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FROM THE PRESIDENT

The Historical Society continued to be busy throughout the second quarter of 2014. A general membership meeting was held on March 30th, during which the Society hosted a trip to the New Jersey Museum of Boating in Point Pleasant / Bay Head. The museum tour was very interesting and informative, and we thank them for their generous invitation. Executive Board meetings were held in May and June.

Union Landing Historical Society Brochure: It was decided at the January Board meeting that a new brochure for the Society was needed, and I am pleased to announce that, with input from several of the Board members and Ann Scott, I have been able to finalize it and it has begun to be distributed at Society events. We plan to distribute it to all of the members as well as the residents of Brielle in September to help generate renewed interest and visibility of the important activities and contributions of the Historical Society.

Membership: The new brochure will be a key factor in achieving one of the Society's most important goals for 2014 – to increase its membership. Membership Chairperson Ann Scott has also been putting a lot of effort into achieving this goal, and welcomes the support of anyone who would like to offer their time to help.

ULHS Website: The ULHS website, accessible at www.ULHS.Org, continues to be updated to include additional historic photos of Brielle and the surrounding areas. Please take a look, and let us know of any suggestions for further improvements, and we welcome the support of anyone who would like to help update the website.

New Jersey's 350th Anniversary: New Jersey celebrates its 350th anniversary this year, and Second Vice President Gordon Reinauer, as chair of the Special Events Committee, continues to focus on Society activities to join in the celebration. One such activity was the Society's annual essay contest for 8th grade students at Brielle Elementary School. In honor of New Jersey's anniversary, this year's topic was, "What do you think life was like in Brielle 350 years ago in 1664?" I am very pleased to announce that more than 70 essays were received, and Caroline Davidson was selected as the winner. She received a \$150 prize and read her winning essay to everyone at the Society's Memorial Day Ceremony.

Sarsaparilla: Sarsaparilla is definitely back!! The Historical Society will once again participate in Brielle Day, including the sale of Sarsaparilla and other soft drinks, so be sure to come to the event thirsty! A dedicated Society member (my wife Theresa) has reached out to several soda suppliers for quotes and the Society will be placing the order soon.

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BITS & PIECES

Our Society continues to press forward in a number of historically exciting ways. We have recently identified in our archives a number of maps, surveys, drawings from the past, the oldest being a hand-drawn survey dated 1685-1715. These items encompass various portions of present day Brielle. We will create removable clear overlays of these old documents to be positioned over the current Brielle map to illustrate road and land ownership changes over time. A United

States Department of Commerce Geodetic Survey of Brielle will serve as our accurate base map. If you would like to participate in this interesting challenge, John Belding would be pleased to hear from you. A project of equal excitement is also under consideration. Bill Bersey owner of a small drone aircraft will experiment in taking aerial views of certain structures and places in Brielle. The first will be an overhead filming of the Schroeder Mausoleum in Greenwood Cemetery. Bill

contemplates adding audio commentary to his filming. Even more, you will recall we have compiled a 22 page "walking tour" covering 39 identified historic sites and structures in town. A written narrative is included for each stop. Through Bill we will construct a "geocache" program to precisely pinpoint each location through a smart phone which will be especially helpful in those instances where a structure is no longer extant. This should particularly appeal to our younger citizens. - **John Belding**

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Upcoming Events

**“Painters of the Jersey
Shore 1890-1980” Exhibi-
tion - June 20 through July
12 at the Pedersen Gallery**

**Civil War History Talk
August 13th at 12 noon in
the Curtis House**

**Brielle Day Exhibit and
Sale September 6th**

**9-11 Memorial Ceremony
September 13th**

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Union Landing Historical Society of *Brielle* - has a nice ring to it, does it not? Did you notice we have added “of Brielle” to our name? We are proud of our Brielle history, and not everyone knows that Brielle was once named Union Landing. Now we can honor our history with both names. If you are an active member of our society, you know that we are on the move with exciting activities scheduled for the year. Was the Antique Roadshow not great? A big success! And who can forget the stirring address by Corporal Molly Burwell Heaney, Commandant of the Jersey Shore Marines, at the Decoration Day program.

