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THE *Best* LITTLE BEACH IN DELAWARE

By Tony Caputo

The South Bethany Historical Society made available *"The Best Little Beach In Delaware"* history book of the Town of South Bethany in early June. The book has been met with considerable early success, and has been nominated for the prestigious 2014 "Gold Ink Award". A team of about 15 worked hundreds of hours to produce the full color 160 page book that contains over 300 photos, news clippings, advertisements, post cards, letters,

sales brochures, and more.

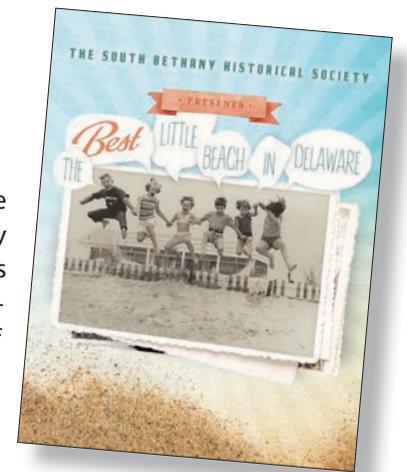
Origins of the book began 2 years ago when the Society began interviewing early property owners and past mayors to capture their memories before they were lost. As the interview project went on the Society decided it could produce an entire book using various collections the Society already had, as well as use information available at Town Hall. Group J Design of Rehoboth, was hired to help and create the background theme. Their work has been enthusiastically

received by the readers, and has greatly contributed to the book's success.

With so many photos, past and current, it is not unusual for folks to find themselves, a family member, friend and/or house in the book. In addition to personal interest stories of individuals and families, you can find information on how South Bethany got to be called "The Best Little Beach In Delaware", key event dates, development, founding of the Town, building of the canals, annexations, notable storms, crit-

ters found dead and alive on the beach, founding of the Property Owners Association, the Tennis Club, the Women's Club, Neighborhood Watch Program, evolution of the Beach Patrol, and much more.

The Society regularly holds seminars at the South Coastal Library, and produces work on such things as Super Storm Sandy and building of the canals in South Bethany. You can find interesting facts on the Society's webpage at: <http://sbpoa.sharepoint.com/Pages/SBHistoricalSociety.aspx>



You can buy the book for \$25 at "McCabe's Gourmet Market" and "Made by Hand International Cooperative" in the York Beach Mall in South Bethany, as well as "Jayne's Reliable" on Rt. 26 in Dagsboro.

THE LEGEND OF Blueskin, A SUSSEX COUNTY PIRATE

Ahoy and Avast, me hearties! I aim to regale you with a tale of Blueskin, the pirate whose real name was Levi West, purportedly a resident of Sussex County near Lewes, DE.

Pirates have always been a subject of intense fascination. Who hasn't been captivated by the romantic, daring adventures of pirates and buccaneers? Our imaginations are stirred by notions of pirate life on the high seas, brandishing cutlasses, sipping rum, plotting dastardly deeds of plunder, and drawing treasure maps! Legends abound of pirates along our own Atlantic coast. Famous pirates, such as Blackbeard, Stede Bonnet, Captain Kidd, and Canoot are known to have waylaid merchant ships off the Delaware coast, amassing fortunes, and perhaps burying treasure along our shores. Many pirate tales are half truth, half myth, handed down and dis-

torted with each telling, and are at the very least history assisted by speculation. Into the threads of unadorned reality, more sinister tales are woven.

Such may be the legend of the fierce pirate, Blueskin and his secret, real identity. It is a fact that beginning in the late 17th century, pirates infested our seas and shores and laid siege to the town of Lewes on occasion to the point that a local law was passed mandating all villagers to own a musket to defend Lewes from marauding pirates. During the 18th century "Golden Age of Piracy", pirate cruelty, raids, and riches were favorite topics of conversation in Lewes. Sea captains visiting the harbor kept the residents informed of brutality, bloodshed, and piracy along the capes. In 1750, the town began to hear of the savage escapades of Blueskin, who was terrorizing the coast, working his way up from

the Carolinas and the West Indies. Blueskin had a terrible scar running down one side of his face with a vivid blue discoloration. Lewes residents lived in fear that Blueskin would attack their harbor.

