

# THE HERITAGE NEWS

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## Let Us Begin

At our last meeting, we discussed some ideas about renewing the mission of the Historical Society of East Rockaway & Lynbrook.

Our nominating Committee came up with some novel ideas which are included. The first aspect is the mundane - a compilation of Officers and Directors

## NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT FOR 2013-2014 –

### OFFICERS

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We have also made some innovative assignments. While these are not set in stone, it does give us some ideas for directions and interests. We have VIPs – Very Important Persons:

VIP MEDIA RELATIONS	Louise Campbell
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VIP DONATIONS	Bud Robinson
VIP STUDENT VOLUNTEERS	Veronica Krendel

# Retro 2013

Lest you doubt for a minute, HSERL is right up to date. Our Retro this year was focused on the new Educational standard of the Common Core. We are fortunate because Director Betsy Davison has her finger in the wind for every change and nuance of educational change.



We streamlined our presentations and made it more interactive for students' participation. In fact as the RETRO closed, Betsy was already focusing on next year. The RETRO is one of the highlights of our year. We reach out to all the schools and every year we have been able to have all fourth graders participate in our program. We are very grateful to the teachers, parents, principals, and our volunteers who give of their time to make this program a great success.

# MEMBERSHIP 2014

We have launched two new ideas which we will share with you.

As we ask you to renew your membership, we are asking one extra task. Would you expand your effort? Membership is an integral part of any organization. You know that. It is particularly important for us because it is you the members who support all our efforts.

We are asking that you invite one person to join you in HSERL. To make this easier, we have included in your membership letter another letter and a stamped envelope to give to your friend. We understand that this may not be possible for you to do. That is ok. Just please do renew your membership.

There is room on the Membership APP for you to tell us what you think. Take a moment and consider even one thing or one idea or one person you would like to hear and we will see how we can make it possible. It is important to let us know.

Our Second undertaking is to have members of the Board of Directors seek out ideas for success and failures of other Historical Societies. Several Board members have begun to explore societies who are close by and others who are a distance away. What we want to do is to learn from them and perhaps adapt or adopt their ideas to our plans.

Some of us have joined nearby Historical societies and we will send out a post card listing these events and put them on the Web site. Yes, that will come back to life. Indeed, the Web site will be coming back to life real soon. It is not moribund. We still get inquiries and we make every effort to answer them...

## New Members

We welcome the following people to membership:

**John Van Ingen**  
**Gene Torborg**

## ON TAP

Director Louise Campbell is going to follow up with a visit to the Levittown Historical Society. We had it on tap for last year but several things happened which thwarted us. This year we will let you know the date and time and we will plan it. All are welcome.

One of the other things which we would like to explore is a trip to a local historical site. It is premature to tell you exactly to which one we are referring because we have to check it out with the site managers. But it should be spectacular.

## UPCOMING CALENDAR

<b>Sept 17<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>BOD MEETING ER Senior Center</b>
<b>Sept 27<sup>th</sup> &amp; 28<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>TREASURES ON SALE (Note the first day of the sale is Friday afternoon). 592 Scranton Avenue</b>
<b>November</b>	<b>The <i>Bristol Mexico</i> Ceremony</b>
<b>January 26<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>THE WINTER TEA Lynbrook Library</b>

## DID YOU THINK WE FORGOT?

Not at all. Our Winter Tea is on schedule. We are in the process of planning a theme. There are some really fun ideas and some kooky ones. Mark your calendar NOW for Sunday January 26<sup>th</sup>. We just await word from the Lynbrook Library. Our Winter Tea this year is going to be spectacular. If you would like to work with us on it, just sign up when you return your dues

## LEFT OVERS

There will be some left overs from last year. We have to examine our Mission Statement to see if it allows us to make some decisions which we have done in the past and which may not have been in the purview of our goals. We will keep you informed. That's another committee on which you might like to serve. You would have much impact on the future of HSERL.

## It's Always Fun to Reminisce

This year at our Annual meeting we had the pleasure of one of our Heritage Scholars returning. Nicholas Caccavo was an East Rockaway Heritage Scholar in 2000. Today he is Production Manager at The Roundabout Theater. Let us refresh your memory as to his project. You will recognize it each time you visit downtown East Rockaway. There are a number of historical markers located at pivotal places in the village. Nicholas researched; located lost ones and the Historical Society managed the replacement of all of these markers. The East Rockaway Hundredth Anniversary Committee funded the project to have these markers placed appropriately.

