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THE BATTLE OF BRITAIN AND BEST PILOTS OF WORLD WAR II



A FEW FACTS

Lecture by
 Society President
 Guy Ferrara

The name "Battle of Britain" was coined by Winston Churchill in a speech in which he said that "...the Battle of France is over. The Battle of Britain is about to begin."

The first German bombing raid began on July 10, 1940. The Luftwaffe first bombed ships in the English Channel and defenses along England's coast, progressed to destroying the Royal Air Force ("RAF") and moved on to London.

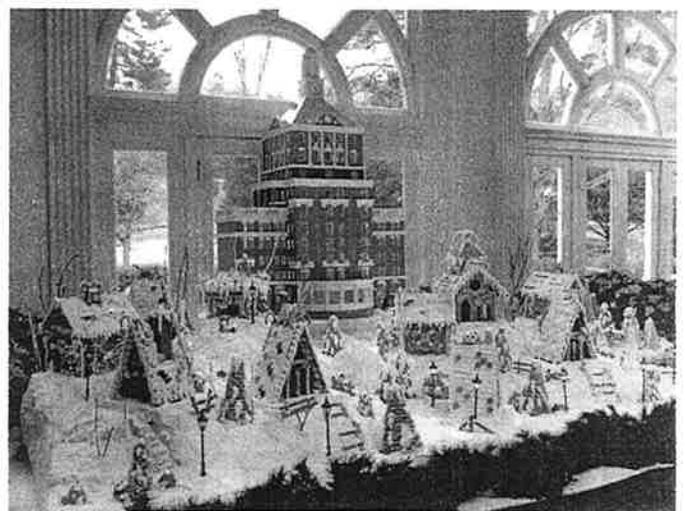
On September 15, 1940 Germany filled the skies over London with a large number of bombers and fighter planes. The RAF successfully defended London and while Germany continued to bomb London the RAF demonstrated that it was by no means close to being defeated.

The code name for the German invasion was Operation Sea Lion.

GHOULS & GOBLINS AT THE RESTORATION



GINGERBREAD WINNERS & SANTA'S ELVES



1st Place

Girl Scout Troop 2348
 Gingerbread Village

2nd Place

Daisy Troop 2259
 Daisy Village

3rd Place

Aidan Dombrosky
 Quiet Gingerbread
 Cottage

3rd Place

Amanda and Robin Lee
 Gingerbread Love



The Society expresses its appreciation to Keith Conrad, Building Maintenance Supervisor, Joseph Companaro, Kelliann Dupignac and Tommy Green for all of the help they provided in decorating the Restoration for the holiday season.

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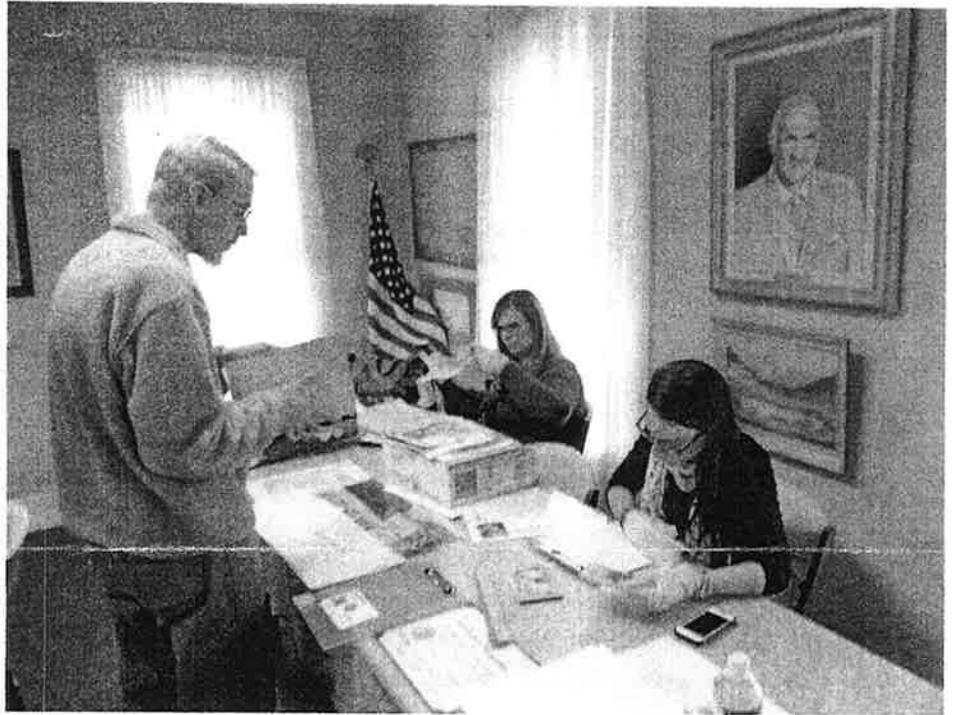
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OUR ARCHIVES COMMITTEE AT WORK



Left to right clockwise: Joe Coen, Jaclyn Kunz, Christina Bonfiglio-Scali

The Archives Committee has begun its work and through December, 2014, has inventoried several boxes containing, among other things, a 37 star American flag, material on Green Acres Mall, World War I, World War II and the New York World's Fair 1939-1940 and 1964-1965.

