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Holy Trinity Episcopal Church
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THANK YOU

MAGIC SHOW By GARY FERRAR



If you are seeking entertainment during the cold dark days of January, you are invited to the Magic Show being presented by the Society.

Magicians have been around for hundreds of years. Alexander Hermann, who was also known as Hermann the Great, had the look of a typical magician – wavy hair, top hat, goatee and tailcoat. He came from a family that is considered to be "the first family of magic."

We are familiar with Harry Houdini who was skilled in lockpicking and escaping straitjackets.

There are a number of famous magicians. For example, David Copperfield, Lance Burton, James Randi, Penn and Teller, David Blaine, Criss Angel and Hans Klok. As most magicians perform before live audiences, the viewer at home is assured that the illusions are not visual effects added after the performance.

We have seen any number of effects – the rabbit out of a hat, the disappearance of a coin, a handkerchief turns color, a smashed watch is restored to its original state and so on.

Professional magicians are required to take an oath that they will not reveal their "secrets" to a non-magician unless the non-magician agrees to uphold the Magician's Oath.

to Claude Costanzo, John Cassidy, Tommy Greene and their supervisor, Keith Conrad (all of whom are referred to as the Village Elves) for helping with the Christmas tree at the Restoration.



Claude John Tommy Keith

WINNERS OF THE GINGERBREAD HOUSE CONTEST



Girl Scout Troop #2348 from Holy Name of Mary School for their entry
Gingerbread Village Green



Aidan Dombrosky for her entry
Gingerbread House



Amanda Lee for her entry *Necco Gold*

The Society thanks Safety Patrol Officer Pat Baldassare for the icing demonstration.



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RESERVOIRS OVERFLOWING

Valley Stream, L. I., March 4 – The recent spring rains have filled the ponds and streams to overflowing; and the problem with the city authorities now is not how to get the water, but how to keep it, so that it will be available during the dry weather which almost invariably comes in later. In speaking of this matter one of the city officials said: "When we built the monster storage reservoir at Millburn we thought that this would solve the problem of saving the surplus of water during the spring months until needed in the summer, but it has proven a failure; first, because it will not hold water, and second, because of the objection of the local board of health to stagnant water. The only feasible way seems to be to hold the water in the porous soil of the swamps and woodlands, protected from the evaporating effects of the winds and sun."

Brooklyn Eagle, March 4, 1897

DRUGGIST MULLER SANDBAGGED

Valley Stream, L.I., July 25 – Frederick Muller, a druggist and prominent citizen of this village was sandbagged by an unknown man on the Merrick macadamized road late Saturday night, while on his way home from his store. As he lay upon the ground Mr. Muller retained sufficient presence of mind to pull a pistol from his pocket, and he says he fired three shots at his assailant, who ran away.

Brooklyn Eagle, July 25, 1898

LIGHTS NEARLY READY

Valley Stream, L.I., December 20 – The power house for the plant for electric lights is nearly completed. It is located on the south side of the Merrick road at the railroad crossing, where the tally-ho accident occurred. The dynamo has been placed in position and will soon be tested. The work of putting up the poles is about complete and wires will be put up at once. Under the contract the lights must be ready by January 1 and Contractor Williamson says that if they are not lighted at that time it will not be his fault.

Brooklyn Eagle, December 20, 1897

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FEBRUARY, 2013

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Wednesday, February 20, 2013, at 8:00 pm
Holy Trinity Episcopal Church
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THE SPIRITS AMONG US



Lecture by Cynthia Roethgen from Metaphysical and Paranormal Investigations of New York. The public can bring photographs or audio recordings to be analyzed.

