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### NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, January 19, 2011  
 Holy Trinity Episcopal Church  
 Brooklyn Avenue and 7<sup>th</sup> Street  
 Valley Stream, New York  
 8 p.m.



Bernie Rader, a resident of Freeport will present a lecture on the WWII Prisoner of War Exchange. Rader was with the 94th Infantry Division, 301st Regiment, Company K, when he was captured by the Nazis.

### WINNERS OF THE GINGERBREAD HOUSE CONTEST



First Place – Girl Scout Troop #2281

Second Place – Amanda Lee and Fernande Calizaire

Third Place – None



The Society is very grateful to **Pat Baldassare** who stepped in when Dorothy Hollman was unable to lend us her expertise on icing and decorating gingerbread houses.



### IN THE NEWS



Mill Pond Park was renamed Edward W. Cahill Memorial Park on November 27, 2010, the late Mayor's 83rd birthday.

A Make a Difference Award was given to Guy Ferrara by the Town of Hempstead on November 9, 2010. Town Supervisor Kate Murray presented Ferrara with the award for his many volunteer activities. The Society congratulates Ferrara.

Riesterer's Bakery in West Hempstead celebrated its 79th Anniversary in November, 2010. It is the oldest family run bakery in New York State.

Angelo LaColandra presented the Society with his original drawing of the Pagan Fletcher House at the Society's November general membership meeting.

### FELL INTO A HOGSHEAD



"Charles Schilling, of Valley Stream, fell into a hogshead Saturday and broke his shoulder blade."

*Brooklyn Eagle - December 28, 1886*

Editor's Note: Wikipedia defines a hogshead as a large cask of liquid...More specifically it refers to a specified volume, measurable in either Imperial units or U.S. customary units, primarily applied to alcoholic beverages such as wine, ale or cider. Hmm – do you suppose Schilling felt pain ?

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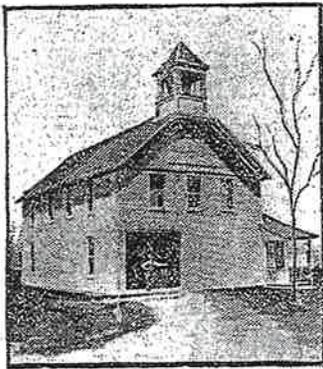
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New House of Nassau Hook and Ladder Company, Valley Stream.

**NASSAU'S NEW HOME**

**FIREMEN OF  
Valley Stream  
Will DEDICATE IT ON  
MEMORIAL DAY**

Nassau Hook and Ladder Company of Valley Stream has completed a substantial and commodious house on Corona avenue, which will be dedicated by an entertainment and reception on the eve of Decoration Day.

The building is 28x50 feet; two stories high and finished throughout with hard wood. The first floor is to be used for apparatus and the second for meetings, entertainments, etc. A good sized stage with dressing rooms attached has been provided on the upper floor.

The entire cost of the building was over \$1,500. Joseph F. Felton, John H. Abrams, William P. Horton, James Curran, Joseph T. Hall, E. H. Golder and Henry Keller were the building committee, and their work has been satisfactorily completed.

The company was organized about three years ago and has been unusually thrifty. Its officers are Robert M. Dibble, foreman; Edward Von Buskirk, assistant foreman; John H. Abrams, treasurer; William P. Horton, secretary; Christopher Schreiber, Hugh Schluster and Adam Langrebe, trustees.

*Brooklyn Eagle - May 25, 1901*



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## NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, February 16, 2011  
Holy Trinity Episcopal Church  
Brooklyn Avenue and 7<sup>th</sup> Street  
Valley Stream, New York  
8 p.m.



## VSPD MEMORIES

The Valley Stream Fire Department was organized in 1898 after a fire at Bergman's Bakery which burned for a number of weeks as a consequence of the coal stored in the basement. **Gary Shaw** will present a lecture entitled: "**Memories of the Valley Stream Fire Department.**"

## GEORGE IS BACK



On Sunday, February 20, 2011, visit the Pagan-Fletcher Restoration and see a genuine piece of Washington memorabilia. Society members will be dressed in colonial costumes.



