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NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, January 20, 2010, at 8:00 pm
 Holy Trinity Episcopal Church
 Brooklyn Avenue and 7th Street
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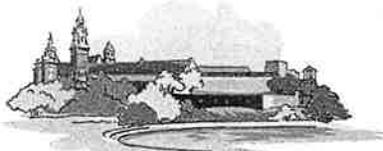
LECTURE ON BODY LANGUAGE By DR. JOSEPH O'CONNOR



Body language is defined as nonverbal communication by means of facial expression, eye behavior, gestures, posture and the like. It expresses emotions, feelings and attitudes and occasionally even contradicts the messages conveyed by spoken language.

OUR GINGERBREAD HOUSE WINNERS ARE

1ST PRIZE – Lisa Nordstrum - *Fairy Castle*.



2ND PRIZE – Career Preparatory High School,
 Nassau BOCES - *Macy's Day Parade*.



3RD PRIZE – Tyler Sugarmeale - *Lincoln's Cabin*.



HONORABLE MENTION

Page and Rylan Smith – *Valley Stream Village* –
 Page is 4 years old; Rylan is 2 years old – our
 youngest entrants.

Fernande Calizaire – *Mom's House* – our senior entrant.

Dorothy Hollman – *John's House*. Dorothy has been gracious to volunteer her time to show our visitors how to decorate gingerbread houses.

A GREAT BIG THANK YOU to Hans Semder for donating the prize money.

And we would be remiss if we did not mention John Cassidy, Mike Colavito, Jody Futoran, James Neil and Keith Conrad who were instrumental in helping decorate the Restoration for the holidays. Thank you!

Others who helped with the decorations were Valerie Esposito, Guy Ferrera, Agnes Libath, Bridget Manney, John Mennella and Karen Selah.

GEORGE IS BACK (AND LINCOLN TOO)



Washington Lincoln

On February 14, 2010 between the hours of 1 pm through 4 pm at the Restoration. Members will be outfitted in colonial costumes. We have a bit of Washington memorabilia for you to review. Have we piqued your curiosity? Come visit.

Did You Know?

Among the ancients the first day of the year corresponded with the vernal or autumnal equinox or to the summer or winter solstice. In the Middle Ages, it was celebrated among Christians on March 25. After the adoption of the Gregorian calendar in 1582 the day was observed on the first of January.

A HAPPY
 NEW YEAR

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U.S. Commissioners' Court – Before Commission Jones

United States against O'Brien & Gilchrist –

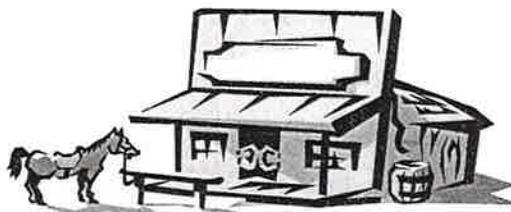
This case came up before the Commissioner at eleven o'clock yesterday. The defendants were charged with distilling without license and without payment of special tax. The testimony was tolerably clear and direct.

Deputy Collector E.A. Weeks, of the First District, being examined by Mr. McGrath, swore that he knew the defendants, that O'Brien is an innkeeper at Jamaica that on the fourth of January, he (witness) seized a distillery at Valley Stream, for which no special license has been taken out. There he found Mr. Gilchrist, James Durlio and Philip Heart. He asked who had charge of it, and was told by Gilchrist that he had nothing to do about it, and that he came to see the proprietor, but who the proprietor was, he would not tell. He found two hogsheads of molasses, and an empty cask marked with O'Brien's name. Gilchrist said he lived on Flushing avenue, Brooklyn. He had a bottle in his hand, and said he wanted to get some liquor for a neighbor.

Philip Heart, being sworn said he was employed by O'Brien to work at the distillery, and that he saw Mr. Gilchrist there. O'Brien paid him \$5, and he received \$12 wages from a man named Mc (balance of name missing).

The case was adjourned on behalf of the defendant, until the 11th last, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon.

Brooklyn Eagle, April 6, 1867



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FEBRUARY 2010

NEXT MEETING*

February 18, 2010, at 8:00 pm
Holy Trinity Episcopal Church
Brooklyn Avenue and 7th Street
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*PLEASE NOTE THAT OUR NEXT MEETING IS
ON A THURSDAY.

LECTURE ON CONTRIBUTIONS OF WOMEN OF NEW YORK DURING THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION By KAREN VITALE SELAH



Women during the Revolutionary War did much more than keep the home fires burning. They loaded cannons during battle, wrote poetry about patriotism, spied on the British, wrote articles against British rule of the Colonies, carried gunpowder in aprons and carried secret messages.