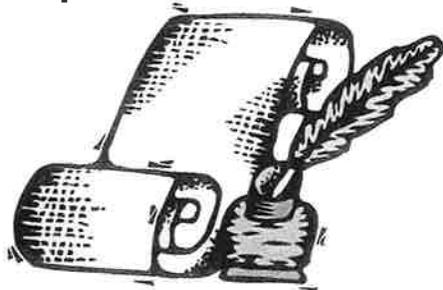
Metaphysical and Paranormal Investigations of NY was founded for the purpose of bridging the gap between the scientific and spiritual aspects of the paranormal. It seeks to explore, examine and document phenomena that cannot be classified by conventional science as well as strives to approach the subject of the paranormal through applied scientific means. Its methods involve the use of various scientific instruments designed to record, monitor, measure and quantify phenomena currently determined by the scientific community to be unidentified or inexplicable. It approaches all of its investigations from genealogical, meteorological as well as para-psychological areas.

Metaphysical and Paranormal Investigations functions for the public as not only an investigative tool and seeks to

educate the community and public on the subject of paranormal activity, research and investigation.

Information contained in the foregoing two paragraphs was derived from the Metaphysical and Paranormal Investigations of New York website.

HEAR YE! HEAR YE! GEORGE AND ABE ARE BACK



Excitement abounds in the Village of Valley Stream as one of our Founding Fathers and the first President of our country will be present at the Pagan-Fletcher Restoration on Sunday, February 17, 2013 between the hours of 1pm and 4pm. Who you may ask – well, none other than George Washington.



George will be joined by our 16th President – Abraham Lincoln as well as other luminaries from our history.



Come see the Society's piece of authentic Washington memorabilia. Refreshments will be served.

If you have not paid your dues, this is your last issue of *Panorama*.





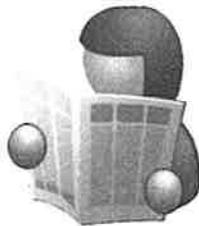
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BARN PARTY

REVEALING THE INSIDE STORY OF THE MAKING OF *PANORAMA*



Insight into how the Society's newsletter, *Panorama*, is put together. Featured speaker is Carol McKenna.

SAVE THE DATE

Mayor Fare has challenged Society President Ferrara to a game of bocce ball on Sunday, May 19, 2013.

Valley Stream, L.I., September 9 – The residence of the Misses Annie and Hattie Miller was the scene of a very pleasant barn party last Thursday evening. It was the occasion of the annual visit of Miss Hattie's Sunday school class from the Third Universalist Sunday School, Brooklyn; also Miss Helen Sherman and her class from the East Rockaway Congregational Sunday School. The new barn, which was almost completed, was tastefully decorated with flowers and foliage. A bountiful repast was served at 1 o'clock at which twenty-four covers were set. The young folks spent the day in boating and outdoor games of all kinds.

Brooklyn Eagle, September 10, 1899

Editor's Note: Senior residents of Valley Stream will remember the Miller Homestead on Merrick Road. The property is now home to a number of shops including King Kullen.

SMALLPOX IN VALLEY STREAM



Dr. Smith of Valley Stream, reported to the Hempstead board of health to-day that there was a case of smallpox in the village. The patient is a young woman in the bakery of F. C. Bergman. The case is said to be very pronounced form and great alarm is felt in the village. The health officer will take strict measures to prevent the spread of the disease.

Brooklyn Eagle, April 11, 1893

FIGHT IN RAILROAD STATION



Valley Stream, L.I., May 25 – The small building used as a waiting room by passengers on the Rockaway branch was the scene of a sanguinary battle some time after midnight. Justice Wheeler was notified and made an investigation this morning. He found the waiting room covered with blood and the window lights smashed out, evidently by men's fists. There appeared to be no clew as to participants in the fight, but the Justice concluded that it was between tramps who had made the room a temporary lodging place.

Brooklyn Eagle May 25, 1899



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Happy Birthday AGNES



Photo by Kathleen Bogle

The Society was pleased to join with Mayor Fare in commemorating the anniversary of the birth of Agnes Libath at its Executive Board Meeting on February 27, 2013.