...to the Village of Lynbrook which is celebrating its 100th Anniversary of Incorporation. Did you know that in the 1890's Lynbrook had a race track? Moreover, according to Art Mattson, Lynbrook's local government historian, Lynbrook was a bicycle center in the 1890's; the Lynbrook Lyceum provided year-round entertainment from the late 19th Century until it burned in 1943; D. W. Griffiths filmed outdoor scenes for his film *The Stuff Heroes are Made of*. The Barone Family of *Everyone Loves Raymond* lived on Fowler Road (there is no Fowler Road in Lynbrook – it does have a Fowler Avenue).

...to the Malverne Historical and Preservation Society which recently celebrated its 25th Anniversary.



## TWO EMANCIPATION PROCLAMATIONS

President Lincoln issued two emancipation proclamations – a **Preliminary** Emancipation Proclamation issued on September 22, 1862 and a **Final** Emancipation Proclamation on January 1, 1863. In the Preliminary Emancipation Proclamation he warned the Confederacy that in 100 days he would free slaves in states that were in open armed rebellion against the United States. The second and final Emancipation Proclamation actually freed the slaves. The New York State Library Manuscripts and Special Collections unit has a draft of the Preliminary Emancipation Proclamation written in the President's own hand in black ink on regular tablet paper. Portions of two acts of Congress passed in 1862 entitled "An act to make an additional Article of War" and "An Act to suppress Insurrection, to punish Treason and Rebellion, to seize and confiscate the Property of Rebels, and for other Purposes" are pasted into the document. Pencil edits were added by Secretary W. H. Seward when President Lincoln read the document to his cabinet on September 11, 1862.

How did the draft happen to be acquired by the New York State Library? In February and March of 1864, the Army Relief Bazaar was held in Albany, NY to raise money for the U.S. Sanitary Commission, a precursor of the Red Cross. Lincoln donated the draft sending it to Emily Weed Barnes, Corresponding Secretary of the Army Relief Commission. On March 9, 1864 the manuscript was won by Gerrit Smith, an abolitionist, who donated it to the U.S. Sanitary Commission to be sold to raise money. The following day William Barnes, a prominent Albany politician and a member of the U.S. Sanitary Commission began lobbying the New York State Legislature to purchase the document. Barnes felt the September draft was the more important one as it was the one that first detailed Lincoln's plan. On April 28, 1865, three days after Lincoln's funeral train passed through Albany, the Legislature voted to spend \$1,000.00 to purchase the draft.



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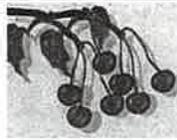
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**GEORGE WASHINGTON'S FIRST HOME**

Archaeologists have finally discovered and excavated the remains of George Washington's boyhood home. "We have the building that was the first home of the nation's first president," historical archeologist Philip Levy, of the University of South Florida – who oversees USF's field school at Ferry Farm, the Washington family homestead near Fredericksburg, Va. – said at a press conference announcing the discovery.

It took seven years and at least two dead ends to find the home on Ferry Farm where Augustine Washington, George's father, moved his family in 1738, when George was 6, and where they remained until 1772. On their third try, the archeologists knew, by comparing the remains to written records of Washington's childhood home and by dating the thousands of artifacts they unearthed that they had found the long-sought home. "If George Washington did indeed chop down a cherry tree, as generations of Americans have believed, this is where it happened," said Levy. There is little actual documentary evidence of Washington's formative years. What we see at this site is the best available window into the setting that nurtured the father of our country."

All that remains of what was once an eight-room, clapboard covered, shingle-roofed wooden, one and a half story home (with upstairs rooms under the sloped roof) is the foundation, two stone-lined cellars and two unlined meat cellars. The excavation, partially funded by the *National Geographic Society*, showed that the Washingtons were more like landed gentry. The home was "formidable, imposing" said Levy, and large (53' long by 37' deep) by the standards of its time and place, with two large stone fireplaces. The archaeologists have also located the family's kitchen and slave quarters and are searching for the dairy, smokehouse and, possibly, warehouses. Although the wood and other structural elements of the house are long gone (Union troops camped on the site during the Civil War and destroyed many of the buildings), enough remains to allow reconstruction. David Muraca, director of archaeology at The George Washington Foundation plans to rebuild the house and the outbuildings so that it looks as it did in the 1740's. Reconstruction is expected to begin in 2011 and be completed in 2012 at which time the buildings will be open to the public.

Besides George, Augustine and Mary's family included Charles, Samuel, Betty, John and Mildred. George grew tobacco and later switched to corn and wheat. Around 1753 George moved to Mount Vernon. Hugh Mercer, a brigadier general, purchased the farm in 1774.

