

The Statue of Liberty Club Newsletter



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From Iris November

Here in Cleveland the winter has been missing-- temperatures in the 60's and even 70's are breaking all the February records. I'm not complaining, and really just enjoying it. Hope you're having a similar experience.

My project, **The 12 Months of November**, honoring Mort is half way done, starting last September. Our next event, in April, is dedicating a Book Shelf to Mort at our Beachwood Library, with the 20 humor and joke books that I donated which were Mort's resources for

his fun comments and stories. The speaker for the event is author, Chris Bachelder; his latest book is *The Throwback Special*, which I am reading now. It is based on a football game that a group of men reenact every year, and their individual and collective stories. I'll provide a review.

In March we had an event at Shaker Connections, which is a center for young children, and the speaker for that evening is Shari Nacson, who is a specialist in explaining philanthropy in its many forms, to parents and grandparents to introduce it to very young children. An example, is for a child to make a card for a sick neighbor, or

to do a chore to help someone in need. It isn't always about money.

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I'll keep you in the loop as this project moves forward to August, the last month. The events we've had, have been well received. Lots of smiles!

I need to comment on something positive that I have observed since our election and the inauguration. I know there are issues on all sides, and sometimes it is difficult to predict what the future holds for all of us-- however, our participation in the political system and the energy that is palpable in our citizens is very exciting. There is a celebration of our country's values-- free speech, liberty, civil rights, freedom of the press, plus so many more rights that we have taken for granted, are being studied and discussed, and supported. It's as if Miss Liberty is waving her torch, and saying, "now you get it! This is why I stand here-- to remind you how great this country is!"

So, and I truly believe this, keep an open mind, and look at all sides of an issue, and get involved. I make phone calls to my Senators and Representatives. I express myself, sometimes positive, other times negative, but I know that my responses are counted. I write letters too. It makes me feel better to take a stance. And maybe it gives Miss Liberty her voice!

In February I was interviewed for two local publications, one on women in philanthropy, the other on the ways our passions create our accomplishments. Both were very nicely done. In discussing my passion for Miss Liberty, I showed the mask that Liberty George Dukov made using the pictures that the New York Times published of the 343 firemen who were the first responders on 9/11, and perished. I treasure that piece and eventually will give it to the Museum at the Memorial.

Spring is almost here, **Enjoy! Iris**

[ED: Our Cover Page picture is Iris holding the mask.]

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[ED: Roseline and Christian were married in June 2016 ; they delayed their honeymoon till September, 2016 when they visited New York City, then took a cruise ship to Bermuda to enjoy that island paradise, next they visited Quebec, Canada before returning home. We thank Roseline for documenting her **first** experience with Lady Liberty in unique prose.]

I met her the first time, during a sunny September morning,
I contemplated her, from an appropriate distance, from the
quiet of Ellis Island,

I saw her from far, just standing next to the pilar of Brooklyn
Bridge, under a blazing sun,

I danced facing her, to a Sinatra song, on the deck of a giant
cruise ship,

I appreciated her beauty on sunset, behind the windows of
One World Observatory,

I rushed to her on a New York Water Taxi,

I admired her, lightening the night, on the ferry commuting
to Staten Island,

Finally, a new day has come, and I had a glimpse on her
colored face, reflecting in the turquoise water sea of
Bermuda Island.



Roseline

The Statue of Liberty Club

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seems to shine just for her.

Statue of Liberty
T-Shirt,
“Just Married”
badges, stuffed
storks pinned up on
our backpacks: for
sure we were
ready to visit the
most Alsatian Lady
in New York.

Subway, lines,
security checks,
ferry on Hudson
River, and there
she is. I see her for
the first time,
facing me, for a
couple of
moments. She is
looking at me,
proudly, in a bright
sunshine, which



Bartholdi with Liberty model in the
Liberty Island Sculpture Garden ...
and the Meyers' stuffed storks

Finally, we are
landing on her
island, and walking
along the shore.
For each step, a
new picture.

The happiness to
be at her feet, is
overwhelming us. I
also want to pose
in funny ways for
selfies, like all
these tourists
surrounding her.
Soon, my focus is
running on all the
spots around her.

There is a wonderful view on Manhattan skyline. Liberty
Island and Lower Manhattan are suddenly united, through
their both beacons which seem to communicate together in
silence: the Statue of Liberty, and Freedom Tower.

Just in close distance, the buildings of Ellis Island. In
presence of this view, the mighty power of this symbol of
Liberty comes to life embodied by the monumental statue.

Then, less dramatically, there is this nice outdoor pause area. The fairy tale furniture is beaming me into a romantic European garden. I feel like out of time.

