

## September 17, 2015 Bay Shore Historical Society Meeting Notes

Barry Dlouhy, the President, called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM and recited the Pledge of Allegiance. There was a moment of silence for Cliff Miller. Barry highlighted some of the notable donations that had been made over the past month. The Domagala family donated many of Bill's photos of Bay Shore including many of the LILCO gas plant. Volunteers are needed to help catalogue these photos. The Koel family donated numerous pieces of memorabilia. Rusty McAllister donated several items including Mary G. Clarkson's sewing machine. There have also been several individuals doing research for books visit. During one visit it was discovered that a picture is of a 1923 Holy Name Society Rally that 40,000 men attended.

Joann reported that membership is up to 294. There have been 43 new members since January. Kelly Zebro read the minutes of the August 20, 2015 meeting. Joe gave the Treasurer's report. Joe reported that income was \$485 and expenses was \$416. Barry then introduced Janet Demarest, the author of *Tales from the General Store: The Legends from Long Island*.

Janet told the story of Mile-a-Minute-Murphy. He rode his bicycle faster than a Long Island Railroad train. He rode for one mile in less than a minute. She spoke of the legend of The Lady of Lake Ronkonkoma. It is believed that The Lady of the Lake takes one male life each year that the lake has water in it. Janet talked about the myth that Blue Point Oysters were put in the bay by God. There was an abundance of oysters in the bay that the poor would harvest. When a tax was levied to drive off the poor no oysters could be found in the bay for fishermen to harvest. She also spoke about Captain William Kidd and the pirate's code he lived by. It's believed that his pirate's treasurer was buried on **Gardiner's Island**. Janet read a poem about Hoosfeeter Joe and mentioned the tale of Goodie Garlic. Goodie Garlic worked for the Gardiner family and was believed to be a witch.

Barry thanked Janet for her presentation and invited everyone for refreshments.

Respectfully submitted by Kelly Zebro