

# PANORAMA

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the tree at the Restoration and hung the roping on the fence. Excellent work!

The Restoration is also grateful to Pat Baldassare, Safety Patrol Officer, who demonstrated how to ice gingerbread. Mayor Ed Fare "iced up a storm" and his effort could be seen at his office in Village Hall.

The Candlelight Tour was a resounding success. Thank you to all who contributed to the Food Pantry.

### Mickey Rooney Was Right

How I spent my lifetime following a dream when logic and reason advised me to stop



D. W. Paone

## MICKEY ROONEY WAS RIGHT

D. W. Paone discusses his aforementioned autobiographical book and gives us insight into the twenty (20) years Paone worked for the movie business.

## NEARLY 111 YEARS AGO

THE TRIANGLE SHIRTWAIST TRAGEDY  
 AND THE CAPITOL FIRES  
 LED TO REFORMS IN BUILDING SAFETY



On March 29, 1911 at 2:42 am the fire box was pulled. Unfortunately, the Capitol had been burning for at least thirty minutes. Flames shot 200 feet in the air and black smoke was everywhere. This was the greatest loss of New York State's culture. The fire was fueled by 500,000 books and 300,000 manuscripts. It burned so hot that at the top of the million dollar staircase 10,000 of New York State's prized archaeological and ethnographical objects which were stored in glass cabinets together with a collection of Iroquois artifacts were totally destroyed.

The 5 story northwest corner of the Capitol pancaked to the ground. A project that took 32 years and 25 million dollars to build was a smoldering wreck.

There was one human casualty, night watchman, Samuel Abbott, 78 years old and a Civil War veteran.

A number of the State's most prized possessions fortunately had been moved to a vault and survived including a draft of Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation and George Washington's Farewell Address to his troops.

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## CHRISTMAS AT THE RESTORATION

The winners of our Annual Gingerbread House Contest are:



### 1st Place—

Girl Scout Troop 2348 from Holy Name of Mary Parish  
 Gingerbread Village



### 2nd Place—

Lisa Nordstrom for *The Pagan-Fletcher Restoration*



### 3rd Place—

Seth DiPossimo for *It's Nutcracker Time.*

## CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL!

The Society wishes to acknowledge the assistance provided by Building Maintenance Supervisor Keith Conrad and Jerry Benefinetto, Mike Colavito, Jim Neill and Verace Skete of the Village's Maintenance Department who helped with

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Other historic documents that survived the Capitol Fire of 1911 were thousands of 17th Century Colonial Dutch records.

It took 3 months to clear the rubble and over 1 year to reconstruct the northwest corner of the Capitol.



The second deadliest disaster after the burning of the General Slocum in 1904 until the destruction of the World Trade Center in 2001 was the Triangle Shirtwaist Factory fire which occurred 4 days prior to the Albany disaster. It claimed the lives of 146 mostly young women – recent Jewish and Italian immigrants. The oldest victim was 48; the youngest victims were two 14 year olds. It was the deadliest industrial fire to occur in New York City.

The Triangle Shirtwaist Factory was located in the Asch Building at the corner of Washington Place and Greene Street.

The fire started at 4:30 pm on the 8th floor of the building, The Fire Department was alerted at 4:45 pm. A person on the 8th floor managed to alert those on the 10th floor but the people on the 9th floor never did learn about the fire until it was too late.

Some were able to utilize the elevators; others the fire escapes.

Some made to the roof and were then helped to other buildings.

Still others could not escape and they jumped from the 8th, 9th and 10th floors of the building.

Isaac Harris and Max Blanc, owners of the Triangle Shirtwaist Company, escaped the blaze and were tried for manslaughter. They were subsequently acquitted.

As a consequence of the fire, the New York legislature created the Factory Commission of 1911. It was headed by three notable individuals: Senator Robert F. Wagner, Alfred E. Smith and Samuel Gompers.

The most notable accomplishment of this Commission was the creation of the Fire Prevention division of the New York City Fire Department.

The fire also led to improved factory safety standards and the growth of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union.

