



# Spring Lake Historical Society, Inc.

# Newsletter

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

### **A Report On Fiscal Year July 1, 2022- June 30, 2023**

The Spring Lake Historical Society was very active again this year with its research, interest in the Museum displays, and sale of items; plus, more appointments to visit were made, including a group from the Essex & Sussex.

Education of our youth resumed with a successful field trip visit of the 7th grade H.W. Mountz students in June, 2023. In September of 2022, H.W. Mountz 7th grade students filmed a video interview of Mayor Naughton in the Museum. They also took pictures of the Changing Gallery to include with their entry for a short movies' competition in the state of NJ.

We mourned a very dedicated and important active member whom we lost in this past year. Dorothy Lau (Dot) served as president, historian, researcher, writer, and head of the Newsletter editing and publishing. Her love of Spring Lake and its history manifested itself in her contributions to the Society and other organizations in town. She was truly an asset to the SLHS and is deeply missed. She was eulogized for her contributions at a small reception held in May at the Museum. Her name is engraved on the memory plaque of esteemed members who were dedicated to the SLHS. Also, engraved on the Memorial Plaque were five more members whose contributions in the past were recognized: Betty and Gil Robinson; Rosemary Rizzi; Liz Campanile; and Marie Wingard. Families and friends of the recipients were invited guests at the reception.

Special recognition was bestowed on the Spring Lake Community House honoring its 100th anniversary with an exhibit in the Changing Gallery of the Museum. The exhibit features a summarized history of the founding by O.H. Brown, the history of the Theatre and Library as well as a list of many of the early clubs/organizations in the community that used its facility. Many pictures show this beautiful Tudor style building and the unique and pleasing interior. A reception for the opening of the exhibit coincided with the Memorial Plaque honorees tribute. The Society was honored to have Pat Barry, executive director and president of the Board of Trustees for the Community House attend and add to the presentation. Her love of the landmark historic building was evident in her address to the people present at the Museum in May.

The 42nd annual House Tour on June 8 was very successful. It was a real treat for those who have supported us before and the new tour goes to our event. The tour included five historic homes of the circa 1920, 1900 or earlier, one home built in 2004, and historic Sundae Times Ice Cream Parlor, St. Catharine Church, Spring Lake Community House, and the SLHS Museum. We can't thank enough the owners who sacrificed time and effort to open their sites to the public: 15 Madison Ave., 18 Madison Ave., 309 Sussex Ave., 404 Essex Ave., and 2 Passaic Ave., plus the more public places mentioned above. My appreciation goes to the businesses also: Kate & Co., Bain's SL Hardware, and J. McLaughlin for selling tickets. Many thanks to the head hostesses and the docents who helped docent the sites. Numerous helpers were involved and

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a pre tour reception was given for them at the Spring Lake Community House on Monday preceding the Thursday tour on June 8.

Bonnie DuBois and her committee reviewed numerous applications for the scholarships to be awarded. The Elizabeth Saklas Nursing Continuing Education Scholarship, offered by Pete Saklas in memory of his wife is awarded this year to Rebecca Lazerson and was presented by Pete's daughter, Pat. A qualification change was instituted last fall concerning the high school senior scholarship awards given by the SLHS. Qualification to receive an award required the seniors making themselves aware of the history of Spring Lake via studying and reporting on the displays in the Museum or doing a project about the history, either on an important person or historic event. The Spring Lake Historical Society awarded \$1000 each to Catharine Little and Julia Moran for their outstanding submissions.

Bonnie DuBois arranged for Richard Clayton to be the speaker at our General Meeting held in October, 2022. He spoke on the history of Clayton's Livery Service transporting people to and from the Railroad Station and elsewhere and the evolution into the Clayton's Limousine Service of today. This enterprise is certainly a long standing successful business in Spring Lake.