*Excerpted from Newsday July 2, 2008*

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Thursday, March 17, 2011  
 Holy Trinity Episcopal Church  
 Brooklyn Avenue and 7<sup>th</sup> Street  
 Valley Stream, New York  
 8 p.m.



## CONSUMER FRAUD WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW

Ken Heino of the Nassau County Office of Consumer Affairs will present a lecture based on consumer fraud.

Please note that the meeting is on Thursday because of the Lenten Season.

## FACTS REGARDING NEW YORK BASEBALL TEAMS PAST AND CURRENT



- ❖ The Yankees train in Tampa but the Tampa Bay Rays train 94 miles away in Port Charlotte.
- ❖ The Mets have had only two spring venues in their history. St. Pete's Al Lang Field from 1962-1987 and Port St. Lucie's Digital Domain Park (formerly Tradition Field) since 1988.
- ❖ If you are driving between Port St. Lucie and Tampa via Interstate 75 and State Road 84, there is a reason that stretch of highway is known as Alligator Alley. Don't pull over.



- ❖ George M. Steinbrenner Field has the same outfield dimensions as Yankee Stadium.
- ❖ From 1946-1961 the Yankees trained in St. Petersburg, with the exception of 1951 in Phoenix. That was Mickey Mantle's rookie season.
- ❖ The Brooklyn Dodgers were all over the map in the 1940's training in Clearwater, Fla (1940); Havana (1941-1942 and with Jackie Robinson (1947); Bear Mountain, NY (1943-1945); Daytona Beach, Fla. (1946); Ciudad Trujillo; Dominican Republic (1948) and Vero Beach, Fla. (1949).
- ❖ The foul poles at Phoenix Municipal Stadium (Athletics) were originally used at the Polo Grounds (the former home of the New York Giants Baseball Club).

*Newsday, Sunday, February 13, 2011*

A fond farewell to the Duke of Flatbush.

## OFF FOR THE NORTH WOODS

Valley Stream, L.I., October 1 – A delegation of the Nassau Rod and Gun Club, consisting of Charles W. Miller, W. Bolstridge, Jacob Daub, W. Wittrock, Henry Loudon and H. Griepenker), will start next Saturday for a two weeks' hunting trip in the Adirondacks.



## BURGLARS AT VALLEY STREAM

Valley Stream, L.I., October 1 – Last Saturday night burglars broke into the store and apartments of Isaac Davis and secured a gold watch, a valuable ring set with opals and diamonds; a pair of diamond cuff buttons and a pocketbook, containing some money. They left no clue.

*Brooklyn Eagle – October 1, 1901*







*Panorama was not published in April, 2001, as the Society did not have a meeting.*

### NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, May 18, 2011  
 Holy Trinity Episcopal Church  
 Brooklyn Avenue and 7<sup>th</sup> Street  
 Valley Stream, New York  
 8 p.m.



### Wild ANIMALS AS PETS

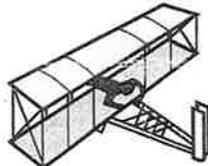
The Society presents a lecture by **Steve Ferrar** on living with animals more likely to be seen in a circus or zoo and not in a home.

### MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

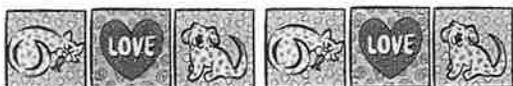


The Society will march in the Village's Memorial Day Parade on Monday, May 30, 2011. Those who plan to march should meet at 9:00 am at the Wheeler Avenue School parking lot on Rockaway Parkway

### SOCIETY TO PRESENT ROGRAM



The Society will present a slide show on Curtiss Field on May 10, 2011 at 1:00 pm at the Administration Building in Hendrickson Park to the members of the American Association of Retired Persons ("AARP"). All are welcome.



May is National Pet Month.



### PASSINGS

**Mary Gear**, a long-time member of the Society.

**Edith Hendrickson**, a supporter of the Society's mission for many years.

### SUSQUECENTENNIAL of THE CIVIL WAR 1861-1865



The Third System refers to 19th century military architecture in the United States. Fort Pulaski is one of the best preserved forts employing this system. A new coastal system was developed in an attempt to protect our critical shorelines as a response to the events of the War of 1812.

The United States had envisioned building some 200 forts to guard both coasts. For the first time a board of professionals was appointed to oversee design and construction. Only 30 were built and some never completed as a consequence of the battle for Fort Pulaski between the Union and the Confederacy.