According to the legend, a damaged schooner limped into Lewes harbor claiming that Blueskin had attacked, killed crewmen, and injured others just off Fenwick Island.

News came that Blueskin had anchored in the inlet south of town. Meanwhile, Levi West, the stepson of a local miller, Eleazar White, returned to Lewes after an absence of nine years. He had left town to try his life as a seaman, having no interest in the family grist mill. He had returned to claim his 500 pound inheritance left to him a few years before by his stepfather, but found that his step-brother, Hiram White had spent the money on a ship cargo investment. Ironically,

that ship had been destroyed on its voyage by none other than the pirate, Blueskin! Demanding his due, Levi remained in town several weeks while Hiram raised the money. He renewed friendships, regaled tavern goers with stories of his travels and claimed to have encountered the dreaded Blueskin, himself! Brazenly, he even courted and won the affections of Hiram's own sweetheart, Sally Martin. Levi West was able to keep his true identity as the cutthroat, Blueskin from the townfolk. During his stay, he left "on business" on occasion as continued news about Blueskin's local raids arrived in the taverns.

Levi eventually left town without his inheritance, but with the lovely Sally. News came from Indian River that Blueskin had finally departed the area. One winter night, Hiram White opened his door to find a starving, disillusioned, but married Sally, who admitted she had been

By Sandie Gerken

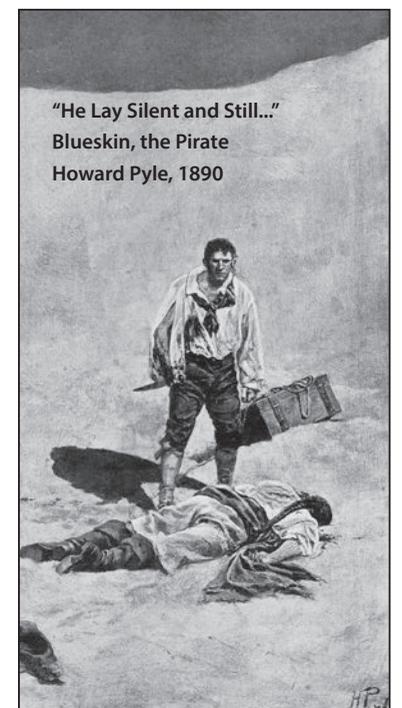


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The following summer, Hiram saw someone enter his mill at midnight, stealing a flour sack. He recognized Levi, who met up with another man on his way to the beach. Hiram followed them to the great sand dune south of Lewes. Hidden in the dune, Hiram watched the two men dig a deep hole on the beach from which they

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The Lewes Historical Society invites you to tour historic Lewes this summer!

Lewes, Delaware- June 25, 2014- From Captain Kidd and the eternal rhythms of the tides to the salty courage of the Delaware pilots and the nationally-recognized architecture of our historic district - Lewes's past is colorful, unique and proud. The ancient beam of old Cape Henlopen Light still haunts the local seas and local imaginations in "Delaware's Saltiest Town."

With Lewes's wealth of intriguing historical sites, fascinating museums, distinctive boutiques, array of savory restaurants and pristine beaches, The Lewes Historical Society invites you to tour the region and explore our rich local history. Discover historic destinations downtown, learn fun facts about our region's maritime history, and experience history as it comes alive.

Experience the following tours during July & August: Life in Lewes Tour, Maritime Trolley Tour, Historic Trolley Tour, Kayak- History Paddles Tour, Family Tour, Maritime Tour, and a variety of History Highlight Tours.

Tour Descriptions and Schedules-

Life in Lewes Tour:

Take a step back through time and explore the history of "Life in Lewes." This 90-minute walking tour will guide you through six historic buildings on the Historic Complex where you will get to see how Lewes grew from a small Dutch settlement to a bustling seashore town.

In July and August, this tour takes place Sundays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Saturdays, beginning at 2:00pm. The cost is \$10. Society members, children and students are free. Life in Lewes Tours leave from the Ryves Holt House Museum Gift Shop located at the corner of Second and Mulberry Streets in historic Lewes. Tickets can be purchased at the Museum Gift Shop or by calling 302-645-7670.