Some of the items contained in the boxes were clearly related to Valley Stream while others were not. In some cases individuals who donated items were identified but a number of donated items lacked the name or names of the donor(s).

The 37 star flag dates back to 1837 and is garrison sized. Together with the flag was a painted cloth banner from the 1980's describing the flag. It is believed that the flag was on exhibit at some point. Its provenance is unknown.

The Green Acres Mall Collections contain photographs, newspaper clippings, etc. related to the history of Curtiss Field, Columbia Aircraft Company and the Mall from 1929-1993.

The World War I material is largely related to various individuals from Valley Stream who served in earlier conflicts as well as World War I. The Society is in possession of the collections of Sargent George R. Kant, the Gear Sisters, Marge Kraengel, Hyman Weisburst and Al Mayernik.

The Committee reports that one of the more interesting items relating to the two Worlds Fairs are original admission tickets to each

Regarding the World War II collection, the Committee has begun to inventory its items.

After a more comprehensive inventory of the materials has been performed, a decision will be made on what materials are to be kept, the possibility of identifying the donors of certain materials, what is to be disposed of and the needs of the Society regarding conservation and special storage materials such as acid-free boxes, etc.

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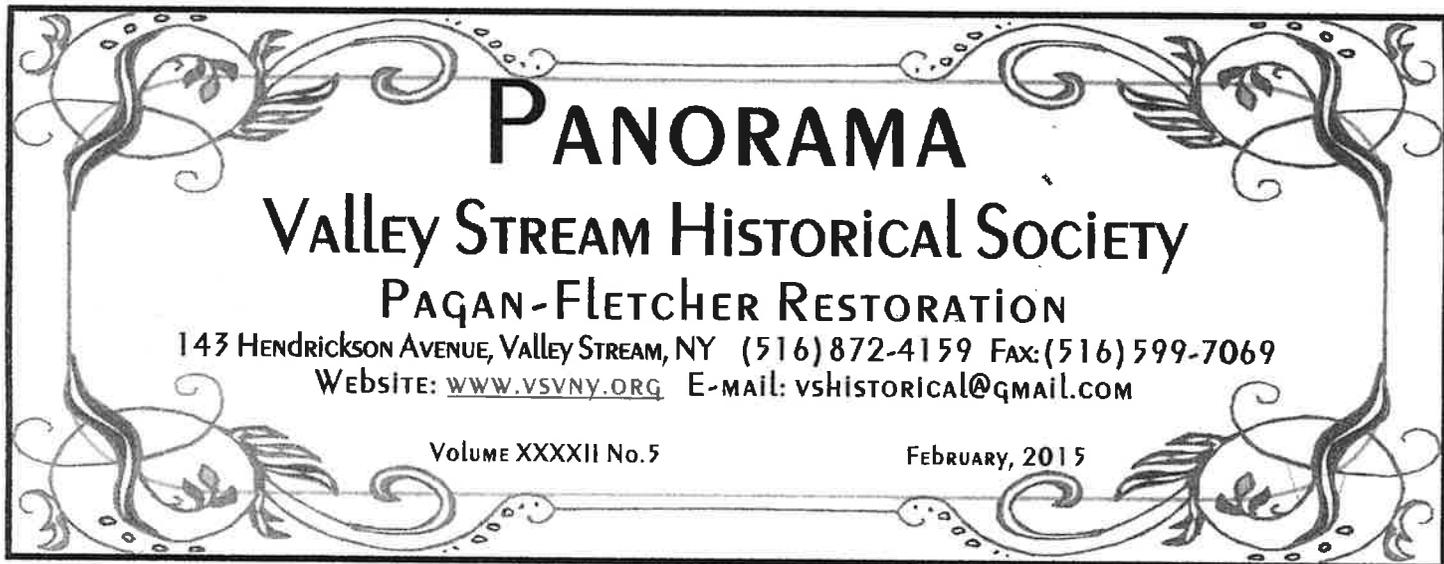
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FIRST PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES?

John Hanson was the self-educated son of Charles County, Maryland farmers and the first president of the Continental Congress. However, the office of President as we know it today did not exist until the Constitution was ratified in 1789. He had nine children, five of whom survived to adulthood but lost one of the five, a son Peter, during the Revolutionary War. In 1757 Hanson began his political career and was elected to the Maryland Colonial Assembly. He was instrumental in Maryland's support of the "rebels" after the battles of Lexington and Concord. In 1779 Hanson was named delegate to the Continental Congress. Upon the ratification of the Articles of Confederation on March 1, 1781 the Continental Congress became known as "Congress of the Confederation" or "United States in Congress Assembled." He was the first President of that body.

Information provided by the History Channel



BLACK HISTORY MONTH

*Author and Educator Carter G. Woodson
 "Father of Black History Month"*

Black History Month is an event that grew out of "Negro History Week" developed in 1926 by Carter G. Woodson. Woodson was born in New Canton, Virginia on December 19, 1875. One of nine children, Woodson, attended Berea College, Kentucky, earned his undergraduate and master's degrees from The University of Chicago and his doctorate from Harvard University. He was the second African American to earn a doctorate from Harvard University – the first was W.E.B. Dubois. President Abraham Lincoln and Frederic Douglass were born the second week in February hence his choice of that particular week. Since 1976 every US President has designated February as "Black History Month."