## **BOOK MARK**

### **Heritage Scholar**

**SUNNY CHUNG - EAST  
ROCKAWAY H.S.**

I am secretary of Key Club for the 2013-2014 service year. Ever since I attended the Leadership Training Conference this past spring, I have been even more passionate about the club because I learned more ways we could serve the community and get more people involved. It was amazing to meet people from all over New York that are as passionate about improving the lives of other people. And it is just a really fun club to be involved in.

I really enjoy History and English. History allows us to learn from both the successes and failures of others and shows how much we've been able to discover in the past thousands of years. So I think it's really encouraging.

I enjoy English because ever since I took the AP Composition and Language course, I feel that it has pushed my writing skills a bit farther. I just enjoy writing, not pressured writing like all the standardized test require, but, writing to release stress from school work and writing down things that are on my mind.

I plan to go to college and major in International Relations. I hope to eventually to work at the United Nations or an embassy. I also hope to join another Service Club similar to Key Club in college and continue serving the community around me and stick with the Key Club motto: "Caring – Our Way of Life"

## **BOOK MARK**

### **Heritage Scholar**

**CAROLINE KRENDEL - LYNBROOK  
H. S.**

I am looking forward to Senior Year. How would I describe myself? I work very hard at everything I do. I love school. I was Co-Art Director of the Junior Class for Class Night. We won! I like English and Social Studies because they are interesting and intriguing. I have been in a Science Research Program and will participate in a competition this year.

I will go to college next year and plan to study forensic psychology. I don't if the two are related but I love people and I love horses. I play volley ball, soft ball and I ride. I am in the High School Marching Band and the National Honor Society. I also work behind the scenes for our Drama presentations

I have had the good fortune to have participated in People to People and spent time in Australia. I was a Counselor at the Dorothy P. Flint 4-H camp this year and met a number of counselors from abroad. What is wonderful – we keep in touch over the year! I have traveled throughout the United States and enjoy the beauty of the country and the wonderful people I have met.

When my grandparents and my mom began the Friends of the East Rockaway Grist Mill, they joined me up. Ergo, I am a charter member of HSERL (I was three years old at the time).

As a Scholar I will explore a century old book on the beginning of East Rockaway schools. Reading about the shades and nuances of the players is interesting and Insightful

# BOOK MARK

## Executive Director

### Madeline Pearson

As Caroline Krendel has noted, the Historical Society of East Rockaway & Lynbrook has been in business a long time. We started as the Friends of the East Rockaway Grist Mill, subsequently added Grist Mill Museum, then merged with the Lynbrook Historical and Preservation Society and ultimately morphed into who we are today! Appropriately that is a long sentence.

It's an intro to Madeline Pearson. Madeline has been part of HSERL for many years. She is the face who people know and respect. She is the one who goes to various meetings. She is our representative on the East Rockaway and Lynbrook Chambers of Commerce. Madeline is an ideal representative. She has a calm *persona*. She is wonderful with the telephone. She will call and follow up. Our Annual Retrospective is organized by Madeline and it is she who sees that the schools are properly scheduled and she sees that there is follow up.

We are very fortunate to have Madeline as a part of our organization. She was introduced to us by Mary Gipson and Gloria Christiano who had worked with her for a number of years in Girl Scouts. Madeline has been President of our Organization. She will continue to work for the betterment of HSERL. We know that Madeline will continue keep our organization in the eye of our communities Lynbrook and East Rockaway. We're Movin' On to Make History Come Alive.

## We look forward to your input.

As we indicated in our call to have you renew your membership, we would love to have you serve on our committees. The next few years will be years commemorating a number of very important events in our history.

Major events in the Civil War  
The Industrial Revolution  
Our entrance into World War I  
Prohibition  
World War II

Wouldn't it be timely if we could have speakers, maybe two or three a year on historical events? No doubt, you have other events which you would like to include. Help us. What do you think about if we have a brainstorming meeting for all interested "History Lovers" to discuss, plan and execute some suitable topics and speakers?

### WE NEED YOU.

**PLEASE CALL 887-9094 or 593-5791,  
LEAVE A MESSAGE**

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- **Help us with set-up, if you can. It's Friday, Sept. 27<sup>th</sup> @ 10 AM**
- Collect all that STUFF you've been meaning to get rid of, that HSERL can sell
- Put it in a pile
- Call Nancy Wolfsohn to arrange a pick up time, at 599-4466.
- Tell your friends to come and buy some STUFF (You know what they say: one man's junk is another man's treasure