Maritime Trolley Tour:

Take a trolley tour that highlights the history of Lewes and the Cape Henlopen region from the early 17th through the 20th Century. Travel through Cape Henlopen State Park and hear about the early explorers of the Delaware Bay, the lighthouses, breakwaters, quarantine station, Fort Miles, and the efforts to secure the area in times of war. As the trolley leaves the park and travels into Lewes, you will hear about the Cape May-Lewes Ferry, menhaden fishing industry, Delaware River and Bay pilots, Lewes shipbuilding industry, the Lewes Life-Saving Station, the Lightship Overfalls, and other topics of maritime interest.

In July and August, this tour takes place on Mondays at 11:15am. This tour is \$10 per adult and \$5 for students & children. Tickets can be purchased in advance at the Ryves Holt House Museum Gift Shop or 302-645-7670. Tickets are also available at the Lewes Ferry Terminal ½ hour before the tour. Tours leave from the

Lewes Ferry Terminal.

Historic Trolley Tour:

Take a trolley tour around historic Lewes as you learn about the history, the architecture, and the people who have helped shape this picturesque town. The one-hour tour will acquaint you with the Lewes of yesterday and today, as you ride 5 ½ miles around Lewes.

This tour is presented by The Lewes Historical Society and the Cape May-Lewes Ferry.

In July & August, this tour takes place on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays at 11:15am and 12:45pm. This tour is \$10 per adult and \$5 for students & children. Tickets can be purchased in advance at the Ryves Holt House Museum Gift Shop or 302-645-7670. Tours leave from the trolley stop at the corner of Second & Market Streets, beside St. Peter's cemetery.

Kayak Tour- "History Paddles":

Looking for a unique way to see Historic Lewes and to learn about our maritime heritage? Take a kayak tour of the Lewes Harbor and Delaware Breakwater Harbor to hear about shipwrecks, pirates, lighthouses, and more. The trip includes the Lewes & Rehoboth Canal, Delaware Bay, and occasionally, a quick



The Lewes Historical Society's summer tour season begins July 1. Pictured is a Kayak Tour group ("History Paddles") during a stop at Beach Plum Island off the coast of Lewes. In July and August, this tour takes place on Thursdays at 9:00am. Tickets must be purchased in advance through Quest Kayak at 302-74-KAYAK. For more information on any of The Lewes Historical Society's tours, please visit www.HistoricLewes.org or call 302-645-7670."

jaunt long the Atlantic shores. Kayaking experience is not necessary. A short paddling tutorial is given prior to each trip. Tours generally last three hours, weather permitting.

In July and August, this tour takes place on Thursdays at 9:00am. This tour is \$65 per person and includes the kayak rental fee. Tickets must be purchased in advance through Quest Kayak at 302-74-KAYAK.

Family Tour:

Have you ever wondered what kids in the 1800s used to do for fun? Bring the kids and **continued on page 6**

Blueskin

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pulled an iron chest. Hiram witnessed Levi cold-bloodedly stab his mate to death.

As Levi examined the chest, Hiram saw his opportunity for revenge. He stealthily crept upon Levi, grabbed the large sack, shoved Levi inside, then bound the bag with rope. Hiram turned Levi into authorities in town.



Sandie Gerken lives in Dagsboro, DE. As a native Sussex Countian, local history is one of her passions. Retired now, she

devotes her time to genealogy research (her greatest passion since 1978), watercolor painting, grandchildren, soccer for kids with disabilities, books, and things creative and historical. She recently authored the book *Memories of the Clayton Theatre* as a fundraiser to help the Clayton go digital. She is now exploring her writing skills with local history articles for *High Tide News*.

The town squire identified the prisoner as Levi West. But, British authorities, who were in Lewes to capture pirates, recognized him as Blueskin by his disfigured face!

Levi was taken to London, England for trial. But, while at Newgate Prison, Levi hanged himself in his cell. The story does end happily as Hiram marries Sally, the pirate's widow.

This legend is most likely taken entirely from the story "Blueskin, the Pirate" from Howard Pyle's Book of Pirates, a collection of previously published stories compiled by editor Merle Johnson in 1921. Interestingly, our present day perception of swashbuckling pirates and their dress is based entirely on the illustrations of Howard Pyle. Costuming for Hollywood from Errol Flynn to Johnny Depp has been based on Pyle's fantastical incarnation of pirates.