It's Official



On February 2, 2010 Punxsutawney Phil declared that we have six more weeks of winter. Groundhog Day began as a German holiday in southeastern and central Pennsylvania in the 18th and 19th Centuries. Supposedly it had its origins in ancient European weather lore where a badger or sacred bear would predict six more weeks of winter or an early spring. Punxsutawney Phil was joined in his prediction by our Long Island neighbors, Malverne Mel and Holtsville Hal.



IT'S TIME FOR THE 2010 CENSUS



The census is taken every ten years upon the recommendation of the United Nations. The cost for the 2000 U.S. census was approximately 4.5 billion dollars.

One hundred years ago, it was reported that New York State had a population of 9,113,614 with 39,429 born in Scotland and foreign born white farm owners numbered 21,016. In 1910 in Nassau County, the population numbered 83,930 with 512 born in Scotland and foreign born white farm owners totaled 183.

At the end of 1910 the US population was 92,407,000; life expectancy for males was 48.4 years – females 51.8 years; the average salary was \$750 per year; the Ziegfeld Girls earned \$75 per week; there were 76 reported lynchings; whiskey was \$3.50 a gallon; milk was .32 a gallon; and speeds made automobile safety an issue.

WORKING FOR GOOD ROADS

Valley Stream, L.I. October 10 – The next meeting of the Valley Stream Improvement association will take place on Monday evening. The work accomplished by this association since its organization, about four months ago, is an example to small, slow going villages. A direct result of the association's work is the resolution of the county supervisors to macadamize Rockaway avenue from the Merrick road to the road from Lynbrook to Far Rockaway. This will shorten the distance to the latter place and Rockaway Beach two miles, to the benefit of thousands of bicyclists and hundreds of truckmen, farmers and others, every summer. Another improvement of great local benefit is the extension of Brooklyn avenue eastward from the school house. The people in that section have to cross seven railroad tracks and drive a mile to get to the post office or carry their children to school within half a mile of their homes. When the road is completed and a stream bridged the dangerous and unnecessarily long trip will be a thing of the past.

Brooklyn Eagle October 10, 1896

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MARCH 2010

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March 18, 2010, at 8:00 pm
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THE ACTORS COLONY IN FREEPORT



What do the names Diamond Jim Brady, Lillian Russell, Leo Carillo, Fannie Brice, Sophie Tucker, Will Rogers, Buster Keaton, W. C. Fields, and Broderick Crawford have in common? At one point or another, they spent time in Freeport.

Cynthia Krieg, local government historian for the Village of Freeport and Representative for Central High School Class of 1954 will show a Power Point presentation on the Actors Colony.

MARRIAGES



At Near Rockaway marriage of Benjamin ABRAMS to Mary J. Hendrickson.

Long Island Star - January 5, 1848

At Foster's Meadow David S. CLOWES to Miss Jane E. HENRICKSON

Silas PETTIT to Miss Jane SEABURY.

Long Island Star - May 1, 1850

The *Long Island Star* was a weekly newspaper published between 1809 and the mid-1860's.

PASSINGS



James Buckley, Jr., son of retired Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Society, James Buckley, Sr. and the late Anita Buckley. Our heartfelt thoughts are with the Buckley family for their loss.



IT HAPPENED IN MARCH

- March 1, 1904 – Glenn Miller's birthday
- March 2, 1904 – Dr. Seuss' birthday
- March 3, 1847 – Alexander G. Bell's birthday
- March 3, 1931 – The Star Spangled Banner officially became the National Anthem
- March 6, 1806 – Elizabeth Barrett Browning's birthday
- March 8 – International Women's Day
- March 9, 1454 – Amerigo Vespucci's birthday
- March 11, 1903 – Lawrence Welk's birthday
- March 13, 1781 – Uranus discovered
- March 14, 1879 – Albert Einstein's birthday
- March 17 – St. Patrick's Day
- March 19 – Swallows return to Capistrano
- March 20, 1906 – Ozzie Nelson's birthday
- March 24, 1874 – Harry Houdini's birthday



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The Association Re-elects R. H. Mayland of Freeport as Its President.



**TOURNAMENT AT LAWRENCE—Thirty Companies
Represented at the Gathering in Valley Stream—Other Officers
Elected. —(Special to the Eagle)**

Valley Stream, L.I., April 12 – The annual meeting of the Town of Hempstead Volunteer Firemen's Association was held in Schreiber's Hall, this village, last evening. It was the largest and most enthusiastic meeting ever held by the association.

Rowland H. Mayland was the unanimous choice of the delegates for re-election as president.

For first vice president, Carman R. Lush of Hempstead and Edward Webber of Rockaway Beach were nominated. Mr. Lush was elected, receiving 30 votes and Mr. Webber 24.