Did you know that the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People ("NAACP") was organized on February 12, 1909 – the centennial of President Lincoln's birth?



IMPROVEMENTS IN VALLEY STREAM

*Lecture by Envision President
 David Sabatino*

Envision Valley Stream is a not-for-profit developed by David Sabatino in 2009. It expects to accomplish its vision of cooperation and communication among the community by a group consisting of elected officials, residents, business owners, religious and other types of organizations and school districts to address concerns and positively enforce all the Village has to offer.



GEORGE AND ABE ARE BACK

Sunday, February 15, 2015 visit the Restoration and see a piece of authentic memorabilia that belonged to the family of George Washington. Members of the Society will be dressed in period costumes.



PASSINGS

The Society mourns the passing of Milton Sable, member and former member of its Board.

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Wednesday, March 18, 2015 at 7:15 pm

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HOW TO KEEP SENIORS SAFE



Lecture by Valley Stream Civil Patrol
President Ralph Polverino

The National Council on Aging advises that ninety (90%) percent of senior abuse is committed by the senior's own family members, most often adult children followed by grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

The top ten scams targeting seniors are listed below:

1. **Healthcare/Medicare/Health Insurance Fraud.** Often free products are offered. Insurers are charged for products that were not needed or delivered. Unnecessary and fake tests are performed on individuals and insurers are billed. Fake invoices are provided to Medicare by either customers or providers charging for services that were never provided.
2. **Counterfeit Prescription Drugs.** Closely examine the packages and lot numbers of prescription drugs. Notice any change from one prescription to the next. Consult your physician or pharmacist if your prescription drug looks suspicious.
3. **Funeral and Cemetery Scams.** Be an informed consumer. Shop around and take the time to call before making a decision.
4. **Fraudulent Anti-Aging Products.** If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is. Ask questions. Contact the Better Business

Bureau to find out if there have been any complaints.

5. **Telemarketing.** The buzz words "you must act now or the offer won't be good." "You've won a free gift, vacation or prize, but you have to pay for postage and handling." All the telemarketer is requesting your credit card or bank account number. Never, never give out this information over the telephone.
6. **Internet Fraud.** This includes the non-delivery of items ordered on-line, credit and debit card scams.
7. **Investment Schemes.** This may include, but are not limited to, advance fee, prime bank note, pyramid and the Nigerian letter fraud schemes.
8. **Homeowners/Reverse Mortgages.** If you are considering a reverse mortgage, be careful of whom you deal with. Eligible property owners must be 62 years of age or older, the property to be mortgaged must be their primary residence and must be owned by them and may have a small mortgage balance owing. A legitimate reverse mortgage product is insured by the Federal Housing Authority.

There are other frauds perpetrated against senior citizens. It would be wise to research the Federal Bureau of Investigation's (FBI) website for additional information.

ADAM RICH AND NIECE ARRESTED BUT WHEN PAROLED FOR EXAMINATION THEY DISAPPEARED AGAIN.

A woman giving her name as Mrs. Hannah J. Rich of Valley Stream, L. I. appeared before Justice Wood in Jersey City on Tuesday and entered complaint against Adam Rich, whom she said was her husband, and his niece Elizabeth Hewlett, whom she alleged had eloped together two years ago. The couple were found at 54 Jewett avenue, Jersey City, and when brought into court admitted the truth of the woman's charges. They brought two children with them. Justice Weed paroled them for examination to appear yesterday. They did not show up in court and when search was made for them they had disappeared.

Brooklyn Eagle, March 2, 1893

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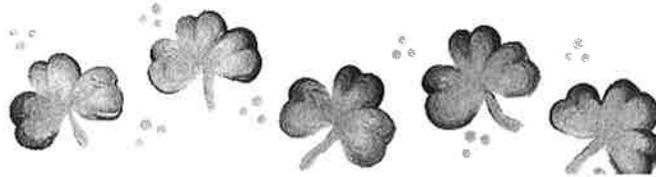


DeMott-Classes



The Society mourns the passing of Evelyn McQuade, Former Trustee, Former Editor of *Panorama* and Honorary Trustee of the Society.

In 1924, when McQuade was five months old, her family moved to Valley Stream from the Bronx. There were only 13 houses on the block to which the family moved. Her mother's sister with her family lived next door. In 1927 her mother died and McQuade lived with relatives until her father married Margaret Dougherty in 1929. She attended kindergarten at Brooklyn Avenue School and grades 1 through 6 at the Franklin Avenue School (now condominiums). After elementary school, McQuade attended Central High School and later the Grace Institute, a business school run by the Sisters of Charity and subsidized by the Grace Line company and the Grace Family. She worked from 1943 until her retirement in 1989. McQuade's last place of employment was the Harvard Club.



