

NEXT MEETING

Thursday, February 22, 2007, at 8:00 pm
 Holy Trinity Episcopal Church
 Brooklyn Avenue and 7th Street
 Valley Stream, New York

Please take note that our February meeting will take place on a *Thursday*.

THE DIXIE DOWNBEATS



Had a stressful day? Enjoy music? Come join us and listen to The Dixie Downbeats entertain us. The group consists of ten musicians, one of whom is our own Joe Gunther, and two vocalists.

Refreshments will be provided by Agnes Libath, Florence Gunther and Ruthanne Zwarico.

GEORGE IS BACK

Did you know the Society is proud owner of a piece of memorabilia that belonged to George Washington? Visit the Restoration on Sunday, February 18, 2007, and have an opportunity to speak with George and Martha Washington, Betsy Ross, Ben Franklin and General Lafayette. Abe and Mary Lincoln will also be visiting on that day.



SENIOR MOMENT

January 2007's issue of *Panorama* failed to mention that the December Candlelight Tour of the Restoration was a success.

END OF AN ERA

The Gibson Civic Association has surrendered its charter after sixty (60) years of existence.



VALLEY STREAM CULTURAL AFFAIRS PRESENTS THE LUCK OF THE IRISH

Members and one (1) guest are invited to attend the St. Patrick's Day party at Ace in the Hole (Brownstone) on Monday, March 12, 2007. Musical entertainment will be provided by Irish singer Ian Gallagher and his band, *The Professor of Irish Fun* Tommy Moore and Fran Raftery and his bagpipe. The cost is \$67.00 which includes luncheon, transportation, taxes and gratuities. The bus will depart at 9:30 am from the Hendrickson Pool parking lot and return at approximately 5:30 pm. The deadline for reservations is **February 17, 2007**. For further information, please call Maureen at 825-0611, Rosanna at 561-2131; Kathy 791-5943, Bridget at 872-6038 or Marilyn at 825-4119.



The Society wishes to acknowledge the letter from one of its members who wrote to say he enjoyed reading the excerpts on Valley Stream obtained from the archives of the *Brooklyn Eagle*. We take a great deal of pleasure in doing the research.

Remember those dear to you on February 14.



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Farm Life

By: Helen Dowdeswell

Recently on TV there was a series called "Frontier House," where they tried to recreate life on the frontier in the 18th century.

That brought back my childhood in V.S. in the 1920's, when we had no running water, no electricity, no central heating, no bathroom, no telephone and when the neighbors were farmers.

One incident on the farm, concerning a pet pig, reminded me of an event that I shall never forget.



It was at Easter that my father had the idea of giving us four little chicks, all yellow and fluffy. It was up to us children to raise them. During the summer we discovered that the chicks were quite varied. Another was small to multi-colored Bantam rooster and there were two Rhode Island Red hens. We named the big fellow Benny, the Bantam Billy and the hens Rosie and Susie.



One Sunday in autumn we were seated around the dining table. My mother had just brought in a platter with a roast chicken. That reminded me that I had not seen Benny in the yard that morning and I mentioned it to my father who, fork & knife in hand, was about to carve the roast.



I asked where Benny might be. My father, without saying a word, pointed to the roast with his knife. "That's Benny."

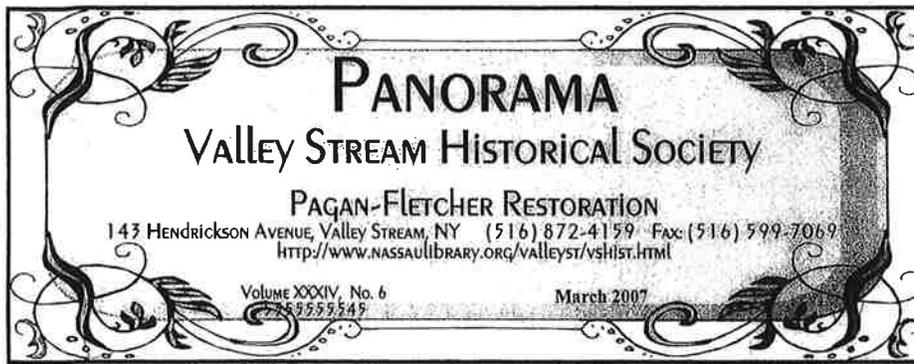
I burst into tears and left the table. Life on a farm can be very hard.



