

**October 2017 Historian Report for November 2017 Board Meetings**  
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**Historian Activities During October 2017:**

- Provided September 2017 Historian Report for October Town Board Meeting; sorry unable to attend as just returned from exhausting driving trip to/from CO.
- Attended October 2017 Village Board meeting and provided September report
- Attended Art Receptions for Trent Lutes show for which I provided historical information about the locations of the photos
- Attended Friends of Barcelona Lighthouse information meeting on October 28<sup>th</sup> and offered Historian guidance and information.
- Attended Information Booth Volunteer appreciation luncheon on October 30<sup>th</sup> at light house for which Martha Bills provided a most delicious repast!
- BeeLines articles researched, written, and published with related photos and maps in the Westfield Republican and on Westfield Historian Village and Facebook pages for October 2017:
  1. Columbus Day Controversy, including quotes from a new history book by Jacob Ludes III who also was a history teacher at WACS some years ago; illustration was copy of a circa 1825 map like the one on Ludes' book cover.
  2. History of St. Peters German Evangelical Church in Westfield, attempting to garner information about the disposition of the church records when it closed in the 1940s; photos of two confirmation classes – 1905, 1892-3, including names of confirmands, courtesy Patterson Library archives. (The research was precipitated by request of a client, and knowledge of other requests that came in to St. Peter's Episcopal Church over the years.) So far no success.
  3. Buzzings from BeeLines regarding responses from readers to earlier BeeLines about the mystery room above Portage Pie names on the wall – a descendant of one of the named persons who provide a photo of the named person; Also a request at a recent Village Board meeting regarding the source and meaning of the name "Volusia" (no meaning found but some interesting "sources"); illustrations were the photo of Bertha Spencer Reid; also a 1938 aerial photo-map of the middle section of the town of Westfield, showing Volusia near the middle bottom. Source of map photo unknown – found on Facebook and downloaded recently.