FINED FOR NON-ATTENDANCE

Valley Stream, I. L. January 27 – Charles Soper, on complaint of Attendance Officer DeMott, was fined \$5 by Justice Jay for violation of the compulsory education law in not sending his 14 year old boy, Thomas, to school. The Board of Education was represented by James Payan. The Rev. H. E. Ryder, pastor of the Baptist Church, was counsel for the defense.

Brooklyn Eagle January 27, 1900

GET AN EDUCATION

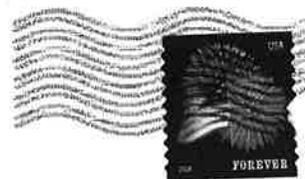


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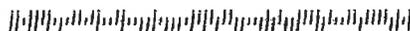
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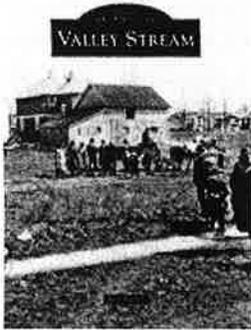
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It is one pagan holiday that does not have its roots in Celtic tradition. Symbols like rabbits, eggs and spring flowers are associated with the Saxon goddess Eostre whose name means east. The Christian holiday Easter comes from her and early Christianity adopted the symbols equated with spring not only because of their popularity but because they represent renewal and fertility.

**IMAGES OF AMERICA
Valley Stream Edition**



Author and local resident, Bill Florio, discusses his book *Images of America, Valley Stream*.



Although the Bible does not make mention of Easter bunnies, the animals are known to be prolific creators of new life. Some sources credit the Germans with bringing the Easter bunny to Pennsylvania in the 1700s. Initially, children made nests in which the bunny laid its colored eggs. Eventually the tradition was expanded to include chocolate and other candies and baskets replaced nests.



Easter is the second best-selling holiday for candy in the United States after Halloween. In the 1930s the jelly bean became associated with Easter. Over 16 billion jelly beans are made in the United States each year. Another popular candy is the marshmallow Peep which is manufactured by Just Born in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania (founded by Russian immigrant **Sam Born** in 1923).



**SPRING IS
HERE!**

We can all agree that the winter season has been harsh and the arrival of spring is welcome. The vernal equinox arrived on March 20 with snow in our community.

Did you know, however, that the pagans referred to this time of the year as Ostara? Spring has traditionally meant a time of renewal by all throughout history.

Modern pagans celebrate Ostara by rituals which celebrate rebirth.



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WHAT IS PASSOVER?



The eight-day festival of Passover a/k/a Pesach is celebrated in the early spring from the 15th through the 22nd of the Hebrew month of Nissan. It observes the emancipation of the Israelites from slavery in ancient Egypt as told in Exodus.

In a nutshell, after decades of slavery to the pharaohs, Moses was sent to the Pharaoh to ask that the Israelites be released. The Pharaoh refused and ten plagues descended upon Egypt. At the stroke of midnight of 15 Nissan in the year 2448 or 1225 B.C.E. the firstborn of the Egyptian families were killed. The Israelites were spared as they had been advised to slaughter lambs and put the blood on their doorframes. The Pharaoh relented and the Israelites left Egypt in a hurry such that the bread they had baked for provisions did not have time to rise. Six hundred thousand adult males and many more women and children left Egypt.

The Pharaoh changed his mind and chased the Israelites to the Red Sea. As we know the Red Sea parted for the Israelites. The Pharaoh and his chariots became stuck in the mud, the sea closed around them and they drowned.

People of Jewish faith commemorate Passover by sitting down to a Seder where they eat the paschal lamb, bitter herbs and unleavened bread (matzoh) and relate the story of Exodus.



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MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

The Annual Memorial Day Parade will take place on Monday, May 25, 2015. Participants should meet at the Wheeler Avenue School on Rockaway Parkway at 9:00 am.



DOUG STEIGELMIER, Retired

police officer and historian for the Nassau County Police Department, is our guest speaker.

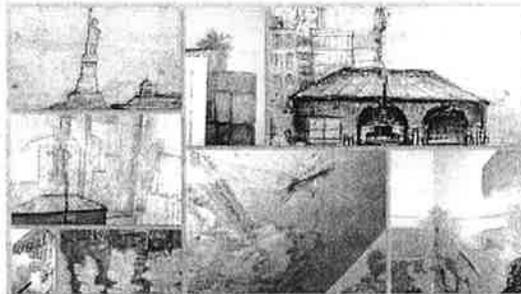
The department was formed in 1925 on a vote of the County Board of Supervisors replacing law enforcement performed by constables, town and village police departments. The Chief of Police and later Commissioner, Abram Skidmore, had a department of 55 officers and one fingerprint expert. At the time of Commissioner Skidmore's retirement in 1945, the department had grown to 650 officers. After World War II and the development of real property in Nassau County, the department had 1000 officers and another precinct, the 7th, opened. An 8th precinct opened in the early 1970's at which time the force had 4200 officers. Although it is still one of the largest county police departments in the United States, it currently has 2600 officers.

Photo – Nassau County Police Department website



PASSINGS

Marshall Anderson, who restored the Fairchild crayon drawings on the third floor of the Restoration recently passed away. An example of the work he restored is shown below. Visitors are invited to see the rest of Fairchild's and Anderson's work at the Restoration.