George H. Schiffmacher of Woodmere was unanimously re-elected second vice president.

Frank S. Snedeker of Freeport was unanimously re-elected secretary.

For treasurer, Hirman R. Smith of Freeport and James Snedikor of Rockway Beach were named. Mr. Smith was elected, receiving 38 votes and Mr. Snedikor 18.

Samuel T. Wright of Rockville Center was re-elected statistician.

An executive committee was elected as follows: Thomas A. McWhinney of Lawrence, Oscar H. Henckle, Arverne; James T. Hall, Valley Stream; Edward Gaynor, Hempstead; Edward Webber, Rockaway Beach.

Thirty companies were represented at the meeting by sixty delegates. Three new companies joined the association: Floral Park Hook and Ladder Company, Lawrence-Cedarhurst Engine Company and the hose company from the same place.

The place for holding this year's parade and tournament created considerable of a good natured contest. Freeport, Lawrence and Rockaway Beach all asked for it. A vote was taken and Lawrence won by 43 votes to Freeport 10 and Rockaway Beach 2. The time for the parade and tournament was left for future action.

R. H. Mayland, the re-elected president, last year proved himself such a hard worker and successful executive that every company in the association long ago expressed itself strongly in favor of continuing Mr. Mayland at the head of the association this year if he would accept the position. Mr. Mayland is chief of the Freeport Fire Department. He was made chief last year and did so much for the department that he was unanimously re-elected at its head this year. —*Brooklyn Eagle* – April 12, 1900

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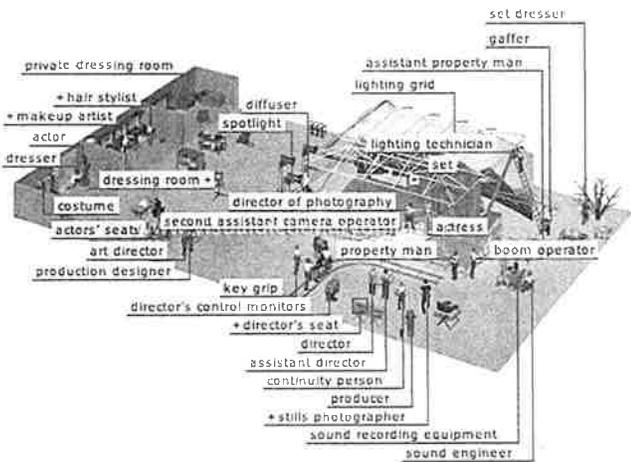
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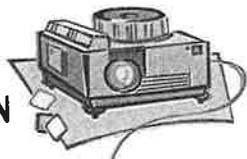
Frankel & Meyers Drug Store, Valley Stream, NY



David Paone will present a slide show on Jobs on a Movie Set. Paone has worked as first or second assistant camera in at least 21 films. He has also worked as a director, producer and writer. Come see and listen to what occurs behind-the-scenes on a movie set.

Long Island History Day was held at Hofstra University on March 14. Carol McKenna was asked to judge several samples of documentaries prepared by individuals in the junior division. There were many outstanding entries—for example, to name a few, documentaries on the polygraph, the innovation of 3D animation, bridges and wind power.

NOW AND THEN



Agnes Libath, Jim Buckley and Walter Harrod will be showing a slide presentation based on before and after photographs of Valley Stream at Blessed Sacrament in the basement on May 4, 2010 at 9am.

UPDATE ON LIRR TERMINAL AT GRAND CENTRAL STATION



LIRR commuter access to Grand Central Station is expected to be completed in September, 2016. When it has been completed, 32,000 linear feet of new tunnels will have been excavated from the existing 63rd Street tunnel down to 37th Street below Park Avenue. To date, around 22,200 feet of tunnel has been excavated. The East Side Access (as the project is known) will connect the Port Washington and Main lines with Grand Central Station. This is the first expansion of the railroad in over one hundred years, one of the largest public works projects ever undertaken and the recipient of the largest federal funding grant to date.

SOCIETY SEEKING...



Have an interest in history? Perhaps you have some free time and would like to get involved with an organization of individuals determined to ensure that the history of the village is maintained for future generations. If so, please contact the Society at 516-872-4159.



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IN MEMORIAM

Elinor Smith Sullivan, Freeport native, and resident of the Lytton Gardens Assisted Living Facility in Palo Alto, California passed away at the age of 98, Friday, March 19, 2010.

