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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Please let me introduce myself, I am Curtis Porcello, the new President of the Union Landing Historical Society. I was inducted into office at December's general membership meeting, and will be serving a 1-year term as the principal officer of the Society. I am life-long resident of New Jersey, mostly of the Shore area, with an avid interest in history. I have been an active member and volunteer at historical societies since a very young age, including the Toms River Seaport Society and the Ocean County Historical Society, and I have a bachelor's degree in history (along with degrees in chemical and pharmaceutical engineering and technology management).

I would also like to introduce our new slate of Officers:

Fred Rimmele will serve a 1-year term as 1st VICE PRESIDENT, and will also Chair the Program Committee.

Gordon Reinauer will serve a 1-year term as 2nd VICE PRESIDENT, and will also chair the Special Events Committee.

Bridgette Markuson will continue to very ably serve as SECRETARY.

Marjorie Langenberger graciously agreed to serve a 3-year term as TREASURER.

John Belding (3 year term), **Gail Herbert** (1 year remaining), and **George Sevestakis** (2 years remaining) are the three DIRECTORS, and are members of the Executive Board.

I am very pleased and excited to work with the officers and you, the members, to continue the excellent work that the Union Landing Historical Society has done over the last 40 years, and to expand the contributions that the Society makes to the residents and visitors of Brielle and the surrounding areas.

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BITS & PIECES

Our Society continues to press forward in a number of historically exciting ways. We have recently identified a number of maps from the past in our archives, the oldest being a hand-drawn survey map dated 1685-1715. These maps cover various portions of present day Brielle. We will create removable clear plastic overlays of the old maps to lay over current Brielle to illustrate road and land ownership changes over time. If you would like to participate in this interesting challenge, John Belding would be pleased to hear from you. Another project is also in our plans. 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 worked up 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 especially helpful in those instances where a structure is no longer extant. This project should appeal to our younger citizens.

- John Belding

UNION LANDING HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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Upcoming Events

Antiques Appraisal Show
April 26th

Decoration Day Ceremony
May 25th

Flag Day Ceremony
June 14th

Brielle Day Exhibit and Sale Sept. 6th

9-11 Memorial Ceremony
Sept. 13th

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We're on the web
WWW.ULHS.ORG
Site Under Construction

Officers & Directors

President

Curtis Porcello

First Vice President

Fred Rimmele

Second Vice President

Gordon Reinauer

Secretary

Bridgette Markuson

Treasurer

Marjorie Langenberger

Director (3)

John Belding

Director (2)

George Sevestakis

Director (1)

Gail Herbert

MEMBERSHIP

Are you aware that annual membership dues are due January first of each year? Would you believe that almost forty of our members have not yet paid their dues for 2014? That's easily remedied. Write a check today!

Individual \$15, Family \$35, Sponsor \$125, Corporate \$250, and Life Member \$300 (one-time payment)
Donations are always welcome as well!

Please mail to: Union Landing Historical Society – Membership
Post Office Box 473
Brielle, New Jersey 08730

- Ann Scott

OSBORN BURIAL GROUND

It is a requirement of the Osborn Family Burial Ground Maintenance Trust agreement to submit an annual report to the Membership regarding donations [always welcome from all!] and expenditures:

Beginning Balance: As of Jan 1, 2013	\$3,400.27
Income: Donations	\$1,675.00
Total Income:	\$1,675.00
Expenses: Paint Fence	\$1,760.00
Total Expenses:	\$1,760.00
Ending Balance: As of Dec 31, 2013	\$3,315.27

In addition to fence maintenance, your society also makes sure the grounds are maintained. A number of letters from Osborn heirs requested we plant myrtle between and among the gravestones, which we did. Moreover using myrtle obviates the need to bring heavy duty lawn mowing equipment in among the very fragile restored gravestones. The Borough of Brielle has been a significant and welcome financial help in the landscaping work. We continue to plant specimen trees to provide more shade, which is conducive to the growth of ground myrtle. The Shade Tree Commission will provide another tree for us in 2014. The Society Graveyard Committee this year includes John Belding, Chairman; Marion King, Secretary; plus three Trustees – Betty Anderson, Mike Murphy, and James Langenberger. Should you be so moved to assist us financially, please send check to ULHS, P.O. Box 473, Brielle 08730 and please clearly indicate for Graveyard Fund.

Since the restoration of the graveyard, there have been two Boy Scout projects for enhancement of this important burial site. We are happy to announce Dylan Lembo will initiate yet a third Scout project this spring. It is gratifying to know Dylan identifies with us in our commitment to sustain this ancient spot.