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### VALLEY STREAM NOW & THEN



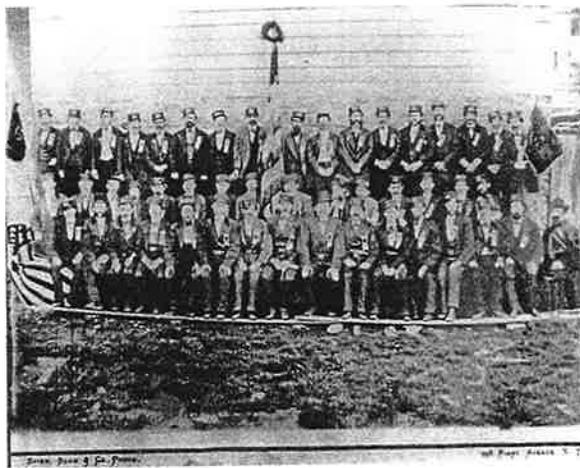
Guy Ferrara, President of the Society, will present a slide show of scenes from the present and the past of the village of Valley Stream.

### GEORGE IS BACK



### HEAR YE! HEAR YE! HEAR YE!

Visit the Pagan Fletcher Restoration on Sunday, February 19, 2012 and see a genuine piece of Washington memorabilia. Members of the Valley Stream Historical Society will be dressed in colonial costumes.



The 67th New York also known as the 1st Long Island Volunteers of 1,000 plus served in the War Between the States. Following Fort Sumter the call went out from Washington for 75,000 volunteers who were to serve for three (3) months only. The first men to answer the call from New York State came from Brooklyn, Long Island and Rochester.

After Bull Run the US government realized this would be a far longer war than it had anticipated and new recruits were volunteering to serve for at least three (3) years.

On June 24, 1861 901 soldiers made camp at South Brother Island in New York Harbor where they transferred to Fort Schuyler for basic training. They spent a short time at Fort Hamilton before heading south under the command of Colonel Julius Adams and Lieutenant Colonel Nelson Cross.

The 67th New York lost seven (7) officers, one hundred and five (105) enlisted. Two hundred fifty nine (259) were wounded while two (2) officers and seventy five (75) enlisted lost their lives to disease.

The 67th New York engaged in twenty three (23) battles.

*(Lower left hand column shows the 67<sup>th</sup> New York)*

### LONG ISLAND R.R. ANNEX BOAT

Long Island City, L.I., May 13 – The Long Island Railroad Annex service between Long Island City and Pier 18 East River, near the foot of Pine street, Manhattan, will be resumed Monday, May 15, and until further notice will be run to leave Long Island City daily, except Sundays and holidays, May 30, July 4 and September 4 at 8:05, 9:10 A.M., 3:30, 4:30 and 5:30 P.M. Returning, the boat will leave Pier 18 on the same days at 8:25, 9:30 A.M., 1:30 Saturdays only, 3:10, 4:10, 5:10, 6:10 P.M. The fare will be the same as last year, 10 cents for a single ticket, 12 tickets for \$1. The new and fast twin screw steamer, Nassau, bought by the railroad company, has been put on the route.

*Brooklyn Daily Eagle*  
May 14, 1899

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Abraham Lincoln, the 16th President of the United States, was successful in leading the country through a great crisis – the American Civil War, also known as the War Between the States.

Lincoln was born on February 12, 1809 in a one-room log cabin on the Sinking Spring Farm in Hardin County, Kentucky, of a poor family. He was mostly self-educated. He served as an Illinois state legislator as well as one term in the US House of Representatives. He, however, failed

in two attempts to represent Illinois in the US Senate.

He was married to Mary Todd and had four children, all boys and only one of which reached adulthood.

Prior to his inauguration as President, seven southern states seceded from the Union. On April 12, 1861 the war began with the attack on Fort Sumter by Confederate forces. Lincoln exercised unprecedented war powers including the arrest and detention of suspected secessionists. Lincoln also prevented British recognition of the Confederacy by his skillful handling of the Trent affair in late 1861. Under his leadership, the Union set up a naval blockade to prevent shipments to and from the South, took control of the border slave states, and each time a general failed to capture the Confederate capital at Richmond, replaced him until Grant succeeded in 1865.