Set forth below are a number of her many accomplishments:

- ❖ 1918 – first flight in an airplane at age 6 near Hicksville, NY. Approximately one year later began taking flying lesson.
- ❖ At 15 becomes the youngest American to solo.
- ❖ At 16 becomes the youngest American to earn a pilot's license.
- ❖ At 17 makes headlines flying beneath all four East River bridges.
- ❖ At 18 becomes the youngest person to receive a transport pilot's license and is the first woman to fly military aircraft.
- ❖ 1929 – sets women's solo endurance record of more than 13 hours. When she lost the record, she then proceeded to win it back flying over Nassau County for more than 26 hours.
- ❖ 1930 – named best female pilot by country's licensed fliers. Considered to be equal if not better than Amelia Earhart. Becomes the first woman test pilot for Fairchild Aviation of Long Island.
- ❖ 1931 – becomes only female pilot to be featured on Wheaties box.

Smith Sullivan married Patrick Henry Sullivan, II and moved to Manhattan to raise a family. In 1944 when he lost his re-election to the Assembly, the family moved to Freeport. Mr. Sullivan died in 1956 after 25 years of marriage. She resumed flying in 1956 when the Air Force asked for her assistance with training exercises at Mitchel Field.

Upon learning of Smith Sullivan's death, Joshua Stoff, curator at the Cradle of Aviation, remarked: "She was the last living Long Island aviation pioneer, male or female, from the golden age of aviation. She was the last link to those early days of flight, the colorful and spectacular Roosevelt Field period when all the great aviators were here."

Elinor Smith Sullivan now flies with the angels.



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May 2010

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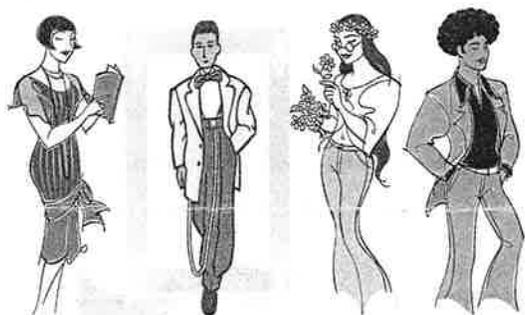
The Society will present a lecture on *The Importance of Genealogy* by Julius Pearse.



Guy Ferrara and Gabe Parrish will represent the Society at the induction of Charles Lindbergh, Mary L. Cleave and Thomas J. Kelly into the Cradle of Aviation Hall of Fame on May 17, 2010. All of us are familiar with Charles Lindbergh. Mary L. Cleave was the first Nassau County woman to fly into space; Thomas J. Kelly is called the Father of the Lunar Module.

MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

The Annual Memorial Day Parade will take place on Monday, May 31, 2010. The Society will meet at 9:00 am at the parking lot near the Wheeler Avenue School on Rockaway. All participants are encouraged to wear costumes.



THE SOCIETY WELCOMES THE WHEELER AVENUE SCHOOL



The Society will conduct tours of the Restoration on June 9 and June 10, 2010 to school children from the Wheeler Avenue School. Children are first introduced to local history in the fourth grade. The social studies curriculum builds on students' understanding of families, schools and communities and establishes a chronological framework to help students organize information about their communities within the context of New York State history.

SAVE THE DATE



You are invited to visit the Restoration on Sunday, September 12, 2010 for an antique car show.



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June 2010

NEXT MEETING

June 16, 2010, at 8:00 pm
Holy Trinity Episcopal Church
Brooklyn Avenue and 7th Street
Valley Stream, New York



Join us for our Installation of Officers and Strawberry and Ice Cream Social. The cost for strawberries and ice cream is \$3.00 per person.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS AND TRUSTEES

- ❖ President – Guy Ferrara
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- ❖ Treasurer – Florence Gunther
- ❖ Corresponding Secretary – Agnes Libath
- ❖ Three Year Trustees - Valerie Esposito, Robert Presbrey, Milton Sable, Jim Score, and William Vivenzio.

PASSINGS



PETER KAISER, graduate of Central High School Class of 1946, former Trustee of the Society, Director of the Valley Stream Central High School Alumni Scholarship Foundation and member of the American Legion (veteran of the Korean Conflict.).

HELEN DOWDESWELL, a charter member and Honorary Trustee of the Society, attended Valley Stream schools, graduate of Adelphi University, Class of 1934, earned her Master's Degree from New York University in 1938, studied at the University of Grenoble, France, and was awarded membership in the Society of the French Academic Palms by the French government, a prestigious honor. Was singularly responsible for instituting the Oral History Program of the Society.

POSTHUMOUS AWARD

The family of Elinor Smith Sullivan, LI's foremost aviatrix will be presented with a honorary diploma from Freeport HS, along with her school records showing her to be an excellent student, at the Cradle of Aviation on June 6, 2010 at 1:30 pm.