But, regarding the “wow” outcome, Miss Liberty taught me patience. It was just when I was walking down the stairs, almost when I was leaving her, that the magic operated. It was when I was looking back to the fortress behind me, that I was overrun by the monumental copper colossus, which looked to me from above, in a very serious attitude.

It was exactly at that precious and unique moment, that I really met her the first time, eye to eye.



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In The Shadow Of Liberty: A Liberty City



By Jeffrey S. Dosik
Between July 22, and July 25, 2016 I went on a trip to Washington, D.C. and northern Virginia to visit my college friend Steven Huczel. During my four-day trip Steven took me to visit: The Capitol Building, the Washington

Monument, the Jefferson and Lincoln Memorials, Ford’s Theatre, the Smithsonian, George Washington’s home at Mount Vernon and Arlington National Cemetery. Where ever I traveled in the Washington, D.C. area there was a feeling of “Liberty” in the air. It felt like a feeling of electricity, a feeling which I had never felt in any other city that I have visited. Washington, D.C. is a city of : “Liberty Monuments” all dedicated to American Democracy.

The people of France gave us “Liberty Enlightening The World” (The Statue of Liberty) in the late nineteenth century to celebrate America’s 100th birthday and the Franco-American relationship. A relationship based on French military aid during the American Revolution (the Marque de Lafayette and French troops) and French philosophical ideas of good government which influenced

the writing of the U.S. Constitution and the development of American Democracy. “The Social Contract Theory” of Rousseau and Voltaire, that all power for government comes from “We The People” and Montesquieu’s “Separation of Powers” in government (executive, legislative, judicial) to check and balance power in government.

In my previous article: “In The Shadow of Liberty: A French Odyssey” (Fall/Winter 2012 Volume 22, Issue No. 3) I commented on my trip to France:

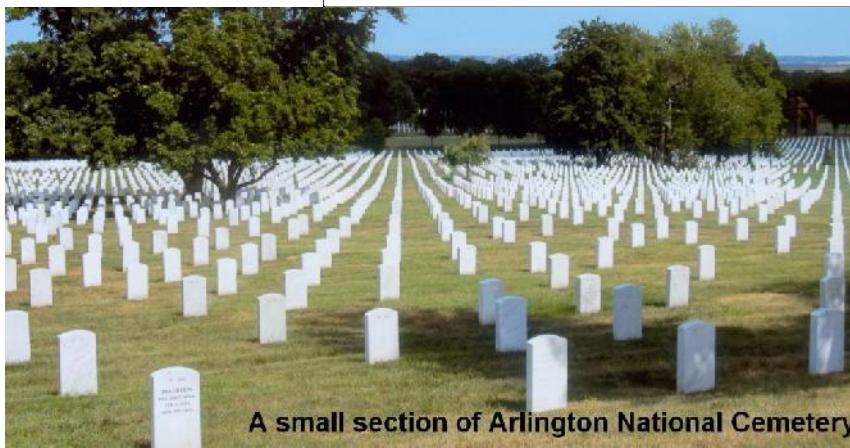
“Of all the places I visited in France, I was struck by the long and winding road the French nation traveled on its road to Liberty with apologies to ex-Beatle Paul McCartney. From monarchy to Bonapartism to republic”.

After my solemn walk through Arlington National Cemetery and standing in front of George Washington’s home at Mount Vernon, the Washington Monument and the Jefferson and Lincoln Memorial’s. I came to the conclusion that the United States had its own long and winding road to Liberty. From the American Revolution with its Articles of Confederation to the Constitutional Convention and the Civil War, a road with many bumps, twists and turns, and sacrifices which continues to this day with McCarthyism, the Civil Rights movement and the passage of new amendments to the U.S. Constitution. On my “Liberty Odyssey” through our nation’s capital my understanding of “Liberty” has come to me in these various forms. That “Liberty” is more than a statue, a monument. It is the heart and soul of the American and French nation’s development over time, in the shadow of Liberty.