Lincoln was a moderate Republican and found that radical members of his party sought harsh treatment for the South, the Democrats who favored war wanted compromise, Copperheads despised him and those who supported the South wanted him dead. He was an astute politician – pitting his opponents against each other. Lincoln held a moderate view of reconstruction. His main concern was to unify the country.

Six days after the surrender of General Lee, he was fatally wounded by John Wilkes Booth. Lincoln was the first US President to be assassinated.

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MARCH 2012

## NEXT MEETING

Thursday, March 22, 2012, at 8:00 pm  
Holy Trinity Episcopal Church  
Brooklyn Avenue and 7<sup>th</sup> Street  
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*Note: We will not be meeting in our usual place on Brooklyn Avenue. Instead we will meet in the Church's building on 7th Street.*



## LIFE ON THE TENNIS COURT AFTER 35

Dave McKean, a Trustee of the Society will present a lecture on tennis after the age of 35.

## SAVE THE DATE



The Society will hold a barbeque on Saturday, August 14, 2012, beginning at 1pm on the grounds of the Restoration. BYOB. Additional information will be

provided in a future *Panorama*.

The Society will be hosting a group from Massapequa on March 28 at the Restoration.



## HISTORIANS MEETING ON LONG ISLAND

The Association of Public Historians of New York State ("APHNYS") is holding its annual meeting at the Hyatt Regency in Hauppauge, NY April 23, 24, and 25, 2012. There will be three (3) sessions specifically for historical societies and museums.

The first session takes place on Tuesday morning, April 24, between 8:30 and 10:00. The workshop is entitled: *Leadership Development/What Every Trustee Should Know*.

The second session takes place on Wednesday morning, April 25, between 8:30 and 10:00 and is entitled: *Strategic Planning and Fundraising*.

The third and last session takes place on Wednesday between 10:30 and 12:00 pm and is entitled: *Working in Conjunction with Local Government Historians*. The cost for attending these sessions is \$40.00 for members. The Society is an affiliate member.

## CASEY BATS 'EM OUT



It was while managing Toledo that I discovered what I should have learned years before – that even though you outwit an umpire you don't always get the decision.

This particular umpire, whose name I won't mention, ran me off the bench in the third inning for protesting too long and too loudly. The game was at Toledo and the umpires don't like to see members of the home team squawk, because that gets the fans going. A visiting player can get away with twice as much beefing as a home player.

I dressed at once and hurried into the stands to see how the game was going. I took a set out near the left field, and an empty soda water case lying there gave me an idea, a costly idea it turned out later. I put the box over my head, and looking through one of the slits cut for a grip, I found myself with a good view of the game and an excellent disguise. It was like seeing the sights from a submarine, with the advantage of being able to shout as well as see. I told the umpire plenty for the rest of the game. He kept looking toward where I was sitting, but naturally never suspected a soda water case of being the cause of all the commotion. I gave him a busy afternoon and congratulated myself until the next day when a wire from the league president informed me that a double fine had been tacked on to me – one for being ejected and the other for shouting from the stands. The ump didn't penetrate my disguise but he knew the voice.

– *Brooklyn Daily Eagle* – Columnist Casey Stengel\*  
March 4, 1935

\*New York baseball fans will remember that Stengel was manager of the Yankees and the Mets.

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## Dividing Hempstead Town

**THE ONLY TOWN SPLIT BY GREATER NEW YORK  
—SOME PROBLEMS WHICH ARE PUZZLING POLITICIANS**

Valley Stream, L.I., March 8 – The chief topic of discussion among the politicians of the town of Hempstead is the effect of the proposed division of the town by the legislation creating greater New York. It is conceded that the division will have an important bearing on the questions to be voted on at the approaching spring election. The boundary line, as stated in the proposed charter is a straight line drawn from the southeasterly point of the town of Flushing through the middle of the channel between Rockaway beach and Shelter Island. This line takes from the present town about one-quarter of its total area a considerably larger proportion of its population. Included within the proposed city are the villages of Oceanic, or Rockaway Beach, Avene, Far Rockaway, Inwood, Rosedale, Queens and portions of Woodsburgh, Cedarhurst, Valley Stream and Floral Park, beside a number of smaller villages. The assessed valuation of the property taken from the town is estimated to be about one-quarter of the total assessment. The town poor farm and the courthouse will both be outside the city limits. The bonded indebtedness of the town is about \$500,000. This debt will be divided between the two sections of the town in accordance with the provisions of the charter.

