielle Day. Come early and do not miss out. Read the Crier for more upcoming events. I will be looking for you.

If you know of someone who might like to join, please share the membership form on the last page of The Crier.

**- Ann Scott, Membership Chairperson**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### **BRIELLE DAY - SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10<sup>TH</sup>**

As you all know, Brielle Day is a time for the entire community to come together. It is an event to celebrate the end of summer and spend the day meeting and seeing not only your neighbors in Brielle, but your friends and neighbors from surrounding towns, and many visitors from out of town who come and support this fun-filled day for the entire family.

Brielle Day is supported by the Borough of Brielle and many of the different community associations, including the Bayberry Garden Club, Brielle Volunteer Fire and Police Departments, and the Woman's Club of Brielle, which organizes and coordinates the Craft Fair.

The Union Landing Historical Society of Brielle always has their own little area in the park where we sell our world famous sarsaparilla soda and the newly added ice cream floats, which was a big success last year. So mark your calendars for Saturday, September 10<sup>th</sup> and stop by the ULHS table and treat yourself to a wonderful sarsaparilla soda or ice cream float!

A big part of making this a successful day for the ULHS is all the wonderful volunteers from the Manasquan High School Key Club, who are just a delight to work with and are very conscientious young people who are the future of the growing community of Brielle.

### **9/11 MEMORIAL SERVICE - SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11<sup>TH</sup>**

This year will mark the fifteenth anniversary of 9/11/2001, a day that every American could and should never forget. Every year the ULHS sponsors and remembers all the victims of 9/11 and honors one of the victims and their family from the local community.

The memorial service will include a prayer service and participation of the Boy Scouts Troop 63 and the Brielle Fire and Police Departments, who all come together to honor and celebrate the lives of all the victims of 9/11.

Please, mark your calendar for 2:00 pm, Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup> and join us as a community at the 9/11 Memorial Park on Riverview Drive in Brielle for our annual memorial service .

### **ARCHIVES DAY - SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8<sup>TH</sup>**

Looking ahead to October, put a "Day of History" on your calendar. Come and enjoy a delightful few hours to see and hear a presentation of historical facts on Saturday, October 8<sup>th</sup> at the annual Archives and History Day sponsored by Monmouth County Library. It will be held at the County Library Headquarters in Manalapan from 9 am to 5 pm.

The theme for this year's event will be "History of Transportation in Monmouth County". All the historical societies from different towns throughout the state of New Jersey attend this event and set up exhibits displaying historical artifacts, books, photos, etc. pertaining to their individual towns. Archives Day is truly a day for the "history buff" in your family.

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

## **Memorial Day (Decoration Day) Ceremony**

This year's annual Memorial Day (Decoration Day) Ceremony was held on Saturday, May 28<sup>th</sup> at the Osborn Family Graveyard on Holly Hill Drive in Brielle.

We could not have picked a more beautiful, hot and sunny summer day to hold this event, which was attended by many members of the local community. There was plenty of cold water, homemade cookies, and snacks made by members of the historical society that were enjoyed by all those who attended.

The event started with an invocation by Pastor Lou LaFazia from the Church in Brielle and a short presentation by Winfield "Bud" Atno and Joseph Madia from the VFW Post #1838 on the history of the Poppy (red paper flower) that is distributed by the VFW every Memorial and Veterans Day. Also included in this year's event was the Color Guard from the New Jersey National Guard and the announcing of the names of the three ULHS essay contest winners from Brielle Elementary School. The contest participants submitted essays on the "History of the United States Coast Guard Station Manasquan Inlet and its importance to the residents and boaters of Brielle".

Beside from the beautiful weather, the highlight of the day was the presentation by guest speaker, Executive Petty Officer, BMC, Zachary R. Gray, United States Coast Guard Station Manasquan Inlet / Shark River. Petty Officer Gray, spoke about the history and work of the United States Coast Guard on how they protect not only the local shore line in Brielle and Manasquan, but their work throughout the country. His presentation was both informative and enlightening to help make everyone aware of all the hard work these men and women do every day, and how lucky we are that they are stationed and live right here in our own backyard in Point Pleasant. It is good to be reminded that the United States Coast Guard is ready and willing 24/7 to help all those boaters who come every day and enjoy the beautiful beaches and waters right here in our home town, not only during the summer months but all year.

