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**FROM THE PRESIDENT**

The Historical Society participated in several events throughout the third and into the beginning of the fourth quarter of 2014. Board meetings were held in July and October. In early September we had a large display at the Brielle Day event where we brought back our Sarsaparilla sales and held a trivia contest. Thanks to the strong support of our members and volunteers, it was an extremely successful day. Later in September we held our 9-11 ceremony that was well attended and described by many as “very moving”. Finally, there was Archives Day at the Monmouth County Library Headquarters in Manalapan where we had an informative and interesting display that included many pictures of Brielle, as well as information on its past. Articles with more details on each of these events are included in this edition of *The Crier*.

The Historical Society plans to host two more events before the year reaches an end, including a general membership meeting in November and a holiday party in December – I hope you are able to attend both. In addition, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President Donna Disimile is making arrangements to have a day of cleaning and reorganization for the Historical Society’s storage room in the upstairs of the Curtis house. Over the years, the supplies and display materials kept in this room have built up and become, well, let us say more than a bit disorderly. As such, Donna’s initiative to clean this area is much appreciated and needed.

As of today, more than 2,000 copies of the Union Landing Historical Society of Brielle’s new brochure have been printed, and have also been expertly folded by Director Ann Scott. Cont. Page 2

**BITS & PIECES**

We do literally offer you some valuable and historic, you could actually say priceless, “Bits & Pieces” for purchase. Many of these items have been accumulated over the years, some as far back as 1919, the year of our founding as a Borough. Reasonable offer will be accepted. Here they are:

- American flag, 4’ X 8’, 100% acrylic, good condition, manufactured by Annin & Co., Verona, N. J. You will proudly fly this at your home or mausoleum.
- 1889 nicely framed 20”X 28” map, in color, of “Brielle Land Association” including nearby Manasquan showing names and exact location of property owners.
- Same map as above but in less expensive frame. Both perfect for over your fireplace mantel,.
- Framed in Holland, 1920s or 30s, 12” X 16” black & white photo of the historic St. Catharyne Kerk in Brielle, Holland.
- 7” X 9” nicely framed print of a 1684 view, in color, of Brielle, Holland executed by Cartographer & Military Engineer to King Louis XIV of France.
- Valuable Metal Cylinder 2” diameter X 36” length map/document holder in which stored original borough documents in 1919.
- Metal cylinder, 4” diameter X 31” length, same as above and as well uniquely constructed.

Finally, copies are still available of both our recently published books on the history of Brielle \$20 each or both for \$35. - **John Belding**

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### Upcoming Events

November: A general membership meeting, including either a guest speaker or museum tour, will be held in November. TBA

December 13<sup>th</sup> at 3 pm: Union Landing Historical Society of Brielle Holiday Party, at the Captain Shem Pearce House, 704 Union Lane, Brielle

January - Annual Meeting TBA

2015 Membership dues are to be paid by 1/1/15

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It's that time of year when we renew our membership with the Society. We need every one of you, and would welcome many more in order to sustain our mission of preserving the history of Brielle and, at the same time, provide interesting, enjoyable and worthwhile programs for our members and the community. Dues remain the same and make you a paid-up member through the year 2015.

Before the end of the year we will be launching a comprehensive new membership campaign. We will be sending our new brochure to every household in Brielle and asking people to join. Your help in getting new members would be greatly appreciated!

	Annual Memberships	Life Membership
Individual:	\$15.00	Individual: \$300.00 (one-time payment)
Family:	\$35.00	
Sponsor:	\$125.00	
Corporate:	\$150.00	
Please mail to:	Union Landing Historical Society – Membership Post Office Box 473 Brielle, New Jersey 08730	

-Ann Scott

They will be distributed to all households in Brielle before the end of the year to help generate renewed interest and visibility of the important activities and contributions of the Historical Society. The Board unanimously approved the allocation of funds for the postage required to distribute the brochures, and the address labels have been printed, so we are almost ready to go!

The Historical Society continues to make progress, and I am pleased to be leading it. However, there is a lot more work to be done, and to do so, we need your help. As I have mentioned in previous editions 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, or if you can help solicit new members, it would be appreciated and helpful in supporting the mission of the Union Landing Historical Society of Brielle.

Sincerely, Curtis J. Porcello Sr. – President

## 9/11 MEMORIAL SITE

At Brielle's "911 Memorial Park" in September, local residents gathered to remember those who perished on that day. Led by Dr. David DuPre, who has been the guiding force behind memorial, the day began with the pledge of allegiance by Brielle Boy Scout Troop 63. Following was a blessing given by the Reverend Paul Walther of Brielle. Also present was Mayor Thomas Nichol, who welcomed the attendees.

The ceremony continued as the flag was

lowered to half-staff and a bell was rung for each name inscribed at the memorial. Members of Boy Scout Troop 63, led by Scoutmaster Jack Tobin, placed a rose for each name at the memorial. The flag that had flown the past year was retired with a new flag being raised in its stead. Also participating were members of the Brielle Police Department led by Sgt. Jim Seidel. This year's memorial was dedicated in the memory of James J. McAlary of Spring Lake Heights.

-Fred Rimmele

Q Is it true that New Jersey State highway 34 once ran through Brielle? Answer on page 4

Trivia **Question:** How did the Borough of Brielle get its name?