Howard Pyle is interesting in his own right as one of the most celebrated American illustrators. Born in Wilmington, DE in 1853, he became a noted author/illustrator, instrumental in forming the Brandywine School of Artists. He taught illustrative art to many famous artists, such as N.C. Wyeth (father of Andrew), and Frank Schoonover. He illustrated books for Mark Twain, Robert Louis Stevenson, and Oliver Wendell Holmes. He also illustrated his own stories that he wrote for notable magazines such as Scrib-

ner's Monthly, Harper's Weekly, and Colliers. Retelling old legends, he wrote and illustrated The Merry Adventure of Robin Hood in 1883, as well as Men of Iron, 1891, The Story of King Arthur and his Knights, 1902, among others. Pyle died in 1911.

Author's note: As a genealogist, I tried to research Blueskin the pirate, Levi West, Hiram White, Eleazar White, the grist mill near Lewes, but could find no evidence that this legend has any truth. While I did find a current researcher, who has traced a Levi West, born in Sussex County, Delaware about 1726, this Levi moved to North Carolina, died in 1787 and definitely was no pirate. I admit that it is difficult to find verifiable facts dating to 1750, yet there is no extant proof that Blueskin aka Levi West ever really existed. But, "Arrrgh, 'as me yarn curled ye toes?"

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On April 21st 2014, Kristina Isom, local Esthetician & Nail Technician became the new owner of *Mind, Body, & Sole Wellness Center at Bethany*, which originally opened four years ago.

Kristina added a few new services to the menu as the new owner of this "turn key" business. It was up and running after just a few days of general remodeling!

When asked why she got into this business, Kristina replied: "I have always had a

passion for the beauty industry, especially skincare & make-up... since I was a teenager."

Kristina has been in the industry for 10 years. She began her career at an Aveda Institute in 2004. She has worked in many places in the beach area and has been exposed to numerous naturally based body and skin care products and has learned many modalities over the years.

A Dream Fulfilled

Mind, Body, & Sole Wellness Center at Bethany, is different from other spas in the area because it's very one-on-one with personalized spa treatments. When you are here your are encouraged to stay a while and relax....

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Kristina Isom, Esthetician and Nail Technician (right) owner of Mind Body & Sole stands in front of her shop at 32892 Coastal Highway Suite #3 in Bethany Beach, DE, along with Jennifer Zur, spa assistant (left).

The greatest benefit of this spa is to detox in many ways – sauna, ionic foot detox, massage and wellness supplements/ household supplies.

The future

When asked what she sees in the business' future, Kristina says: "I can see the spa growing into a multi-functional wellness center including yoga, tai-chi and other treatments as well as nutritional and

healthcare medical services."

Visit *Mind, Body, & Sole* on at: www.mind-body-and-sole.com, email: mindbodysole.bethany@yahoo.com or call at 302-537-FOOT (3668). Mention that you saw their article in *High Tide News!*

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History

When asked about the history of his business, Nic Cirillo replied:

"I have been doing hair for over 12 years. I attended the Graham Webb international Academy of Hair in Arlington, Virginia.

After moving to Delaware in 2006 I had the opportunity to train under a world educator for two years.

"I started doing hair because the instant gratification you get from making someone else feel better about themselves is an amazing feeling, not comparable to anything.

My start up date for my own business was June 19, 2014!

"I went into business to be more flexible, not only for my clients, but I'm also a

nursing student, so the flexibility in my schedule helps me as well.

Favorite moments

When asked to share some happy moments of his business, Nic answered:

"Watching everything come together and seeing how supportive all of my clients have been. These have been the favorite parts of the development of my business.

"I have taken at least five classes per season for the last 6 years to stay current with the trends to give my clients the latest styles ...without forgetting my classics that all style have been built upon."



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Paparazzi: Standing out from the competition

In Nic's own words:

"I believe my business will be successful because I'm a hard worker and I love what I do. I am going to stand out from the rest of the competition because **if you can't get out of the house for any reason such as medical conditions, I will come to you.** (With my going to nursing school, I know everyone still wants to look and feel beautiful, especially when they don't feel 100%.)"