Agnes, who is originally from Virginia, adopted Valley Stream as her home. Many of our residents will remember Agnes as the helpful librarian at the Henry Waldinger Memorial Library. Others may remember Agnes when either she came by their hospital rooms or they were visiting patients at Franklin Hospital. The members of the Society are very grateful for all that Agnes has done over the years – whether providing cakes for the Society's monthly meetings, hosting the Bake Sale on Gingerbread Sunday, or acting as its current Corresponding Secretary. We are also appreciative of the late Theodore O. Libath, her husband, for settling with this gracious, lovely lady in our village.



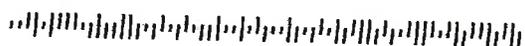
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THE BESSIE COLEMAN STORY

Lecture by Terri Kirkland Banks on Elizabeth "Bessie" Coleman (1893-1926), first licensed African-American female aviator.

Coleman was born on January 26, 1893 in Atlanta, Texas, the twelfth of thirteen children.

She graduated from high school and went on to attend the Colored Agricultural and Normal University (now Langston University) in Langston, Oklahoma. However, she dropped out after the first semester because of financial constraints.

She went to France to get her pilot's license as she would not be able to get it in the US as she was a female and African-American. On June 15, 1921 Coleman became the first African-American woman to obtain a license to fly. She was also the first African-American woman to earn an international aviation license from the Federation Aeronautique Internationale.

Coleman barnstormed throughout the United States and opened a flight school in Chicago so that other African-American women could learn to fly. "Queen Bessie" as she was known on the barnstorming circuit died on April 30, 1936 when the controls on her plane failed and her plane crashed to the ground killing her instantly.

BOCCE BALL COMPETITION



The Society will hold a bocce ball competition – the first round to be played by Mayor

Ed Fare who has challenged Society President Guy Ferrara - on the grounds of the Pagan-Fletcher Restoration on May 19, 2013.



If you prefer croquet, come on by and show us how well you can play. White pants and shirts are the order of the day but not mandatory.

April HISTORIC EVENTS

During the War Between the States, Confederate troops of General George Pickett were defeated and cut off at Five Forks, Virginia which event sealed the fate of Confederate General Robert E. Lee's armies at Petersburg and Richmond – a defeat which hastened the end of the War.

Spanish explorer Ponce de Leon sighted Florida and claimed it for Spain after landing at present day St. Augustine, the oldest city in the continental United States.

Pony Express Service began as the first rider left St. Louis, Missouri. For \$5.00 an ounce mail was delivered to California within ten days – a 2,000 mile trip. Express riders rode about 75 – 100 miles before handing the letters off. The Pony Express lasted two years to be replaced by the overland telegraph.

Congress established the first mint in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

The United States entered World War I after the requisite vote by Congress.

Joseph Pulitzer was born in Budapest, Hungary. He came to the United States in 1864. His newspapers included *The St. Louis Post Dispatch* and *The New York World*. He endowed a school for journalism at Columbia University and established a fund for The Pulitzer Prize.



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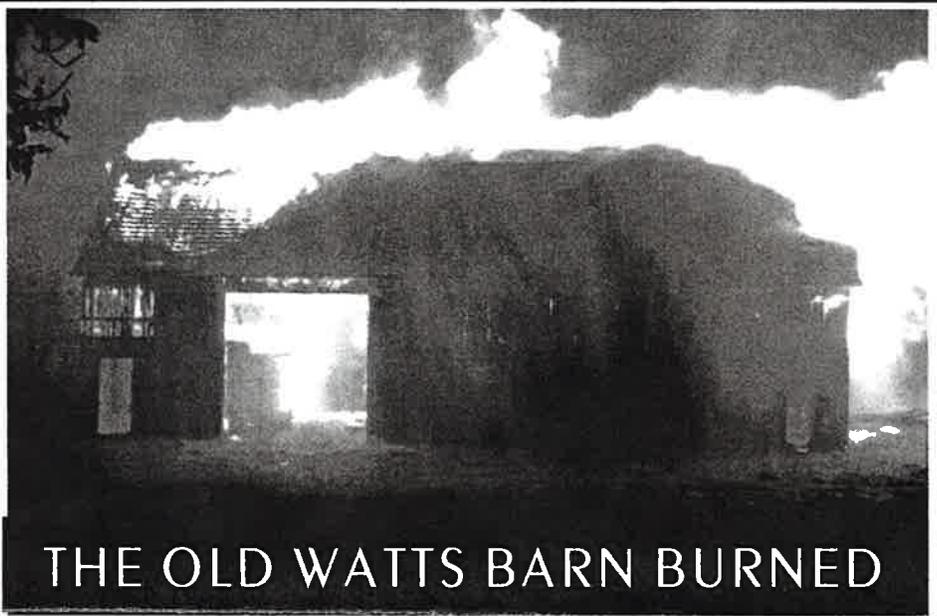
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THE OLD WATTS BARN BURNED

