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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Summer has quietly slipped away, bringing us to perhaps the best season here at the Shore, autumn. There are still tomatoes, corn, and peaches to be had at the market, while apples and pumpkins are getting ready to be picked.

While we took the summer off on hiatus, we have come back vigorously with both a strong showing on Brielle Day, as well as a very simple but poignant 9 / 11 ceremony, thanks to clear skies and comfortable temperatures. As always, special kudos to Curtis and Tracy Porcello for arranging the logistics for Brielle Day, and the major time and support from Ann Scott, Donna Disimile, Peter Albertelli, and Jim Ham. You can read more about these people and events in the rest of this issue.

Our next meeting is scheduled for 2:00 PM Sunday, November 5th at the Curtis House. We will have a special program “Folklore at the New Jersey Shore”. This event is one you will not want to miss! We also will be celebrating “Archives and History Day” at the Monmouth County Library Headquarters in Manalapan all day on October 14th. This event is an opportunity to see how other towns portray their historical significance. We hope to see you there!

- Fred Rimmele Jr., President

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HEAR YE...HEAR YE...ULHS HAS GONE SOCIAL...!!

I have been working to keep all happenings of the ULHS updated and posted on our Facebook page and on our website (www.ULHS.org), 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 OF BRIELLE) or go on our WEBSITE (www.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, 2nd Vice President

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2017 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- October 14, 2017 - Monmouth County Archives and History Day
- November 5, 2017 - General Meeting
- November 14, 2017 - Meeting at the Squan Beach Life Saving Station
- December 2017 - Holiday Party

UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, October 14th - Archives and History Day

9:00 am - 3:00 pm at Monmouth County Library - 125 Symmes Drive, Manalapan

The Monmouth County Library scheduled their annual Archives and History Day for Saturday, October 14th. The keynote address will be at 1:00 p.m.

Sunday, November 5th - General Meeting

2:00 pm - Curtis House - Union Lane, Brielle

We have a very exciting and interesting presentation scheduled. Guest speakers Richard J. Kimmel and Karen E. Timper will be discussing their new book "Folklore of the New Jersey Shore". Book Towne in Manasquan will be pre-selling the book prior to the meeting, and it will be on sale the day of the presentation at the Curtis House.

Tuesday November 14, 2017 - Meeting at the Squan Beach Life Saving Station

7:00 pm - Squan Beach Life Saving Station

24 Ocean Avenue (between First and Second Avenues) in Manasquan, New Jersey

All members of the Union Landing Historical Society of Brielle have been invited to a joint meeting of the Squan Village Historical Society and the Squan Beach Life Saving Station. The speaker will be Dan Lieb. A station tour will also be included with the program.

December 2017 - Holiday Celebration

The historical Society will once again host its annual holiday celebration. Details will be shared as they become available.

*Never throughout history has a man who lived a life of ease left a name
worth remembering - Theodore Roosevelt*

CRANE HOUSE PUMPKIN BREAD

The Union Landing Historical Society first sold pumpkin bread on Brielle Day more than forty years ago (around 1974) and continued selling it until 1993. It was brought back by popular demand in 2015. Once again this year, the Historical Society's renowned pumpkin bread with all its goodness went like hotcakes, selling out at Brielle Day by late morning.

The 100 loaves were baked using the time-honored 1796 Crane House recipe of Fannie Pierce Crane. The Crane House sits in Montclair, New Jersey and is now a museum, where I am told during the Christmas season pumpkin bread is still baked in an open hearth as it was in the days long ago.

The Crane name is a familiar one in these parts. Stephen Crane, author of *Red Badge of Courage*, among other works, was born in Asbury Park. His birthplace, too, is now a Crane House museum. Anecdotally, Caldwell, where I grew up, was once called Cranetown, or was part of Cranetown.

- Ann Scott, Director

Brielle was formed as a borough by an act of the New Jersey Legislature in 1919, from portions of Wall Township.

2017 MEMBERSHIP

Almost Time to Renew!

It is almost that time of year again - time to renew!