"I would like my customers to be from all

walks of life. In my future I see my business becoming financially stable so that I can continue to help with local charities. For the past two Octobers i have coordinated a fundraiser to benefit the Cancer Support Community of Sussex County and I plan on continuing to host this benefit.

"Please go to Facebook and like my page, it is a work in progress so if you have an idea that you think would be great for me, please don't hesitate to let me know!

"Give me a call and let's setup an appointment for me to make you look and feel paparazzi ready!"

Look for Nic on Facebook and check for up-to-date specials.

The Amazing Art of Sandy Weld



High Tide News had the recent pleasure and honor of meeting and talking personally with one of the area's most noteworthy and amazing artists, **Sandy Weld**. If you haven't seen her artwork, make a point of visiting her website at www.sandyweldart.com to purchase prints or to see originals at Gallery Espresso or Jerry's Seafood Restaurant in Lewes.

Reproductions of her whimsical creations are available as novelty items including home decor or wearable pieces such as tee shirts, hats, totes on the following websites: www.amazon.com, www.sears.com, www.3drose.com.

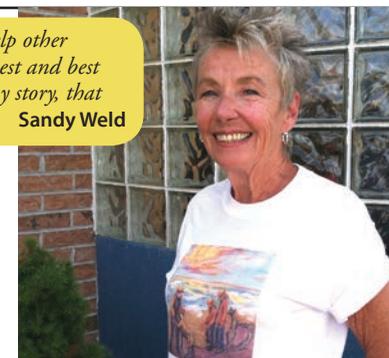
After a traumatic back injury 3 years ago, Sandy made the transition from furniture art to composition and got recruited by 3drose.com.

Sandy Weld is a self-taught, late bloomer in the arts. She uses acrylic paint to create compositions with a touch of fantasy, fun and sunlit colors. Her subjects matter includes: beach scenes, flowers,

The visual poems burst with color, brushed with the lightness of life. Sandy describes her style as "Monet meets Grandma Moses."

"The creative process has healed me so I can help other people heal themselves. ... For me this is the highest and best use of my gift. I want to know that I'm telling my story, that people can hear my song with their eyes."

Sandy Weld



cats & dogs, mermaids & fish. She has enjoyed teaching others to brighten their lives by adding design and color. She has been an art instructor, teacher, advisor, community service artist. Sandy Weld's Art tells a simple story starring ordinary creatures experiencing an extraordinary union with each other and nature. Sandy describes her style as "Monet meets Grandma Moses."

Sandy Weld's intention is that her art will inspire others to journey with her into the universe of imagination, a magical place where mermaids heal, fish feel, flowers entwine, cats climb, dogs prance, and sisters dance joyfully to the rhythm of the ocean. It's no mystery that melting suns, glowing sands, and soothing

seas are featured players in so many of her paintings. Sandy lives in Rehoboth Beach, Delaware where she is treated to a surreal view of nature's miracles.

Sandy suggests that her art is best viewed with eyes half closed and heart wide open. Watch for Sandy's new classes, painting shoes to match every outfit.

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Yolanda Gallago, is the director of the CHEER Coastal Leisure Center in Ocean View. She constantly and amazingly comes up with new activities to engage many of the 500 center members.

The Coastal Leisure Center is one of the very active CHEER centers in Sussex County.

CHEER's mission is "to promote and maintain the highest quality of life and independence by developing and providing services that meet the continuing needs of citizens 50 and over."

The Center began in 1992 and met at the Church of Christ twice a week. The members would draw or paint and then walk the circular dirt path outside, then they would put on music and dance. There was not lunch back then, so they would go home at 12:30. Then they moved on to Town Hall and remained there for about 5 years as their numbers grew. The group then moved to the old Kwik Chek Restaurant. Through the years fund drives were had

and finally a campaign for a new building was generated by grants, donations and some support from the state. Membership dues are now collected. The new building at 30637 Cedar Neck Road in Ocean View was begun in 2005 and the building was completely paid for in Nov. 2013.

The Cheer Center has come a long way since 1992!