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HEARING; Quality of Life DR. LAWRENCE CARDANO DIRECTOR OF HEARING CENTER OF LI

The ear plays an important role as a receiver of sound and a major role in the sense of balance and body position. In people, the visible part of the ear is called the auricle which has a small role in hearing and no role in the sense of balance. We have a pair of ears placed symmetrically on each side of our head, which arrangement aids in our ability to balance and localize sound.

Refreshments will be provided by Olive Temple, Diane Gaimaro and Walter Harrod.



Happy ANNIVERSARY

2007 is the 100th Anniversary of the Hershey Kiss. The celebration began when the U.S. Postal Service issued the "With Love and Kisses" stamp in January. The candy was trade-marked in 1923. Every year 80 million kisses are produced and the most kisses are sold during St. Valentine's (1.5 billion) and December (3.7 billion). A single kiss has 25 calories (and you know you just can't eat one).



If you have an opportunity to visit leistnerphoto.com, you might find faces and places you recognize.



Valley Stream Cultural Affairs PRESENTS

The Mighty "M" A DAY AT THE TRACK

On April 16, 2007 members and one (1) guest are invited to enjoy live racing from a climate controlled grandstand with indoor gaming machines plus a delicious buffet (hot and cold), soup, salad and homemade desert. The cost is \$27.00. The bus will depart at 9:45 am from the Hendrickson Pool parking lot and return to the lot at approximately 7:30 pm. The deadline for reservations is **March 16, 2007**. For further information, please call Maureen at 825-0611, Rosanna at 561-2131, Kathy 791-5943, Bridget at 872-6038 or Marilyn at 825-4119. Check is to be made payable to **Valley Stream Cultural Affairs** and brought or mailed to Fran Russo at Village Hall between 9 am and 4 pm Monday through Friday.

SITE READY FOR PROPOSED HOSPITAL



A two and one-half acre site at 15 Payan Avenue in back of the Valley Stream Park Inn, has been purchased by the Association for the Proposed Southshore General Hospital, Inc. Which would contain 165 beds with provision for expansion to 250 cots is estimated at \$4,500,000. William S. Bower, co-ordinator of five auxiliaries, has an office at the Payan Avenue site where he will gladly furnish additional information on how you may join the association to help in other ways to make the hospital a reality.

Valley Stream Annual 1960

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Life in the 1500's

Most people got married in June because they took their yearly bath in May, and still smelled pretty good by June. However, they were starting to smell, so brides carried a bouquet of flowers to hide the body odor. Hence the custom today of carrying a bouquet when getting married.



Baths consisted of a big tub filled with hot water. The man of the house had the privilege of the nice clean water, then all the other sons and men, then the women and finally the children – last of all the babies. By then the water was so dirty you could actually lose someone in it. Hence the saying, "Don't throw the baby out with the bath water."



Houses had thatched roofs – thick straw – piled high, with no wood underneath. It was the only place for animals to get warm, so all the cats and other small animals (mice, bugs) lived in the roof. When it rained it became slippery and sometimes the animals would slip off the roof. Hence the saying "It's raining cats and dog."

There was nothing to stop things from falling into the house. This posed a real problem in the bedroom where bugs and other droppings could mess up your nice clean bed. Hence, a bed with big posts and a sheet hung over the top afforded some protection. That's how canopy beds came into existence.



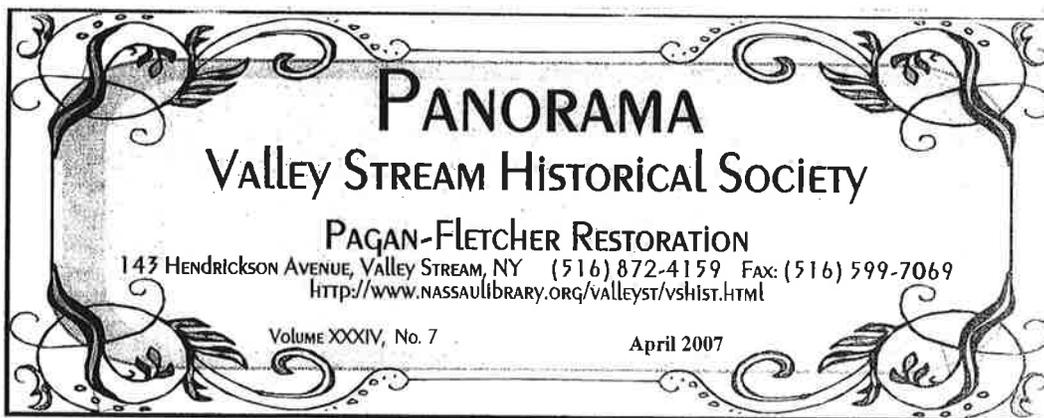
The floor was dirt. Only the wealthy had something other than dirt. Hence the saying "dirt poor." The wealthy had slate floors that would get slippery in the winter when wet so they spread fresh straw to help keep their footing. As the winter wore on, they added more thresh until when you opened the door it would all start slipping outside. A piece of wood was placed in the entranceway. Hence the saying, a "thresh hold."