Membership renewals for 2018 should be sent in by December 31st. Individual memberships are just \$15, and Family memberships are just \$35 - or you may provide even more support by becoming a sponsor for \$125, a corporate member for \$150, or a Life Member for \$300. The Historical Society depends on its members and their support to continue providing all of our important and informative programs to the Brielle community, and to continue preserving its history. A membership application / renewal form is included on the last page of this issue of The Crier.

If you have been attending our meetings and programs you know how busy the Historical Society has been, and if you have not, well you have missed a good time! We hope to see many more of you at future events, perhaps with a friend and new member.

- Ann Scott, Membership Chairperson

BITS & PIECES

If you know folks over at the Four Seasons conclave in Wall, you might ask them if they are aware of the use of that property over 80 years ago. Prior to Hovnanian constructing his complex on a sandpit that land had been the “Brielle Airport”, even though it was not actually located within the borough limits. This flying field was founded in 1933 and was in existence up until 1935. Established during the Great Depression, it apparently did not prove to be a viable business venture.

Of note to mention: in The Coast Star in September 1934 the role played by this airport was described when individual pilots flew their planes over the Morro Castle ship disaster to radio to the rescue fleet below (including the Bogans of Brielle) describing the location of those, living and dead, spotted in the sea. One of the planes carried then-Governor Moore to observe the scene.

- John Belding, Director and Borough of Brielle Historian

HISTORIC OSBORN GRAVEYARD

Maintenance work and further improvements continue at the Burial Ground. A beautiful new Magnolia Grandiflora was added inside the graveyard to the right of the gate. In addition, another Crepe Myrtle was planted down near the rear fence plus a Rose of Sharon shrub was planted inside the rear corner of the plot. We continue to add recommended trees to provide shade for the proper encouragement and growth of the Myrtle groundcover (not to be confused with the Crepe Myrtle tree).

You may have noticed a newly deceased Weeping Cherry tree in the area where we set up our tent for Decoration Day. That property belongs to Mike Murphy and not the Borough. He plans to have it removed and to plant a Weeping Willow in the same area.

Donations toward the maintenance of the Graveyard are greatly appreciated.

- John Belding, Director of the Osborn Burial Ground Committee

“SOME INTERESTING INCIDENTAL INTELLIGENCE”

To any who may be interested

The Historian’s office in Borough Hall now has a thumb drive with all back issues of The Coast Star from 1896 through 2000. If anyone is doing historic research on Brielle in those years, some of the info you seek may be available therein. Please give me a call at (848) 232-5117 or stop by my office at Borough Hall if you would like to review any specific issues.

- John Belding, Director and Borough of Brielle Historian

ESSAY CONTEST

Once again the Union Landing Historical Society of Brielle held an essay contest for 8th grade students at Brielle Elementary School, with a \$150 award for first prize, \$100 for second prize, and \$50 for third prize. The prizes were awarded at the Memorial Day ceremony on May 28th. This year's topic was:

2017 marks the 100th anniversary of the entry of the United States into World War I. New Jersey played many vital roles in supporting this war effort, including through the creation of Fort Monmouth and through the contributions of the Belmar Receiving Station in Wall Township. This Belmar site was originally opened in 1914 as the Marconi Belmar Trans-Atlantic Wireless station to help open world-wide wireless communications, and played an important role in World War I Trans-Atlantic communications. The site later became part of Camp Evans, and is now home to the InfoAge Science History Learning Center. Please discuss the importance of New Jersey, Fort Monmouth, and the Belmar Receiving Station to the success of the United States in World War I, and the impact that this War would have had on life in Brielle at the time.

We want to thank the 54 students who participated in the contest. The three winners of the contest were Mara Tobin (first prize), Ryan McCarthy (second prize), and Paige Harms (third prize). We all learned things we did not know from them regarding local involvement in the war effort, and the young students did a great job with their research for the essays. The winning essays are included below and on the following page.

- Bridgette Markuson, Director

1ST PRIZE WINNING ESSAY - MARA TOBIN

World War I is a very important part of our nation's history. We hear about the life changing factors that helped shape and end the war, but our town Brielle and nearby areas also took a toll on the becoming of World War I.