The assets of the town consist of what is known as the Stewart fund, derived from the sale of Hempstead plains, now Garden City, the public buildings and the meadows and beaches, including Long Beach.

The boundary line passes through school district numbers 13, 14, 15, and 16. In district numbers 15 and 16, the school houses will be within the city limits; while in number 13 and 14, they will be east of the boundary line. One of the school trustees in the proposed annexed school district says: "I have looked through the proposed charter, but find no provision covering the questions which will arise from the division of the school districts. Will the property owners in the portions of the district taken in or left outside the city limits lose their interest in the school property, and be released from the debts of the district? Will trustees living outside the city limits continue to act when the schools are located within the city? These are questions which we are discussing and which have to be settled very shortly.

*Brooklyn Eagle, March 8, 1897*

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### CHARLES A. LINDBERGH, INTERNATIONAL HERO OR NAZI SYMPATHIZER

Guy Ferrara, President of the Society, will present a slide show concerning Charles Augustus Lindbergh. In short, Lindbergh was born in Detroit in 1902. His nonstop solo flight across the Atlantic took place on May 20 and 21 in 1927. His book, *The Spirit of St. Louis*, won the Pulitzer Prize in 1954. He died on Maui in 1974.



The Society is selling those items listed below at the Restoration. Show your pride in being a member of the Society.

- Hats - \$12.00
- T-shirts - \$12.00
- Golf Shirt (short sleeved) \$20.00
- Golf Shirt (long sleeved) \$24.00

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



The Society will have a table on Saturday, May 5, 2012 when Home Depot and the Village of Valley Stream will be celebrating Clean, Green, and Valley Stream Day. The table will be set up near the sign designating the historic significance of the area. Please contact Guy Ferrara if you are available to volunteer time on that day.

### CONDOLENCES

The Society extends condolences to Ronni Fare, who recently lost her father. Mrs. Fare is the wife of Ed Fare. Chairman of the Board of the Society and Valley Stream's Mayor.

### WILLIAM SMITH'S SILVER

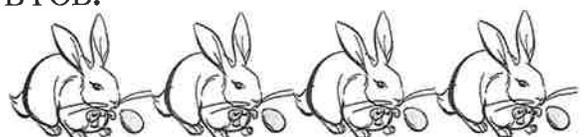


On Thursday, William Smith, of Valley Stream, a large manufacturer of cheap pantaloons, went to New York with a load, taking with him his son and a journeyman tailor. When the goods had been delivered, and a load of cut goods put on the wagon, Smith gave his son \$160 in silver and told him and the tailor to drive home. The money was placed in a box and covered with the goods. When they reached home and unloaded, the money was found to be missing. The tailor has been arrested on suspicion, and Officer Camman is looking for the money.

—*Brooklyn Eagle, October 26, 1878*—

***Please note that the Society's year ends in June and that dues are payable. For those who have not paid dues for the 2011-2012 year, this is your last issue of Panorama. As the Society is a 501(c)(3) not for profit organization, dues are tax deductible.***

**Errata:** The March 2012 issue reported in error that the Society was holding a barbeque on August 14 for its members. In fact, the date is **August 4, 2012**. No BYOB.



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## RMS Titanic Sinks in North Atlantic



April 15, 2012 marks the 100th anniversary of the sinking of the RMS Titanic after she collided with an iceberg.— It took two years to build (1901-1911) at the Belfast shipyards. On a ship that carried 2,224 people, 1,514 lost their lives. Related below is information on one of the survivors, whose life was made famous by Hollywood.

Molly Brown was born in 1867 in Hannibal, Missouri to Irish immigrants. She and her husband struck it rich in the Colorado gold fields. There is no proof that she ever referred to herself as "unsinkable."

Eventually, Brown separated from her husband which gave her the freedom to travel. In 1912 she headed to Egypt with John Jacob Astor and his wife. Brown learned her grandson was ailing and she cut the trip short and set sail on the Titanic from France, the one stop made by the ship to pick up passengers and provisions.