Valley Stream, L.I., March 28 – The house of William Walter on the boulevard was burned last evening. The loss is about \$1,500. There are some quite interesting facts in connection with the building. It was first built for a barn by George Watts. Mr. Watts was a well known farmer of this town and was the father-in-law of Martin V. Wood, president of the Hempstead Bank. A few moments after paying the builder for the building the same that was burned last night, Mr. Watts fell dead. His farm six years ago came into the hands of Supreme Court Judge Van Wyck and others and they sold the buildings and cut the farm into building lots.

Brooklyn Eagle, March 28, 1899

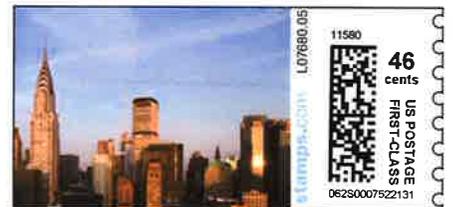
A DESTITUTE FAMILY

Valley Stream, L.I., July 3 – Thomas Johnson of this place, the painter who was killed last week by falling 120 feet into the well of the Brooklyn tower of the East River bridge, leaves a family here in very needy circumstances. His mother was taken to the town poor house by Overseer Combs yesterday. His widow is an invalid and unable to properly care for the children left on her hands. Johnson earned fair wages, but the care of his feeble mother and invalid wife and children prevented him laying by anything.

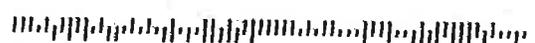
Brooklyn Eagle – July 2, 1897



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MAY, 2013

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Holy Trinity Episcopal Church
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VALLEY STREAM NOW AND THEN



Slide lecture given by Guy Ferrara,
President of the Society.



MEMORIAL DAY



The village's Memorial Day
Parade will be held on Monday,
May 27, 2013 and will begin at

9:30 am. Society members who will be marching in
the Parade should meet at the parking lot of the
Wheeler Avenue School on Rockaway Avenue
prior to 9:30 am.

Originally called Decoration Day, Memorial
Day is a day set aside to remember all of those men
and women who have died in the service of our
country.

On May 5, 1868, Memorial Day was
officially proclaimed by General John Logan, a
national commander of the Grand Army of the
Republic. It was first observed on May 30, 1868 on
which day flowers were placed on the graves of the
Confederate and Union soldiers buried at Arlington
National Cemetery. New York was the first state to
officially recognize the holiday in 1873. All of the
Northern states recognized the holiday by the year
1890. The South refused to do so (preferring to
honor its dead on different days) until after World
War I when all who had died in any war were
honored.

In 1915 Moina Michael came up with the
idea to wear red poppies on Memorial Day to honor
those who died. She wrote the following words:



"We cherish too, the Poppy red
That grows on fields where valor led,
It seems to signal to the skies
That blood of heroes never dies."

Sadly, Memorial Day seems to have lost its
purpose with few exceptions. Since the late 1950's
on the Thursday before Memorial Day 1,200
soldiers of the US. Infantry place small American
flags on each of the more than 260,000 graves at
Arlington National Cemetery. After the placement
of the flags, they patrol the entire weekend to ensure
that the flags remain standing. The Boy and Girl
Scouts of St. Louis place flags on the 150,000
graves at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery.
Beginning in 1998 on the Saturday before Memorial
Day the Boy and Girl Scouts place candles at each
of the approximate 15,300 graves of soldiers buried
at Fredericksburg and Spotsylvania National
Military Park.