Come visit the Museum! We have a wonderful sign at the Municipal Building stating our changed summer schedule to Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 -12 and winter schedule, Sundays, 1:30 – 3:30, Thursdays, 10 – 12. On sale at the Museum are the popular coasters with landmark places on them, beach badge tiles, replicated South End decorative tiles, flags, notecards, shirts, and other SLHS logo items.

I wish to acknowledge the following dedicated officers/trustees and chair persons who offer so much of their time and knowledge to keep this organization viable. All are so responsible and take to task the work to be done.

John McGlinchy: Vice President; Ways and Means chair - producing decorative tiles to be sold; Liaison with the Borough; Newsletter; Posters; Education Chair; House Tour

Bob Drasheff: Treasurer; Technology; Newsletter; Trouble shooter; House Tour

Priscilla Reilly: Recording Secretary; Website; Liaison to the Borough; House Tour

Stephanie McMurray: Corresponding Secretary; Historic Sites Plaque; Newsletter; Library acquisitions; Editing; House Tour

Marie Curry: Trustee; Museum Co-Chair; Brochure upgrades; House Tour

Carole Morris: Trustee; Museum Co-Chair; Publicity; House Tour

Bonnie DuBois: Trustee; Programs; Research (historian); Scholarships

Judie Brophy: Membership; House Tour

Barbara Curran: Historic Sites Plaque

Mary Jane Burke: Hospitality; House Tour

Nancy Smith: Office Manager; Research; Newsletter; Posters; Sales; House Tour

Respectfully Submitted, Barbara Kolarsick-Harrigan, President

# The 2023 Annual House Tour

## 2 Passaic Avenue



“Gretamere” was constructed as a summer home in 1898 for James Schoonmaker and named for his daughter Gretchen. Colonel Schoonmaker was awarded the Medal of Honor for Gallantry in the Union’s 14th Pennsylvania Calvary at Winchester, Virginia on September 19, 1864. He later became the Vice President of the New York Central Railroad, overseeing all rail operations west of Pittsburg, his home.

Through the years Gretamere has been blessed with owners who have preserved the home’s elegant architectural character. The present owners have made a prodigious commitment to restore fine details while introducing amenities required in any exceptional twenty-first century family residence.

Gretamere is a celebration of the Beaux Art period (circa 1888 thru 1925), an era following the Chicago World’s Columbian Exposition. Architects embraced this style that returned to the classics and did so with grandeur. The facade of this grand home with its wrap around porch, towering Corinthian columns, supporting second and third floors balconies, embellished with pilasters and corbels, was a reflection of the national spirit of Exceptionalism that prevailed at that time in the United States.

Upon entering the home the theme continues in the living room with twelve-foot ceilings, original cherry floors, oak paneling and a formidable stone mantle. These set the stage for the majestic oak staircase that rises three stories, pausing at windowed landings, then to the next floor. All embraced within an impressive oak balustrade system. Pocket doors are generously used throughout the first floor; They are sided with the same wood as the paneling in the room they face. We see this as we pass through the music room, to the dining room where a wall of French doors leads to an oceanfront sun room and the sea beyond. The kitchen, originally a series of small rooms for the servants now is a splendid culinary center with the finest accoutrements. Flooded with light from the garden with pool beyond, perfect for lite dining.

The surrounding property compliments this exceptional home. Nothing has been lost and truly much has been gained with the restoration of Gretamere. We understand only four families have owned this residence. They are to be admired for not only preserving a Spring Lake treasure, but a National treasure.

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## 15 Madison Avenue



Built in 2004, this new “historic” architectural designed home delights the eye with its modified Seashore Colonial Revival style. Sitting on a large piece of property makes it stand out as a crown jewel on that street. And crown jewel it is!

One is struck by the amount of light when entering the foyer. The open staircase, large rooms, light paint colors, and the ocean reflections from the east add to this brightness. This became the owner’s intention when renovating the interior of the home. White is a dominant color throughout and bright colors as opposed to dark are used in the upholstery, artwork, and accessories to contrast and catch the eye.