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JOURNEYS ON Old LONG ISLAND TRAVELERS' ACCOUNTS, CONTEMPORARY DESCRIPTIONS, AND RESIDENTS' REMINISCENCES 1744-1893



Dr. Natalie Naylor, Professor Emerita, Hofstra University taught Long Island and American social history for more than thirty years at the University and was director of its Long Island Studies Institute from its inception in 1985 until her retirement in 2000. Dr. Naylor has been editor of the *Nassau County Historical Society Journal* since 1996.

Refreshments will be provided by Harriet Hume and Evelyn McQuade.

Noonan's Howland Island stopover has come to light. It is not expected that the diary will answer the all-important question of what happened to Earhart and Noonan. An organization called The International Group for Historic Aircraft Recovery ("TIGHAR") purchased the diary. This group believes that Earhart and Noonan may have crash-landed on an uninhabited atoll called Gardner Island now referred to as Nikumaroro and lived for a while as castaways. In 1940 a partial human skeleton was discovered by the British but a medical examiner believed the skeleton belonged to a stocky European or mixed-blood male. The bones have since disappeared. However, a forensic osteologist at the University of Georgia after having read the doctor's notes and using a computer database found the doctor's measurements were more consistent with a female of northern European descent about Earhart's age and height. TIGHAR is raising funds for an expedition to Nikumaroro. Perhaps we will shortly have an answer to the age-old mystery of what happened to Amelia Earhart and Fred Noonan.

CANCELLED



VICTORIAN TEA

The Society will hold its annual Victorian Tea on Saturday, April 12, 2007 at the Pagan-Fletcher Restoration at 2 p.m.

Valley Stream Cultural Affairs INVITES YOU TO CLAUDIO'S RESTAURANT IN GREENPORT AND PINDAR VINEYARDS



The date is Thursday, May 10; the cost is \$59.00. The bus departs from the Hendrickson Pool parking lot at 9:45 am and returns at 7 pm. For more information, contact Bridget at 872-6038, Marilyn at 825-4119, Rosanne at 561-2131, Kathy at 791-5943 or Maureen at 825-0611. Trip is available to members only and one guest.

WHERE IS AMELIA EARHART?



On July 2, 2007 it will be seventy years since Amelia Earhart and her navigator, Fred Noonan, disappeared over the Pacific. Recently a diary kept by James W. Carey, who was a student at the University of Hawaii hired by the Associated Press to cover Earhart's and

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LIFE IN THE 1500's (CONTINUED)

Cooking was done in the kitchen with a big kettle that always hung over the fire. Every day they lit the fire and added things to the pot. Mostly vegetables were eaten – very little meat. The stew would be eaten for dinner and the leftovers allowed to get cold overnight. The process would start all over the next day. Sometimes the stew had food in it that had been left in the pot for quite some time. From this tradition came the rhyme "Peas porridge hot, peas porridge cold, peas porridge in the pot nine days old."



Occasionally, they were able to get pork, which made them feel special. When visitors came over, they would hang up their bacon to show it off. It was a sign of wealth that a man could "bring home the bacon." They would cut off a little to share with guests and would all sit around and "chew the fat."



Those with money had plates made of pewter. Food with high acid content caused some of the lead to leach onto the food causing death from lead poisoning. This happened most often with tomatoes so for the next 400 years or so, tomatoes were considered poisonous.



Bread was divided according to status. Workers got the burnt bottom of the loaf, the family got the middle, and guests got the top or "upper crust."