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[ED: The following article pictures provided by Jeff Dosik]

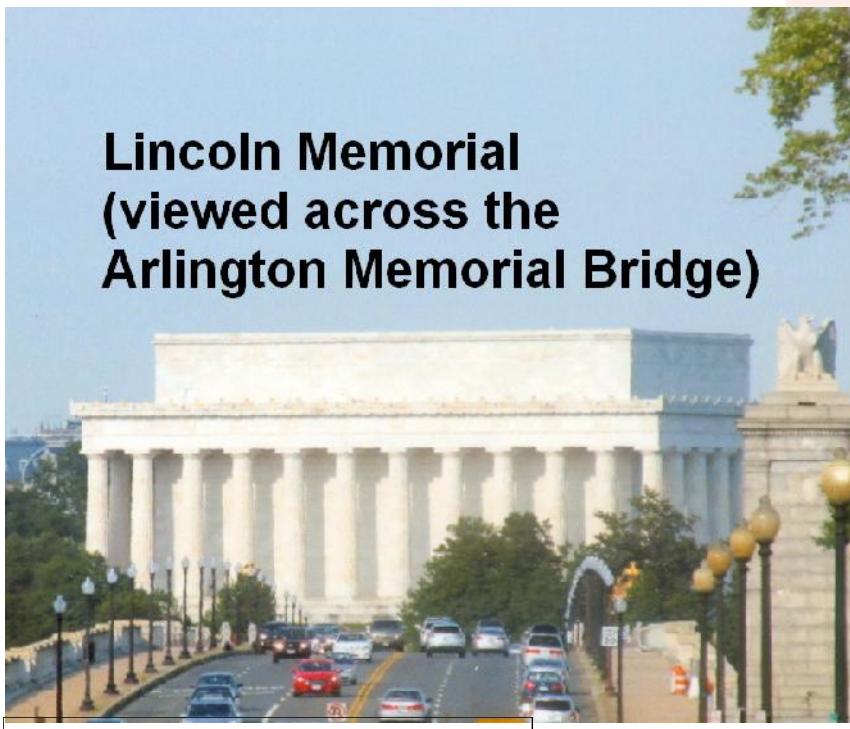




A small section of Arlington National Cemetery



Jefferson Memorial



**Lincoln Memorial
(viewed across the
Arlington Memorial Bridge)**



**Washington
Monument**

From the President**Thank You**

I want to thank the many members who wished me a Happy Birthday (70), Happy Holidays or sent favorable comments about the 2017-2018 calendar. I do enjoy hearing from and communicating with our members.

**Barbara Snyder**

In November 2016, our club lost a lovely member in the soul of Barbara Snyder, mother of Brian Snyder. Barbara attended several club conventions and always had a wonderful smile for all.

**Liberty Island Sculpture Garden**

One of the pictures Roseline and Christian sent with their articles is that of a sculpture of Bartholdi and his Liberty model – we have seen this interpretation in a Colmar Park statue and on the 2004 Bartholdi Medal available through the club. However, I did not recall this statue, so Christian provided information to start my research; I found that this statue is one of 5 found in the Liberty Island Sculpture Garden – located on the walkway behind our grand Statue. The other sculpture garden subjects are Emma Lazarus, Gustave Eiffel, Edouard de Laboulaye and Joseph Pulitzer; the sculptures are the work of The Ratner Museum, see [URL #1](#).

Cover Page Photo

The cover page photograph of Iris holding Liberty George's 9/11 mask is by Scott Morrison and was included with an article about Iris in the February 2017 BeachwoodBuzz Magazine – a local magazine where Iris lives. We will ask the magazine for permission to reprint the article in our July newsletter.

HONY

There is a very interesting book of photographs that I read at my son's home ... *Humans Of New York*. Brandon Stanton took pictures of random peoples, often with their pets, in the boroughs of New York City. The book shows the diversity, color, drama and eccentricity that is found in NYC. Most pictures have either a subject and their own-words narrative as a caption or the photographer's observation of the subject; some pictures only have a location within NYC where the picture was taken.

There is one caption that still strikes me as simply beautiful and if you have the chance to look through the book I hope you find it ... *"To the world you may be one person, but to one person you may be the world."*

See [URL #4](#) for the book's ISBN info and website.

Cherish Our Liberty.**Vince Swift****From the Vice President****Club Meeting Las Vegas 2017**

Las Vegas in October!



The Statue of Liberty Club will be meeting in Las Vegas Nevada, October 26-27-28, 2017. Arrive Thursday, go on a tour/sightseeing with other club members on Friday, October

27th. Saturday October 28th, Miss Liberty's "birthday" we will gather in the afternoon for a meet-n-greet Show and Sell, followed by a group dinner and our club meeting. There is so much to do in Vegas besides gamble. Shows galore! Tours! Museums! Fancy restaurants by some of the countries top chefs featuring fabulous food and drinks! Concerts!

Thursday's optional club trip is still being planned. We are looking at a bus trip to Hoover Dam, area museums including the National Atomic Testing Museum, Mob Museum, and Neon Museum and Boneyard

The most important part is getting together at the New York New York Hotel and Casino. That's about as close to a West Coast Statue of Liberty we get. Inside the casino is the Vegas stylized image of Miss. Liberty sure to give you a different visual as the "party girl".