A beautiful, wide staircase ascends to the second floor lounging area and off to the right is the master bedroom, bath, and sitting room. Light dominates these rooms and a magnificent view of the ocean is offered from the sitting room. An outdoor balcony/deck offers another magnificent view and space to enjoy the seashore breezes and delights.

Imagine you are at a party as you stroll through the expansive first floor. You encounter a beautiful dining room off to the right of the foyer, a He-She office area beyond that, and a short hallway leading to an ample size kitchen. The kitchen island and surrounding cabinets dazzle and delight the senses. On the east side of the home, you wander through the living room, where guests are being entertained with piano music, and then decide to take your refreshments at the bar and sit in the adjoining “sun room” with views of the yard and swimming pool. Shortly thereafter, you spot some friends and join them in the enclosed outside porch with its warming fireplace and cozy, relaxing chairs. Just when you think you couldn’t have a more enjoyable time, the outside pool and deck beckon you to enjoy their generous ambiance.

As you exit this spacious beautifully landscaped property, also take a peek at the vegetable garden beside the drive. We hope you enjoyed the “party” experience tour of this home.  
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### 18 Madison Avenue



Sitting on its regal throne on a knoll, this 1883 Victorian Queen Ann cottage, with cut saw Stick Style features, welcomes one to its large wrap around porch which takes full advantage of the breezes off the Atlantic. The gingerbread trim at porch supports, railings and eave brackets, the round turned porch columns and mix of linear clapboard and cedar shake shingles draws attention to this style. The asymmetry of the main hipped roof with pointed side gables, the Juliette balcony sleeping porch, shed dormers, and multi-paned windows are features that also stamp this style.

Step through the original arched wood and beveled glass door and be greeted by the gracefully curved staircase and newel post in the foyer. As you tour the interior of this home, note the restoration of 80% of the original woodwork, moldings, and doors. The present owners recognized the value of saving these priceless elements and did so wherever possible. High ceilings, ten feet on the first, nine feet on the second, and 8 feet on the third floors add to the feeling of large rooms. By not changing the size of this original home, the height could remain the same without reducing it to comply with new ordinances.

Strolling on the first floor leads one through the living room (parlor) with a gas converted fireplace, the dining room, (note the curved wall exit choice) a second living (TV) room, and the newly designed kitchen that replaced a small kitchen and large bathroom. Relocated near the back exit, a new smaller bathroom replaces that need. A soft color scheme is used throughout with light greys, blues, beiges, and yellows with accents in bright colors found in pictures and accessories.

Serpentine stairs lead to the second floor with its four beautifully appointed bedrooms and baths. The south end of the hall houses a space now used as a small office which has the best views of the ocean. Originally this would have been the open air sleeping porch for those hot summer nights. Climbing another set of serpentine stairs takes you to the third floor's three dormer bedrooms with their breathtaking views. New bathrooms were added and a clever HVAC system that blows down heats and cools the second floor as well. Transom windows above the doors were once the HVAC system!!

Deeds show that the original owners, the Brewsters, in 1885 sold their 1883 home to Edward Grindley, an in-law of an in-law at a loss of \$1500. It was quite a bargain for Edward as he received all household furnishings and more in that transaction. I think these original owners would so appreciate the superb restoration of this home. As one exits the home, note the restored garage which includes modernizing a guest apartment on the second floor.

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### 210 Madison Avenue



In 1869 Joseph Tuttle, of Newark and William Reid of Wall purchased Walling Farm with intentions of developing a summer resort for families from Northern New Jersey. By 1873 they had named the property Brighton, divided it into building lots and installed a road from Squan Turnpike (route 71) to the Ocean.