WAR BETWEEN THE STATES ENDS



Page showing Camp Life taken from the Civil War Collections at Michigan State University

In May of 1865 remaining Confederate troops surrendered and the nation was reunited; 620,000 Americans died with disease killing twice as many as lost in battle; 50,000 surviving soldiers returned home as amputees.

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NEW VALLEY STREAM BANK TO OPEN NOV. 1.

Valley Stream, L.I., Sept. 17 - The matter of selecting a site for the Valley Stream National Bank, which is about to be organized in this village, is now under consideration. It is believed that the new bank will be ready for business Nov. 1. Requests have been made for three times the amount of the capital stock, but the organization committee alone has oversubscribed the stock. No more than three shares are to be sold to one person.

Although nothing definite can be ascertained as to the personnel of the new bank, it is believed that Frederick Muller will be elected president; W. Ward Smith, chairman; Dr. J. M. Foster, August A. Schmitt and William Reisert, vice presidents, and F. P. Has... (last name undecipherable) cashier.

The Brooklyn Daily Eagle Fri. Sep. 17, 1920

A \$1,000 BURGLARY AT VALLEY STREAM

Valley Stream, L.I., Sept. 30-Burglars broke into the home of Henry Keller, Corona ave., while he and his family were away to dinner yesterday afternoon and robbed them of jewelry and clothing valued at close to \$1,000. Mr. Keller returning to the house about 2:30 o'clock, says he saw two men leaving the vicinity in a motorcar, but when they saw him coming, they "stepped on the gas" and got out of sight so quickly he was unable to get a description of them or the car. Constable Will Strohsom of Lynbrook and Detective Charles Hanson of Freeport are working on the case.

The Brooklyn Daily Eagle - Fri. Sep. 30, 1920

VALLEY STREAM NEEDS \$500 FOR MONUMENT FUND

Valley Stream, L. I., June 4-At a meeting of the Memorial Committee of this village, held in School 24 Tuesday evening, it was decided to complete the canvass for funds with which it was proposed to erect a monument in this village with a list of those who gave their lives in the service. The committee reported that it already had \$1,500 on hand and that only \$500 more was needed to allow the completion of the design they had planned. It has not yet been decided where the monument would be erected, but many seem to favor having it erected on the school corner.

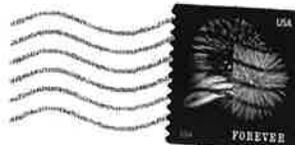
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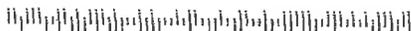
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STRAWBERRY AND ICE CREAM SOCIAL



Come join the Society and socialize with its members for the last meeting of its year. The fee is \$3.00.

ELECTION AND/OR RE-ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND TRUSTEES

The following are up for re-election and/or election and will be sworn in at the June meeting:

President – Guy Ferrara

Vice President – David McKean

Treasurer – Florence Gunther

Corresponding Secretary – Agnes Libath

Recording Secretary – Karen Vitale-Selah

Three-Year Trustees

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Ross Thomas Rava

Valerie Esposito

Claire Lenz

Tony Gicala



By-LAWS COMMITTEE

President Ferrara has appointed three (3) individuals to review and revise the Society's by-laws for presentation to the paid members. They are: Karen Vitale-Selah, Joseph Coen and Carol McKenna. Barring any unforeseen circumstances the proposed revisions should be available before the summer is over. For those with computer access, the revisions will be posted to the Society's website. All others who have paid their dues will receive copies in the mail.



In order to raise needed funds, the Society will hold events at the Restoration including, but not limited to, book sales and items from Granny's Attic. Please keep in mind that the items for sale are not books or other items at the Restoration donated over the years to the Society but rather *new/old* items donated by members of the Society or the general public specifically for the fund raisers. To keep young children occupied, there will be non-video games for them to play.

SUMMER IN VALLEY STREAM

Carl Hoppl and Hank Miller

Welcome you to

PARK INN

Merriek Road, opposite State Park

in Valley Stream, L.I.

Valley Stream 5-6035

NEW SUMMER REVUE

Ann Bee Bee – Billie Beck

CORTEZ & MARQUIS

Dancing Every Night

Michael Oliveri and His Orch.

Bill Shepard

At the Hammond Organ

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Banquets-Weddings

The Brooklyn Daily Eagle – Friday, July 12, 1946

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**\$4,000,000 Work at CURTISS Field
Under Way Today**

**EMBARKATION Building TO Offer
PLANE PASSENGERS "OCEAN LINER SERVICE."**

Valley Stream, L. I. June 11, 1929-Ground was broken today for the construction of auxiliary buildings planned in conjunction with the \$4,000,000 program of improvement at Curtiss Valley Stream Flying Field. In addition to the structures now in process of construction, it was revealed at the regular meeting of the Valley Stream Exchange Club at Boden's Chop House yesterday noon that a huge airship terminus is included in plans to develop the field.

Karl Voteler of the Curtiss service who spoke at the Exchange luncheon, said that the main entrance will be situated at the northwest side of the field. It will be flanked by a large embarkation building and casino similar to those constructed for transcaribbean Sea traffic in Miami, Fla.

