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MARCH 18th MEETING
VFW Post 3117
55 National Road
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Please see page 3 (& the NJLHS website)
for details, directions, and a map.

Next Meeting: June 17th
Includes visit to East Point

LETTER FROM THE EDITOR
Hello! For this issue, I was very excited to share news and photos of East Point Lighthouse’s restoration project coming to an end. Hard work has been done and the lighthouse looks amazing. East Point has always held a special place in my heart because it is the first lighthouse that my fiance, Matt, and I climbed together. Now we can go see the make-over and climb it again!

Our photo contest is upon us, which is always fun and interesting. I love seeing all of the different artistic views our members have captured. Don’t forget, only NJLHS members can submit photos for the contest and vote in the contest, so bring your membership cards to the March meeting, and let’s have some fun! See you there!

SOCIAL MEDIA UPDATE
FACEBOOK
Current # of Likes - 901
www.facebook.com/njlhs

INSTAGRAM
Current # Followers - 51
@njlhs

ADDRESS CHANGE
To change your address please go to:
http://www.njlhs.org/join/AddrCng.pdf
download the form and mail to:
NJLHS Membership
631B Yale Way, Monroe Township, NJ 08831
MARCH MEETING

Come join us at our March 18th Meeting at VFW Post 3117 at 55 National Road, Edison, NJ. Note: This particular week is full of important dates. On Sunday, March 12 we start Daylight Saving Time. On Tuesday, March 14 is Pi Day. Everyone remembers 3.14, which is used in the formulas for circles. Then comes March 15th, the Ides of March, remember Shakespeare’s Julius Caesar. Soon after is March 17th, St. Patrick’s Day. Next day, we meet on the 18th from 11 AM to 3 PM. (Members who setup will arrive at 10 AM. See Tentative Agenda) This is our annual PHOTO CONTEST MEETING, with finalist chosen for our NJLHS 2018 Calendar. And then two days later on the 20th of March SPRING ARRIVES. Yea, we made it through another winter!

TENTATIVE AGENDA/PROGRAM

10:15 AM  Hospitality (Coffee/Donuts); Ways & Means
Photo entries are to be given to Photo Contest Committee members Kathy Lanzim and Kathleen Eustace for display for the contest BY 11AM. Voting will take place after meeting.
11:15 AM  General Membership Meeting / Committee Reports
12:15 PM  Lunch**
1:30 PM  TBA
2:30 PM  Photo Contest Finalists Announced
(Finalists must email a digital file of their entry to programchair@njlhs.org)
3:00 PM  Departure

Meeting Location: VFW Post 3117
55 National Road
Edison, NJ 08817

From NJ TPK - North or South:
1 - Take exit 10. After paying toll, keep to your left and follow signs for 287 North.
2 - Follow 287 North for about 3 miles to exit 2B, Route 27 South.
3 - Once on 27 South, proceed about 1/2 mile to the second traffic light. The Pines Manor restaurant will be on your right just before the turn.
4 - Turn right onto Talmadge Road and go about 3/4 mile to National road, it will be on your right.
5 - Make a right turn and proceed a few hundred yards to the VFW post which will be on your right. A tan building, right after the Ryder building.

From GSP - North or South:
1 - A - Going Northbound, take exit 127
B - Going Southbound, take exit 129
2 - For both exits, follow signs for 440 South to 287 North
3 - Once on 440 it will change to 287 as it passes over the NJ Turnpike.
4 - Follow direction above starting at #2

From 18 North:
1 - When Rt. 18 passes over Rt. 1 the road divides. Stay to the right.
2 - Look for exit sign "27 North - Highland Park"
3 - Merge onto Rt. 27 North.
4 - Go about 3 miles to Talmadge Road. The Landmark Diner will be on your right.
The Pines Manor will be on your far left.
5 - Turn left from the left lane onto Talmadge Road & go about 3/4 mile to National Road, it will be on your right.
6 - Make a right turn and proceed a few hundred yards to the VFW post which will be on your right. A tan building, right after the Ryder building.

From Route 287 South:
1 - Take exit 3 for New Durham Road
2 - Stay to the right and merge onto New Durham Road South.
3 - Go about 1/2 mile to the 1st traffic light, Talmadge Rd
4 - Make a left from the left lane and proceed about 1/2 mile to National Road. It will be on your left.
5 - Make a left turn and proceed a few hundred yards to the VFW post which will be on your right. A tan building, right after the Ryder building.

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**March Meeting Lunch**

The Edison, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 3117 again welcomes you to the March meeting for your Photo Contest. We hope you will have an enjoyable experience while you are here. We have ample parking in the rear of the building.

The food this year is sponsored by the VFW and the Nam Knights Motorcycle Club. The VFW is made up of United States Armed Forces Veterans who have served during time of War overseas in the country of conflict. The Nam Knights members are Armed Forces Veterans, Police active and retired and Patriots.

Food that will be offered will be available for purchase upon arrival and served during your meeting’s lunch break.

Sponsored By:
Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3117
Nam Knights Motorcycle Club

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Condiments: Ketchup, Mustard, Relish, Sauerkraut, & Onions
GF Roll needed - contact Carol Winkie

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**2017 PHOTO CONTEST**

**Photo Contest (March Meeting) Categories for 2018 Calendar**

1. Lighthouses w. integrated lights
2. Lighthouses that are tall towers
3. Lighthouses that are water-bound
4. Skeletal Lighthouses includes Statue of Liberty

Rules:
-Lighthouse from anywhere / not just New Jersey lights
-Landscape or portrait
-Must be (8x10) & matted original
-*Maximum of 2 entries per above category.