C. Wilbur Tuttle, (Joseph's nephew) and Robert Worthington completed the development of Brighton, with the addition of a hotel, named Wilburton-by-the Sea (The Breaker's) to honor Wilbur Tuttle. Initially nine cottages were built. 210 Madison Ave was the first built as a summer home for the Tuttle family. The Family maintained ownership well into the 20th Century

In 2002 the home was totally restored. The front porch is an introduction to the quality of the restoration. Appreciate the details: the formation of the rafters supporting the roof extending the length of the porch, the style of the wooden balustrade and the tasteful use of color. As you pass through the original front door you're assured you'er in a Victorian Cottage, with its symmetrical fireplaces, original pressed tin cove ceilings and tall wavy glass windows in the formal dining room and charming parlor.

The foyer leads through to the spacious kitchen, on your right is a small snug with a door to the porch. On your left is the Butler's Pantry extending the length of the kitchen. The lovely kitchen maintains the style of the 1800s with authentic, reproduction lighting, simple cabinetry, period hardware, marble and black walnut countertops and Southern Heart-pine flooring matching that of the original rooms.

The second floor has three large bedroom, with baths and a cozy, sunny sitting room. The spacious master suite, at the rear of the house overlooks the yard from a private porch. The master bath features a soaring cathedral ceiling with high windows flooding the room with light while assuring privacy. The bathroom fixtures are 21st Century plus. The bath tube has underwater lighting (select a color), temperature controls and more. The select tiles enhance the room.

There is a generous Carriage House in the rear of the property. It has sliding doors, a gambrel roof and attractively patterned shingles.

The historical importance of this home to Spring Lake cannot be over stated.

### 309 Sussex Avenue



The Borough of Spring Lake came into existence in 1903 with the merger of four separate, adjacent shore communities. The Osborn farm was one of these communities.

309 Sussex is on land farmed by Forman Osborn. It has a fresh water lake and is surrounded by 285 acres. In 1875 a Philadelphia clergyman, Alfonso Willits, with fellow investors from Pennsylvania, purchased the farm and formed the Spring Lake Improvement Co. The property extended from Wreck Pond to Jersey Avenue, from the Ocean to Squan Turnpike. The Monmouth House Hotel was built 50 yard from the Ocean. Other smaller hotels and private summer cottages were also built on the property.

Our Sussex Avenue summer house embraces many features of the Queen Anne style. This design was especially popular in houses built along the East Coast of the United States late in the 19th Century.

To truly appreciate the architectural style of this charming home you should view it from all four sides. The front porch sweeps the width of the home to a porte-cochere. The shingles on the porch roof are scalloped as is the siding on the front of the home. A dormer is over the entrance.

We enter the vestibule with its stained glass inserts. To our right is a heavily carved three-quarter staircase rising to the upper floors. A gracious Living Room with a coffered ceiling on our left has soft pastel glass windows on either sides of the original fireplace. Pocket doors lead us to the Den and the summer rooms, which are a recent sympathetic addition to the home's east side. Popular for games and summer relaxation. A handsome Swordfish adorns the wall. It was the owner's catch on her very first day fishing. From the Den we also access the Dining Room and on to the 21st Century Kitchen.

A long corridor in the kitchen leads to storage and laundry areas, a powder room and most interesting, a closed stairway to the third floor. Most likely to the servant's quarters.

We return to the foyer its wonderful staircase, with large windows leads to the second floor. A generous bedroom with en suite, and palladium window stretches across the front of the house. There are two smaller bedrooms and a bathroom before we reach the Master Suite extending across the rear of the house with bath and a lovely porch that overlooks the roof tops of Spring Lake. The entire floor is blessed with high ceilings and glass transom over room doors.

The third floor has two very large rooms, a bathroom and a large porch with a charming balustrade looking toward the sea.

Don't leave till you enjoy the lovely barn that has been beautifully restored.

This home has been lovingly maintained. It is now used as a fine summer home and that's for which it was built.