BOCCE BALL COMPETITION

Come and see Mayor Fare play
bocce ball against his competitor, Guy Ferrara,
President of the Society on May 19, 2013 at the
Pagan-Fletcher Restoration.

Other groups that will participate are the
Valley Stream Civilian Patrol, the village's Parks
and Recreation and Building Maintenance
Departments.

Croquet is also on the agenda
for those would like to play.



WE ARE ON THE MOVE



The Society will be holding its September,
2013 general membership meeting in a new
location. Look to June's and September's
Panorama for additional information.



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**THE SOCIETY CELEBRATES
THE LIFE OF GABE PARRISH**

On April 10, 2013 we lost not only the Vice President of our Society but a man with a great deal of knowledge about the aviation history of our village. But Gabe was so much more.

He was born in the Bronx on May 9, 1921 – attended St. Gerard's Elementary School in Hollis, NY and Jamaica High School in Jamaica, NY. Gabe also attended the Mechanics Institute of New York in 1940 and took a foreman's training course at Columbia Aircraft, Valley Stream, in 1943.

Gabe worked at Columbia Aircraft as a leadman during World War II where 330 Grumman *Ducks* were produced for the US Navy. He also worked at B&H Aircraft in Long Island City but in 1948 Gabe went to work for Sperry in Great Neck, NY where he worked on a precision sheet metal job.

During Gabe's time at Columbia, he met May Schoppe whom he married in 1944.

Gabe had two favorite aviation memories. "In 1944 while working at Columbia Aircraft, I observed the landing of a 32f6 "Duck" which was on a test flight over Valley Stream. The landing appeared to be perfect but when it came to a stop, it immediately tilted and rested on the lower left wing float, the emergency siren went on and I quickly jumped on the emergency truck. While we rode to the plane, the landing gear foreman was very worried that the landing gear had collapsed. When we reached the plane, test pilot John Miller was standing in the cockpit. His first words were: 'Calm down fellows, it's all my fault, I forgot to let down the landing gear.' Another memory was my first instruction flight at the Tri-State Airport, Montgomery, N.Y. 1944."

Society members will recall that when Gabe learned Home Depot was going to demolish two hangers in the area known as Green Acres and after conversation with then President of the Society, Marge Chvatal, he contacted its Community Affairs Division to ask if the Society could have one of the emblems. With the assistance of Bay Crane Service of Hicksville and Hendrickson Brothers, the emblem was delivered to the grounds of the Restoration on June 24, 1993. The emblem depicts a monoplane flying through the clouds, is 9 feet by 6 feet and weighs 6,100 lbs. Gabe dug 3 foot footings to encase the "I" beam which supports the emblem. He was involved with the project over the summer of 1993. Thanks to his hard work the Society has an important part of the history of Curtiss Field.

Gabe's accomplishments as a volunteer at the Cradle of Aviation are extensive. He worked on the sister ship of Lindbergh's *Spirit of St. Louis*, a Grumman Rigel Missile booster, restored a U.S. Army NIKE Hercules missile, restored a Grumman *Goose*, a Grumman *Mohawk* and a Grumman E2C *Hawkeye*, a Republic F-105 *Thunderchief*, a Brewster *Buffalo* and a Commonwealth Aircraft *Skyranger*.

At Gabe's wake, the writer listened to members of his family talk about how he encouraged them. He would say "You did good." The writer recalls that Gabe said the same thing to her after we had a display of aviation artifacts, some of which had been lent to us by the Cradle of Aviation. Now it is the writer's turn to say: "Gabe, you did good – you did good."

Gabe's aviation memories and certain other autobiographical information provided by his grandson, Chris Ruggeri.

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NEXT MEETING

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Please note new time above

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The individuals attached to Project Earhart intend to return to the site but have to raise at least \$3,000,000.00 to fund the expedition. Will we find out if the group has finally put to rest the mystery about the disappearance of Earhart and Noonan?