In June 1917 a place called Fort Monmouth, located in Little Silver, was established to become a so called temporary army camp, which was called Camp Vail. Vail, an associate of the inventor Samuel F. B. Morse, helped to develop commercial telegraphy. Soon enough the army established a laboratory designated to developmental work. The laboratories were to be housed in many of the buildings. Many tests were run to experiment with the communication invention, which involved aircraft. By the end of 1918 the work and effort of building structures and brainstorming had paid off. The camp was populated by almost 3,000 soldiers and 200 officers. Instead of Camp Vail being temporary it was purchased in 1919, until the closing in 2011.

On January 30th a group of men were in the town of Wall testing a circuit made by Edward Armstrong. Amazed by the progress of the invention, the men had realized that they had witnessed the beginning of global communication. Clearly Edward and his friends / coworkers could hear from as far as Germany. This circuit was the beginning of a new era, but little did he know then. Edward had obviously known the value of this creation so he decided to keep it hidden from the public's view until World War II when he let the U.S. use the device to communicate.

These two events that happened in our area now shape the community we have come to know. When we work together to create something it turns into something great that could even make history.

2nd PRIZE WINNING ESSAY – RYAN MCCARTHY

During World War 1, Monmouth County was a big influence. With a total of 70,000 troops from New Jersey, the United States was able to help our allies and provide them with an incredible amount of support. Many nurses were sent to care for the maimed and wounded, which made a tremendous difference because the nurses were healing soldiers' wounds and keeping them alive.

Belmar only five minutes away, had a battery charging panel, controlling the Radio Corporation of America along with receiving sets on shelves. They also provided land line switchboards and a radio reception table. The wireless advance invented by Weagant was protected as a military secret during the war, and Weagant's wireless invention was disclosed to the press on November 19, 1918. The Belmar receiving station had rooms that held some of the most important messages of World War I. All the equipment was removed by 1926 when the station was sold, but later on in World War II the building would serve the nation again as a part of the Signal Corps Radar Laboratory, which was an operation providing research and development services for the Signal Corps.

Fort Monmouth was established after the first Signal Soldiers arrived at the base, causing the advance party that brought tents, tools, and other equipment from Bedloe's Island, New York, to prepare the site. They had soon cleared several acres on which they erected a "tent city" to include housing, quartermaster facilities, and a camp hospital. Also referred to as Camp Little Silver, Fort Monmouth's first commander was Carl F. Hartmann. Additional troops poured in, and instruction of trainees began in July. The troops had little free time outside of helping the war, but it consisted of creating longer roads, and digging drainage ditches.

Working really hard, Brielle and surrounding towns had a heck of an influence for the better of the war, and it has improved our daily lives today. Many lives were lost in the war, but it was to make things better in the future, which it did. Thanks to these soldiers, we are living in an amazing world with new technologies thanks to those who sacrificed for the better of the world.

3rd PRIZE WINNING ESSAY – PAIGE HARMS

Before World War I the State of New Jersey was increasing its population and industries. In 1914, during the early stages of the war, booming businesses in New Jersey provided supplies and products to the allies, France, Britain and Russia. These were vital contributions to the war and remain important to this day.

Some of New Jersey's most significant contributions from 1914 to 1918 were definitely the production of chemicals, automobile parts, ammunition, petroleum products, and shipbuilding. Locally, the shipping industry and shipbuilding remained important not only for trade, but for supplying more boats to transport supplies to the Allies. Another incredibly important influence was the improvement of communication over long distances. In Wall Township at the Marconi Station, David Sarnoff, an inventor and Jewish immigrant, created a new wireless circuit called the Edwin Armstrong's regenerative circuit. This circuit made communicating on the radio over long distances much clearer. In fact, messages could be sent and received from Hawaii to Germany! This made communication possible between soldiers and bases around the world. It also allowed us to be able to follow up on what's happening, and how our army was doing.

Besides these contributions in technology and product supplying to the Allies, New Jersey and our own town of Brielle, helped to provide one of the most helpful resources of the war, soldiers and support at home and on the battlefield. More than 140,000 New Jersey citizens served in the war. Also, while men were away serving our country, women in New Jersey filled in and made up the workforce. This changed life as people knew it in New Jersey. After the war was over, New Jersey's industries and businesses continued to thrive and adjust to the loss of the lives of our brave soldiers.