Lead cups were used to drink ale or whisky. The combination would sometimes knock the imbibers out for days. Someone walking along the road would take them for dead and prepare them for burial. They were laid out on the kitchen table for a couple of days and the family would gather around and eat and drink and wait and see if they would wake up. Hence the custom of holding a "wake."



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STOLEN ART TRACKER



Former FBI Special Agent Thomas McShane has in the past 36 years recovered approximately \$900 million dollars worth of stolen paintings and other artifacts returning them to their rightful owners. McShane joined the FBI in late 1968 after graduating from Fordham Law.

Assigned to the FBI's NY field office's art division, he attended classes at the Metropolitan Museum of Art and Sotheby's. McShane is currently an attorney specializing in museum security, forgery exposure and art theft recovery.



Refreshments will be provided by Mickie Piretti, Valerie Esposito and Bridget Manney.

MEMORIAL DAY PARADE



The Annual Memorial Day Parade will take place on Monday, May 28, 2007. The Society will meet at 9:00 am at the parking lot near the Wheeler Avenue School on Rockaway.

**Valley Stream Historical Society
 BOARD OF TRUSTEES ELECTIONS**

A Nominating Committee consisting of Walter Harrod and Evelyn McQuade submitted the following slate:

- President.....Marge Chvatal
- Vice President.....Gabe Parrish
- Corresponding Secretary...Agnes Libath
- Recording Secretary.....Ruthanne Zwarico
- Treasurer.....Florence Gunther
- Three Year Trustees.....Diane Gaimaro
 Bridget Manney
 Florence Rothage
 Mary Ryder

Elections will be held at the Society's June meeting.

PASSINGS



Hank Anholzer, husband of the Society's former Recording Secretary, Ruth Anholzer, has passed. We will always remember Anholzer for his interest in aviation and vintage automobiles. When the Society hosted an exhibit on aviation some years ago, Anholzer's model of the Spirit of St. Louis was displayed. Anholzer was a volunteer at the Cradle of Aviation and will always be fondly remembered as the individual who wore suspenders.

Our condolences to Ruth and his family.



Seventy years ago on May 6, 1937 the *Hindenburg* in its attempt to land at Lindenhurst, NJ ignited and sank to the ground in less than one minute. Thirty five people on board and one person on the ground lost their lives. Sixty two passengers and crew members survived.

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ART FORGERY

Individuals have been forging art for more than two thousand years. The Romans copied Greek sculpture.

During the Renaissance, painters hired apprentices who studied techniques by copying the work and styles of the master. The master would then sell the work and the practice is considered to be a tribute rather than forgery. Unfortunately, many copies have been erroneously attributed to the master.

During the 16th Century, imitators of Albrecht Durer's style of printmaking added signatures to the works to increase their value. In Durer's engraving of the Virgin, he added the words "*Be cursed, plunderers and imitators of the work and talent of others.*" Even Michelangelo forged a marble cupid for his patron.

The market in the 20th Century favored Dali, Picasso, Klee and Matisse causing forgers to copy their works.

There are 3 types of forgers—the person who actually creates the copy, the person who discovers a forgery and attempts to pass it off as an original, and the person who discovers a piece and attempts to pass it off as something it is not in order to increase its value.

Many forgers were artists who tried to break into the market and having failed resorted to forgery. Sometimes individuals would borrow an original, make a copy, and return the copy to the owner. In 1799 a self-portrait by Albrecht Durer which hung in Nuremberg Town Hall since the 16th Century was loaned to Wolfgang Kuffner. Kuffner made a copy and returned the copy. The forgery was discovered in 1805 when the original was auctioned off and purchased for the royal collection.

The most famous forgeries are:

- *The Rospigliosi Cup* or *The Cellini Cup*
- Etruscan terracotta warriors
- Michelangelo's *Cupid*
- Samson ceramics forgeries/reproductions

The most obvious forgeries are revealed as clumsy copies. A forger may try to create a "new" work by combing the elements of more than one work, omit details typical to the artist or add anachronisms in order to claim that the work is a slightly different copy or a prior version of a more famous work.



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Valley Stream Cultural Affairs INVITES YOU TO A PADDLEWHEEL CRUISE ON THE "LAUREN KRISTY"



The date is Tuesday, July 10; the cost is \$65.00. The bus departs from the Hendrickson Poo parking lot at 10 am and returns at 5 pm. Lunch is buffet style. For more information, contact Bridget at 872-6038, Marilyn at 825-4119, Rosanne at 561-2131, Kathy at 791-5943 or Maureen at 825-0611. Trip is available to members only and one guest.