Finally, we had Josh available from Boy Scout Troop 63 to play "Taps" at the conclusion of the service, which was the final touch for a beautiful event.

We all should be very proud and fortunate to be able to schedule this event every year and have all those who volunteer their time to participate to help keep and remember the true spirit of Memorial (Decoration) Day in our minds and hearts.

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



# Memorial (Decoration) Day Ceremony



## Essay Contest

The ULHS once again held an essay contest for the Brielle Elementary School 8<sup>th</sup> graders, and this year we received 58 entries - the most ever! The subject was Coast Guard Station Manasquan Inlet, which is celebrating its 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year. We asked the students to write about its importance to the residents and boaters of Brielle. We awarded three prizes to the winners: 1<sup>st</sup> of \$150.00 to Madison Zimmermann, 2<sup>nd</sup> of \$100.00 to Garrett Terlizzi, and 3<sup>rd</sup> of \$50.00 to Cameron Teza. The prizes were awarded at our Decoration Day observance on May 28<sup>th</sup>. The winning essay is below

**- Bridgette Markuson, Director**

### 1<sup>st</sup> Prize Essay

The United States Coast Guard (USCG) Station Manasquan Inlet was established in 1936. It is celebrating 80 years of safety for boaters from Spring Lake to Seaside Heights, up to 48 miles offshore, from the Manasquan River entrance to Toms River, and all of Barnegat Bay in that area. This USCG station is located on the south side of the Manasquan Inlet in Point Pleasant Beach, New Jersey.

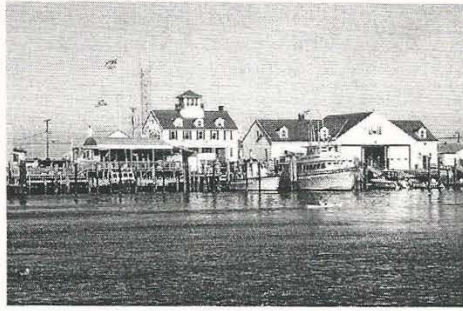
The station was first built in 1856 as United States Life Saving Station #9, Fourth District located one mile southeast of Manasquan village; in 1902 the building became the "Squan Beach Life Saving Station". It housed crews and equipment used to save people from shipwrecks off the Manasquan coast. In 1936, the date of its establishment, the station became part of the United States Coast Guard and still serves our shoreline today. The station is manned by 30 people, who participate in around 600 search and rescue cases annually.

The USCG Manasquan Inlet ensures the safety of boaters and residents of Brielle. For example, a Manasquan Coast Guard helicopter crew rescued a man who had been seen riding a jet-ski on October 4, 2015 after a rescue swimmer on board saw the jet-ski with nobody on board. Minutes later, the crew spotted a person in the water. Based on eyewitness accounts, the man was riding the jet-ski just outside the inlet when the strong currents beached the jet-ski on the jetty. Petty Officer Billy Arrison, the rescue swimmer on the case, explained the situation. "Between the weather conditions and the situation we were in, he was in a really bad spot. It was only a matter of time before he would have washed up on the rocks next to his jet-ski." Without the USCG Manasquan Inlet, who knows what would have happened to this man.

In conclusion, the 80 years of serving the Manasquan area has been imperative to the safety of boaters and residents in Brielle.

**- Submitted by Madison Zimmermann**





**The United States Coast Guard Station Manasquan Inlet**  
**Established 1936**

## Flag Day Ceremony

Our Society, plus other Brielle residents, gathered for our annual Flag Day ceremony at the 9/11 Site on June 14<sup>th</sup>, commemorating the June 14, 1777 adoption of our country's flag. Following an introduction by ULHS President Rimmele and an Invocation by Pastor Lou LaFazia, John Belding supported by nine of those attending the ceremony presented a history of the development of our national flag. John had previously distributed a script to various members of the public to be read aloud that described the development process. Each citizen's reading narrated a brief piece of history concerning the changes entailed in the development of our beloved and familiar flag of today. As each passage was read to the assemblage, a large replica of each of the flags being explained was held up for all to view. John further commented our flag was born in liberty and that somehow all of us being in attendance at this ceremony was of prime importance.