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### 404 Essex Avenue



This charming circa 1917 Dutch Colonial style home has had a major renovation that enhances the style of it and greatly expands the living space. The gambrel roof pattern of the original house was copied and utilized for the addition in the back. The gambrel roof feature is a means of increasing both roof span and additional attic space. Viewing the home on both sides allows one to see how well the new gambrel roofs display the similarities of the original roof. Stepping up onto the newly rehabilitated porch makes for a wonderful entrance to the interior.

An original off center front door opens and one enters in to observe the staircase to the second floor and on the right the main living room. The staircase columns and railings have remained the same as has the 1917 living room. Proceeding toward the back of the house, one steps into the new addition of a spacious kitchen and equally spacious family room. Light color schemes enhance the simplicity of design and elegance of the spaces as do the use of ample size windows and glass doors.

The second floor offers four bedrooms and bathrooms that are fresh and attractive looking in their newness; yet, welcoming and consistent with the house addition's size. A new staircase leads one to the third floor where an open loft is furnished as another bedroom and an accompanying bath which makes the space serviceable and "lofty" in the treetops. There are eclectic furnishings that please the eye and remind one this is an old house with treasured things from the past and a new part with things of the present that blends well with the old.

Exiting the back door, one should reflect on how the owners turned a modest size home into a spacious living area to accommodate their family at the shore. The newly built garage replicates the style of the home and a backyard swimming pool also adds to an attractive outdoor space.

**Annual House Tour***Continued from page 5***The Spring Lake Memorial Community House (1501 Third Avenue)**

Community House was built as a memorial to the Spring Lake servicemen who fought in World War I. On September 18, 1919, a parade was held to honor Spring Lake's World War I veterans. When the parade reached the Casino (now the Bath and Tennis Club), speeches and awards were presented and Mayor Oliver H. Brown surprised the crowd by announcing that he would donate a piece of land and \$100,000 towards the erection of a soldiers and sailors memorial.

Brown was a successful shore area businessman with interests in furniture stores, hotels, and real estate. He served

This year the Community House is celebrating its 100th Anniversary and the Spring Lake Historical Society is proud to feature this gem on the House Tour. The

in the New Jersey Assembly and Senate and was mayor of Spring Lake for thirty-two years. The property occupied the entire block on the west side of Third Avenue between Brighton and Madison Avenues. Homes owned by O.H. Brown that were previously situated on the site were moved to other locations. On October 22, 1921, a contract was signed between Brown and Horace H. Moore, a Spring Lake builder, to erect the Community House using drawings prepared by Frank Eaton Newman, Architect, of New York City. Ground was broken the same month, the cornerstone was laid March 18, 1922, and the building was formally dedicated on July 4, 1923. It contained a public library, meeting rooms for organizations such as the Woman's Club, a large ballroom/recreation hall in the lower level and one of the finest theaters in the area, which has been used for both theater productions and movies. It is a privately owned facility, with title resting in a Board of Trustees who oversee the building and administer its funds.

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**Museum - Municipal Bldg. (Fifth & Warren Aves.)**

that include one celebrating Spring Lake's incorporation as a town in 1892, a new exhibit on the Memorial Community House on its 100th anniversary in 2023, and a third one honoring all of our Spring Lake Mayors. Additionally, part of John Szeliga's extensive donation to the Society is showcased for viewing.

Welcome to the Historical Society's Forty-Second Annual House Tour. We invite you to visit the Main Gallery which contains the permanent collection and chronicles the history of Spring Lake in photographs, artifacts, newspaper articles, clothing and other captivating items of the past. Please take time to also tour our Changing Gallery exhibits

The Classical Revival building in which the Museum is located was originally built as a public school in 1897 with six desks for grades 1-8. Owing to town and area growth and school overcrowding, a new school with ten classrooms was erected in 1922 on Tuttle Avenue. Many of the visible beautiful decorative interior elements are not relics from the building's academic past but from 1923 when the structure was extensively remodeled as a Masonic Lodge. In 1943, the building was repurchased by the Borough for use as its Municipal Building. The Spring Lake Historical Society moved into the second floor of the building in 1979. The Museum will be open today from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. (Museum hours Memorial Day to Labor Day are Tuesdays & Thursdays, 10:00-12:00; otherwise Sundays 1:30-3:30 & Thursdays 10:00-12:00; by appointment at 732-449-0772; closed mid-December to April)

