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ANNUAL MEETING  
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HISTORY WE ARE IT...

We have been in business for many years, almost 20. We are young and vibrant. We're not boasting because we usually are low key. But when one sits back and recalls a number of things, we are GOOD.

This year our Annual Meeting will be held at McQuades in Lynbrook. It will be held May 18<sup>th</sup> at 6.00 p.m., it will cost \$25.00 per person. Each

*year we have an annual meeting. Many times we have a collation at the East Rockaway Senior Center. This year we decided to break the pattern. Of course, Alene and Mel Krivoshey did their usual stellar job and our plans are booked.*

*We hope that each of you will join us. You have always supported all our endeavors and this is an important one.*

## No. 4...

### NATTERINGS FROM THE President



Our scholars will be graduating. Caroline Krendel will be going to Cortland . She will study forensics and psychology . Sunny Chung will attend Betsy Davison has moved to Gutnrr Illinois. She has a wonderful condo and she has had as much or more snow than we have had this year. Is that possible?

## Let Us Continue...

### No. 1...

#### Success of the Garage Sale

Our congratulations are extended to Nancy Wolfsohn the Chair of our Treasure Trove. This year we did something different. We scheduled our first sale day on Friday. Guess what? It was a major success.

Saturday we achieved our goal. Nancy did a fantastic job. She keeps us on our toes. Sometimes when one of us becomes intransigent, Nancy will step in and remind us that it is important to make a sale and not get our danders up. Alene Krivoshey helped keep us on our toes, too.

### No. 1a...

#### Lynbrook Expo

Mary Colway is recuperating. She fell on her back door step on one of the busiest nights at the ER. A broken ankle slowed her movement but not her curiosity. She is always a wealth of information.

Stephanie Maddalone and Mary were bantering at the Board meeting and came up with some very interesting information. Letterboxing.net'

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Mary Colway and John Van Ingen Paris visitors enjoyed hearing Vivaldi at Saint Chappelle.

It seems that we often schedule our Garage Sale the same day as Lynbrook Expo. It happened again this year. As usual, Lynbrook Historian Art Mattson made our participation in the Expo a hit. Pat McGivern was there also to lend her expertise. Madeline had arranged to have pictures of Lynbrook mounted on our display boards and both Art and Pat had fun showing people many of the 'old' places in Lynbrook. Indeed, some of those places are still there and are recognizable.

### No. 1b...

#### A Missing Person

One of the stalwarts of the Historical Society is Bud Robinson. He ALWAYS lets us know that he will be at a meeting, a sale, a speaker and to help at Expo. Lo and behold none of us had heard from him. The red flags went up. After a little leg work and much thought we found him. Bob Sympton remembered his good friend John Williams. After a phone call to John we were able to locate his daughter and from there our

detectives went to work. He is currently in Waterford Ct. and recuperating.

## **No. 2...**

### **Nunley's Amusement Park**

We will sponsor Marisa L. Berman, a local historian who has written an account of Nunley's Amusement Park. Do you remember when...? Of course, you do. Didn't every young person enjoy a trip to Nunley's and a ride on the carousel?

Ms. Berman will present a discussion at the Lynbrook Library Thursday, November 7, 2013 at 7:15 p.m. Why don't you join us and try for the brass ring?

## **No. 3...**

### **Foreclosure Court**

Some time when we read the paper we come upon some attention-grabbing items. This was one that appeared to be very interesting and one which offered an opportunity to learn something new.

A legal notice in the Herald indicated that there would be a foreclosure sale at public auction on October 1, 2013. What was up for sale?

The property located 8-14 Front Street East Rockaway, NY was to be foreclosed. That property we would recognize as Skippy's Bait Shop and the Salty Dog. The Historical Society was not in a position to buy it but it would be interesting to see to whom it was sold.

Not understanding the mechanics of foreclosure court, when a gentlemen stood up and bid \$100 we wondered if the property went for \$100 or \$100 above the judgment of \$394,578.42. At the end, we approached the buyer but he blew us off and that was the end of our education.