This solemn observance hopefully gave each attendee a deeper appreciation and comprehension of the meaning of our national symbol. Later, following conclusion of the presentation, an officer of local chapter of Questors requested this program be shared with them on a date to be determined.

**- John Belding, Director**





## **HISTORIC OSBORN BURIAL GROUND**

One of the common threads of great civilizations is the cultivation of memory, as illustrated by Abraham Lincoln's statement, "mystic chords of memory, stretching from battlefield and patriot grave to every living heart all over this great land". Sixteen years ago our society embraced a commitment to restore a graveyard that included the grave of a Revolutionary War soldier and another of a soldier who served in the War of 1812. We have attempted by this action to help cultivate a revered memory for future generations. Not only did we preserve those hallowed gravesites, but each year do publicly proclaim this message in our Decoration Day exercises as we endeavor to instill an awareness among our citizens. The restoration and maintenance effort continues. Each year we add one or two specimen trees to enhance the beauty of this Osborn Burial Ground. Trees serve to add a sense of perspective. This year a mature Hackberry tree, favored by birds, was planted.

**- John Belding, Director - Osborn Burial Ground**

## **9/11 MEMORIAL SITE**

With the excellent planning and fulfillment of the idea proposed and put in place by Dr. David DuPre, the 9/11 Memorial Site continues to be a place in Brielle where every person traveling on Riverview Drive is reminded of those people who lost their lives on September 11<sup>th</sup>.

It is amazing how many people stop to read the inscription on the stone and the names of the people listed on the sign. The roses and flowers accent the site, making it a place for people to sit and remember those lost.

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



## The Brielle Road “Glimmer Glass” Bridge

The first road to the ocean beach in this area was constructed in June 1883 by the Brielle Land Association for the benefit of the “Brielle” residents and was (and still is) known as the “Brielle Road”. This first road crossed two bodies of water and a stationary bridge was built over the Glimmer Glass (also over Longstreet Creek) to connect this road between “Brielle” and the “Brielle Beach”.

By the 1920’s boating interests requested a movable bridge over the Glimmer Glass. On March 3, 1924 the Monmouth County Board of Chosen Freeholders petitioned the State of New Jersey for a late 19<sup>th</sup> century designed bascule drawbridge that was laying in pieces near the Manasquan-Laurelton Road in Ocean County. The request was accepted, and the drawbridge was moved and placed, still in pieces, in a field adjoining Green Avenue in Brielle. The bridge was eventually installed and dedicated on August 13, 1938.

This bridge is the last remaining, functioning bascule drawbridge in the United States. On April 25, 2008 the bridge was placed on the National Register of Historic Sites and the New Jersey Register of Historic Sites. The “Preserve the Bridge Committee” is formulating plans to petition to enhance its status to a “National Historic Landmark”.

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



## “Celebrating Glimmer Glass Bridge” Book Signing

The Glimmer Glass Bridge in Monmouth County, New Jersey finally has a written history. From its past location in what was then known as Old Wall Township, to its present location between what is now known as the Boroughs of Brielle and Manasquan, the story of this Bridge is pursued from the 1880's.

“Celebrating Glimmer Glass Bridge” was written by Patricia Connolly to detail its evolution from a fixed, wooden bridge to its setting for a single-leaf bascule bridge. Many historic maps and newspaper accounts, as well as photos from local residents, are included in the book. Its chapters cover the Glimmer Glass Bridge's journey of challenges from its origins and drawbridge dedication to Super Storm Sandy.

A book signing will be held at 1 p.m. on Sunday, July 31st at BookTowne, 173 Main Street, Manasquan, New Jersey. For additional information, you may telephone BookTowne directly at 732-722-7255.

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





## Join the Board!



**Recent Board meeting, followed by barbeque lunch and croquet.**

(Clockwise, from left: Fred Rimmele, Ann Scott, Donna Marie Disimile, Peter Albertelli, Bridgette Markuson, and Theresa Porcello).

**Become a Board member and join in the fun!**

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