CITES FEW FATALITIES

In accordance with our anticipated plans, the embarkation building will permit passengers on huge air air lines the same way as they now enter ocean liners.in perfect comfort "free from dust," he declared adding "that air travel is the safest mode of transportation today and statistics show that there has been only one fatality for every 383,000 miles flown."

During the course of his talk, he outlined the plans for the development of the Valley Stream field, which, he said, included the removal of the ground school at New York University to Valley Stream. Four school hangars will be constructed for use of the students. Flanking the casino will be an exposition building, he said, which will be architecturally in keeping with other structures planned and will be connected with the casino by a promenade.

PLAN Clubhouse

In addition to the structures required for the embarkation of planes and administration of the field, a clubhouse will be erected for the comfort and recreation of pilots. A field manager's residence as well as facilities for housing a large personnel are included in the plans, he added, for the accommodation of visiting airplanes.

He said that seven hangars will be erected in the western end of the field. Other buildings contemplated are a dormitory for student pilots, a service station, testing buildings and structures for repairing and windproofing wings.In the final plans for the development of the field four runways are specified, with two runways 1,000 feet long.

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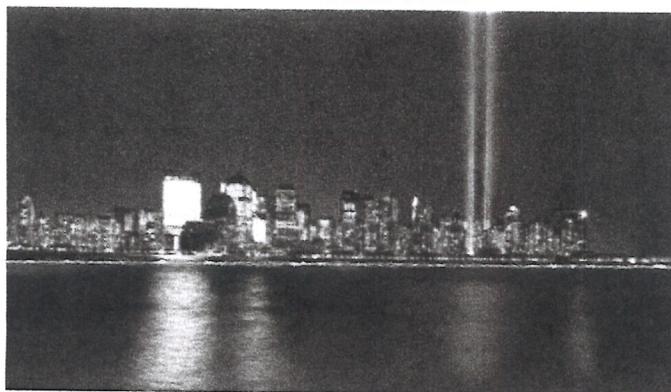
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Wednesday, September 16, 2015, at 7:00 pm

Valley Stream Community Center

Arthur J. Hendrickson Park
Merrick Road and South Franklin
Valley Stream, New York

911 MIRACLE



Lecture by Stanley Praitnath, sole survivor of the 81st floor, Tower 2, at the World Trade Center.

SEPTEMBER 2, 2015 THE SEVENTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SURRENDER OF JAPAN



General MacArthur accepting the surrender of Japan on board the USS Missouri in Tokyo Bay

At the Potsdam Conference of July-August 1945, U.S. President Harry S. Truman (who had taken office after Roosevelt's death in April), Churchill and Stalin discussed the ongoing war with Japan as well as the peace settlement with Germany. Post-war Germany would be divided into four occupation zones, to be controlled by the Soviet Union, Britain, the United States and France. On the divisive matter of Eastern Europe's future, Churchill and Truman acquiesced to Stalin, as they needed Soviet cooperation in the war against Japan. Heavy casualties sustained in the campaigns at Iwo Jima (February 1945) and Okinawa (April-June

1945), and fears of the even costlier land invasion of Japan led Truman to authorize the use of a new and devastating weapon—the atomic bomb—on the Japanese cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki in early August. On August 10, the Japanese government issued a statement declaring they would accept the terms of the Potsdam Declaration, and on September 2, U.S. General Douglas MacArthur accepted Japan's formal surrender aboard the USS Missouri in Tokyo Bay.

World War II proved to be the most devastating international conflict in history, taking the lives of some 35 to 60 million people, including 6 million Jews who died at the hands of the Nazis. Millions more were injured, and still more lost their homes and property.

*Information and photograph provided by
The History Channel*

NEW DEVELOPMENT IN VALLEY STREAM OPENED YESTERDAY

Country Homes for Veterans, a new development of 48 single family homes in Valley Stream, is ready for inspection, it was announced yesterday by J. Edward Meyer, president of the Cord Meyer Development Company, sponsors of the project.

Located midway between Franklin Square and Valley Stream with part of the property edging Southern State Parkway, the houses are built on 50x100 foot plots and have five rooms and expansion attics. Eighteen homes are nearing completion and construction on the remaining 30 will start soon. Features include large rooms with hardwood floors, tile bath, gas heat and brick veneer finish.

Construction is under the management of John Meyer, son of the late George C. Meyer, Forest Hills pioneer developer. Meyer was recently released from service in the U.S. Navy. The architect is Rudolph A. Matern of Jamaica. Inquiries regarding Country Homes for Veterans are being handled at the Cord Meyer Development Company offices, 108-18 Queens Boulevard, Forest Hills.