In the early 1820's Savannah, Georgia, a vital port city, was in need of a larger fortification. Construction began in 1827. Robert E. Lee, upon graduation from West Point and a future Confederate general, was put in charge of designing a series of canals and earthworks to drain excess water from Cockspur Island which is located slightly east of Savannah. The drainage was necessary in order to provide an adequate foundation for construction of the Fort.

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**SUSQUECENTENNIAL of THE CIVIL WAR  
1861-1865 (CONTINUED)**

The muddy, soft earth could not support the weight of the 25 million bricks and so construction started with seventy foot pilings which provided stability for the wooden subflooring. The subflooring composed of two layers of timber would support the brickwork.

Fort Pulaski was taken by the State of Georgia in 1860. In February, 1861, when Georgia seceded from the Union Confederate troops moved into the fort.

By December, 1861 Tybee Island was abandoned by Confederate troops thereby allowing Union troops to gain a foothold across the Savannah River from Fort Pulaski.

On February 13, a confederate supply ship came down the Savannah River and although it survived the barrage of heavy guns from the Union Army, it was the ship's last trip. The following week the Union troops completed their blockage of Fort Pulaski. At the same time the Union troops destroyed the telegraph line between Savannah and Cockspur Island.

On February 19, General Sherman put his Chief Engineer, Capt. Quincy A. Gillmore in command of all troops on Tybee Island in preparation for the bombardment of Fort Pulaski. Gillmore has been described as a quick-speaking, quick-moving, soldierly man with a disregard for tradition.

Fort Pulaski was considered invincible. Gillmore believed that it would be possible to reduce the Fort with mortar and rifled guns. On the northwest shore of Tybee Island facing Fort Pulaski 11 batteries for guns and mortar were erected. On Cockspur Island the Confederates were engaged in final preparations to defend the Fort. On the morning of April 10, 1862 the battle began after a plea to surrender was rejected by Confederate Colonel Charles H. Olmstead. At noon observers on Tybee Island counted 47 scars on the south flank, pancoupe and southeast face of the Fort. The place, in fact, was in shambles. On Friday morning the battle continued. At noon, two great holes had been opened through the walls and the inside of the Fort could be seen. Colonel Olmstead chose to surrender rather than risk any more lives. The Confederate flag was lowered half way and a final gun fired. Then the flag was lowered and a white sheet took its place. After an unconditional surrender, the Stars and Stripes were raised and the Fort once again became the property of the Union.

General Hunter reported to the Secretary of War..."The result of this bombardment"..."must cause a change in the construction of fortifications as radical as that foreshadowed in naval architecture by the conflict between the *Monitor* and the *Merrimac*. No works of stone or brick can resist the impact of rifled artillery of heavy calibre."

*Ralston B. Lattimore*

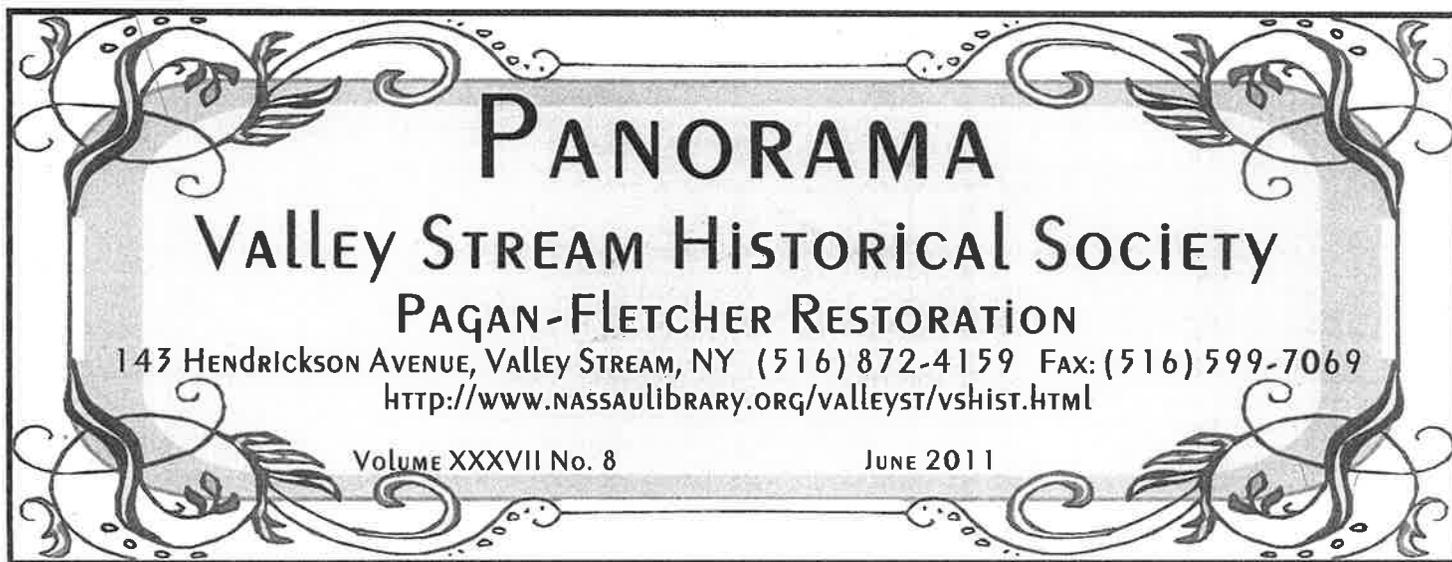
Adapted from *Fort Pulaski NM Historical Handbook, No. 18*