August 1865 Harper's Weekly



"Black Soldier" by Thomas Nast

LONG ISLAND HISTORICAL SOCIETY AND OUR SOLDIERS

(continued from May, 2010 edition)

In aid of this historical work, may come the efforts and collections of the "Bureau of Military Statistics," authorized by the last Legislature, and directed to continue its labors

for a year commencing with June last. This act appropriates \$6000, and appoints a chief of the bureau, with clerks, whose duty it is "to collect and preserve in permanent form an authentic sketch of the General Government, since the 15th day of April, 1861, and which shall include an account of their organization and subsequent history and operations, together with an account of the aid afforded by the several towns and counties of this State, and an abstract of such statistics shall accompany the annual report of the Adjutant General."

However, successful this bureau may be, it is not at all probable that it can accomplish the same end, or effect the same thorough work, in different districts of the State, as can be effected by societies, the institutions of the country; jealous of the reputation of the nation, and anxious to preserve every local memorial of patriotism and honor.

This Society solicits memorials and trophies of the war, to be preserved here at home, the deposit of documents and letters which will illustrate the character and deeds of our local troops, and will be proud to do justice to the humblest citizen of Long Island, whose name, on the scroll of his country's defenders, will have honor in the present and also in that great future, which every patriot believes is to outstrip the past.

--*Brooklyn Eagle*, October 12, 1863

CORRECTION

The May 2010 issue of *Panorama* reported that an Antique Car Show would be held at the Pagan-Fletcher Restoration on Sunday, September 12, 2010. Because of a conflict, the date has been changed to Sunday, **October 3, 2010.**



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**LI WINNERS OF
NEW YORK'S HISTORY DAY**



- **Junior Historical Paper – Third Place** – *The Cell Phone that Changed America* – Meaghan Mahoney, Commack Middle School, Commack.
- **Junior Web Sites – Third Place** – *The Hip Hop Culture* – Sidney Pigott, Mylz Wilson, Taylor Grant, Tayler Warner, Baldwin Middle School, Baldwin.
- **Junior Group Documentary – Third Place** – *Peace Corps.; Changing the World One Person at a Time* – Noam Barazani, Elijah Corwin; the Brandeis School, Lawrence.
- **Junior Individual Exhibit – First Place** – *Nylon: Changing the Fabric of our Lives* – Jessie Kurz, Woodmere Middle School, Hewlett.
- **Junior Group Exhibit – First Place** – *DNA Evidence – The Key to our Future* – Shan Jafri, Giovanni Vittozzi, Matthew Grillo, Seamus Scaring, Vincent Devenoge, St. Mary's, Manhasset.
- **Senior Historical Paper – Second Place** – *Nikola Tesla* - Daniel Kramer, Lynbrook Senior HS, Lynbrook. **Third Place** – *Moving the Masses – How Underground Transport Transformed the City Above* – Jordyn Inger, Massapequa HS, Massapequa.
- **Senior Web Sites – Third Place** – *New York City Subway: An Underground Innovation* – Damanpreet Pelia, Nathasha Masub, Sarah Elsheryie, Sindhu Darisi, Herricks HS, New Hyde Park.
- **Senior Individual Documentary – Second Place** – *Fireside Chats: An Innovation in Communication* – Anisha Chava, Herricks HS, New Hyde Park.
- **Senior Group Documentary – First Place** – *"A Radical Innovation." The Impact of the 1960 Great Debates on Televised Politics* – Michelle Roter, Amenda Villani, Hadas Werman, Jordan Friedman, George W. Hewlett HS, Hewlett. **Third Place** – *Jazz: A People, A Passion, A Revolution* – Forum Parikh, Sophie Feng, Anika Jain, Herricks HS, New Hyde Park.
- **Senior Individual Performance – Second Place** – *Hedy Lamarr and Frequency Hopping: The Brains Behind the Beauty* – Allison Schlissel, George W. Hewlett High School, Hewlett. **Third Place** – *Radiation in History* – Nicole Heneveld, Massapequa HS, Massapequa.
- **Senior Group Performance – First Place** – *The First Amendment* – Nick Elias, Warren Lin, Mickey Dibattista, Minkyung Shinn, Herricks HS, New Hyde Park.
- **Senior Individual Exhibit – First Place** – *Portioning off the American Dream* – Lauren Reisig, Massapequa HS, Massapequa.
- **Senior Group Exhibit – Third Place** – *The Telegraph: The Cornerstone of Modern Telecommunications* – Hana Porges, Samantha Sokol, Matthew Marber, Jericho Senior HS, Jericho.

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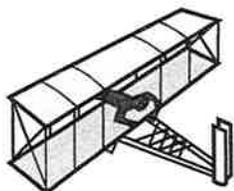
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NEXT MEETING

September 15, 2010, at 8:00 pm
Holy Trinity Episcopal Church
Brooklyn Avenue and 7th Street
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FROM JENNY'S TO JETS

Gabe Parrish will read passages from *The Flight Adventures of Columbia Aircraft Test Pilot John Miller*. Members will recall that Mr. Miller had been a guest speaker for the Society. Miller's passing was reported by the *Poughkeepsie Journal* in June 2008 at the age of 102.