Brown was watching from a deck after the collision and was thrown into a lifeboat. She and the crew rowed all night until their rescue by the Carpathia.

Prior to the incident, Brown who lived in Denver, was known for her charity and social reform work. She raised funds to build Immaculate Conception Cathedral as well as mountain camps for poor children and orphans. After the sinking of the Titanic, Brown raised funds from the richer passengers to help the poorer passengers making sure they had a place to go when they got to New York.

In 1914 she eased tensions after twenty people (including women and children) died when the National Guard opened fire on striking coal miners and set fire to a colony of tents in Ludlow. Brown helped with relief efforts during World War I and ran for the U.S. Senate in 1914 – six years before women could vote.

Brown died in New York City in 1932 while pursuing another passion – acting.

Although she only had an eight grade education, Brown spoke several languages. She planned on taking another voyage on the Titanic to enjoy its well-stocked library.

The Molly Brown House Museum is located at 1340 Pennsylvania Avenue in Dever, Colorado.

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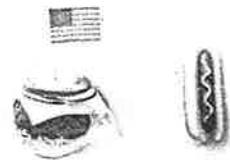
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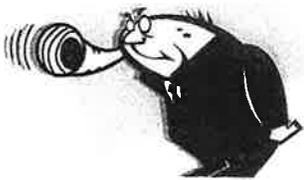
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### SOCIETY'S BARBEQUE REMINDER



The barbeque for members only of the Society will be held on August 4, 2012 at 1pm at the Pagan Fletcher Restoration. The rain date is August 11, 2012. Usual barbeque fare will be served. Please call the Restoration at 516-872-4159 if you are going to attend so that the appropriate amount of food can be purchased. Please bring your own beer as the Society will not provide it.

### THE HISTORY AND FUTURE OF HEARING AIDS



Dr. Lawrence Cardano, Au. D. will present a lecture on hearing aids.

### CONGRATULATIONS



To the Henry M. Waldinger Memorial Library on its 25th Anniversary of service to the community. On May 12, 2012 between the hours of 2 pm to 6 pm events will be held at the Library. *Editor's personal comment:* Keep your Kindles and i-Pads; I much prefer hardcover and paperback books.

"It had been startling and disappointing to me to find out that story books had been written by people, that books were not natural wonders, coming up of themselves like grass. Yet regardless of where they came from, I cannot remember a time when I was not in love with them – with the books themselves, cover and binding and the paper they were printed on, with their smell and their weight and with their possession in my arms, captured and carried off to myself. Still illiterate, I was ready for them, committed to all the reading I could give them."

*Eudora Welty – Columbia World of Quotations, Columbia University Press, 1996*

Guy Ferrara, President of the Society, will present his program on Charles Lindbergh on May 7, 2012 at 7:30 pm at the New Hyde Park/Floral Park Historical Society.

### MEMORIAL DAY PARADE



The Society will march in Valley Stream's annual Memorial Day Parade. We will meet at the parking lot of Wheeler Avenue School on Rockaway Parkway at 9am. Please wear your new shirts and hats.

There will be at least two (2) cars to transport members.

### ALWAYS REMEMBER



On May 26, 2012 at 11 am Central High School will hold a ceremony to honor those Centralites who served and made the supreme sacrifice.

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**SIX HONORED BY LOCAL PAPER FOR THEIR VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES**

Valley Stream is fortunate in that so many of its residents volunteer their time to help the less fortunate. The following individuals were recently cited.

**FELICE LOTTI** – Ms. Lotti is a member of Holy Name of Mary Church, a Eucharistic minister for the homebound, and involved with the Stewardship for Kids program. She has been volunteering her services for at least twenty years.



**MICHAEL MALONEY** – Mr. Maloney gives his time to the Holy Name of Mary food pantry which strives to feed the hungry along with the Christmas and clothing drives held by the Church. He has been involved for about five years.



**RITA DANIELS** – Ms. Daniels volunteers at assisted living facilities, local food drives and a local benefit for a cancer patient. She has been volunteering her services for ten years.



**JANICE KERRIGAN** – Ms. Kerrigan works for local soup kitchens, blood drives and local book drives dedicated to children's shelters. She has been involved for about 12 years.