Strawberry Festival

For our last meeting of the 2006/2007 year, we will offer strawberries, ice cream over poundcake - all for the fee of \$2.00.



SWEARING IN CEREMONY

The following individuals will be sworn in at the June 20, 2007 meeting.

- Marge Chvatal.....President
- Gabe Parrish.....Vice President
- Florence Gunther.....Treasurer
- Agnes Libath.....Corresponding Secretary
- Ruthanne Zwarico...Recording Secretary
- Diane Gaimaro.....Three Year Trustee
- Bridget Manney.....Three Year Trustee
- Florence Rothage....Three Year Trustee
- Mary Ryder.....Three Year Trustee

LIGHTNING AT VALLEY STREAM



TWO PERSONS STRUCK HORSES KILLED AND BUILDINGS SHATTERED



Lightning struck a house occupied by Andrew Wilson at Valley Stream yesterday afternoon and tore two holes in the roof and burned the window shades and curtains. William Brown of Pearsalls, who was in Mr. Wilson's house, was struck, but not severely injured. He was able to go to his home unaided. A barn owned by Jacob Stick of Valley Stream was struck and two horses killed. Prompt action saved the barn from destruction by fire. Much damage was done to trees and fences. A woman employed as a domestic by Andrew Landgrebe of Valley Stream working in the laundry was struck by lightning and knocked with great force into a remote corner of the laundry. She was not seriously injured.

Brooklyn Daily Eagle July 27, 1892



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- 1834 Cyrus McCormick patented the reaper for the cultivation of grain.
- 1840 Samuel Morse was granted a patent for telegraphy signals.
- 1844 Charles Goodyear was granted a patent for vulcanized rubber.
- 1847 The doughnut was invented.
- 1857 James Gibbs patented the first chain-stitch single thread sewing machine.
- 1869 Thomas Edison obtained a patent for an electrographic vote recorder, Ives McGaffey patented the vacuum cleaner, a "sweeping machine."
- 1887 J. S. Pemberton's Coca-Cola label was registered.
- 1895 C.E. Duryea patented a road vehicle - the gasoline automobile.
- 1896 William Hadaway was issued a patent for the electric stove.
- 1900 Michael Pupin is granted a patent for long distance telephony.
- 1902 A patent for the "window envelope" was granted to H. F. Callahan.
- 1906 "You're a Grand Old Flag" by George M. Cohan was trademark registered.
- 1915 Juicy Fruit chewing gum was trademark registered.
- 1927 George Washington Carver received a patent for a process of producing paints and stains.
- 1928 Good and Plenty was trademark registered.
- 1929 The first colored television set was demonstrated in NYC.
- 1929 Patent #1,718,305 was granted to G.L. Pierce for the "basketball."
- 1935 Rolls-Royce was trademark registered.
- 1940 "Brenda Starr" the first cartoon strip invented by a woman appeared in Chicago.
- 1951 Candy Land, the children's game, was trademark registered.

Membership Form

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Individual \$10, Student \$2, Contributing \$15, Family \$15 (2 or more in family)
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HISTORY OF AVIATION ON LONG ISLAND



Tom Gwynne will present a slide lecture detailing the history of Long Island Aviation. Gwynne graduated from Brown University where he earned a B.A. majoring in International Relations. He was commissioned an officer in the US Air Force serving as an F-4 Phantom fighter pilot for six years seeing combat in Vietnam. He is in possession of two Distinguished Flying Crosses and ten air medals.

After the Air Force, Gwynne joined Grumman as a consultant on the Apollo Program. He spent fifteen years as a pilot for its tactical aircraft production line, flying the F-14 Tomcat, A-6 Intruder, EA-6B Prowler, EF-111 Raven, OV-1 Mohawk and the Gulfstream III aircraft. Gwynne is currently Vice President for External Relations for the Cradle of Aviation Museum at Mitchel Field.

Refreshments will be provided by Agnes Libath and Florence Gunther.



FEAR WOMAN LOST IN GRAVEL PITS

Nassau County policy of the Woodmere station were examining to-day the gravel pits between Hewlett and Valley Stream in a search for Mrs. Gertrude TAPPAN, 26 of 1169 Railroad Avenue, Hewlett, who has been missing two days. It is thought the woman may

have suffered a fainting spell as she was walking past the pits and fallen into one of them.