### St. Catharine Church



St. Catharine Church is the finest high-style example of Classical Revival architecture in Monmouth County. It was built of limestone and buff Pompeian brick in 1901 by the wealthy philanthropist

Martin Maloney (1847-1929) to honor the memory of his daughter Catharine who died of tuberculosis at age 17. Horace Trumbauer's (1868-1938) design was inspired by Roman renaissance and baroque sources. The cornerstone was laid March 17, 1901 and the church was consecrated on May 25, 1902. Roman artist Professor Gonippo Raggi (1875-1959) decorated the interior with over 27 paintings, both canvasses and frescos which included replicas of the masters and original work. This two-phased work was completed in 1928.

St. Catharine's two-phased restoration project 1994-2006, restored its 1928 appearance and addressed contemporary needs. Ever Greene Studios of New York, guided by photographs at the Spring Lake Historical Society, completed the artwork element. In 2021-2022, the Church underwent rehabilitation both on the exterior to replace deterioration of the piazza, the entrances, and lights. The interior work included replacement of the worn floors, pews, and repainting.

While primarily a house of worship, the approximately 4,000 family community of St. Catharine/St. Margaret Parish is grateful for the Maloney gift and the efforts to preserve and restore this beautiful church. Recognizing the museum stature of this edifice, the parish is pleased to share it with visitors.

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### The Sundae Times (17 Atlantic Avenue)



The "Sundae Times" ice cream parlor is situated in a structure that was erected shortly after the disastrous 1900 fire which destroyed the original Monmouth Hotel and most of the south end commercial district. The present building housed the D. H. Hills Drug Co. for several decades and that pharmacy was open

for business only in the summer. Later it was a popular ice cream parlor known as "Peterson's". The "Sundae Times" is a delightful "old-new" part of Spring Lake's ambiance. Tour goers are invited here today for a complimentary taste of ice cream only from 12:00 to 3:00. Enjoy!

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## SCHOLARSHIPS



*Rebecca Lazerson, Julia Moran and, Catharine Little*

### **Catharine Little**

The Spring Lake Historical Society was very pleased to offer a scholarship to Catharine Little. Catharine is an outstanding student who is admired for her intelligence, talent, self-discipline, self-motivation, ambitious aspirations, and her engaging personality. She is not at all intimidated by challenge and in fact welcomes it. She is persistent in her pursuit of excellence. She has maintained a 4.0 GPA for the four years she has been a student at Trinity Hall.

In addition to maintaining top grades at Trinity Hall, Catharine has been actively involved in the school community. During her freshman and sophomore years, she served as class representative on the Student Council. She was elected vice president of the Student Council for her junior year. This past year she has served as Senior Class President. She has also served as the Robotics Club leader.

She played varsity golf at Trinity Hall for four years and has been the team co-captain for the past two years. She has also played varsity tennis for four years and for the past two years has been co-captain of that team. She runs 800 meters in winter track.

Catharine is a member of Trinity Hall's Pre-Med Club, Math and Engineering Club, and the Business Club.

Outside of School, Catharine volunteers with Big Brothers Big Sisters as a math tutor. She volunteered as a tennis instructor at Sea Girt Recreation, and Spring Lake Recreation, and has worked as a Food Kitchen Volunteer at Fulfill and JBJ Soul Kitchen. She completed an internship at Cuzzo Orthodontics and at Sea Girt Dentistry. She works as a caddy at

the Spring Lake Golf Club and works as a hostess and waitress at the Columns Restaurant.