Share the good news with your friends and bring them to our next meeting. If you are not an active member or your dues have lapsed, come anyway and get caught up. We do not want to lose you or have you miss out.

Annual Memberships

Individual: \$15.00
Family: \$35.00
Sponsor: \$125.00
Corporate: \$150.00

Life Membership

Individual: \$300.00 (one-time payment)

Please mail to: Union Landing Historical Society – Membership

Post Office Box 473 Brielle, New Jersey 08730

-Ann Scott

As previously reported and conveyed to our membership, Dylan Lembo has been working on the necessary requirements to achieve his Life Scout badge. A necessary component for this award is to plan and complete a community service project. He inquired of us regarding the possibility of accomplishing that requirement at the Osborn Family Burial Ground. He drew up a plan of beautification that met with the approval of the Graveyard Committee. Dylan subsequently assembled a group of his fellow scouts on Saturday May 3rd for the task of planting Knockout roses to add beauty and dignity to this sacred and historic place. The boys labored diligently and did a fine job as is readily noticeable. His mom and dad helped with advice and direction. Folks have commented, and particularly during our Decoration Day ceremony, on this exemplary effort and we are grateful to Dylan and the scouts for their service to our community at this historic site. - John Belding

9/11 MEMORIAL SITE

Shortly after the horror of September 11, 2001, the ULHS determined to set up a memorial to forever remember that catastrophe. Dave DuPre inaugurated and managed the establishment of our 9/11 site, corner Riverview Drive and Birch Drive. He has supervised the memorial programs and maintenance there ever since. He always gratefully acknowledges support regularly received from

community first responder groups. He also reminds us that three Eagle Scout beautification projects have been carried out here. Dave invites future Eagle rank candidates to meet with him to discuss further improvement projects that might be carried out. He requests they contact him. In Dave’s words, “We will not forget!”

I am very pleased to be leading the Union Landing Historical Society of Brielle, and with the progress the Society has made thus far this year. However, there is a lot more work to be done, and to do so, we need your help. As I mentioned in the Last edition of "The Crier", donations are always greatly appreciated, but to continue the activities of the Society, and to host the many wonderful events, exhibitions, presentations, and meetings that we do each year, requires the active contributions and time of many volunteers. So even if you can only spare a few hours, it would be appreciated and very helpful in supporting the mission of the Union Landing Historical Society of Brielle.

Sincerely,

Curtis J. Porcello Sr. – President

ULHS 15th Annual Antique Roadshow:

A typical April day, a little rain and mist with no sign of the sun, not what you would want to have for people bringing out their "Antiques / Treasures: But as "Luck" would have it out came the sun and a delightful Spring breeze to make the day most enjoyable.

This event was covered in both the Asbury Park Press as well as the Coast Star. The turnout was the biggest ever with over 125 people attending and having over 134 item appraised. Once again we were fortunate in having great appraisers like Clara Johnson, Col. Bob Randolph, and John Weaver, all the best in the business. Hopefully they will participate again next year.

Items range from china, figurines, dolls, chairs, pictures, toys, and some rather unusual items. The appraisers were kept so busy that we didn't close till 4:30 that afternoon. The traffic was constant and interesting. People would come back just to hear and see what was happening during the afternoon.

While some made money and others broke even, no one walked away unsatisfied with their newfound knowledge. The Society raised a record amount of over \$700.00. We also had a table set for "New Membership" headed by Ann Scott who distributed our newest "Brielle Brochure", along with our Treasurer Marge Langenberger, who collected the fees and Donna Marie Disimile who was a major aide in moving the program along. John Belding, Curtis Porcello and



Do you recognize this street?

was "AWESOME"

Jim Langenberger also assisted us.

Thanks everyone, it

Answers from last month's newsletter:

The Office building was the garage of the large white house located at the corner of Union Lane and Union Avenue.