A bus is now available for frequent trips: On Mondays they go for local shopping, banking and library visits, (helpful to citizens who no longer drive). On Tuesdays and Wednesdays, the bus brings members to the center for cards and bingo. Thursday and Friday are special weekly trip days, recently they went to an art gallery and to Prince George's Chapel in Dagsboro, and Baywood Gardens for a tulip tour.

You can learn more about all of the CHEER centers by visiting them online at www.cheerde.com.

All Centers are open to individuals aged 50 and older. The cost for yearly membership is \$25 and can be used at all CHEER Center

locations. All Centers are open Monday through Friday by 8:30am until 4:00pm. Special activities may include additional hours on selected dates.

Heart-healthy, midday meals are available to persons aged 60 plus for a donation of \$3.00.

Lunch is served Monday through Friday. Individuals under the age of 60 may eat at the Centers for \$4.50. Breakfast and evening meals are occasionally served with special activities. Prices vary. Check your local Center for more information. Transportation is available to members.

Daily transportation to and from the Centers is available to members for a donation of \$1. Weekly transportation to the bank, post office, grocery store and pharmacy are available to members.

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In July and August, this tour takes place on Fridays at 2:00pm. This tour is \$10 per person.

Members, students and children are free. Tickets can be purchased at the Ryves Holt House Museum Gift Shop or at 302-645-7670. Tours leave from the Ryves Holt House Museum Gift Shop located at the corner of Second & Mulberry Streets in historic Lewes.

Maritime Tour:

Journey through Lewes's salty past while learning of the explorers who first put Lewes on the map, the pirates that sailed the local waters, and the brave United States Life-Saving Servicemen who rescued victims from

perilous shipwrecks. This 90-minute walking tour includes admission to both the Lewes Life-Saving Station and the Cannonball House Maritime Museum.

In July and August, this tour takes place on Saturdays at 11:00am. The cost is \$10 and includes admission into the Cannonball House. Society members, children and students are free. Tickets can be purchased at the Museum Gift Shop or by calling 302-645-7670. Tours leave from the Ryves Holt House Museum Gift Shop located at the corner of Second and Mulberry Streets in historic Lewes.

History Highlight Tours:

History Highlight walking tours are designed to give an in-depth look at a variety of interesting topics. Tour themes will include architecture, historic cemeteries, homesteading, and more.

These specialty tours take place every other Wednesday through October 29. Take a tour that describes "Lewes through a Woman's Eyes" led by Lana Browne on July 9, August 20, and October 1. Be inspired during Architectural Tours of Lewes led by Pat Hall on July 23, September 3, and October 15. Enjoy Lewes Cemetery Tours led by Russ Allen on August 6, September 17, and October 29. All History Highlight Tours begin at 4:00pm on tour dates. The cost is \$10. Society members, children and students are free. These tours leave from the Ryves Holt House Museum Gift Shop located at the corner of Second and Mulberry Streets in historic Lewes. Tickets can

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The Architectural Tour is designed to introduce visitors to the various styles of architecture and illustrate with existing houses how those styles and stylistic elements have been used in Lewes. Though the emphasis is on Victorian, other notable non-Victorian houses including the oldest house in Delaware get attention. The walk begins with a brief description of Victorian architecture and the histories of some of the houses and stories about their owners and builders.

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You remember Webster?

He was in the dictionary business (that was before Spell Check). He gives us a pretty broad choice of definitions for the word "business", but starts out with a suggestion that it be a "profit-seeking enterprise or concern".

Now when it comes to some matters, a good number of us have a problem with "profit", that maybe not all human endeavor should have a profit motive, that somehow we might be better off with certain activities being undertaken without expectation of making money, over what the cost of providing that activity might be.

The federal government has even made it possible to legally function as a non-profit, or not-for-profit undertaking, with the necessary approval coming from the Internal Revenue Service, of all places. Now all this has got to do with that word again: "profit".

Maybe the solution to the problem that

some might have with profit is with the way we think of profit. Me, I'd rather start with the premise that profit, doesn't have to be good, but it happens to be necessary for things to function efficiently.

My earliest recollection of the importance of profit, was when at age 11, I was on the receiving end of an autographed baseball from Bobby Richardson, a fairly competent second baseman on a team in New York (as I recall, he had a girl friend in my east Baltimore neighborhood).