This fall, Catharine began her studies at Villanova University majoring in biology. Following her family's tradition of providing dental care, she plans to become an orthodontist. Catharine's last name is Little, but her accomplishments are big. We know she will have a big impact when she completes her studies and becomes an orthodontist.

### **Julia Moran**

The Spring Lake Historical Society was pleased to present a scholarship to Julia Moran. She was a student at Biotechnology High School, a Monmouth County magnet school with an honors curriculum. During her four years at Biotechnology High School, she has earned a cumulative GPA of 96.63. Julia is an accomplished student with initiative and drive, who is constantly thinking "outside the box". She is respected by both faculty and students for her integrity. Julia always does the right thing and she never misses an opportunity to help another.

Julia has been a girl scout since 2010 and in 2022 was awarded the Girl Scout's highest award, the Gold Award for the STEAM camp she developed and ran for girls. Included in her project were lessons in plant tropism, weight distribution and engineering. This was not the first camp she developed. During the summer of 2020, as Covid closed most activities, Julia developed and ran a summer camp in her backyard.

At Biotechnology High School, Julia was a member of the National Honor Society and vice president of that society. She was also a member of the Spanish National Honor Society. She was part of the student government and served as the Director of Student Activities.

Julia is a competitive team member of En Pointe Dance and Acrobatics and volunteers as a dance instructor. She is a member of the Christian Youth Group of Grace Bible Church. She was a chemistry tutor at her school and worked as an assistant biology teacher at the Biotechnology High School's Forensics Camp last summer.

Julia has worked as a camp counselor at Spring Lake Recreation and is a certified babysitter.

This fall, she began her studies at the University of Notre Dame where she will study mechanical engineering. She plans to become an aerospace engineer. We look forward to the impact she will make on the future.





*Patricia Saklas with  
recipient Rebecca Lazerson*

## Rebecca Lazerson

The Saklas family was pleased to award the Elizabeth A. Saklas Memorial Nursing Scholarship to Rebecca Lazerson. Rebecca has had a passion for helping others for most of her life. She considers it a privilege is to be able to help others during the most vulnerable times of their lives. To Rebecca, it is essential to not only help her patients, but also the families of her patients, as they face the crisis together. It doesn't matter if the improvement is large or small, to Rebecca, each step forward is enormously rewarding and important. She believes that there is no better feeling than knowing that she is making a positive impact on the lives of her patients and their caregivers.

Rebecca Lazerson is considered by her colleagues to be dedicated, conscientious, and caring. Rosie Fitzgerald, Rebecca's Assistant Nurse Manager, considers Rebecca to be one of the kindest and brightest nurses that she has met. Rebecca's positive attitude and her belief that she can find a solution to help her patients makes her an excellent nurse.

Rebecca Lazerson began her nursing career at Jersey Shore University Medical Center on an adult telemetry unit. There she helped her stroke patients with communication skills, mobility issues, and in mastering the activities of daily living. Four years ago she began working on a pediatric unit, and has recently begun working with the young patients of the Pediatric Intensive Care Unit.

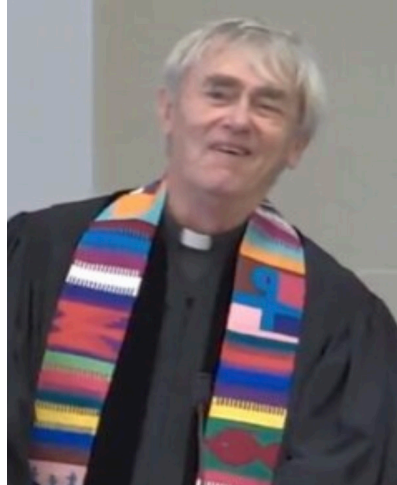
Rebecca wishes to increase her ability to help others. To accomplish this, she has enrolled in the Johns Hopkins DNP-Pediatric Critical Clinical Nurse Specialist program. With this degree, she will be able to help not only her patients as a provider and educational resource, but also other nurses. Rebecca is earning outstanding grades in the Johns Hopkins program and will go on to help so many people.