PASSINGS



Noel Wendel reported that his sister, **Emma Bitowski**, has passed away. Bitowski was a founding member and served as President of the Society.

Ed Ferrar on July 16, 2010 at the age of 90. Long-time residents of the Village will recall that Ferrar kept a number of wild animals in his house on Lynwood Drive. Ferrar was a Triple Ace who shot down 17 enemy aircraft during 78 combat missions. He flew a P-47 Thunderbolt and for his service was awarded the Silver Star, Distinguished flying Cross and Air Medal of Honor.

ANTIQUÉ CAR SHOW



On Sunday, October 3, 2010, the Society will host a show of antique cars at the Restoration between the hours of 1pm through 4pm. Admittance is free.



FAIR AT VALLEY STREAM

IT IS GIVEN IN AID OF THE CATHOLIC
CHURCH AND WILL CONTINUE FOUR DAYS

Valley Stream, L.I. August 29 – A four days' fair and entertainment for the benefit of the new Catholic church, of which the Rev. Peter P. McGovern is pastor, was opened last evening in Firemen's Hall and the grounds adjoining. If the attendance at the opening is a criterion the event will be highly successful. The hall is prettily decorated with booths presided at by young women in fashionable summer attire, and the grounds brilliantly illumined with colored lanterns. Numerous attractions are provided at the fete to capture the spare change of visitors, who are expected to bestow liberal patronage. A vote will be taken during the event to ascertain who are the most popular young men and women in Valley Stream. Gold watches are to be given as prizes to the winners. Other prizes are also to be awarded. Dancing is to be a feature throughout the fete and especially on the closing night. To-night a euchre is the attraction at the fair, to-morrow night dancing and a musical entertainment in which the choir from Our Lady of Good Counsel will participate, and on Labor Day there is to be dancing and a short entertainment. The committee of women working assiduously to make the fete a hugh success is as follows: Mrs. John Miller and daughter, Mrs. Christopher Schreiber, Mrs. J. Coyle, Mrs. Gallagher, Miss Christina Greibe, Miss Von Hatten, Mrs. M. O'Loughlin and daughters, Mrs. J. O'Loughlin, Miss West, Miss Van Buskirk, Mrs. James P. Niemann, Mrs. Fowley, Mrs. Klubenspies, Mrs. Greenwald, Mrs. Abel, Miss Gunther, Mrs. Hendrickson, Mrs. Reisert, Mrs. Rafsig, Mrs. Scott, Mrs. Ryan, Mrs. Grady and Mrs. Bell.

Brooklyn Eagle, August 29, 1902

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IN MEMORIAM

On a summer day the Village of Valley Stream gave tribute to its late Mayor, Edward W. Cahill. People of all walks of life crowded Holy Name of Mary Church for his funeral Mass. They wore suits, dresses, casual and work clothing such as boots, jeans and orange and green shirts. They counted themselves as family, friends and employees of the Village. They came to pay respects to a man they had grown to admire – a man who worked tirelessly for his neighbors whether he knew them personally or not.

Ed and his wife, MaryAnn made Valley Stream their home for close to fifty years. Ed was a retired New York City police officer having attained the rank of Sergeant. He was charged with keeping the officers in his precinct honest. Ed also served as head usher at Holy Name of Mary Church.

Ed, originally from Brooklyn, was a Brooklyn Dodgers fan and later a New York Mets fan. Note: The writer is also a New York Mets fan.

Ed was elected to the Village Board in 1995 and succeeded Jim Darcy as Mayor when Darcy successfully ran for the New York State Assembly. Ed was elected as Mayor in 1999 and re-elected in 2003 and 2007. He was the first Mayor since Henry Waldinger to be elected to more than one term of office as Mayor.

He and MaryAnn could often be seen walking on Rockaway Avenue. When residents addressed him as Mayor, Ed promptly remarked, "My name is Ed."



AN IRISH BLESSING

May the road rise up to meet you
May the winds be always at your back
May the sun shine warm upon your face,
the rain falls soft upon your fields and,
until we meet again, may Gold hold you
in the palm of his hand.

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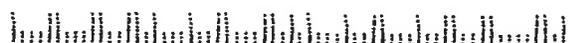
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OCTOBER, 2010

NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, October 20, 2010, at 7:00 pm
Holy Trinity Episcopal Church
Brooklyn Avenue and 7th 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: Starchy "type foods, hot or cold such as rice, beans, potatoes, pasta, etc."