The pits are about forty feet deep, and probably contain several feet of water, due to the recent heavy rains.

Mr. * TAPPAN was last seen by her father, Daniel PODAMORE, of the same address, when she visited him at the Long Island Railroad crossing at Hewlett, where he is employed as watchman. She chatted with him for a while, he told the police, then started for home, going in the direction of the gravel pits. Mr. PODAMORE told the police that his daughter was subject to fainting spells.

The woman's husband, Albert TAPPAN, reported her disappearance to the police* after waiting many hours in the hope that she would return home.

Brooklyn Standard Union
 April 2, 1931

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HAPPY 100th ANNIVERSARY BROOKLYN AVENUE SCHOOL



The Valley Stream Historical Society joins with the community in wishing the Brooklyn Avenue School congratulations on its 100th Anniversary.

The School plans to commemorate its 100th Year at 8:45 am on September 12, 2007 (rain date of September 17) on its front lawn.

Future plans include an Open House in February of 2008 and a Country Fair on Sunday, May 4, 2008 (rain date Saturday, May 10).



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On May 1, 1839 the state legislature passed "An Act To Appoint an Agent to Procure and Transcribe Documents in Europe Relative to the Colonial History of the State." The individual selected to perform this work was John Romeyn Brodhead, a New York attorney, who was related to the Bleeker Family. He spent four years researching in France, Great Britain and the Netherlands and published his report on his activities in 1845. From 1853 to 1861, Edmund Bailey O'Callaghan, M.D. was hired to translate, edit and publish the documents collected by Brodhead. In 1871, the job was given to Berthold Fernow who followed the records when they were transferred to the State Library in 1881. In 1887 the State Board of Regents named Melville Dewey State Librarian. Fernow was fired by Dewey. On April 23, 1895, the appointment of a State Historian became law and Hugh Hastings became NY's first State Historian. He was succeeded by Victor Hugh Paltsis (1907-1911), James A. Holden (1911-1916), James Sullivan (1916-1923) (the first State Historian to be appointed by the Commissioner of Education and the Board of Regents - prior appointments were made by the Governor), Alexander Flick (1923-1939), Acting State Historian, Hugh Flick (Alexander's son) 1939-1940, Dr. Arthur Pound (1940-1946), Dr. Albert Corey (1946-1963), Acting State Historian, Dr. Milton Hamilton (1963-1965), Dr. Louis Leonard Tucker (1966-1976), Acting State Historian, Dr. John Still (1977-1980), Dr. Paul Scudiere (1980-1990), Dr. Kenneth L. Ames (1990-1995) and Acting State Historian Dr. Joseph F. Meany until his retirement more than five years ago.

A new State Historian should be in place before the end of 2007. This individual will not only serve as State Historian but also as Chief Curator of the collections at the State Museum. Local government historians are looking forward to meeting and working with the individual to be named.

Membership Form

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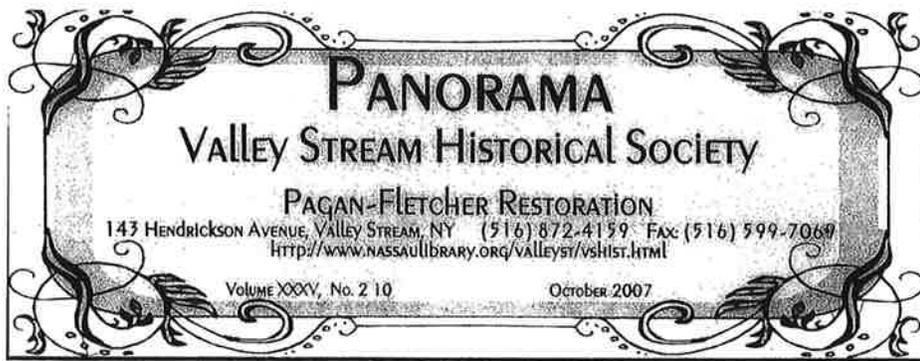
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NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, October 17, 2007, at 7:00 p.m.
 Holy Trinity Episcopal Church
 Brooklyn Avenue and 7th Street
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COVERED DISH SUPPER



The doors of the Church will open at 6:15 p.m. Members and guests are invited to a wine and cheese social. Supper will begin at 7:00 p.m.