The road is Union Avenue facing north. The empty lot is where Jim Thompson's Dental Arts building is located today.

Have you passed by this house lately?



HELPWANTED

Brielle Day, September 6, 2014

Need volunteers to assist us

2 hour shifts from 8 to 4

E-mail: fredrimmele@verizon.net

The Union Landing Historical Society of Brielle (UHLS) held a Decoration / Memorial Day ceremony at the Osborn Graveyard on Sunday, May 25th. Within this ceremony was a celebration event for the 350th Year Anniversary of New Jersey. A beautiful background for the cemetery was provided Knockout Roses newly planted by Dylan Lembo, a member of the Boy Scouts, and a group assisting him from his Boy Scout troop.

Fred Rimmele, Chairman of the event and 1st Vice President of the UHLS, opened the Event with a presentation of the Colors by a contingent from the 250th Brigade of the New Jersey National Guard. Troop 63 of the local Boy Scouts of America then led the Pledge of Allegiance, arranged with the help of John Pierciey, Committee Chairman of the Boy Scout Troop.

Local Pastor Louis La Fazia of the Church in Brielle then gave anInvocation, followed by Mayor Nicol of Brielle, who offered welcoming remarks to the audience.

The program was underway with Curtis Porcello, ULHS President, presiding. He welcomed the group assembled on another beautiful, sunny Sunday in Brielle.

John Belding, Borough of Brielle Historian, continued the program with a very interesting speech on how the Borough of Brielle has recognized and honored local citizens that fought for the country since the Borough's inception in 1919.

At the conclusion of John's speech, Mr. Porcello and Mr. Belding awarded the Society's annual essay contest prize to Caroline Davidson, an eighth grade student at Brielle Elementary School. The essay contest topic this year was, "What do you think life was like in Brielle when New Jersey was founded 350 years ago in 1664?" This topic was selected as part of the celebration of the 350th anniversary of New Jersey. Ms. Davidson read her essay to the audience, and was very well received.

A topic that has long been connected with Memorial Day is the poppies that are given out by the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW), which are available locally through the VFW Post #1838 in Manasquan. The ULHS is always happy to support the VFW in this effort. Joseph Media, Senior Commander of the VFW Post, gave a detailed explanation of the history of the VFW Poppy, and explained the many ways how donations provided for the poppies help veterans.

guest speaker of honor at the program was Corporal Molly Burwell Heaney, Commandant of the Jersey Shore Marines, Marine Corps League Detachment 1319 in Manasquan. She gave a very moving speech about the freedom and the blessings we have here in the United States of America, with a particular focus on the American Flag and what it represents. In her speech she described the horrible living conditions she endured in the Middle East while fighting for her country. She went on to speak of other aspects of her service in the Middle East during war time leading up to freeing the Country of Kuwait. She spoke passionately about the restrictions that disallowed the American flag being flown where she was stationed with her fellow Marines and how it bothered her so very much. She later spoke of how it made her feel when they were finally able to fly the American Flag – and the strength that it gave her and her colleagues. It was a very powerful speech that made all in attendance better understand the importance of our armed forces, and what the American flag represents.

To complete the ceremony, a boy scout played taps and representatives from the Daughters of the American Revolution laid a wreath at the grave of Lieutenant Abraham Osborn, a member of the New Jersey Militia during the Revolution War. Refreshments, including home-made cookies and chocolate covered pretzels, were served after the event by UHLS Board member Gail Herbert and UHLS member Donna Marie Disimile.

History is the version of past events that people have decided to agree upon.

-Napoleon Bonaparte



OK, how observant are you historian folks. Study this early photo of the cemetery taken from the Schoolhouse Road entrance. You have often driven past this entrance. The Schroeder Mausoleum and two others plus one grave are visible. With the exception of the absence of all the graves that exist today, what do you see, or more precisely not see? The cemetery was organized in 1899 and this photo taken in the early 1900s.

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Enter your own events on the 350th Anniversary website: www.officialnj350.com



Union Landing Historical Society - 2014 Membership Dues

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