Dozens of shows available including Criss Angel, Carrot Top, Magic Mike, Donny and Marie, David Copperfield and a dozen more!

New York New York Hotel and Casino room rates will be in the July newsletter and will be emailed in May - unless you have indicated to a Club officer your interest in staying elsewhere. Join us and have some fun in Vegas!



New Liberty Island Museum Announced

By Lebo Newman, Club Treasurer

Let's raise our Club torch to salute the new Statue of Liberty Museum!

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Wouldn't it be exciting to see **your name** as one of those who helped fund the new Liberty Museum on Liberty Island? The National Park Service has asked the Statue of Liberty – Ellis Island Foundation (SOLEIF) to build a totally new interactive museum to be completed in 2019. The Statue of Liberty Club wants to help establish this museum and we want YOUR help! We know that seeing more of the Island's memorabilia of the Lady is important to you. There is a treasure trove of historical items and information that the current museum in the statue's pedestal just does not have enough room to display.

The Club officers have decided to do a joint fund raising effort to further the efforts of the Foundation to raise the money needed to build this wonderful new museum. The Club will match at least \$500 of all funds raised and donated by the Club's members. We have been in touch with Foundation staff to allow each member who donates more than \$35 to receive the commemorative medallion that the Foundation has minted for this effort.

Also, not yet announced to the public but our club members will be some of the first to be able to receive a unique ALEX & ANI Leadership Medallion designed especially for the Foundation. The Foundation is thrilled to offer this new limited-edition medallion donated by ALEX AND ANI exclusively for supporters of the Statue of Liberty Museum at the \$250 level and above. This beautiful, sterling-silver medallion is inlaid with copper preserved from the centennial restoration of the Statue of Liberty herself. This special medallion hasn't been released publicly yet, but the announcement will be coming at the end of this month. See the newsletter's inserted donor form for information about the medallion.

There are wonderful new drawings and a video of the planned new museum on the Foundations website. Diane von Furstenberg is the Honorary Chair of the Foundation's major drive to raise the \$70 million dollars necessary to achieve this dream. Check out the website for full information about the beautiful new design and its features, see **URL #2**.

We will be able to have our member's names added to the list of donors as well as the Club's name by this joint effort. Our goal is \$2,000! Our club will match at least \$500 (maybe more) and Merrill and I have happily agreed that **we will match another \$500!** With over 100 members, it should be easy to reach our goal. If you have already donated a gift to this drive, we thank you and hope you will consider joining us, again, in giving at least another \$35 or more, or \$250 and receive the new Leadership Medallion.

Remember that the pedestal and original installation efforts were accomplished by many giving small donations – school kids giving dimes and pennies, selling \$1 and \$5 American Committee models and Joseph Pulitzer publishing the names of every donor in his paper, *The World*. While we may not be able to publish names in a national newspaper, we can publish them in our newsletter! So in a way, we will be recreating history by our fund raising efforts!

Details are worked out with the Foundation, so your donations can be sent to Lebo, our club treasurer, for collection and forwarding to the Foundation, OR you may go online and fill out the form and submit your contribution, see **URL #3**. Be SURE to select the "in honor of" feature to make the donation "**in honor of the Statue of Liberty Club**." There is also a donor form inserted in our newsletter that you can fill out and mail with your check.

Please make check or money order donation payable to SOLEIF with a Memo note '**Statue of Liberty Club**'.

Please **mail** your donation and completed donor form to:

Lebo Newman, 3705 Barron Way, Reno, NV. 89511

We will make a Club presentation of your donations to the Foundation frequently. This promotion will run through the end of 2017 but the sooner we reach our goal, the better!

Start now as every dollar up to \$1,000 will be matched! Every little bit helps an effort such as this and often leads to others donating even more, so join us! Send in a donation now! Thanks!

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Marketplace Ad Titles on March 9, 2017

Liberty Greeting Card by Peter B. Kaplan
Handmade & Unique Greeting Cards
Bartholdi Signature "For Autograph"
4 Liberty Prints ~ Reverse Paint
Book: Liberty Enlightening the World
Book: New York World's Fair Medals 1939-1940
Book: Statue of Liberty Enlightening the World
Book: The Story of the Statue of Liberty
Booklet: 2-Image Statue of Liberty Booklet
Booklet: Around The World
Book: Book of New York City sites in 1936
Liberty Lawn Sprinkler
ROCK6 ComicCon Poster
DVD: We Put Her There (English & French included on DVD)
Wanted: Book – Images of Liberty
Members are expected to <u>use the contact information within the ads</u> to contact the seller/buyer.
http://www.StatueOfLibertyClub.com/marketplace/