**GLORIA LOPEZ** – Ms. Lopez has gone on mission trips to Guatemala and collected cans and products for local food drives. She has shared her free time for three years.



**ALBERT MARTEL** – Mr. Martel has built a home in Louisiana under the umbrella of Habit for Humanity. He also tutors underprivileged kids in Queens County. Mr. Martel has been doing his volunteer services for the last six years.



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### NEXT MEETING

June 20, 2012, at 8:00 pm  
Holy Trinity Episcopal Church  
Brooklyn Avenue and 7<sup>th</sup> Street  
Valley Stream, New York 11581

### LAST REMINDER



The barbeque for the members of the Society only will be held on August 4, 2012 at 1pm at the Pagan Fletcher Restoration. The rain date is April 11, 2012. Usual barbeque fare will be served. **Please call the Restoration at 516-872-4159 if you are going to attend so that the appropriate amount of food can be purchased.** Please bring your own beer as the Society will not provide it.

### STRAWBERRY & ICE CREAM SOCIAL



Join us for the last meeting of the 2011-2012 year. For the fee of \$3.00, you can enjoy strawberries, ice cream and the pleasant company of your neighbors.



### NOMINEES

The following individuals have been nominated for the position of Three Year Trustees.

Susan McKean  
Kathy Dellis  
Walter Harrod  
Karen Selah  
Hank Selah



### PASSINGS

The Society was saddened to learn of the death of Hans Semder who passed away on May 16, 2012. Semder had conducted classes on how to decorate gingerbread houses at the Restoration.

For the category the more things change, the more they remain the same.



### TRAINS DELAYED

Valley Stream, L.I., March 30 – Engine No. 1, drawing the Patchogue express, Conductor Ringhouse, broke down at Valley Stream this morning and east and west trains were delayed for some time. The engine was disabled by the bursting of the tubes of the boiler, the leaking water putting out the fires.

*Brooklyn Eagle; Date: March 30, 1896*



To David McKean who has donated a canopy to the Valley Stream Historical Society.



*Summer*



Adam Scheffer, a product of Valley Stream and ESPN NFL analyst, was awarded the broadcast media award by the Nassau County Hall of Fame on May 1, 2012.

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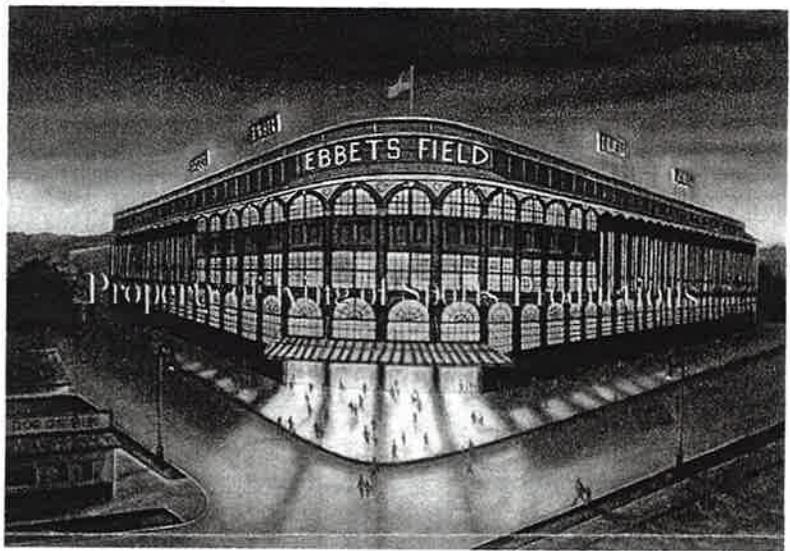
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**BATTER UP**



The history of Brooklyn baseball dates back to the 1850s. Over the first 30 years of their existence, the Brooklyn Dodgers had a number of names – the Atlantics, Grays, Bridegrooms, Grooms, Superbas and Trolley Dodgers. The team joined the National League in 1890.