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June 15, 2011, at 8:00 pm  
 Holy Trinity Episcopal Church  
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Join us for our Installation of Officers and Strawberry and Ice Cream Social. The cost for strawberries and ice cream is **\$2.00** per person.

## TO FINISH HER RIDE TO-NIGHT



**Last Twenty Miles of Miss Yatman's Seven Centuries Will Be From Valley Stream to Brooklyn**

Freeport, L. I. September 19 – Miss Jane C. Yatman, the plucky Brooklyn wheelwoman, who has started out to do 700 miles on her wheel, will finish ahead of time before sunset to-night unless some accident occurs. She is riding in splendid shape and says that she does not feel at all tired or worn out by her four days' ride.

At 1:15 this morning, she completed her 500 miles and then she took a rest of two hours. At 3

o'clock she again mounted her wheel and at 4:20 had ridden off fifteen more miles. She reached the sixth century at 12:25 this afternoon when she stopped at Webb's Hotel, Valley Stream for dinner. She ate some oat meal, drank some beef tea and a little milk.

Her physical condition is good and with the exception of a rather sleepy look about her eyes she is as fresh as when she started out last Saturday night at midnight. She is riding at a rate of twelve or thirteen miles an hour and is very confident that she will ride into Brooklyn on the last mile of her seventh century before sunset to-night. At present she is four hours and thirty minutes ahead of her time, and this fact causes her much pleasure.

At 1:20 this afternoon she passed Freeport, having made 620 miles up to that time. The last twenty miles of her trip will be made from Valley Stream to Brooklyn. There are a large number of wheelmen from the different clubs of New York riding with her and her two pacemakers for to-day, Lal luch and A. D. Wilson of the Century Wheel Club of Manhattan.

Miss Yatman has been favored with excellent weather all during her trip. The roads have not been in such condition for riding all this summer as they are at present. The winds have also been blowing in just such a direction as to do her the most good.

In speaking of her trip to an *Eagle* representative at Valley Stream to-day, she said: "I am feeling in excellent condition and am more than surprised at the good results. I shall surely ride into Brooklyn before dusk tonight."

*Brooklyn Eagle – September 19, 1899*



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 SEE YOU IN THE FALL.**

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**ON THIS DATE IN CIVIL WAR HISTORY**

- 6/1/1862 General Robert E. Lee assumes command of the Confederate Army outside Richmond, Virginia after General Joe Johnston is injured at Seven Pine, Virginia.
- 6/1/1864 The Battle of Cold Harbor, Virginia begins as Robert E. Lee tries to turn Union General Ulysses S. Grant's flank.
- 6/2/1865 At Galveston, Texas, Confederate General Edmund Kirby Smith surrenders the Trans-Mississippi Department to Union forces. *Editor's Note: The Department included the States of Missouri, Arkansas, Texas, Indian Territory (now Oklahoma), and Louisiana west of the Mississippi).*
- 6/3/1864 Some 7,000 troops are killed in 30 minutes during the Battle of Cold Harbor, Virginia.
- 6/5/1863 The Confederate raider CSS *Alabama* captures the *Talisman* in the mid-Atlantic.
- 6/6/1865 Confederate raider William Quantrell dies from a wound received while escaping a Union patrol near Taylorsville, Kentucky.
- 6/9/1863 At the Battle of Brandy Station in Virginia, Union and Confederate calvaries clash in the large calvary battles of the Civil War.
- 6/11/1865 Major General Henry W. Halleck finds documents and archives of the Confederate government in Richmond, Virginia. This discovery will lead to the publication of the official war records.
- 6/18/1863 After repeated acts of insubordination, General Ulysses S. Grant relieves General John McClemand during the siege of Vicksburg, Mississippi.
- 6/19/1864 The USS *Kearsage* sinks the CSS *Alabama* off the coast of Cherbourg, France.
- 6/27/1864 General Sherman is repulsed by Confederates at the Battle of Kennesaw Mountain, Georgia.