32 Renewing Members ... *Thank You!*

Marianne Carpenter	Sarah Sharpe
Ronald Cutadean	Kathy Sheeran
Michael J Forster	Nancy Sherman
Adela French	Ted Smardz
Annie Gay	Steven Stern
Kitty Gustafson	Mary Lou Sulecki
Asher Hetrick, Jr	Vincent Swift
Stephanie Holman	Elsie Jane Van Cott
Morgan L. Jones	Paul Virgadamo
Peter B. Kaplan	Mary & Dennis Ackley
Cheryl Lewis	Brenda & Stuart Beasley-Forrest
Dave McCutcheon	Carol & Jon Kring
Patrick Meyers	Roseline & Christian Meyer
Marian Michalski	Micky & Gilbert Miclo
Harry Misuriello	Joyce & Ted Mueller
Tony Parreta	Tom Lofton

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3 New Member ... Welcome!

Louisa French Joined November 2016
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 Lowell MA 01852

Robin Grace Joined November 2016
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Michael Lagarde Joined March 2017
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 For now, Vince & Brian will work as co-editors
 Editor@StatueOfLibertyClub.com

Founders: Iris & Mort November
 Statue of Liberty Collectors' Club (1991)
 Iris November
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 libertyclub@gmail.com

Join the Club or Renew Your Membership Online!

\$23 Annual Membership Dues (U.S.)

\$25 Annual Membership Dues (International)

SLC members can renew their annual memberships, or new members can join, using a credit card or PayPal account from the club's web site at

www.StatueOfLibertyClub.com/join

Using online renewal will send your payment electronically to the SLC credit union account.

Members, new and renewing, will receive an electronic confirmation of their payment transaction. A paper application can be found on the above webpage. The application contains a mailing address.

The club's annual **Membership Directory** will be updated and mailed with the **November 2017 newsletter**.

Please email or mail all changes to any club officer ... Thank You.

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Buy or Sell on the club's Marketplace at: <http://www.StatueOfLibertyClub.com/marketplace/>

Members are expected to use the contact information within the ads to contact the seller/buyer.

URL#	Internet Address	Our Club's Website Address is: www.StatueOfLibertyClub.com
1	http://www.RatnerMuseum.org/page/statue-of-liberty	Ratner Museum sculptures on Liberty Island
2	http://LibertyEllisFoundation.org/StatueOfLibertyMuseum	New Liberty Island Museum Information
3	http://LibertyEllisFoundation.org/Liberty	New Liberty Island Museum Online Donation
4	Humans of New York ISBN-13: 978-1250038821	Web site: http://www.HumansOfNewYork.com/
	www.TheStatueOfLibertyMuseumStoreOnline.com	Museum store (Gift Shop) on Liberty Island
	Barry Moreno ~ Statue Of Liberty: Wonder of the World ~ Museum Store Item # 3335	
	Yasmin Khan ~ Enlightening the World: The Creation of the Statue of Liberty	ISBN-13: 978-0801448515
	www.SecretLifeOfLadyLiberty.com	Book website by Club members Bob Hieronimus and Laura Cortner

Liberty Sightings



In the lobby of
a Red Robin
Restaurant in
Lansing, MI
(2012).

Note the
'burger torch'.

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EXCLUSIVE New Leadership Medallion

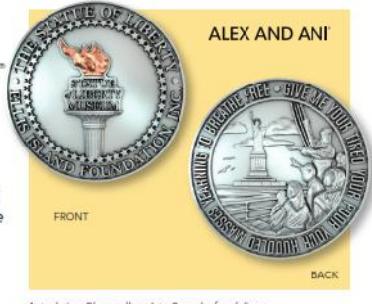
We are thrilled to announce a new way to honor Founders giving \$250 or more to the Statue of Liberty Museum.

This **sterling-silver medallion** was created by **ALEX AND ANI**® exclusively for leadership supporters of the Statue of Liberty Museum, and is inlaid with copper preserved from the centennial restoration of the Statue of Liberty herself.

Best of all, **ALEX AND ANI** generously donated all materials and production, which means you can enjoy this beautiful gift while knowing that your full support is being used to build the museum. Return the enclosed reply to claim yours now.



The Statue of Liberty-Ellis Island Foundation, Inc.
17 Battery Place, Suite 210
New York, NY 10004



Actual size. Please allow 6 to 8 weeks for delivery.

Founder Medallion for a
donation of \$35 or more

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Nighttime view of the picture
shown on page 5.