Charles Ebbetts bought the team in the early 1900s. He promptly began looking for land to build a new ballpark. He purchased 1,200 parcels of land in the Flatbush area of Brooklyn. The first game was played at Ebbetts Field (Ebbetts decided to name the field after himself) in April, 1913. Certain facts and figures stand out. The original field had a seating capacity of 23,000; prior to demolition, the field could sit 32,000. The surface was grass and the cost was \$750,000. The last game was played on September 25, 1957.

Memorable moments at Ebbetts Field included the 1949 All Star Game, the World Series in 1916, 1920, 1941, 1947, 1949, 1952, 1953, 1955 and 1956. Jackie Robinson broke the color barrier in 1947. Ray Campanella was MVP in 1951, 1953, 1955 and 1957. Gil Hodges hit four home runs on August 31, 1950.

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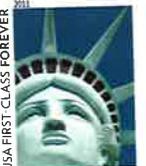
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### NEXT MEETING

September 19, 2012, at 8:00 pm  
Holy Trinity Episcopal Church  
Brooklyn Avenue and 7<sup>th</sup> Street  
Valley Stream, New York 11581

(Special to the Eagle)

Hempstead, L.I., September 1.

The large tiger, Spot, which escaped from the Walter L. Main show at Far Rockaway Saturday, was captured this morning in Christopher Schrieber's woods, Valley Stream. E. C. Knapp, treasurer of the show, when seen after returning with the beast, said that about 5 o'clock this morning he was awakened by two farmers who had located the animal. Ferris, the trainer with seven others connected with the show immediately drove to Valley Stream and after an hour of hard work succeeded in lassoing the tiger. There was great excitement along the route of travel this morning when it was known that the party with the cage wre after the beast.

*Brooklyn Eagle; Date: Sep 1, 1896*

### Flower of God: A Jewish Family's 3,000 YEAR JOURNEY FROM SPICE TO MEDICINE



Dr. Herbert Ausubel, a practicing doctor and graduate of Harvard Medical School, is the Society's speaker this month. He traced his family's history as it migrated from Ancient Israel to Babylon, Persia, Anotolia, Europe and finally the United States. The book took 32 years to write and is his family's story of survival.

### THE KINSELLA HOMESTEAD



Valley Stream, L.I., November 1 – The Kinsella estate, consisting of a tract of land, comprising about thirty-five acres, located on Broadway and Rockaway avenue, which recently passed into the hands of Miss M. E. Lynch, is being improved and will soon be placed upon the market as home building sites. This property surrounds the old homestead of the late Thomas Kinsella, which has been for many years one of the most picturesque landmarks in this section. Plans and specifications for the erection of a number of cottages are now being prepared, and building operations will be begun as soon as streets have been cut through. The property will be placed in a complete state of improvement, with made streets, water, gas and electric lights and will be sold in plots of four lots each in order to insure the erection of detached dwellings. The homestead, together with about three acres of the surrounding land, will be left intact.

*Brooklyn Eagle; Date: Nov. 1, 1899*

### COMMUNITY FEST



Take a walk down Rockaway Avenue on Saturday, September 29, 2012, from 11 am to 6 pm and look for the Society's table. Support your Historical Society and Community.

### SHOW TIGER RECAPTURED



Long Islands's Latest Terror in a Cage.  
He Was Discovered in a Woods at Valley Stream  
and Lassoed by His Trainer.

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# IN MEMORIUM

**JOAN DUFFY** on Thursday, August 23, 2012, at home in South Setauket, NY. Joan and her husband, Francis, supported the mission of the Valley Stream Historical Society for many years. Joan served the Society as editor of its newsletter. Joan's obituary in *Newsday* revealed that she loved languages, travel, teaching (which she did for 25 years), art, opera and her family. Joan, your spirit will be with us always.

**EILEEN F. BRENNAN** on Friday, August 24, 2012. Eileen was a staunch supporter of the Society in so many ways but our best recollection was of her selling the Society's wares at its Country Store at the Restoration. Eileen retired from teaching after 33 years in the Valley Stream School District.