## **No. 4...**

### **NATTERINGS FROM THE President**



Do you ever have difficulty sleeping or wake up in the middle of the night with something on your mind and find it difficult to return to sleep? Here are some wanderings which come to mind in those wee hours when all is quiet.

Louise Campbell was the mother of the bride for a friend who recently lost her own mother

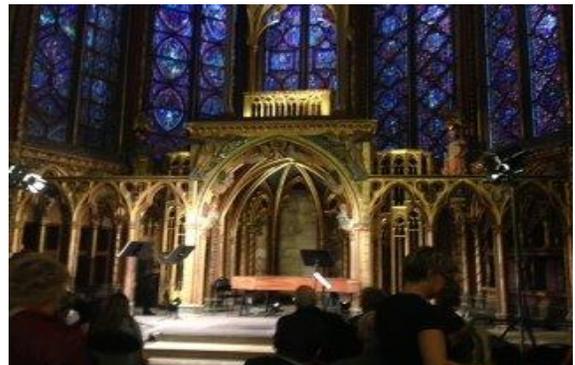
David Wolfsohn has a great possibility of realizing his dreams of a career in music

Stephanie Maddalone celebrated her son's wedding.

Madeline Pearson and Heidi Hofmann attended the aforementioned wedding and then took a cruise to Alaska. Now that's a segue  
Richard Schimmel was missed at Expo and the Garage Sale.

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and visiting the Bird Market which is open every Sunday in case you want to buy a bird in Paris,



Carol Hansen was a font of information about Pocket Parks in Lynbrook. Lynbrook Legislator F.X. Becker, Jr. had requested information about them.

Andrea Baum is an accomplished photographer Steve Vilardi enjoys old cars and showing them to his niece

Gene Torborg is very knowledgeable about Fire Department history..

Art & Norie Mattson did an extensive tour of Europe on their motorcycle but made it home for Expo

John Krendel through the LINK program at South Middle School made not only the *Herald* but the *Pennysaver* as well.

## **No. 5... Membership**

**We welcome the following people to new Membership:**

**Carol Hansen and Christine Vilardi  
We're Happy to Have YOU.**

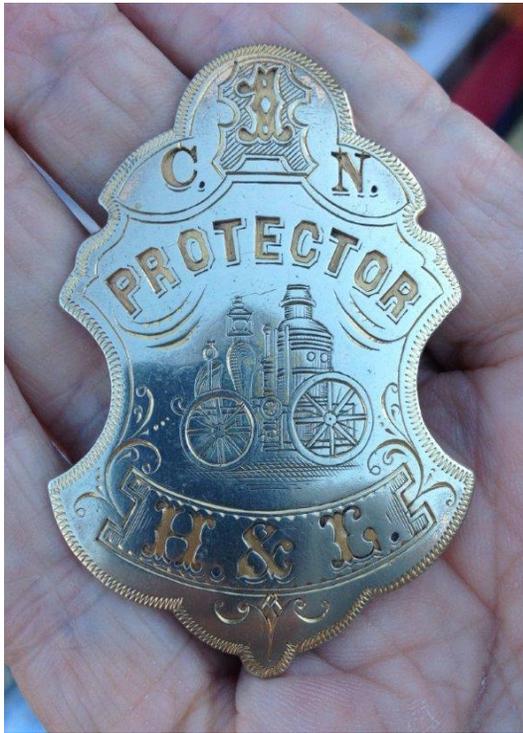
**As a reminder, we hope that you have all renewed your membership and had a friend join too.**

## **No. 6...**

**We have had some interesting connections from the Web these last few months.**

James Christian contacted with a picture of a Fire Department badge. The badge belonged to a friend of his and we wanted to know if we could identify it. Why us?

It seemed that there were only four Protector Hook Ladder and Hose Company in the country, East Rockaway was one of them. He had been able to locate us, but did not hear from Hicksville, NY; Brattleboro VT; or Selma, AL. We made inquiries of Gene Torborg and the company badge had had an early steam engine and our Company had Tootsie which was a hand pumper. We were pleased when James told us that we were the only historical society who had answered him.