## H.W. Mounts Visit



In June of this year, Mrs. Detlinger's Seventh Grade Class from the H.W. Mountz School paid a visit to the Museum.

## Remembering the Rev. Ray DuBois



A man very dedicated to Spring Lake and its many organizations, Rev. Raymond D. DuBois, 81, passed away on August 25, 2023. He was born in Brooklyn, N.Y. in 1942, the son of E. Richard and Vivian DuBois. He grew up in Glen Rock, NJ and moved to Spring Lake fifty years ago.

He graduated from Susquehanna University with a degree in economics and from Drew Theological School with a Masters of Divinity. Ray devoted his life to helping others. His strong faith saw the good in others. He cared about them and accomplished a great deal on their behalf.

For thirty-three years he served as the chaplain at the Garden State Correctional Facility. At the facility he organized Project Woodshed which taught inmates carpentry skills that they could use to make a living when released from prison. Inmates involved in the program, made furniture which was sold and the money earned was deposited in their bank accounts which could be used when they were released. He also established CRYUP, Christ Reaching Youth Using Prisoners. In this program, youth visited Garden State Prison and learned first hand the mistakes the inmates had made and how that lead to prison time.

For many years he worked with seminary students from Princeton Theological School and New Brunswick Theological Seminary giving them first hand experience as prison chaplains. Several of his students became prison chaplains at a number of New Jersey's prisons.

Ray also worked as chaplain at the Carrier Clinic in Belle Meade counseling recovering addicts. He was an adjunct professor at the New Brunswick Theological Seminary where he taught courses which focused on crime and punishment in the prison setting.

Ray also worked with the community of Spring Lake as coordinator of the Spring Lake Drug Prevention Alliance. In 2007, he was honored by the Daughters of the American Revolution with its community service award.

He was the Minister of Visitation for the Manasquan United Methodist Church and a member of the United Methodist Men and the prison ministry team of the church. As his wife Borough Historian, Bonnie DuBois stated, "Church and the work that churches do meant a great deal to Ray."

Ray had enormous respect for the men and women of our country who have served in the military. He counseled combat veterans who suffer from PTSD.

Ray enjoyed the outdoors, hiking, kayaking, and camping with his family. He is predeceased by his parents. He is survived by his wife of 54 years, Bonnie, two sons Matthew of Howell, and Jason of Spring Lake. two daughters-in-law Carrie and Manling, a grandson Jackson, his brother David of Stuart, Florida, and 4 nieces, and 3 nephews.

## Notice of General Meeting



On Thursday, November 16, 2023 the Historical Society will host its General Meeting at 7 pm in Duggan Hall, 313 Washington Avenue. This year we will hear from the historians of the Spring Lake Fire Companies Don Brahn, Jr. and Gayle Brown. Please mark your calendars for this exciting event which will highlight the over one hundred year history of our fire companies and the many families and volunteers behind them.

## Christmas is Coming



With Christmas Season quickly approaching what could be a better gift to a family member or friend than a piece of Spring Lake history. Our Museum offers some very unique historical items ranging from coasters of the famous hotels of Spring Lake to replicas of the tiles that lined the bathing pavilions on the boardwalk. Items also include clothing, books and videos of beautiful Spring Lake. For more information you can visit the Museum on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 am till noon or call us at 732 449-0772.

### **Condolences....**

The Spring Lake Historical Society extends condolences to the families of the following:

Thomas Dennis Quinn (*member*)

Christopher (CJ) Davis, Jr.

Peter J. Semple, MD (*member*)

Diane Hudson

Kathleen Teresa Owens

Joan R. Baker

Hope Elizabeth Sanborn  
(nee Hope Gardner)

Joseph E. Sabo

Eileen R. Scatuorchio

Rev. Raymond D. DuBois (*member*)

Joseph John Venables

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