The next day, I proudly showed it to a friend of mine, who suggested that as we were friends, that I should turn it over to him. Don't get me wrong, this was no shakedown, he asked me what it cost me, and I said it cost me nothing, but for the right price it was his. He said that if it didn't cost me anything, then I had no right to expect anything in exchange for it. Now that struck me as rather odd, even at that tender age.

Why should he expect me to give him this valuable baseball, for nothing? Even though Richardson hadn't won his first Gold Glove as of yet, I felt that what I had in my possession was valuable, and had to be worth more than nothin'!

In retrospect, I was talking about profit, that is, I wanted to be compensated for the value of what I had in my possession, even though I had done little more than to look like a fan (I hated the Yankees) as I stood outside the girlfriend's house that evening.

I felt that somewhere between the labor of that effort, being in the right place at the right time, and possession, being however many tenths of law they say it is, that I owned something valuable, and I was not going to give it up without getting something in exchange. Suffice it to say, Phil never got the baseball. I suspected my mother sold it, along with my Brooks Robinson rookie card, at a flea market years later, but she would never own up to it.

Would it be possible to rehabilitate "profit"? Could we reach agreement on that sometime soon?

Will it take the failure of a major institution, like what has surfaced recently with regard to the Veterans Administration?

We could wait until something even bigger, like President Obama's namesake healthcare insurance scheme to go bellyup, both operating as they do, under the government's version of a non-profit banner.

I'd rather just see some good press for profit, so as to not require something big to go bust, to allow profit to gain by default. I would propose the use of a good public relations firm, like the one Bill Clinton uses. He did actually say that he did not have sexual relations with that woman, didn't he? Certainly seems he's sort of turned things around rather well. He's not in demand to speak at mothers' groups, but he's doing O.K. Profit could do as poorly.

Let's talk business again soon.



Authenticity of Chinese Currency

By Vincent Paez



I am writing this article from Beijing, China. My latest incident was so interesting that I had to share it with you all. I hope you enjoy it. I arrived one week ago in the Beijing International Airport, an airport that rivals any modern-day airport after they renovated it for the Olympics. The entire airport is strewn with tile, making it easy to walk with roller suitcases, and modern shops and lounges. I went to the baggage claim area, reclaimed my trusty bag, and went to the currency exchange desk to exchange about fifty dol-

lars into Chinese Yuan. After the exchange desk gave me three hundred Chinese Yuan in three 100-Yuan bills, I then entered into a taxi.

I explained to the taxi driver that I wanted to go to the Beijing Hilton. The name for the Hilton in Chinese is completely different from the English name, but I already knew this and pronounced it well. The taxi driver proceeded to drive away and give me a quite normal ride to the Hilton. Upon arrival, I saw on the meter that the amount due was seventy yuan (about twelve dollars, yes, taxis in

China are very cheap). I gave the taxi driver one of the 100 Yuan bills I had received from the exchange desk and asked for a receipt. I then began to get my things together in the back seat of the cab and waited for a receipt and change.

"Fapio, qing" (Receipt, please), I said.

"This 100 Yuan bill is no good; it is fake!" the driver told me in Chinese (I could sort of make out what he said).

"Hao duh (Ok)," I said. I guess even the exchange counter has fake bills!

I dug into my wallet and found a second 100 Yuan bill and offered it to the driver.

"This one is also no good," the driver said.

At this point I didn't know what to think. I simply told him that I will give him one more 100 Yuan bill and that was my last one. He accepted it.

After checking into the hotel and putting my bags into the room, I met up with my Chinese colleagues in the Hilton lobby bar. I explained to them the incident, and they began to laugh. "Did you watch his hands, when you gave him the 100 Yuan bill?" one of my colleagues asked giggling.

"Why no, I guess I was busy gathering my things in the back seat," I replied.

"Well, let me tell about the taxi scam in China," he began to enlighten me. "Some cab drivers act as channels for fake currency. They receive the fraudulent currency from friends and bring it to their cabs. When an unsuspect-

ing foreigner, like yourself, gets in the cab, especially after a long flight,

they grab your real 100 Yuan bill, put it in their lap, where you cannot see it, and swap it for one of their fake 100 Yuan bills. They then tell you that it was your 100 Yuan bill that was fake, and you naturally believe them. Did you watch his hands, after you gave him the bill?"