We have been most fortunate in find the right person at the right time with the right information: John Bishop, Art Mattson, John Williams, Carol Hansen to name just those people queried this month.

## No. 7... The Roaring Twenties

Bet this caught your eye! You may relax. We will not quite recall it with the *bon vivante* of this picture. In our research for pictures to suggest to Elaine for tickets and posters, this emerged as just one from of those days.

Don't be offended. It was a time before most of us were born. It certainly was a different era. The pictures were exciting, threatening and most assuredly indicative of another day. Some pictures had guns ready at the entrance.



The Tea Committee is hard at work planning the menu, the ambiance, the workers, and those who will actually prepare our goodies. Mary Colway welcomes ideas and input. Again this year we are seeking Raffle Prizes. Believe it or not, the Raffle is one of the critical parts of the tea. It offers people an opportunity to be creative to make gifts for others. It adds suspense to the afternoon and it is an integral part of our event. We are still open to entertainment Because of time, we probably will do a ***Did You Know?***

You will be surprised what common day items began their existence in the Twenties. We rely on all of you to make this a success.

Did we forget to give you a date? No we were saving that for last. The tea will be held

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 26<sup>TH</sup>**  
**IN**  
**THE GREAT ROOM OF THE**  
**LYNBROOK LIBRARY**  
**Encore Snow date**

**February 2, 2014**

**The first announcement of sale of tickets  
will be in the Herald.  
Tickets will be sold at:**

**Moment, Memories and Traditions  
39 Atlantic Avenue  
Lynbrook**

**East Rockaway Florist  
340 Atlantic Avenue  
East Rockaway**

**And from Patricia Sympson 887-9094**

## **No 8...**

### **Calendar of Events**

**Nov 7<sup>th</sup> Marisa Berman,  
Lynbrook Library  
7:15 Nunley's Amusement  
Park**

**Nov. Bristol-Mexico  
Commemorative Ceremony  
TBA**

**Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> Jingle & Mingle TBA**

**Jan 26<sup>th</sup> The Roaring Twenties Tea**

**Feb 2<sup>nd</sup> Snow date**

## **No 9...**

### **WOW!**

Do you browse the web? It is a fun thing to do  
and it is amazing what turns up.  
Mary Colway alerted us to this.

The Christ Episcopal Church of Lynbrook  
celebrated its 110<sup>th</sup> anniversary, October, 2013.

We reached out, albeit, late too to participate in  
the celebration. We did sit down and talk with  
Rev. JK Melton who is the Pastor in Charge of  
the Christ Episcopal Church.

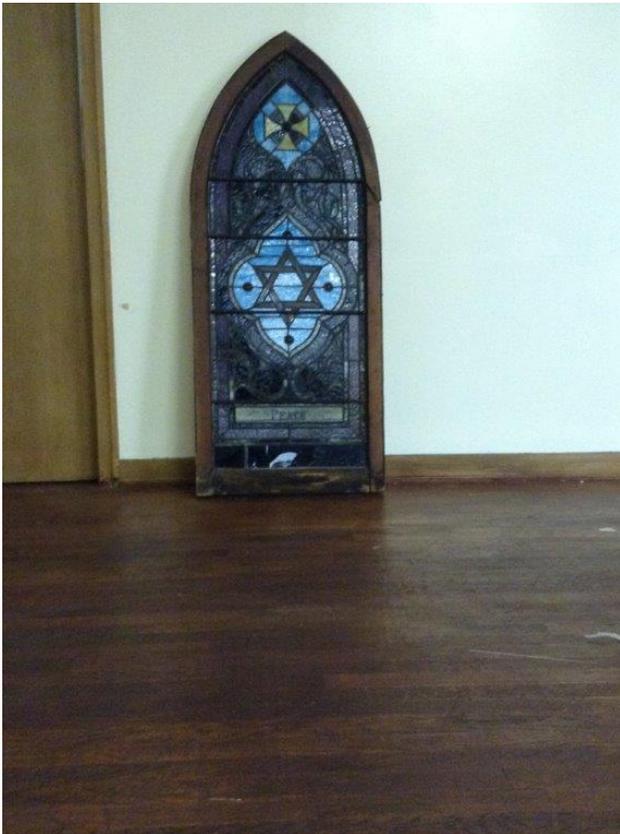
When he and his wife Heather moved into the  
Rectory, they decided it would be advantageous  
to look around and check out the attic.