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### A DECADE LATER

On September 11, 2011, Americans will commemorate the loss of lives at the World Trade Center, the Pentagon and United Flight No. 93, which crashed in a field in Shanksville, Pennsylvania.

Let us further honor the memory of the Valley Streamers and graduates of the Central High School District who lost their lives.

*John DiGiovanni* – victim of the first bombing at the World Trade Center on February 26, 1993. DiGiovanni was a 1965 graduate of Central High School

*Scott Bart* was a Vice President at Marsh & McLennan and a 1991 graduate of North High School.

*Bruce "Chappy" Boehm* was a 1970 graduate of North High School and a broker at Cantor Fitzgerald.

*Robert J. Caufield*, an electrician on duty at Tower One. Caufield was a 1970 graduate of Central High School.

*Manuel DaMota*, a resident of Valley Stream, who had a meeting at Windows on the World to discuss a project he was going to oversee for the restaurant.

*Andrew K. Friedman* graduated from Central High School in 1975 and was a Vice President at Carr Futures.

*Edward F. Geraghty*, who was raised in Valley Stream, was a Chief in the NYC Fire Department.

*Vincent Giammona* resided in Valley Stream and was a NYC firefighter.

*Jeffrey Grant Goldflam* was Chief Financial Officer for Cantor Fitzgerald and graduated from South High School in 1971.

*James Haran* was a 1978 graduate of North High School and a bond broker for Euro Brokers.

*Thomas Hobbs* was a broker at Cantor Fitzgerald and a 1978 graduate of Central High School.

*Thomas Jurgens*, a senior court officer who graduated from Central High School in 1993.

*Amarnaugh Lachhman*, a Valley Stream resident and construction worker, was in the midst of renovating the offices of Cantor Fitzgerald on the 103rd floor at Tower One.

*Vita Marino* lived in Valley Stream and was employed by Sandler O'Neill and Partners whose offices were in Tower Two.

*Craig Montano* worked for Cantor Fitzgerald in Tower One and resided in Valley Stream.

*Orio Palmer* was a battalion chief in the NYC Fire Department and a resident of Valley Stream.

*Andrew Rosenblum* was employed by Cantor Fitzgerald and was a South High School graduate – Class of 1974.

*Adam K. Ruhalter* graduated in 1978 from North High School and worked for Cantor Fitzgerald.

*Obdulio Ruiz-Diaz* was a draftsman who had taken title to his Valley Stream house on Sept. 6, 2001.

*Walwyn Stuart, Jr.* was a police officer for the Port Authority and a resident of Valley Stream.

*Amy Todd Sweeney* was born in Valley Stream in 1965. Sweeney was a flight attendant on American Airlines Flight No. 11.

*Glenn Thompson*, a 1975 graduate of Central High School, worked for Cantor Fitzgerald as a broker.

*Garo Voskerijian*, a resident of Valley Stream, was a Senior Vice President at Marsh & McLennan.

*Raymond York, Jr.*, was a 20 year veteran of the NYC Fire Department and a Valley Stream resident.

*Joseph Zaccoli* was born and raised in Valley Stream and employed by Cantor Fitzgerald.

*Christine Ade*, Central High School of 1985, a first responder who passed on February 1, 2011 of an illness related to her efforts at Ground Zero.