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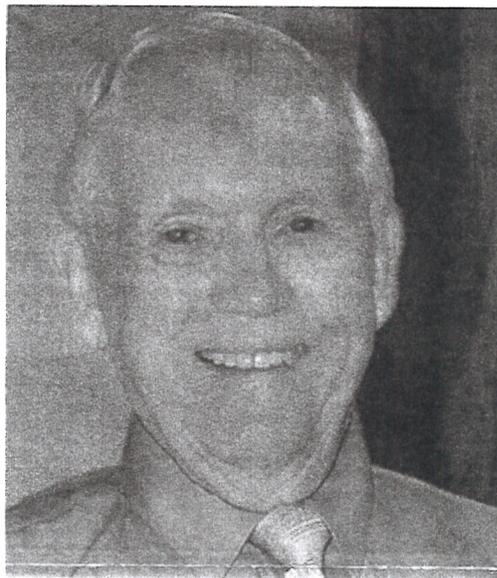
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James E. Buckley
June 28, 1923 – August 29, 2015

A veteran of World War II, Jim Buckley passed away at home on Saturday, August 29, 2015. Although he was born in his parents' home on Fifth Street south of Sunrise Highway, he and his wife, Anita, lived in a home north of Sunrise proving that once a Valley Streamer, always a Valley Streamer.

Jim graduated from Central High School in 1941 where he captained its basketball team. In 1943 he was drafted and reached the rank of Tech Sergeant in the Army. Originally he was assigned to a base in Washington State but subsequently spent two and one-half years in Europe.

Jim attended Adelphi University and was employed by Hendrickson Brothers initially as a timekeeper and eventually as a purchasing agent until his retirement. He also worked for the United States Post office for a short period of time as a mail clerk.

In 2014 Jim was named Chairman Emeritus of the Valley Stream Historical Society. He was known for his strong work ethic as well as his community activism. The flag of the country he loved flies at half mast at the Restoration to honor the man that will be sorely missed by so many.

Our thoughts and prayers are with his family.



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NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, October 21, 2015, at 7:00 pm

Please note location and time.
Firemen's Field Clubhouse
 120 Albermarle Avenue
 Valley Stream, New York



McGruf
the Crime Dog

HOW TO PROTECT YOURSELF FROM CRIME

Lecture by New York City Police Academy teacher, Richard Errico. **Please note the location of the lecture. The Community Center will be closed in order to make it into a "Haunted House."**



Valley Stream Historical Society's HALLOWEEN COSTUME CONTEST



The **original** Halloween Costume Contest will be held on Sunday, October 25, 2015, at the Pagan Fletcher Restoration on Hendrickson Avenue. There will be a Ragamuffin Parade around 3:00 pm on the grounds of the Restoration. Adults are invited to participate by wearing costumes, as well.



Village's HALLOWEEN COSTUME CONTEST



Saturday, October 17, 2015 at the Mini Golf Tent at Arthur J. Hendrickson Park. Children 3 and under at 1:30 pm; Children 4, 5, and 6 at 2:00pm and 7 and older 2:30pm. All costumes will be judged on the following categories: scariest, most original and funniest.

In the event of rain, the contest will take place on Sunday, October 18, 2015.

Village's PUMPKIN PAINTING SPONSORED BY THE VALLEY STREAM CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND THE VALLEY STREAM YOUTH COUNCIL



Saturday, October 17, 2015 with a rain date of Sunday, October 18, 2015. Adjacent to the Mini Golf Course at Arthur J. Hendrickson Park. Children aged 5 to 8 at 10am; children aged 9 to 12 at 11:30 am. Pumpkins will be judged on the scariest and funniest. Pumpkins, paints and brushes will be provided. Children should wear old clothes. All children will receive a tee shirt.

Because these are real pumpkins, reservations must be made by October 16. Please call 516-872-6003. This program is restricted to residents of the Village of Valley Stream.

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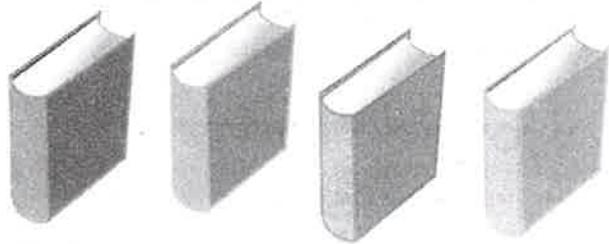
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**Valley Stream
Observance Set For Book Week**

Valley Stream, Oct. 20 – Representatives of various organizations of this village, meeting in the Valley Stream Library, formulated plans for celebrating Book Week from November 2 to 8.

Among those who attended were Mrs. Michael March, representing the Valley Stream Flower and Garden Society; Mrs. Stephen Pettit, the Valley Stream Brownies; Mrs. George Roberts, the Valley Stream Home Bureau; Mrs. R. E. Thompson, the Girl Scouts; George J. Clute, Business Men's Association; Helene Kovac, Business Girls Association. In addition to the members of the book committee, also in attendance were Mrs. Kilburn S. Arnold, representing the Valley Stream Library Board board of trustees; H. W. W. Brown, representing the Boy Scouts, and Daniel Hallock, Valley Stream Library Assistant.

Residents of the community are being urged to take to the library not later than Oct. 28, samples of handicraft and hobbies that have been created as a result of information obtained from books.



The Brooklyn Daily Eagle – October 20, 1941

**L. I. DISTRICT P.T. A. PARLEY is ARRANGED
FALL CONFERENCE Will TAKE PLACE AT
VALLEY STREAM ON OCTOBER 23**

Valley Stream, L. I. Sept. 20- Plans have been completed by the executive board of the Long Island District Parent Teachers Association for the fall conference to be held here at District School 13 on Thursday, Oct. 23.