- John Belding

9/11 MEMORIAL SITE

Eagle Scout Candidate Patrick Padgett of Troop 63 in Brielle has completed his Eagle Scout project with the installation of a bell that is to be sounded during the annual 9/11 observances as the name of each local victim is being read and as other Boy Scouts individually place a rose at the base of the necrology stanchion. The bell is now mounted in its own structure and has its own status as a primary monument.

Patrick has presented the bell structure to the Eagle Scout Committees. They will evaluate

whether the monument does in fact achieve the appropriate attributes which a project of its type proposes to achieve.

The evaluation is purposely demanding.

I have just received word that Patrick's project has passed the evaluation!

This means that Patrick will receive his Eagle Scout recognition as soon as local Troop 63 sets a time and place for the "pinning".

-- David DuPre

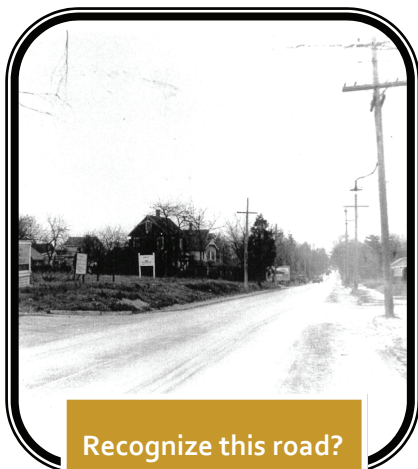
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The Historical Society is off to a busy start in 2014. An Executive Board meeting was held in late January, at which a list of priorities was established, and the list of events and their dates for the year were discussed. Since that time, we have issued the 2013 Annual Financial Report for the Historical Society, and began working in earnest on preparing for all of the year's events.

In addition to the several Executive Board and General Membership meetings that will be held throughout the year, the list of events for 2014 thus far includes the Antiques Appraisal Show on April 26th, the Decoration Day ceremony on May 25th, the Flag Day ceremony on June 14th, the Brielle Day exhibit and sale on September 6th, and the 9-11 memorial ceremony on September 14th. We hope to see you at all of these events. Other activities thus far this year have included:

- **Union Landing Historical Society Brochure:** It was agreed at the January Board meeting that a new brochure for the Society was needed. As such, with the input from several of the Board members, and working closely with John Belding as Historian for the Borough of Brielle, I created a new brochure that is in its final draft state. We hope to have it completed very soon. After completion, we plan to distribute it to all of the members as well as the residents of Brielle 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. Another key factor in achieving this goal is Mrs. Ann Scott, who I am very pleased to announce has been appointed as Membership Chairperson. As a long-time Brielle resident and Councilwoman for the Borough of Brielle, there are few people in town that do not know of her and the many contributions she has made over the years. But I will also let you know another little piece of trivia about Mrs. Scott – she has been a member of the Historical Society since its inception in 1973, and she was also the second President of the Society! I look forward to working closely with her to achieve this membership goal, and welcome the support of anyone who would like to offer their time to help.
- **ULHS Website:** The ULHS website, accessible at www.ULHS.Org has been updated to include numerous historic photos of Brielle and the surrounding areas, as well as to incorporate a link to the Borough of Brielle website. It will be updated soon to include a list of future events and meetings. Please take a look, and let us know of any suggestions for further improvements.
- **New Jersey's 350th Anniversary:** New Jersey celebrates its 350th anniversary this year, and New Jersey Historical Commission has asked that local historical societies such as ours become involved in supporting the celebration. As such Gordon Reinauer, as chair of the Special Events Committee, has been in contact with members of the State Museum in Trenton to coordinate our 350th anniversary activities with theirs. Mr. Reinauer authored an article later on in this edition of the Crier providing more details on the Society's activities relating to the 350th anniversary of New Jersey.
- **Sarsaparilla:** Sarsaparilla is back!! The Historical Society will once again participate in Brielle Day, including the sale of Sarsaparilla and other soft drinks. Sarsaparilla was popular in the United States in the 19th century and was considered to be a remedy for skin and blood problems at the time. Classic sarsaparilla in the United States was originally made from a blend of birch oil and the dried root bark of the sassafras tree.
- **Videotaping and Recording Program:** The Board discussed videotaping and / or recording our guest speakers and others with significant knowledge of Brielle present and past. The goal is to preserve the knowledge that people have of the area so that it may be shared with future generations. The Board is currently evaluating the best way to implement such a program, and welcomes any ideas and assistance that you may be able to provide.

