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AFTER AND BEFORE...

What is to come?

As we leave this very fruitful year we anticipate a number of good things which we still hope to accomplish.

They are not new but they are important and would make not only HSERL more interesting, they will make our community more aware of its history.

#! Circa Signs: We initiated these two years ago and sold about eight. Then other things arose and perhaps one might say distracted us. Well now we are undistracted. It would be nice if several of our members could work with us on this. This last sentence is rather important. We have a vibrant organization but it must not be dependent on only a few of us. So give some thought to what you might like to embark on for next year.

#!A book club: The seed was planted. Now it is time to nurture it and see if our members and even others within the community might like to join us. There are a number of book clubs but maybe the comity and convivance of our members will entice you to participate. The first meeting will be August 15th 7:15 at the Lynbrook Library. For more information call 516-887-0153.

#!#! Hide it. They'll find it. Stephane Maddalone suggested this three years ago – Geocaching. It would be an historical treasure hunt. Let's think about it. It might be a fun event.

#!!!! A thriving speaker program: Just think this would be quite exciting. It may be an evening out or it may be too cold to go out but it would expand the mind and remember history. We have several ideas which we will embark on for next year.

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BEFORE AND AFTER...

As we close out a very successful year, bear with us. We don't want to bore you but we do want to blow our horn.



#! We were on the periphery of this but it is historic. The Denton house, home of Delamater Denton, an East Rockaway mayor and well-known surveyor of Nassau County during the first part of the 20th century was listed on the national Register of Historic Places. We hope to be able to celebrate this summer. We have purchased a plaque so it is just a question of putting all the pieces together in the puzzle.

#!! Art Mattson was inspired by the Denton House and contacted Jennifer Betsworth the National Park Service and then proceeded with the completion of a written application for the *Bristol Mexico* Monument and the Rockville Cemetery for recognition. Just think of the significance of that accomplishment. Pat McGivern, Madeline Pearson Bob and Pat Symplson had the good fortune to be able to attend the ceremony in Newburgh New York. We didn't leave Art and Norie home. No, they were travelling in Europe and could not change their plans.

#!!! A follow up to State Recognition of the Rockville cemetery and the Bristol Mexico, HSERL joined with the Ancient Order of Hibernians to celebrate the 175th Anniversary and commemorated the installation of the Bristol Mexico monument.

#!!!! In November the Pomeroy Foundation gave us a grant for \$1000 to purchase and install a Roadside Marker commemorating the presence of Henri Charpentier and his Original Henri's Restaurant on Scranton Avenue.

#!!!!! In line with our Henri theme, Mary Colway chaired our 10th Annual Winter Tea. It too was another success. It is important that we realize and recap our accomplishments. It is important that we continue to Make History Come Alive.

#!!!!!! We continued our success stories with our celebration of Henri with a weeklong Exposition at the Lynbrook Library. What was different about this was that we had Charpentier grandchildren and great-grandchildren who came. We also had the cooking expertise of Lynbrook High School's Culinary Arts students of Mrs. Lauren Reganato. The following week the Henri Exposition ended at the East

Rockaway Library with a special evening showing of *Recipe for Success* about Henri. It was very well attended and gave Bob a great deal of encouragement after all the work and effort he had put into the Henri Exposition.

#!!!!!!!PS. The next week as a result of the talk at East Rockaway, Bob gave a presentation for the Molloy Institute for Lifelong Learning at the American Legion in Malverne. It was very well received. Bob will do an encore presentation in Rockville Centre in September.

Bob recommended that they contact Art Mattson for his expertise on the Bristol Mexico. They indicated that they had indeed had him previously but might enjoy an encore.

#!!!!!!! Our Annual Retro for fourth graders began June 6 with Waverly Park Students. It is a major happening and probably our signature event. When we go to events at other Historical societies this is the one thing about which we do boast. You can understand why.

We introduced a new station. We did an intro to the Original Henri Restaurant & Bar with a discussion of Henri Charpentier in his Restaurant in East Rockaway. We will hone it for next year.

#!!!!!!! SPLIA sponsored an exhibit of *My Long Island Landmarks*. Andrea Baum a Director of HSERL had a photograph of hers selected to be shown. The theme was to display “depictions of favorite Long Island landmarks so that people would think about Long Island as a piece of history and cultural connection.” SPLIA then invited” Franklin Hill Perrell of the Artful Circle to curate the exhibit.