MEMORIAL DAY

On a beautiful, warm, and sunny afternoon on Sunday, May 28th the Union Landing Historical Society of Brielle held their annual Memorial Day remembrance at the Osborn Family graveyard on Holly Hill Road. It was a time to come together as a community to honor all those that have served their country in military service.

This year's service started with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Boy Scout Troop 63, followed by an invocation by Pastor Lou Lafazia of the Church of Brielle, an introduction by ULHS President Fred Rimmele, and a welcoming speech by Brielle Mayor Nicol. The mayor's speech reflected on the 3R's, Remembrance, Reverence and Respect for all the people who have served this country, man or woman, particularly those who made the ultimate sacrifice.

The excellent and informative program this year was to recognize the 100th Anniversary of World War I and some of the aspects that led to the United States' entry into World War I in 1917. The program was divided into four segments, and was researched and prepared by Brielle resident and ULHS member Jean Wilson, PhD. Each segment was presented by different ULHS Board members or by Dr. Wilson herself.

1. General History of World War I – John Belding , ULHS Director and Borough of Brielle Historian
2. The European War – Curtis J. Porcello Sr., ULHS Treasurer
3. World War I and New Jersey – Peter Albertelli, ULHS 2nd Vice President
4. Impact on Brielle Region - Dr. Jean Wilson, ULHS member

In keeping with the theme of the program, the 8th grade students at Brielle Elementary School were asked to participate in an essay contest with the topic based on 2017 marking the 100th anniversary of the entry of the United States into World War I. We want to thank the over 50 students who participated in the contest. All the essays were informative and thoroughly researched. The three winners of the contest were Mara Tobin, Ryan McCarthy and Paige Harms.

The memorial services concluded with a wreath laying by Betty Anderson, a member of the Daughters of American Revolution, and the playing of Taps by Boy Scout Curran Knapp from Troop 63.

- Donna Marie Disimile, 1st Vice President

Memorial Day Remembrance 2017





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FLAG DAY CEREMONY - 2017

On Wednesday, June 14th the ULHS of Brielle put together a wonderfully informative lesson on the history and meaning of Flag Day and on the flag of the United States of America. The event was held at the Curtis House on Union Lane and was attended by Mayor Nicol and many local residents, including seniors, young adults and children.

The interior of the Curtis House was decorated with a display of flags from all branches of military service and historical flags that were graciously loaned by the Elks Lodge in Manasquan for use in the event. There were also photo board presentations of ten historical flags dating back to the Revolutionary and Civil Wars, including a short narrative on each flag.

The highlight of the event was a 45 minute video on the:

- History of the Star Spangle Banner National Anthem
- Origins of the Pledge of Allegiance
- History of the United States flag
- Folding and presentation of the United States flag
- History of Taps

The event ended with Boy Scout Curran Knapp playing Taps and Boy Scout Troop 63 lowering the flag, folding it, and raising a new flag after presenting the folded flag to Borough Historian John Belding.

All who attended this event came away with a little more knowledge of Flag Day and how it important it is for all Americans to know, honor and respect their flag.

- Donna Marie Disimile, 1st Vice President

"The most effective way to destroy people is to deny and obliterate their own understanding of their history."

— George Orwell



Flag Day





Flag Day



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BRIELLE DAY

With the beautiful weather it was a fantastic Brielle Day once again for selling our Sarsaparilla and other vintage sodas and ice cream, as well as our books and Crane House pumpkin bread. Thanks to a great turnout and strong volunteer support at our booth we had another very successful Brielle Day!

We had ice cream floats again this year, which were enjoyed by all, and continued with the sale of water in small, 8-ounce bottles. Book sales were also successful, with long time member Janice Wurfel available for part of the day to sign them. Ann Scott's famous Crane House pumpkin bread, as always, was a tremendous success, selling out all 100 loaves well before lunch! Ann's excellent baking skills are well known throughout the area, and are matched only by her sales skills!

