



WriteOn Appoints Editor and Publishes “Shattered”

VALLEY STREAM, New York April 4, 2019 WriteOn—Valley Stream Stories (WriteOn), a project initiated by the Valley Stream Historical Society (Society), announces the appointment of Jaclyn Kunz, editor. WriteOn also publishes its most recent submission, “Shattered,” Jeff Heston’s chronicle of his challenged childhood.

WriteOn, which debuted November 2018, was created in response to the wealth of Valley Stream personal history shared on social media. Amy Bentley, board trustee, got the project off the ground. “Although it has been a rewarding experience to create a formal place to preserve and share Valley Stream memories, my intent was never to assume editorship of the project once it was up and running. I have had the pleasure of working with Jaclyn, a board trustee of the Society, for the past five years, and knew she would be a perfect fit.” Kunz, the Children’s Librarian at the Henty Waldinger Memorial Library since 2008, is also the President of the Children’s Services Division of the Nassau County Library Association. “I believe that although my academic credentials and professional affiliations complement the position, my passion for literature coupled with stories about my hometown, convinced me to accept,” explained Kunz.

In 1962, nine-year-old Jeff Heston moved to Lynbrook. Because his home was on the southeast border of Valley Stream, he attended William L. Buck Elementary and South High School and considers Valley Stream his hometown. Jeff’s saga of growing up with parental mental illness and religious zealotry is a tough read, but he confronts his past with blunt honesty that earns our respect and compassion.

The Valley Stream Historical Society congratulates Jaclyn Kunz on her editorship. We also thank Jeff Heston for having the courage to share his story. To read “Shattered,” and for instructions on how to submit your own memories, please visit the Society’s webpage at www.vsvny.org/historical and click on the “WriteOn” link.

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Valley Stream Historical Society

In 1973, the Valley Stream Historical Society, a 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization was formed. In 2000, the New York State Board of Regents granted the Society its Absolute Charter. Mission Statement: “To bring together people who are interested in the history of Valley Stream and to collect and preserve historical records for the purpose of educating and fostering interest in our community.” Additional information on the Society can be accessed at www.vsvny.org/historical