Andrea’s Picture was a stark portrait of Montauk Point in all its beauty.

SPLIA GALLERY
161 Main Street Cold Spring harbor, NY 11724
Open Thursdays through Sundays 12p,-4pm
June 9th to November 20th, 2016

#!!!!!!! Art Mattson has added another star to his crown. He received a Pomeroy Grant for an historic Marker:

**The Rockville Cemetery and
The Bristol and Mexico Monument
placed on the
National Register
Of Historic Places
By the United States
Department of the Interior
November 2015**

We are very proud.

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The Ice Stand's Secret

By Louise Campbell

What better way to kick off summer than to learn a bit about the “Lemon Ice Custard Stand” that once had its home in Lynbrook. That stand stood at the corner of Sunrise Highway and Huntington Avenue, and in 1999 I was fortunate enough to speak to the original owner’s grandson, Mike Chiaramonte, who shared with me the “secret” which made the ices there so delicious.

Back in about 1950 a man named Joseph Zuaro originated the ice business and the large sign which proclaimed its product. According to the Mike, Mr. Zuaro brought all of his ice recipes with him from Italy when he came to the United States. The secret to its deliciousness, Mike explained, was that only the freshest of ingredients were used. Mike told me that he remembered squeezing the lemons and oranges for the ices and putting the juice in large pickle jars. The juice was then poured into vats with sugar. Then the ice was made. Mike said it was absolutely delicious!

Everything at the stand was “made from scratch,” Mike recalled, and people came from miles around for some of its tastiness. The “frozen custard” they made was actually “frozen French custard”, made using extracts and real eggs. Mike explained that even though the custard looked like today’s soft serve ice cream, the eggs which were added as an ingredient made the custard very different from today’s soft cones. According to Mike, he never lost the ability to “swirl the ice cream into a cone.”

The most popular of Mr. Zuaro’s ices was the lemon ice, although he also made orange, cherry and pineapple. Mike mentioned that when he worked at the stand in high school, he used to make a “summer ice drink”, which consisted of fresh lemon ice and some seltzer.

The stand itself opened each year at Easter and closed in October. Mr. Zuaro would then spend the winter in Florida. He eventually sold the store to a man named Wilson, Mike remembered, and then to a man named Rex Bell, the owner many people may still remember.

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The Historical Society of East Rockaway Lynbrook is proud to have presented its 15th Annual local history program known as Retrospective 2016.

Our many volunteers who made the Retro 2016 possible:

Linda Mathues

Marilyn

Madeline Pearson

Alene Krivoshey

Barbara Sobey

Pat McGivern

Pat Hickey

Mel Krivoshey

Heidi Hoffmann

Caroline Krendel

Mary Colway

Bob Sympson

We thank our 2016 financial supporters:

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- **Bruce Hafner, Esq.**
- **Lynbrook Police Benevolent Association**
- **Becker Realty Services, Inc.**

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We welcome the following new members:

**Carol Burak
Elise Charpentier & George Lane
Anne Coghlan
Ethel Gilloon**

Nancy & Bill Youngfert

**Bruce Grief
Melody Leib
Mary Ann McDonnell
The Tierney Family**

After membership we still keep Making History Come Alive

I am including two other articles for fun. The York State Story is from a collection I received from a Great Aunt 50 years ago. It may not be a local story but it does show history repeats itself with just new characters. The second one was from the Charpentier Colletion which I missed initially.

ED. Patricia C. Sympson, PhD

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Membership Categories

Individual	\$15	Supporting	\$100
Family	\$35	Sponsor	\$250
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We invite you to help us make a difference and welcome you to join a committee:

____ **The Winter Tea**

____ **Historic Collections**

____ **Historic Preservation**

____ **Creative Ideas**

____ **Membership**

____ **The Retrospective**

____ **Public Relations**

____ **Fund Raising**

____ **Circa Signs**

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This Henri article popped up when we were putting his pictures and memorabilia away.

It was too good to put to bed without sharing it. I don't have a source, yet it does confirm much of the story we shared with our fourth graders.