\*Answer Below

## Brielle Day

As they always say, "It never rains on Brielle Day", and this year was no exception as the ULHS of Brielle, after a year's hiatus, brought back their famous "Sarsaparilla Soda Sales". This year featured an additional twist, as sodas were available for \$ 1.50 each or in a new and popular addition of a "4-Pop" for only \$5.00. As usual, we were selling our books and pictures on Brielle history, and included a contest named "Down Memory Lane" that depicted pictures of past historical sites in Brielle and required contestants to match them to their current names. The contest was conducted by Gail Herbert, who was familiar with all the sites. A prize of a \$25.00 gift certificate, donated by Rella's Italian Tavern, was won by Barrie Riddle.

Ann Scott was also present searching for new members to add to our Association. Soda sales were headed by Tracy and Curtis Porcello, Terre Vitale, and Fred Rimmele, along with help from the Manasquan Key Club, recruited by Donna Disimile. As always our Town Historian, John Belding was present and a behind the scenes promoter. Sgt Jim Siedel, of the Brielle Police Department, was a great asset in securing enough ice to keep the sodas cold all day and also provided wonderful bottle openers mounted on posts for all to try.



The day ended as a complete success thanks to our participating members, who spent many hours working the tents.

- Fred Rimmele

**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 vacation home sites. The development was named "Brielle" upon the suggestion of one of the group members who had visited Brielle, Holland the year before and thought this area resembled the country side and the coastal towns in Europe's lowlands on the North Sea and the English Channel.



### Osborn Graveyard

Perhaps you will recall that inclement weather over time had severely damaged our directional sign located at the graveyard. This sign is mounted on a pedestal at the front gate. It identifies the location of all graves, indicating names of those buried there. These names are becoming less legible on the headstones themselves as time goes by. There is also a narrative describing in some detail the restoration work accomplished to “restore” a thoroughly compromised site. In addition there is an explanation of the source of the antique bricks utilized in the walkway. Our new sign was not inexpensive and is stated to be water proof and unaffected by damp conditions. Our constant challenge is to recognize that restoration of a historic site is desirable and acceptable but in doing this we have accepted the responsibility of also maintaining the site.

The best way to cheer yourself up is to try to cheer somebody else up.  
- Mark Twain

### Archives Day

The Union Landing Historical Society of Brielle was among the 63 archives or historical organizations represented at this year’s annual Archives and History Day – held Saturday, October 11, 2014 at the Monmouth County Library Headquarters in Manalapan, New Jersey.

The event was extremely well organized and included several programs and events that even a novice historian would find interesting and informative. Each exhibitor’s table was unique and displayed memorabilia about the town they represented, which varied from old photos, maps, and artifacts to calendars of yearly events.

The event started at 10:00 AM with the Color Guard, Pledge of Allegiance, and National Anthem. The Monmouth County Clerk, M. Claire French opened the ceremonies. Some of the awards and programs included Jack and Angel Jeandron from the Keyport Historical Society receiving the Jane G. Clayton Award. Renee B. Swartz, from the Monmouth County Library Commission reviewed and showed the video: “*Four Score and Twelve Years: A History of the Monmouth County Library*”. Monmouth County Historian Randall Gabrielan and Joe Becton conducted a Discussion of Civil War History.

One of the most interesting and memorable programs was the “*Music of the Civil War Era*” presented by Joseph W. Becton of Philadelphia who is an educator, historian, tour guide, and musician. Mr. Becton formerly served as Park Ranger Supervisor at Independence National Historic Park and Director of Visitor Services at Historic Fort Mifflin, and is cofounder of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Regiment United States Colored Troops Civil War Re-enactors.

The Union Landing Historical Society of Brielle exhibition table included the “Down Memory Lane” photos from the Brielle Day contest, both editions of the Brielle Historical books, and several photos of Brielle. The main attraction exhibited on the table was a copy of a very large photo of the manta fish weighing more than 5,000 pounds and measuring more than 20 feet wide, which was caught in the anchor line of a fishing boat at one of the Brielle marinas in 1933. Brielle Borough’s Historian John Belding was on site explaining all the exciting details of this great event, which everyone found astonishing.

In addition, during the week of October 6<sup>th</sup> at the Monmouth County Library there were several other interesting programs and lectures pertaining to the Civil War that were available to those who were not able to attend the event on October 11<sup>th</sup>. Everyone

### Union Landing Historical Society of Brielle Holiday Party

December 13th at 3:00, 704 Union Lane, home of Ann Scott, in Brielle. Refreshments, tours of the historic Captain Shem Pearce House, and a historical slide show will be provided. All members and their guests are invited.

A holiday party committee is hard at work. For details, and to RSVP (by December 10<sup>th</sup>), please contact Ann at [732-575-4642](tel:732-575-4642).

should mark their calendars to attend this event next year as it is a “must attend” - you will not be disappointed. It is a day of learning that can be enjoyed by the entire family. - D. Disimile

A That is a true statement. Check old Borough maps and road maps from the 1934 era. When the highway was built from the “Brielle Circle” down to Ocean County, what is today Route 70 was originally labeled Route 34.



**Union Landing Historical Society - 2015 Membership Dues**

**Please Print Clearly**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Membership Category**

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