Lo and behold they came across some old  
windows which they believed dated back to the  
church prior to 1910. This they determined by  
checking old photos still in possession of the  
church.

In talking with him, Pastor Melton said that  
original church was located on Merrick Road  
and Earle Avenue. The village sought to  
purchase that land for an expansion and they  
offered the church the land where it is presently  
located Peninsula Boulevard and Hempstead  
Avenue.

A new church was built and sufficed for forty  
years. In 1961 the old building was torn down  
and the present church was built. The windows  
were replaced.

Yet another instance of the wonders of the  
internet, Rev. JK and his wife Heather located a  
Marilyn Miller a serials cataloging specialist at  
the Ohio State University Library. Ms. Miller is  
working with the support of the Gahanna  
Sanctuary Board to contact as many as possible  
of the 850 churches which at one time contained  
Von Gerichten windows. Ms. Miller is doing  
research with the ultimate goal of a book on  
glassmakers Theodore and Ludwig Von  
Gerichten. Ludwig was designer of original  
Christ Church windows. It is believed that these  
windows were made in his Munich studio.



The Star of David window cleaned and standing in the Parish Hall.

When a church expressed an interest in purchasing Von Gerichten stained glass windows a company representative would travel to the church and meet with congregation representatives to discuss window patterns and scenes. Using standard patterns in coordination with unique drawings, a drawing of the proposed window would be created. Back in the Columbus Von Gerichten office, Employee Mary Ann Holtzinger Mclean, using a pricing formula, would figure the cost of the window. This pricing formula took into account a number of things including the size of the window and the intricacy of the window; the more tiny pieces, the greater the price.

Once the congregation approved the price, work began on the windows. Large sheets of paper

were spread on work tables in the studio's second floor work area. Outlines of each piece were drawn on the paper as if it were a large puzzle board. Glass, having been previously purchased from glass manufacturing companies, was cut into pieces, placed as if they were puzzle pieces onto paper, and were then secured into place with pieces of lead called canes

While not all 1800 Von Gerichten stained glass windows still exist the majority of the windows, like those in the Gahanna Sanctuary, still grace the buildings in which they were originally installed. Window photos and information from these churches' archives are being studied and compared and similarities and differences are being noted. Eventually the information received from these churches concerning their Von Gerichten windows will be compiled into a book that will take a comprehensive look at the company and the designs in the windows created by the company.

### **Cleaning the windows...**

Posted on July 10, 2013 by The Rev. JK Melton

When we moved into the Rectory, we found some old stained glass windows in the attic. No one knew where they were from, but our hunch was that they were the original windows from the first Christ Church building. Later, we found a picture that was captioned, "Easter, 1913." There, above the altar of the old church were the old windows!

The windows probably were placed in the attic in 1961, when the old church was torn down to make way for the Parish Hall. They gathered a lot of dust and some other muck. The frames have been a bit damaged, mostly due to poor storage. Remarkably, only one piece of glass is missing.

Recently, Heather and I cleaned the windows. Ultimately, we hope to have them framed and lit so that people can enjoy their beauty. This will

cost about \$700. What a nice memorial gift that would make (hint, hint).

Let's talk. There is much history and we are so proud to have learned this. Thank you.



Agnus Dei Window Before



The original condition of the windows.

50 years of filth...



Careful cleaning with gentle soaps.



Agnus Dei window After



After the washing, the Star window.

Sources: Wikipedia Von Gerichten Windows

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After the washing, the lampstand window.



The Agnus

The Maltese cross

The Lampstand Window, backlit.



The Lampstand, detail



The Star Window



The Star of David