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Dear Members,

I sincerely hope your summer has been enjoyable. I know it started out cold and wet but it heated up these past few weeks.

We have had some interesting events taking place which I would like you to know about.

Cruise to Canada- Your society had a group of 123 people take a 5 day cruise from NYC to the ports of St. John's and Halifax, Canada in July 2009. I was never on a cruise before and all I can say it was worth it. The experience was great and I'd do it again without hesitation. The facilities, cruise staff, food, beverages and most of all the company were terrific! Maybe we can set something up in the future and have another adventure?

On a personal note, I'd like to thank Vin Daly for his assistance rendered.

2010 Danube River Cruise- We are planning a Danube River Cruise in September of 2010. My contact with CIE Tours reports that they are awaiting next year's brochure to become available. That will give us the details needed to make necessary decisions. Important ones include the availability of cabin space and the cost. (It is Expensive!) There is limited cabin space and those that have expressed to me an interest will have first crack at those cabins. When I know something, I will email you with the information. The only difference from other trips is that a NON- refundable deposit must be made. (As per the cruise company) Periodic partial payments will also be required during the course of the year.

Saratoga- Brendan O'Hara ran a trip to Saratoga race track again this year. A nice group was in attendance. Although I couldn't attend this year, I heard a good time was had by all. Thanks Brendan!

Irish Village- Mike Homan has informed me that the rooms are all taken at the Irish Village for the weekend of October 16th, 17th and 18th. I know that those who went last year had a fabulous time and this year will be the same.

Picnic- This year we tried again to have a picnic but little interest was generated. Someone probably heard that I was going to help with the cooking! But seriously, it seems people would like to have their summers for themselves and family. We are OK with that since that means less work! If someone else has a different idea for a summer event, please let us know. Trying different things is not a problem but picnics are now out.

Wounded Warrior Project- I would like to thank all of the members who contributed to this charity at the May and June meetings. We also received a few “extra” personal checks from members to present to this worthy foundation. Our total donation was over \$2000. Thanks again to all of you!

Many of our society members also rode in the bike rally and others worked the food and beverage stands. This event was sponsored by the Town of Babylon and the 1st Precinct Brotherhood. You can see wonderful photo's taken of the ride and dinner by our own Jim Wood. They are on the 1st Precinct Brotherhood web site. Thanks to Don McVeety as well for the behind the scenes work that he does on this worthy project.

Raffle- As you know, we had to postpone the “Summer Bash” drawing due to a lack of interest. The drawing will be held at the September 10th meeting at Shandon Court in East Islip. I apologize to anyone who may not have been aware of the change and had already purchased a ticket. Your chance is still good! The lion share of the proceeds is to help defray the cost to the Pipe Band for going down to Washington DC next May. We made a commitment to them since they will be the National Host Band to play and honor our own, Police Officer Glenn Ciano. Glenn will be added to the list of hero's who have been killed in the line of duty. You can still obtain a chance by contacting Jim O'Leary @ 631-786-8977 or come to the September meeting and purchase one. The prize money allotted will be proportional to the number sold, if less than 300.

First Precinct Delegate Wanted- It is with sincere regret that 1st Precinct delegate Katie Murphy-Lubey was transferred to the 6th Precinct. She was a go getter for the society by selling chances and signing up new members. She will be missed. Thanks for a job well done Kathy and please stay active. Anyone who is interested in being the First Precinct Delegate should contact Nick Aspromgas @ 631-807-9267 our Trustee in charge of delegates.

This newsletter will be added to our web site for those who inadvertently throw it away.

Our next meeting will be **September 10th** @ Shandon Court in East Islip. 7 PM
October's meeting will be on the **8th** @ Napper Tandy's in Smithtown. 7 PM

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All the Best!

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