Dishes should be brought according to the first initial of your last name as indicated below:

A-H: Vegetables such as salads (tossed or otherwise) or casseroles. If you bring a tossed salad, please provide dressing.

I-Q: Dairy-type foods, eggs, cheese, gelatins, fruit, fish (hot and cold).

R-Z: "Starchy" type foods, hot or cold such as rice, beans, potatoes, pasta, etc.

Do Not Bring Meat or Meat Content Dishes.

The Society will provide these items as well as bread, butter, tea, coffee and desserts.

A donation of \$5.00 will be collected at the door.

Guests are welcome but we ask that they bring dishes in accordance with the requirements listed above. Members are asked to provide a dish if their guests are unable to do so.



HALLOWEEN COSTUME CONTEST



The Halloween Costume Contest will be held at the Restoration on Sunday, October 28, 2007. The Ragamuffin Parade will start at 3:00 p.m. Costumes will be judged and prizes awarded for both children's and adult's costumes.



Thank you Rainbow Girls

The Valley Stream Historical Society held a pizza party on September 22, 2007, to thank the Rainbow Girls for their assistance in planting flats around the Restoration earlier this year.

CONGRATULATIONS



The Freeport Historical Society is commemorating 45 years of preserving its community's history. Congratulations to Freeport from its fellow historical society in Valley Stream.



VSHS TRIP TO CRADLE

On Wednesday, November 7, 2007, the Valley Stream Historical Society is planning a trip to the Cradle of Aviation Museum. If you are interested, please plan on being at the Restoration at 12:30 p.m. Our own Gabe Parrish will conduct a tour of the facility. Please contact Gabe for further information.



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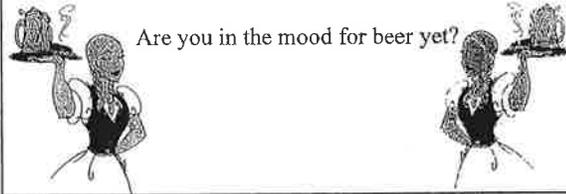
Oktoberfest in Munich

Oktoberfest had its start in 1810 with the wedding of Crown Prince Ludwig who later became King Ludwig I of Bavaria to Princess Theresa of Saxony-Hildburghausen. The wedded couple invited the people to celebrate on the fields in front of the city gates. The fields were called "Theresienwiese" in honor of the Princess. Later the name was shortened to "Wiesen."

The ceremony begins with Munich's Lord Mayor proclaiming "Ozapft is!" which translates into "It's tapped." For sixteen days Munich and the world celebrates Oktoberfest. Brass bands, roller coasters, merry-go-rounds and the fragrance of roasted almonds, turkish delight and gingerbread hearts are a small part of what attracts hundreds of thousands of visitors to Munich.

Special Oktoberfest beer is brewed by Munich's six major breweries to accompany the fare of sausages, roast chicken, grilled fish and Obatzta (specially prepared cheese).

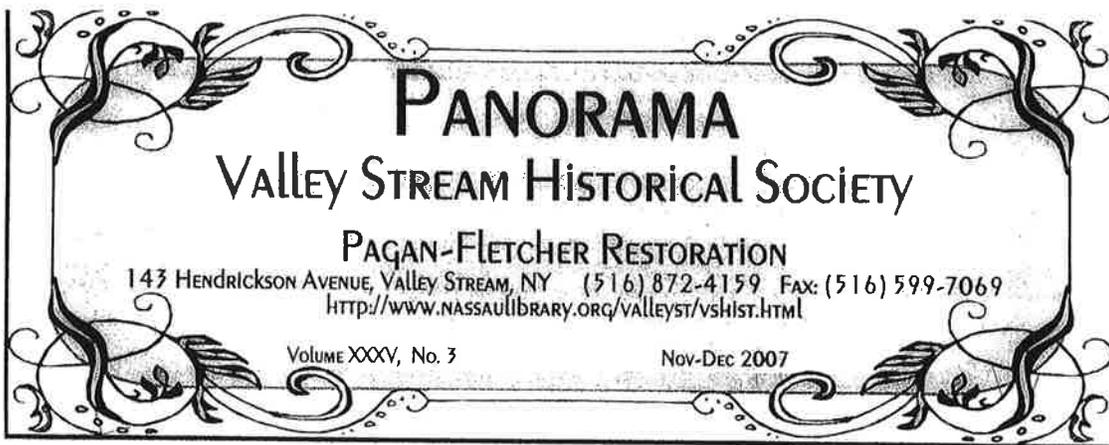
Among the other attractions is the Grand Entry of the Oktoberfest landlords, fair-ground showmen and breweries (an event first held in 1887) consisting of festive carriages bearing the landlords' families, horse-drawn drays of the breweries, showmen's coaches, waitresses on floats and all of the brass bands. A young woman will be leading the parade riding a horse and dressed as a monk. She is referred to as the Munich "Kindl." The following day is a procession of various groups in traditional costumes, marching bands, troops of bandsmen trumpeters and riflemen.