STRAWBERRY AND ICE CREAM SOCIAL



Please join us for the last meeting of the 2012-2013 year. There is no program but you can enjoy strawberries, ice cream and conversation with members of the Society. Fee is \$3.00.



IN THE HEADLINES

Project Earhart, which is a division of The International Group for Historic Aircraft Recovery, believes it may have found the twin-engine Lockheed Electra flown by Amelia Earhart on her failed journey around the world in June, 1937.

It is believed that Earhart and her navigator, Noonan, because of mechanical problems or possibly pilot error were forced to land on an uninhabited island referred to as Gardiner Island now known as Nikumaroro. Since 1989 researchers attached to the Earhart Project have assembled a number of objects including improvised tools, shoe remnants and aircraft wreckage. The aircraft wreckage is consistent with the Lockheed Electra.

Also located at the remains of a previously identified campfire was three pieces of a pocketknife, shells which had been cut out (for use as utensils or to gather water?), fragments of a cosmetic glass jar and bone fragments which may be human.

In July 2012, a team with two underwater research vehicles returned to the site. Because of difficulties with the equipment and weather, the expedition was cut short. After months of reviewing images taken, it was determined that the researchers had discovered an area of debris containing man-made objects. Could it be the remains of Earhart's plane?



Huff Post Travel reports that the Truk Lagoon, one of the largest ship graveyards is open to divers who want to experience a unique adventure. Operation Hailstone, a surprise Allied attack during World War II, sunk 70 Japanese warships. Thousands of Japanese sailors lost their lives and many remain undisturbed beneath the sea. The lagoon is a legally protected underwater museum. Attempting to remove or removing any of the artifacts can lead to fines and the possibility of jail time. High octane aviation fuel, oils, gasoline and acid can be found along with live explosives, mines, munitions, detonators, torpedoes and shells. Marine life such as sharks, manta-rays, turtles and at least 266 species of reef fish and a rare coral also can be found in the lagoon.



MOVIN' ON TO THE COMMUNITY CENTER

Effective with the September, 2013 meeting, the Society will be holding its general membership meetings at the Community Center f/k/a the Administration Building in A. J. Hendrickson Park. Parking is available near the Center as well as at Central High School. Additionally, the meetings will begin at 7:30 pm.

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A FAITHLESS MESSENGER

Valley Stream, L.I., May 3 – Last Saturday morning Bernard Concannon, a boy employed by John McLean, who lives near this village, was sent to the Long Island railroad depot at this place with a message to be sent by the Western Union Telegraph company to Brooklyn and a dollar bill to pay for it. Instead of doing as he was instructed he took a train for Brooklyn and has not been seen since. It was later discovered by Mr. McLean that \$40 had been abstracted from his desk and he at once notified the police.

Brooklyn Eagle, May 3, 1897

SERIOUS ACCIDENT TO A FARMER

Edward Teep, a Valley Stream farmer, brought a load of produce to the Wallabout market Monday and during the afternoon hired a room on the second floor of Henry Reimer's hotel at 246 Flushing avenue. He fell asleep before the open window of his chamber and tumbled out into the street. At the eastern district hospital, where he was taken, it was found that his skull was fractured. His chances for recovery are slight.

Brooklyn Eagle, September 16, 1891

FOR A FREE MAIL DELIVERY

Valley Stream, L.I., April 16 – A petition is being circulated asking for free mail delivery within the limits of Greater New York after January 1, when the consolidation act goes into effect. It is generally believed that the law provides for free mail delivery in all parts of the city of New York. Some of the farmers have refused to sign the petition and say they would rather go to the local post office for their mail. Politicians already have their eye on the prospective patronage in mail carriers and postmasters, and aspirants for local post offices are anxiously awaiting developments. It is supposed that local post offices will become sub-stations.

Brooklyn Eagle, April 16, 1897

Editor's Note: Do you remember that during the Christmas season the post office would deliver mail twice a day?