The executives were guests at a meeting this week in the home of Mrs. William Hicks at 186 Elderberry Road, Mineola, at which tentative plans were made for the operetta which the district association will sponsor next month. It was written by two district teachers and is called "Singing Leaves." Two performances are to be presented, the first at Farmingdale and the second at Baldwin.

Mrs. Reginald Pratt announced that the names of all delegates to the State convention to be held in Rochester October 6 to 9 should be forwarded to her so that she may prepare the ribbons and buttons of identification for them.

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NEXT MEETING

November 18, 2015, at 7:15 pm

Please note location and time.
 Valley Stream Community Center by the Lake
 Arthur J. Hendrickson Park
 Merrick Road and South Franklin
 Valley Stream, New York

DECEMBER AT THE RESTORATION GINGERBREAD HOUSE CONTEST AND BAKE SALE

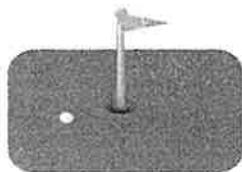


Sunday, December 6, 2015 from 1pm to 4pm at the Pagan-Fletcher Restoration. \$100.00 in prizes. Vote for your favorite house. At 2pm there will be a demonstration on icing your gingerbread house.



The Society will also be holding a Bake Sale. Contributions of baked goods would be most appreciated.

GAME OF GOLF ON LONG ISLAND AND VALLEY STREAM



Lecture by Phil Cariucci on golf courses on Long Island including the former Valley Stream Golf Course.

WINNERS OF VALLEY STREAM HISTORICAL SOCIETY'S HALLOWEEN COSTUME CONTEST



FIRST PLACE
 Luke Nesbeth –
 Ninja Turtle

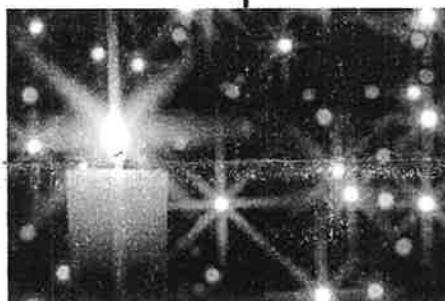
SECOND PLACE
 Elizabeth Joseph –
 Elsa



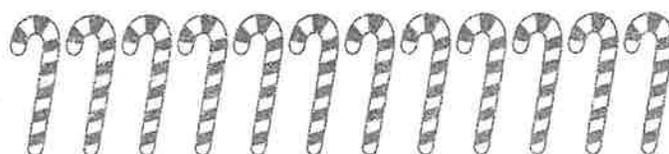
THIRD PLACE
 Aliza Naweem –
 Colorful Pink Witch



CANDLELIGHT TOUR



A Candlelight Tour of the Restoration will be held on Sunday, December 27, 2015 from 6:00 pm to 8pm. Donations of non-perishable canned goods for our local food pantries would be appreciated.



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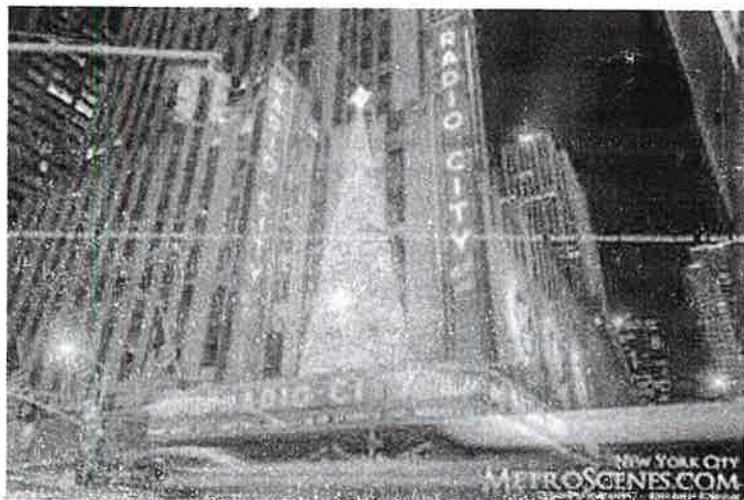
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CHRISTMAS IN NEW YORK



The tree at Rockefeller Center had humble beginnings. In the midst of the Great Depression on Christmas Eve 1932 a group of construction workers on the site of what would become one of the greatest architectural and commercial endeavors, erected a 20 foot tree. Two years later, the first official tree lighting ceremony was held.



More than 300 million people have enjoyed stage shows, movies, concerts and special events at Radio City Music Hall. The land on which it is built was part of the property owned by the Rockefeller Family. The Rockefellers sought a commercial partner and the Radio Corporation of America ("RCA") filled the bill. RCA's NBC radio programs and its RKO movie producing studio were diversions for the general population. The Rockefeller Family and RCA were joined by S.I. "Roxy" Rothafel who had gained a reputation as a theatrical genius for employing a combination of vaudeville, movies and razzle dazzle with struggling theaters. For more than 80 years the Rockettes have performed at the *Christmas Spectacular*. The name "Radio City Music Hall" was dubbed by David Sarnoff, then head of RCA.



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