The Manasquan High School Key Club sent several student volunteers who were a tremendous help with the soda and ice cream sales. In addition, ULHS member and Manasquan High School student Nicholas Vitale was a tremendous help all day, beginning with assisting in picking up the ice at 7:00 am, then manning the booth all day, and finally helping with the break down at the end of the day. All of the Board members present were very, very glad to have him there helping, and hope to see him there again next year! We would also like to thank Terre and Isabella Vitale, his mother and sister, for their help as well.

I would like to extend a special thank you to Theresa Porcello (my wife) for all of her extensive efforts in coordinating the soda and ice cream purchase, delivery, and sales, and to 2nd Vice President Peter Albertelli for his assistance in setting up, and in helping Theresa throughout the day. I would also like to recognize the efforts of 1st Vice President Donna Disimile in coordinating the student volunteers and helping from set-up through breakdown, and to President Fred Rimmel for his assistance in setting up the event, managing the cash, and manning the booth throughout the day. I would also like to thank our new Secretary, Jim Ham, for all of his help in setting up, breaking down, and manning the booth, and Director Bridgette Markuson for helping set up the booths.

The Society would also like to extend a special thank you to Brielle Police Sergeant Jim Seidel for once again getting the ice for us, to the gentlemen from the Brielle Public Works for loaning us the large recycling buckets to hold the ice and soda, and to the other Board and Society members that also came out to help. It was a fun day for all of the many people involved. We need everyone's support to make it a success, as it is truly a team effort, so please come join us and volunteer next year!

- Curtis J. Porcello Sr., Treasurer

Brielle Day





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9/11 MEMORIAL OBSERVATION

The Union Landing Historical Society of Brielle held their annual 9/11 Memorial Observation on Sunday, September 10th at the South Monmouth 9/11 Memorial Park on Riverview Drive in Brielle.

The service, which was led by ULHS Secretary Jim Ham, was kicked off by the Brielle Fire Company calling the memorial service to order, Boy Scout Troop 63 leading all in the Pledge of Alliance, and Borough of Brielle Historian John Belding providing an introduction to the event, highlighting the reasons everyone gathered in the park for the memorial service.

The service continued with an invocation by Deacon Gary Pstrak of the Church of Saint Denis, a reading of the Necrology of the 9-11 victim's from the local area by ULHS member Theresa Porcello, and Girl Scout Troop 1917's and Boy Scout Troop 63's presentation of roses and tolling of the memorial bell in memory of each of the 16 local victims.

The meeting concluded with Mayor Nicol's the presentation of the 9/11 ceremonial flag to the parents of Dr. Frederick Rimmele III, M.D., one of the victims of United Airlines flight 175, a benediction by Deacon Pstrak, and the playing of taps.

Vice President Donna Disimile of the ULHS nicely summarized the day's proceedings by commenting, "Today's ceremony was a great memorial service where all the local communities came together for an hour to honor, remember, and pay tribute to all 16 local victims who perished on September 11th, 2001."

- Jim Ham, Secretary





9/11 Memorial Observation





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SODA FOR SALE!!!!

We have very limited quantities of sarsaparilla and lemon-lime rickey soda left for purchase. Cases are \$28 and 4-packs are \$6. Delivery in Brielle is available at no additional cost. Please call me at (609) 658-8234 very soon to get your delicious soda before we run out!!!!

- Curtis J. Porcello Sr., Treasurer

9/11 MEMORIAL SITE

The Union Landing Historical Society of Brielle's 9/11 Memorial Site Committee is responsible for the oversight of the maintenance of the Memorial Site, located at the corner of Riverview Drive and Birch Drive, in coordination with the Borough of Brielle, and for recommending any enhancements deemed appropriate. This committee has a Project Manager as its head, and four Trustees, representing the Memorial Site's major stake-holders: Victims' Families, Fire Department, Boy Scouts, and ULHS. Gary Pstrak is currently the project manager, and has been taking very good care of the Memorial Site. Earlier this year he planted some new shrubs and flowers to replace ones that had died, and recently made some repairs to the flag pole.

**- Curtis J. Porcello Sr.,
Treasurer**





Union Landing Historical Society of Brielle 2017 Membership Dues

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