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Wednesday
 September 18, 2013
 at 7:30 pm

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Valley Stream, New York

as bartenders at P.J. Harper's. All tips received by the two will benefit a charity to be named later. Mayor Fare has indicated he is leaning towards a needy Valley Stream family.



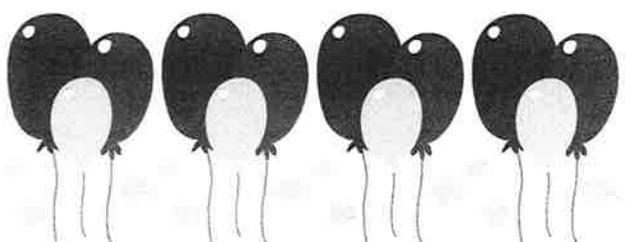
On September 11, 2013, the Village will hold a ceremony commemorating the events of September 11, 2001 at 6pm at the memorial in Arthur J. Hendrickson Park.



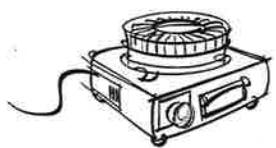
THE BATTLE OF THE BULGE

David Marshall, a survivor of the Battle of the Bulge will lecture on the battle. The German Army in hopes of turning the war around to its benefit led a counteroffense against Allied forces on December 16, 1944 much to the surprise of the Allies, who felt that after the successful Normandy Beach invasion, the war was almost over. The Battle of the Bulge lasted through January 25, 1945. It was the largest and bloodiest battle of the war. As it took place in the Ardennes Forest and Eifel Mountains, not only was there a lack of supplies but also no air support for Allied forces. There were 90,000 casualties, 19,000 of whom perished.

Please note there is parking at the Community Center as well as the lot at Central High School.



There will be a Community Fest on September 28, 2013 on Rockaway Avenue. From 6:00 pm on Judge Bogle and Mayor Fare will serve



President Ferrara has given or will give slide programs on Valley Stream to the AARP, Blessed Sacrament Church, Molloy College and the Elmont Public Library.

WHAT'S NEW IN VALLEY STREAM



For our four legged furry friends, there is a Dog Park located on the Village Green near the Long Island Railroad.



The Henry Waldinger Memorial Library will open on Sunday's beginning September 15 from noon to 4pm and continuing through Memorial Day, 2014. On Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, the Library will close at 8:30pm and on Monday and Wednesday at 6:00 pm.

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Nassau County has chosen three South Shore communities for a federally funded study to promote development in the area surrounding its Long Island Rail Road stations. Valley Stream is one of the communities selected. Mayor Fare would like to see a hotel with a restaurant or ballroom that could accommodate Valley Stream groups planning a special event.

VALLEY STREAM OF THE PAST

DID NOT HEED THE FLAGMAN

**Andrew Carman and His Son Instantly
Killed Near Valley Stream.**

Andrew Carman of Valley Stream and his 16 year old son, William were killed yesterday by the Sag Harbor express which reaches Rockville Center at 5:20 P.M. Carman was driving toward Valley Stream. Flagman Jesse Brotherton, who was on duty, shouted to Carman and waved his flag to warn him that the train was approaching but to no purpose.

Carman drove across the rails immediately before the flying train. Both he and his son were carried more than one hundred yards. The horse was cut to pieces and the heavy spring wagon was crushed into splinters.

Brooklyn Eagle, November 21, 1893

HELD FOR EXAMINATION

Valley Stream, L.I. February 20 – The Tigertown horse skinners, arrested by Health Officer Lusk for leaving carcasses unburied in the woods north of here, were brought before Justice Wheeler yesterday. There were four of them. Jake Golder and Alonzo Johnson were discharged, it being shown that they were employed by Nicholas Brown. Brown and Ferdinand Reil were held in bail for examination next Monday. Clemence Mathews is the prosecuting lawyer for the health officer and is endeavoring to find out whether Brown has been supplying the Jamaica sausage factories with horse meat.