This structure is now an office building - Do you know where?



Recognize this road?
You are facing north

Let me conclude by saying that I am very pleased to be leading the Union Landing Historical Society, and hope to make its next 40 years even more successful than its first. However, to do so, **we need your help**. Donations are always greatly appreciated, but we also need your support in other ways. 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. Even if you can only spare a few hours, it would be appreciated and helpful in supporting the mission of the Society. The Executive Board and I look forward to working with you.

Sincerely, Curtis J. Porcello Sr. – President, Union Landing Historical Society

“A generation that ignores history has no past and no future.”

- Robert Heinlen

New Jersey's 350th

Enter your own events on the 350th Anniversary website:

www.officialnj350.com

Throughout the anniversary, events large and small, local and statewide will be held to highlight these themes and bring the celebration to every part of the state.

NEW JERSEY: 350 YEARS YOUNG

It was in 1664, 350 years ago, that Charles II, King of England granted his Brother James, the Duke of York, a sizeable piece of very valuable land on the East Coast of North America as a royal gift. James in turn gave a piece of this land to Sir George Carteret, the Governor of the Isle of Jersey in the English Channel, and John Lord Berkeley, another nobleman, as a reward for remaining loyal to the monarchy during the English Civil War. This grant of land was named "Nova Cesarea" (or "New Jersey") in honor of Carteret's homeland. The document that records this transaction is now in the New Jersey State Archives in Trenton. Interesting enough, these family names are memorialized in the names of the town of Carteret in Middlesex County, Berkeley Township in Ocean County, and The Berkeley-Carteret Hotel in Asbury Park, now called only The Berkeley Hotel.

In 2014, the residents of New Jersey have an opportunity to celebrate how far we have come from this seventeenth-century beginning. To acknowledge the state's contributions to the nation and the world, the New Jersey Department of State is celebrating this 350th Anniversary of New Jersey. Three themes have been designated to help frame the anniversary:

Innovation: The world has been reshaped again and again by people from and things created in New Jersey. From Edison's light bulb, to the Atlantic City boardwalk, to the first intercollegiate football game, to Frank Sinatra and Count Basie, New Jersey's innovations and innovators have had an impact around the globe.

Diversity: By virtue of its location and diversity, New Jersey is in many ways a microcosm of the U.S., with numerous national themes playing out within the state's boundaries over the past 350 years.

Liberty: New Jersey played a pivotal role in the American Revolution, witnessing more significant military action than any other state in the new nation and establishing a tradition of distinguished military service that continues to this day. New Jersey's commitment to the cause of liberty was further demonstrated when it became the first state to ratify the Bill of Rights in 1789.

Throughout the anniversary, events large and small, local and statewide will be held to highlight these themes and bring the celebration to every part of the state. Special programs will feature the unique foods, music, people, stories, and traditions that make New Jersey special, and highlight the distinct assets found in our own backyards.

The New Jersey Historical Commission has invited communities, schools, businesses, organizations, and individuals to join in the celebration of New Jersey as the best place to live, work, visit, vacation, and do business. Under the direction of Gordon Reinauer, 2nd Vice President and Chair of the Special Events Committee, the Union Landing Historical Society has agreed to do so by developing new programs and events that highlight New Jersey and its unique heritage. Anyone who wishes to assist with the 350th Anniversary activities at the Historical Society can contact Gordon at gsr1927@gmail.com. You may also go to the Department of State's official 350th Anniversary website at www.officialnj350.com to find out more information.

-- Gordon S. Reinauer



"The cost of The Carteret when completed and furnished will, we understand, be about \$25,000."

"This new summer resort "The Carteret" is situated in Monmouth County, NJ; midway between New York and Philadelphia. Furnished with the very best of ash furniture -Eastlake style-throughout. The bedroom suites have marble top dressing cases and wash stands, the beds to be furnished with patent springs, hair mattresses and in fact nothing is to be omitted that will in any way more fully contribute to the comfort and pleasure of the guests." Advt. 1883



Brielle - Union Landing Historical Society - 2014 Membership Dues

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Telephone # (H): _____ **(W or C):** _____

Email: _____

Membership Category

Individual	\$15	__	Corporate	\$250	__	Donation \$	_____
Family	\$35	__	Life Member	\$300 (One-Time Payment)	__		
Sponsor	\$125	__					

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