Other individuals who lost their lives on that day with ties to our community include: *Carl Asaro, Robert Crawford, Joan McConnell Cullinan, Lee Fehling, Michael Hannan, Michael Haub, Brian Hickey, Paul Jurgens, Joseph Kelly, Ronald Kloepfer, Rudolph Mastrocinque, Mark Schwartz, Bruce Simmons, Lawrence Stack and Richard Stewart.*

MaryAnn Cahill, widow of Valley Stream Mayor Edward W. Cahill, donated a poster-sized, framed photograph of the first Tribute in Light that memorializes the twin towers on its anniversary every year.

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**Valley Stream  
Receives Steel  
from the WTC**

Earlier this year the Village applied to the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey for a piece of steel from the World Trade Center. On October 23, 2011 the Village took possession of that 3,350-pound beam at Kennedy Airport. It was transported with ceremony to the September 11, 2001 memorial at Hendrickson Park. Later it was taken to the Arlington Avenue facility until its official installation. On September 11, 2011 the steel beam will be transported back to Hendrickson Park for the Village's ceremony that will take place at 11 am. Within one year it will become a permanent part of the memorial at Hendrickson Park.



*Photo courtesy of Valley Stream Herald by Clarissa Hamlin.*



**FREEPORT WATERFRONT**

Cynthia Krieg, local government historian for the Village of Freeport, will present a Powerpoint© lecture on its waterfront, at our upcoming meeting on September 21.

**PASSINGS**



The Society extends its condolences to the families of Edie Stromberg and Eddie Aumuller.

The Society will enjoy a VIP tour of the Cradle of Aviation Museum at Mitchel Field on September 27, 2011 at 10 am. If you are interested in being part of the group, please call the Society at 516-872-4159.



**Membership Form**

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### NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, October 19, 2011, at 6:30 pm  
Holy Trinity Episcopal Church  
Brooklyn Avenue and 7<sup>th</sup> Street  
Valley Stream, New York

### FOOD DRIVE



Please bring donations of canned goods or non-perishable for Valley Stream's food pantry to the Covered Dish Supper so that we may contribute to the less fortunate than we. Suggestions include peanut butter, boxes of macaroni and cheese, tuna fish, cranberries, canned vegetables, and canned fruit.

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

**I-Q:** Starchy-type foods, hot or cold such as rice, beans, potatoes, pasta, etc.

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

**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.

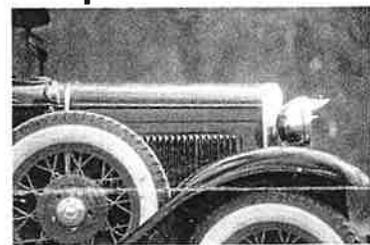
Guests are welcome but we ask that they bring dishes in accordance with the requirements listed above. Guests are encouraged to call either 516-561-2115 or 516-872-4159 to determine into what category they fall. Members are asked to provide a dish if their guests are unable to do so.

### HALLOWEEN AT THE RESTORATION



The Halloween Costume Contest will be held at the Restoration on Sunday, October 30, 2011. The Ragamuffin Parade will start at 3:00 p.m. Costumes will be judged and prizes awarded for both children's and adults' costumes.

### ANTIQUE CAR SHOW



The Society will hold an Antique Car Show on Sunday, October 23, 2011 from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm.

### PASSINGS

Peg Keller, widow of Bert Keller. Jim Buckley, retired Chairman of the Board of the Society, remarked that behind every successful man is a woman and in this instance that woman was Peg Keller.



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**SOCIETY NEWS**



On Tuesday, October 11, 2011, at 1:30 pm in the basement of Blessed Sacrament Church, the Society will present a program on Old Valley Stream.

Those individuals who took advantage of the special tour at the Cradle of Aviation enjoyed the experience. A tour of another historic site is being planned for Spring, 2012. Look to *Panorama* for details.

*The Brooklyn Daily Eagle*



From time to time articles that were published in *The Brooklyn Daily Eagle* reporting on events in Valley Stream have been reprinted in *Panorama* for the enjoyment (at least on most occasions) of its readers.

Did you know, however, that the paper was founded in 1841, by Isaac Van Anden and Henry Cruse Murphy, as a daily that was published for 114 consecutive years without missing a single edition. That's quite an accomplishment.

It was conceived as a temporary political forum for the 1842 election. Ironically it grew to absorb all Brooklyn daily newspapers except for the *Brooklyn Citizen*. The publication was unusual in that it reported on national and international affairs together with local news. As we know, Brooklyn was an independent city until consolidation with New York City in 1898. The paper is credited with coining the phrase "the borough of homes and churches." It maintained offices in Brooklyn, New York, Washington, Paris and London.