Brooklyn Eagle, February 20, 1896

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OCTOBER, 2013

NEXT MEETING

Wednesday
October 16, 2013
at 6:30 pm

Please note new location and time.
Valley Stream Community Center
Arthur J. Hendrickson Park
West Merrick and South Franklin
Valley Stream, New York

COVERED DISH SUPPER



The doors of the Community Center will open at 6:15 p.m. 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 and potatoes, 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 516-825-7157 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



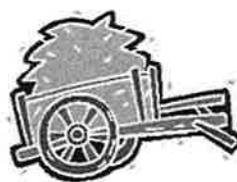
The Halloween Costume Contest will be held at the Restoration on **Sunday, October 27, 2013**. The Ragamuffin Parade will start at 3:00 p.m. Costumes will be judged and prizes awarded for both children's and adult's costumes.

HOOKED ON HALLOWEEN? THE VILLAGE OFFERS THE FOLLOWING:



10/19/13 – Halloween Pumpkin Painting at Arthur J. Hendrickson Park. Raindate October 26, 2013.

10/25/13 – Return to the Dollar Movie – a double feature of horror movies will be shown at 7:00 pm at the Theater in the Court at Village Hall. Pay at the door an admission of \$1.00.



10/26/13 – Jack O'Lanterns Ablaze and Haunted Hayrides. There is a \$5.00 fee for the Haunted Hayrides. Raindate is October 27, 2013.

For more information, call 516-872-6003.



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Nov. – Dec. 2013

NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, November 20, 2013 at 7:30 pm

Please note new location and time.
Valley Stream Community Center
Arthur J. Hendrickson Park
West Merrick and South Franklin
Valley Stream, New York

BATTLE OF GETTYSBURG

Lecture by David VandeWerf



The Battle of Gettysburg began on July 1, 1863 and ended on July 3, 1863.

Confederate General Lee (after a win at Charlottesville, Va.) led his Northern Virginia troops in a second invasion of the North. He hoped to threaten Northern cities, weaken the North, win a major battle on Northern soil and possibly sue for peace.

At Lincoln's insistence, Maj Gen Hooker moved the Union Army of the Potomac in pursuit of Lee. Three days before the battle he was relieved of command. Maj Gen Meade, his successor, moved the troops keeping them between Lee and Washington, D.C. Lee, upon learning that Meade was in Pennsylvania, concentrated his forces in Gettysburg. Brig Gen Buford slowed the Confederate advance until more Union forces arrived. Confederate reinforcements arrived under Gen A. P. Hill and Ewell and Union forces were driven back to Cemetery Hill and Culp's Hill. On the second day of the conflict, Lee led an assault at Devil's Den, Little Round Top, Wheatfield, Peach Orchard, Culp's Hill and East Cemetery Hill. The battle continued on the third day – 12,000 Confederate troops led an assault on Cemetery Ridge – Pickett's Charge. Nevertheless, Union

soldiers prevailed and Lee retreated to Northern Virginia.

By THE NUMBERS

Union forces – 93,921
Killed in action – 3,155
Wounded – 14,529
Missing or prisoners – 5,365

Confederate forces – 71,699
Killed in action – 3,903
Wounded – 18,735
Missing or prisoners – 5,425

The battle was fought at Gettysburg because of its road system.

The first day's battle was larger than portrayed.

The second day was the largest and costliest – 10th bloodiest battle of the conflict – more casualties than Fredericksburg.

Of the 120 generals who participated – 9 were killed or mortally wounded.



GINGERBREAD HOUSE CONTEST

The Society's Annual Gingerbread House Contest and Bake Sale will be held on Sunday, December 8, 2013, between the hours of 1pm and 4pm at the Pagan-Fletcher Restoration. A decorative icing demonstration will take place at 2pm in the Libath Room. For information regarding the contest and bake sale, please call 516-825-7157 or 516-872-4159.

**Please note that the Society
needs donations of cakes,
cookies, cupcakes, etc. for the
bake sale.**