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

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

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.



HALLOWEEN AT THE RESTORATION



The Halloween Costume Contest will be held at the Restoration on Sunday, October 31, 2010. 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.

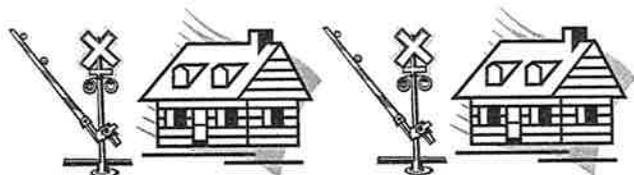
LONG ISLAND

New York And Hempstead Railroad. –

An election, recently held for officers of the New York and Hempstead Railroad, resulted in the selection of Abraham Wakeman as President, and T. C. Goetchius as first Vice President, Mr. Charles S. Brown is Managing Director. Mr. Litchfield has withdrawn from the management of the road. It is now stated that the work of continuing the road from Valley Stream to Bay Ridge, via East New York and Flatbush, will be carried on in earnest, and it is calculated that it will be in operation next Spring. That portion of the road between Valley Stream and Hempstead has been in successful operation for two years past.

Improvements at Valley Stream. – A church and schoolhouse is to be erected at Valley Stream this fall, the church to be of no particular denomination, but free to all. Three new French roof cottages are under contract to be erected immediately, and others will be contemplated. Most of the property of this place has passed out of the hands of Mr. Litchfield, who is said to have made some \$100,000 out of it, and is now owned by Mr. S. M. Hickey, who appears to have more enterprise than his predecessor. Valley Stream is the only place on Long Island at which four railroad trains meet at the same time, and it bids fair in the course of times to be a thriving place.

Brooklyn Eagle September 10, 1872



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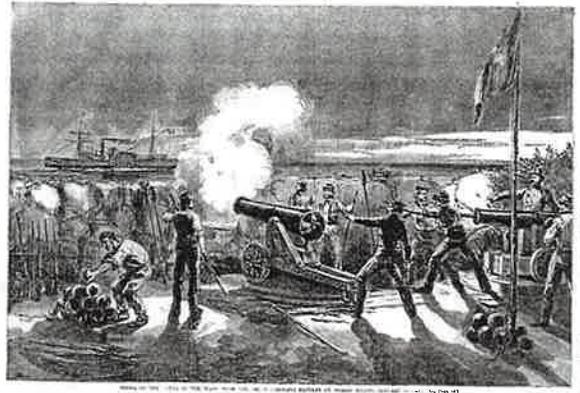
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According to the Fort Sumter National Monument, the first Union shot of the Civil War was fired by Captain Abner Doubleday. He was the second senior officer of Fort Sumter, under Major Robert Anderson.



Doubleday was born at Ballston Spa, New York, on June 26, 1819, one of three sons of Ulysses and Hester Doubleday. He attended Auburn and Cooperstown schools. In 1838 Doubleday was appointed to West Point from where he graduated in 1842 with a commission in the artillery. Doubleday was promoted to first lieutenant in 1847. He saw military service in the Mexican War and against the Seminole Indians in Florida during the 1850's. During the years 1852 and 1853 Doubleday served as a member of a commission investigating allegations of fraud during the Mexican War. He was promoted to Captain in 1853 (Arlington National Cemetery indicates he was promoted to Captain in 1855). Doubleday was stationed at Charleston Harbor in 1860 – 1861. In May 1861 he was appointed major of the 17th Infantry. Doubleday served in the lower Shenandoah Valley and in defense of Washington. He became brigadier general of a group of volunteers and was assigned to command a brigade under General Irvin McDowell. Doubleday saw actions on the Rappahannock at Second Bull Run and as a commander in the battles of South Mountain, Antietam and Fredericksburg. In 1863 as a major general he commanded the fighting at Gettysburg. As his commanding general, George G. Meade, was not fully aware of all of Doubleday's efforts, he was not given permanent command of his division. Doubleday retired from the service in 1873 and eventually moved to New Jersey where he made his home until his death.

Doubleday was a staunch unionist who opposed slavery and supported Abraham Lincoln as did his wife, Mary. It has been reported that when she was in Washington, D.C. in mid-March 1861 she shared her letters from her husband with the President so that he could get a better picture of the situation at Fort Sumter.

Doubleday was the author of two books, *Reminiscences of Fort Sumter and Moultrie in 1860-61* (1876) and *Chancellorsville and Gettysburg* (1882). A statue of him was erected at Gettysburg.

Doubleday and his wife are buried at Arlington National Cemetery.