**DOMINICK MINERVA**, former Mayor of the Incorporated Village of Valley Stream, on Monday, August 6, 2012. A graduate of St. John's University School of Law, Minerva was admitted to practice in 1967. He served on the Board of Trustees from 1971-1975 and was elected Mayor in 1975 where he served until 1979. During his tenure as Mayor, the Village purchased the Pagan homestead on Hendrickson Avenue. For his belief and that of the sitting Trustees at the time the Village needed a place to preserve its beginnings and future history, the Society will always be grateful.

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## NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, October 17, 2012 at 6:30 pm  
Holy Trinity Episcopal Church  
Brooklyn Avenue and 7<sup>th</sup> Street  
Valley Stream, New York

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

**I-Q:** Dairy-type foods, eggs, cheese, gelatins, fruit, fish (hot and cold). Starchy-type foods, hot or cold such as rice, beans, potatoes, pasta, etc.

**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. Guests are encouraged to call either 516-561-2115 or 516-872-4159 to determine into what category they fall. Members are asked to provide a dish if their guests are unable to do so.

## ANTIQUE CAR SHOW



The Society will hold an Antique Car Show on Sunday, October 21, 2012 from 1:00 to 4:00 pm at the Restoration.

## HALLOWEEN AT THE RESTORATION



The Halloween Costume Contest will be held at the Restoration on Sunday, October 28, 2012. The Ragamuffin Parade will start at 3:00 p.m. Costumes will be judged and prizes awarded for both children's and adults' costumes.



The haunted house located on the premises of the Brooklyn Avenue Firehouse will be open every Friday, Saturday and Sunday night in October as well as Halloween. The hours on Friday and Saturday are 7pm to 11pm; Sundays 6pm to 9pm and on Halloween 6pm until no one is on line. The cost is \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children 10 and under.



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## Valley Stream Remembers

It was a late September afternoon at Arthur J. Hendrickson Park. The chirping of the crickets overwhelmed the silence as I walked around the piece of steel the Village had obtained from the World Trade Center. Even the ducks and geese seemed to know they were in a special place. Suddenly, the sound of an airplane passing over broke the silence and evoked memories of the events of September 11, 2001.

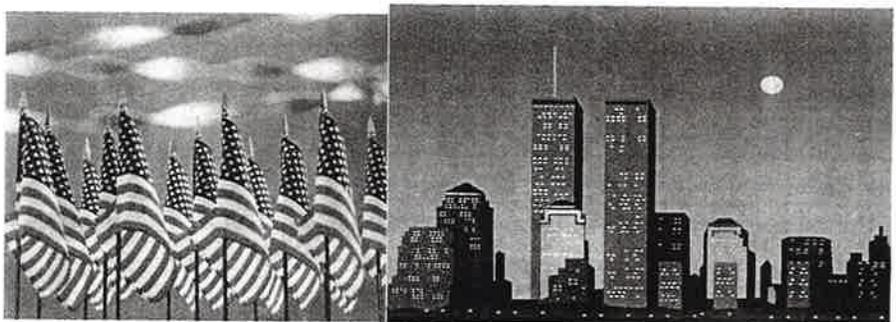
The first thoughts that went through the minds of the people at the law firm at which I worked on September 11, 2001 were an airplane had accidentally hit the World Trade Center. After all, a B-25 bomber hit the Empire State Building in 1945 (fog was the cause). The second plane proved us wrong.

Our parents had lived through World War II and for the "Baby Boomers" Pearl Harbor was a history lesson. Unbelievably, on September 11, 2001 our way of life was under attack. The car bomb which had exploded in the garage of one of the towers in 1993 and taken the life of John DiGiovanni, a Valley Streamer, had been forgotten for the most part.

Later in the day I walked down to Penn Station to catch the Long Island Rail Road home. The City's streets were so quiet. The subways weren't running and traffic was at a minimum. All you could hear were the military jets flying above. We were in a semi-state of shock.

On the railroad around Long Island City or thereabouts, the rail curves and many of the passengers looked out the windows at where the towers once stood. All you could see were plumes of smoke. It didn't seem real.

I have been at and flown over the site since the towers came down. Shortly after the 10th Anniversary, I visited the site again. The place is so peaceful that it is inconceivable a disaster of such monumental proportions occurred there. It takes a walk around the footprints of the two towers where the names of the victims are etched into the marble to realize that families were torn apart by the events of that September day. Let us never forget.



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