Distinguished editors of the paper included Walt Whitman, Thomas Kinsella, St. Clair McKelway, Cleveland Rodgers and Frank D. Schroth.

The paper unfortunately folded in 1955 after a prolonged strike by the New York Newspaper Guild. It employed 681 people and did an annual business in the neighborhood of six million dollars.

**The Editor profoundly regrets having left off the name of Janice Marie Ashley in September's 2011 issue. Ms. Ashley was born in Valley Stream on March 27, 1976 and died at the World Trade Center on September 11, 2011.**

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### NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, November 16, 2011, at 8:00 pm  
Holy Trinity Episcopal Church  
Brooklyn Avenue and 7<sup>th</sup> Street  
Valley Stream, New York

### RESTORING AIRCRAFT

A lecture by Gabe Parrish, Vice President of the Society and volunteer at the Cradle of Aviation Museum.

### HALLOWEEN AT THE RESTORATION

And the winners of our Annual Halloween Costume Contest are:

1st Place – Noah Merhai as Steve Jobs.



2nd Place – Julian Tineo as a Magician.



3rd Place – Erin Raxton as a Spider Countess.



The Grownup Prize was won by Jaelle Mann-Tineo who dressed as a Devil.



Congratulations to all!



The Decorating Committee will meet at the Restoration on Wednesday, November 30, 2011, at 6pm. Please contact Karen Selah at 872-0006 **after 5pm** if you wish to help.



### GINGERBREAD HOUSE CONTEST

The Society's Annual Gingerbread House Contest will be held on Sunday, December 4, 2011 between the hours of 1pm to 4pm. There will be a decorative icing demonstration at 2pm. Please come and vote for your favorite house. For further information, please call 516-825-7157 or 516-872-4159.



The Society's Annual Candlelight Tour of the Restoration will be held on Monday, December 26, 2011, between 6 and 8pm. Please bring donations of canned food for local food pantries. Suggestions include peanut butter, boxes of macaroni and cheese, tuna fish, cranberries, canned vegetables, canned fruit.

### PASSINGS



Robert Gobright, a former member of the Board of Trustees of the Society has passed away.

The Society Wishes  
A Happy and Healthy 2012 to all.



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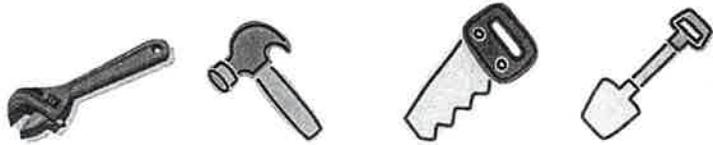
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# Valley Stream Bids Farewell to a Local Institution



It's official. Central Hardware has closed its doors after 72 years of doing business in Valley Stream.

David Oppenheimer, the original owner, fled Nazi Germany to England in the late 1930s. He had a successful hardware wholesale business in Aub, located in Bavaria. In 1938 he emigrated to New York initially settling in Washington Heights, a neighborhood in New York City. Oppenheimer saw an ad for a small storefront for sale which was identified as "near Rockefeller Center." The storefront, in reality, was on Central Avenue in Valley Stream near Rockville Centre.

His son, Eric Oppenheimer, a graduate of Central High School, served in World War II. While in the service he accompanied his commanding officer to Nordhausen where Eric saw emaciated persons and mass graves. Eric returned home to study architecture at Pratt Institute and then Columbia University, but was drawn to the store.

Society members will recall that Deborah Oppenheimer won an Academy Award for her documentary: *Into the Arms of Strangers: Stories of the Kindertransport*. Debbie's inspiration was her mother, Sylva Avramovici Oppenheimer, who, in 1939, a week following her eleventh birthday was sent by her parents to safety with strangers in England. She never saw her parents again.

Central Hardware was a true family business. Eric, his wife, children and their grandmother all worked at the store in some capacity. The success of the store enabled Eric and his wife to send their children on to college – the first generation to further their educations.

David died in 1975 and Eric took over the responsibilities of running Central Hardware. Alan, Eric's son, was working at the store full-time and when he married, his wife, Laura, worked there, as well.

In 1993 after the death of Eric's wife, he retired and gave over the day-to-day operation of the store to his son, Alan.

As a final note, thank you to the Oppenheimer Family for the invaluable service it provided to the community of Valley Stream for so many years. The Society wishes each and every one of you well.

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