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Nov., 2010

NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, November 17, at 8:00 pm
Holy Trinity Episcopal Church
Brooklyn Avenue and 7th Street
Valley Stream, New York

WATER AND ICE THE TRAGIC WRECKS OF THE BRISTOL AND THE MEXICO ON THE SOUTH SHORE OF LONG ISLAND

Lecture by Arthur S. Mattson. Mattson is the appointed local government historian for our neighbor to the East – the Village of Lynbrook. He has had a number of appearances on Public Television relating the history of his community.

Angelo La Colandro will bring with him the original drawing of the Pagan-Fletcher Restoration to the November, 2010 meeting.

WINNERS OF THE HALLOWEEN COSTUME CONTEST

First Place – Nasiem Cromwell – Undertaker

Second Place – Maurice Cromwell – Organized Crime Character

Third Place – Mathew Abreyo – GI Joe – Snake Eyes



The Decoration Committee will meet on Wednesday, December 1, 2010 at 2pm at the Restoration to decorate for the upcoming holiday season.



GINGERBREAD HOUSE CONTEST AND BAKE SALE

The Annual Gingerbread House Contest and Bake Sale will take place on Sunday, December 5, 2010 at the Restoration from 1pm to 4 pm. Cash prizes awarded. Please vote for your favorite house. Decorative icing demonstration by Dorothy Hollman at 2pm.



CANDLELIGHT TOUR OF THE PAGAN FLETCHER RESTORATION

will take place on Sunday, December 26, 2010 between the hours of 6pm and 8pm. Visitors are asked to bring donations of canned food for our local food pantries.



Lloyd MANOR HOUSE TOUR

The Society had an opportunity in October to enjoy a VIP tour arranged by Guy Ferrara of the Joseph Lloyd Manor house located in Lloyd Harbor, NY. According to the Society for the Preservation of Long Island Antiquities ("SPLIA"), the house was built in 1766 and is furnished to the 1793 inventory of John Lloyd II. It was the home of Jupiter Hammon, a slave who became the first published black poet.

In 1654 the Matinecock sold 3,000 acres of what is now Lloyd Neck to the English. In 1676 James Lloyd acquired the neck which was taken over by his son, Henry. Henry farmed the land and erected a house which still stands in Caumsett State Park. Henry died in 1793. Henry's son, Joseph, built the Joseph Lloyd Manor House which he was forced to abandon during the Revolutionary War by the British who built several fortifications in the neck including Fort Franklin. Henry Lloyd IV was the last Lloyd to own the estate.

Anne Morrow Lindbergh and Charles Lindbergh rented the Manor from June 2, 1939 through September 1941 and thereafter moved to Martha's Vineyard as a consequence of all of the unwelcome attention to which they were subjected.

Other celebrities who have lived in the area include Billy Joel and Christie Brinkley who rented the estate's gatehouse; Jerry Seinfeld, Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie.



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**THIRD ANNUAL DINNER OF THE
ST. NICHOLAS SOCIETY OF NASSAU ISLAND
ON FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6, 1850
AT THE HOTEL OF JOHN I. SNEDIKER.**

If the spirit of the good St. Nicholas, did not overlook the magnificent oblation at his altar, last evening, all we have to say to his saintship is, *he missed something*. But we feel sure that the joyfulness which shone upon the countenances of all assembled at that festive gathering, was but the irradiation of the happy presence of the venerated titular patron of the Society. This reunion was the most triumphant of the series, but in the numbers gathered at the banquet board, and in the spirit of brotherhood and social gratification which reigned supreme throughout the evening. We predict an extraordinary manifestation, during the coming Christmas times, of the satisfaction afforded to great Santa Claus by this ovation, in the shape of increased attentions to the holiday requirements of the "rising generation" of Dutch descendants on Nassau Island. So mote it be.

Notwithstanding the violent storm which raged unceasingly throughout nearly the whole of yesterday, the members of the Society, to the number of one hundred and forty, or thereabouts, were prompt in convening at the famous hostelry kept by John I. Snediker on the Jamaica turnpike – those from Brooklyn being transported thither in a number of Husted & Kendall's elegant stages, with spanking teams of from four to eight horses...

Dinner was announced for six o'clock, but owing to the delay, caused by the inclemency of the weather, it was about seven before the banquet hall was thrown open, and the welcome word of *entrée* was given to the guests... A column was formed, and they marched in to the tune of the "Netherland's March" circling the tables until each member of the company found a place... The veteran president of the Society, General Jeremiah Johnson, was not present, but he found a worthy substitute in Tunis G. Bergen, Esq. This gentleman as he sat at the head of the festive board, wearing the three-cornered cocked hat, peculiar to the Dutch governors of Nassau Island, looked the very impersonification of good cheer and hospitality that characterized the old Knickerbockers...

Excerpt from the *Brooklyn Daily Eagle*
December 7, 1850



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