"Of course not. I was tired from the seventeen-hour flight from Newark and didn't even think of this scam!"

"Well, you got scammed, Vincent," my colleague told me.

I felt like a sucker. All these years of traveling internationally and I never heard of the "taxi swap." I tried to pawn off the fraudulent 100 Yuan bills to local stores and shops, but they all check for the authenticity of all bills (everyone knows about the scam!).

I resigned to the thought of keeping the bills and not being able to get rid of them. A few weeks later, I boarded my return flight to Newark, NJ. Upon arrival, I saw a currency exchange desk in Terminal C. They readily took all my bills, including the ones believed to be fraudulent and gave me US dollar bills. I felt better, but the fraudsters succeeded. And I cannot imagine how many suckers visiting China they have scammed.



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By Ron Ferrell

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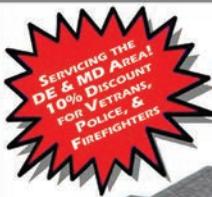
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Indian River High School Announces it's newest Hall of Fame Member

Dr. Devi Enerio-Ellant, Class of 1987, has lived in New York City longer than she lived in Dagsboro, but green and gold country is still dear to her heart.

She has been a surgical podiatrist for 13 years at New York Hotel Trades Council (Midtown and Brooklyn), where her patients include chefs, actors, hotel workers and their families.

But "I will always call myself a Delawarean - better yet, a Delawarean from Sussex County," she said. Despite being one of IR's few Asians - moving from the Philippines at age four - she said, "We blended in and were treated as equals."

She felt that community support allowed her to step out into the world, especially with a \$40,000 Campbell Soup Company scholarship, of which she was the first Delaware winner.

After graduating with honors in 1987, she attended Long Island University, then studied biology and psychology as a research assistant at State University of New York at Stony Brook. There, she served as a Eucharistic minister at the campus chapel and helped

feed homeless families.

Although she wasn't overly pleased with her college dorm's "Most Likely to Study on a Thursday Night" award, she said that consistency and hard work were key, plus faith and family.

She would publish her studies on the brain for children's genetic disorders, conducted at Cornell Medical Center and North Shore University Hospital.

Enerio-Ellant earned her doctorate at New York College of Podiatric Medicine.

She was invited to the competitive surgical residency St. Clare's Hospital, near Times Square, and studied and practiced in Spain, Texas and the Winnebago Indian Reservation in Nebraska.

She has volunteered her services at the New York City Marathon and Ground Zero after September 11, 2001.

"I realized that helping others ... means a great deal to those people you are helping," Enerio-Ellant said.

So she kept going. After being diagnosed with breast cancer in 2011 and undergoing major surgery, "she chooses to come

to Delaware, rather than New York," wrote nominator Tia Beth Watson, "to walk with her Indian River High School friends to raise money for the Delaware chapter for Making Strides Against Breast Cancer." That team has thrice raised the most funds.

As vice president for Class of 1987, she has also organized six class reunions.

She is also actively involved with her children's school, being a top fundraiser and implementing a bidding system to make for their most successful auction ever.

She encourages her own three children to get involved. They volunteer at the local soup kitchen and vote upon charities to donate their own money. With their "Mom Supporter," two of the kids raised over \$3,000 and 10 boxes of goods for victims of Philippines Typhoon Haiyan.

She is a board member of Sailing Heals which gives cancer and trauma victims "a soulful day at sea" during their treatments and recovery. She hopes to eventually expand the nonprofit to Delaware.

The Indian River High School Hall of Fame was established to recognize Indian River



Devi Enerio-Ellant was honored at Senior Night on May 21, 2014, by IRHS principal and alum, Bennett Murray. The wooden plaque was created in IR's construction class and features a laser-cut image of the Indian head logo designed by IR students for IRHSAA.

High School graduates who have made significant achievements in their chosen fields or professional services and made noteworthy contributions to society on a local, national or international level. By honoring graduates who have become outstanding citizens, we hope to inspire current students in their areas of studies, community service, and extra-curricular opportunities.