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SEEKING CHAIRMAN

Jim Buckley has announced his intention of retiring from his position as Chairman of the Society in June, 2008. Anyone interested in taking on this position should contact Jim. Please note that this is an unpaid volunteer position.



Gold Coast Rhythm Boys

We are happy to welcome back Billy Martin and Charles Pappas to do that thing they do so well. Refreshments will be provided by Agnes Libath, Valerie Esposito, and Florence Rothage.

Joan Bridget Manney has consented to serve as Treasurer of the Society. An election will be held in January, 2008 to elect a Treasurer.

GINGERBREAD HOUSE CONTEST AND BAKE SALE



In conjunction with the Annual Gingerbread House Contest that will be held on Sunday, December 2, at the Pagan-Fletcher Restoration, Dorothy Hollman will demonstrate how to decorate a gingerbread house at 2 p.m. **The Restoration will be open at 10:00 a.m. to accept contest entries and donations of baked goods only.** To vote and/or purchase baked goods, the Restoration will be open from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Contest results will be announced around 3:30 p.m. Donations of baked goods will be appreciated.

WINNERS OF OUR HALLOWEEN COSTUME CONTEST ARE:



FIRST GRAND PRIZE
 Gina Scandaglia
 as a flapper

SECOND GRAND PRIZE
 Breanna Kwasnik
 as Hannah Montana



THIRD GRAND PRIZE
 Apolona Cabrera
 as a devil

ADULT PRIZE
 Joan Arico
 as a zebra



SPECIAL MENTION
 Tootsie as a clown



CANDLELIGHT TOUR

The Society will host a candlelight tour of the Restoration on Saturday, December 29, 2007 between the hours of 6:00 pm and 8:00 pm. Canned goods for donations to the local food pantries will be appreciated.

PASSINGS



Olive Temple and Irma Shapiro
 Long-time members of the Society.



Happy Holidays to All



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YES, VIRGINIA, THERE IS A SANTA CLAUS

"DEAR EDITOR" I am 8 years old. "Some of my little friends say there is no Santa Claus. Papa says, 'If you see it in *The Sun* it's so.' Please tell me the truth; is there a Santa Claus?"

VIRGINIA O'HANLON

115 WEST NINETY-FIFTH STREET

VIRGINIA, your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the skepticism of a skeptical age. They do not believe except [what] they see. They think that nothing can be believe except [what] they see. They think that nothing can be which is not comprehensible by their little minds. All minds, Virginia, whether they be men's or children's, are little. In this great universe of ours man is a mere insect, an ant, in his intellect, as compared with the boundless world about him, as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole of truth and knowledge.

Yes, VIRGINIA, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! How dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Cluas. It would be as dreary as if thee were no VIRGINIAS. There would be no childlike faith then, no poetry, no romance to make tolerable in this existence. We should have no enjoyment, except in sense and sight. The eternal light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished.

Not believe in Santa Claus! You might as well not believe in fairies! You might get your papa to hire men to watch in all the chimneys on christmas Eve to catch Santa Cluas, but even if they did not see Santa Claus coming down, what would that prove? Nobody sees Santa Claus, but that is no sign that there is no Santa Claus. The most real things in the world are those that neither children nor men can see. Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not, but that's no proof that they are not there. Nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders there are unseen and unseeable in the world.

You may tear apart the baby's rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest man, nor even the united strength of all the strongest men that ever lived, could tear apart. Only faith, fancy, poetry, love, romance, can push aside that curtain and view and picture the supernal beauty and glory beyond. Is it all real? Ah, VIRGINIA, in all this world there is nothing else real and abiding.

No Santa Claus! That God! he lives, and then he lives forever. A thousand years from now, he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood.

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