NOTE, WINNERS from the 2017 calendar may only submit 1 entry per category.

-No extras inserted in photographs. No Photo-shopping photos.
-Finalists must submit a digital file to Programchair@nlhls.org. File must have name of lighthouse.

NOTE – MEMBERS ONLY CAN COMPETE OR VOTE FOR FINALISTS IN NLHLS PHOTO CONTEST (Please bring membership card.)
A MESSAGE FROM MEMBERSHIP

Carol Naill and Linda Gleason - Membership Co-Chairs

2017 Membership Renewal Nearing Completion: The annual renewal process is in full swing with approximately 60% of our members already renewed for 2017. If you've been putting off sending - please mail in your form and renewal check now. Single Membership is $20, Family Membership (all living at same mailing address) is $25. Unless you've renewed for 2017 - this will be the last BEAM you will receive - DON'T LET THAT HAPPEN!

The address for renewing is:
NJLHS Membership Renewal 2017
New Jersey Lighthouse Society, Inc.
PO Box 332, Navesink, NJ 07752-0332

Membership Numbers:
As of late January, the membership numbers are as follows:
Single Memberships: 128 (74 have renewed for 2017)
Family Memberships: 143 (91 have renewed for 2017) X 2 = 286
Total Members = 414 Members (256 in good standing for 2017)

Gift Memberships:
Not sure what to give that person who has everything? How about a membership to NJLHS? You can find an application on the NJLHS web site (www.njlhs.org) and print one out. You can also get one from the Membership Team at the next membership meeting. The membership packet will be mailed to the recipient, with a personal note saying that their membership to the Society is a gift from you. Let's get our numbers up!

New Members:
The following members have joined our Society since the last issue of THE BEAM in December. Please note that if you become a member after the deadline for The Beam, you will be listed in the following issue. If you happen to meet any of these new members at a future meeting, please welcome them!

Drew Tomlin Leesburg, NJ

SPECIAL THANKS
New Jersey Lighthouse Society gives a special thank you to the following vendors who contributed to our December meeting:

Dunkin' Doughnuts (2)  
Longhorn Steakhouse (2)  
Olive Garden  
Quaker Steak & Lube  
Starbucks  
Jersey Mike’s Subs  
Applebee’s  
Chick-fil-A

New Jersey Lighthouse Society give a special thank you to Karen, the banquet manager, and the staff at Mastoris Restaurant for presenting a wonderful meal on December 10th. This year a wonderful holiday lighthouse appeared on our decorated cake.
EAST POINT LIGHTHOUSE RESTORATION

The lighthouse will be white again...not painted, but coated with a white lime coating to protect not only the exterior, but interior walls as well. As pretty as the exposed brick is, it's very bad for the lighthouse. Historically it has been white. Brick has only been exposed in recent years because of neglect and need of repair. (From East Point's Facebook)

The entire first floor will be handicap accessible!

THANK YOU to Nancy Patterson for all of the photos – especially the beautiful one on the cover – and for keeping us all constantly updated via East Point’s Facebook page!
EAST POINT LIGHTHOUSE RESTORATION

Lantern the Lighthouse Kitty in East Point's lantern room

*From East Point's Facebook:* She lives in the heated cottage next to the lighthouse. She's a happy kitty that went from surviving totally on her own in the wild (around the lighthouse) to being part of the lighthouse crew with her own cottage and lighthouse, too!

Look ... the *NEW RED ROOF!!!*

"East Point the Red Roof Lighthouse"
MARY CATHERINE KENNEDY

by Carol Winkie

The New Jersey Lighthouse Society lost our super-volunteer two days after our December meeting. Mary Catherine worked so hard for our community outreach. Mary Catherine spent many weekends in the spring and summer at different locations in the state reaching out to the communities. Mary Catherine talked to the children describing the traits of each lighthouse. She had a map on New Jersey with models of each lighthouse. She handed the children pictures of the lighthouses for the to color plus crayons to use.

We have received the following tribute from Anthony Albence, Former NJLHS 1st VP / Chairman of Community Outreach:

In Memory of Mary Catherine Kennedy

“Many of my most treasured memories from NJLHS include Mary Catherine Kennedy. Not only was she such a source of knowledge, history, and lore regarding New Jersey lighthouses and nautical-related history, but she exhibited such a love of life and passion around engaging and educating young people and instilling in them an appreciation of these treasures. Mary Catherine exhibited boundless energy, unbridled enthusiasm, endless creativity, and an independent spirit that proved inspirational to me. She was a unique an special person—true a "once in a generation" person whose life was marked by so many achievements—including earning a degree from an Ivy League institution at a time when many women didn't graduate from high school!--while overcoming adversity. Her life was distinguished by relishing every moment and living it to its fullest.

Mary Catherine not only made such an impact on NJLHS, but on Barnegat Township, the Barnegat Historical Society, and the larger Ocean County and New Jersey community—especially Tuckerton Seaport. She was all about making an impact, and that she did.

We'll miss you Mary Catherine, but we know you're as busy as ever & that you're certainly not taking a break in heaven!”

Mary Catherine Kennedy at National Lighthouse Day Activities at Hereford Inlet, 2013. She was always presenting information to people, especially children, about the lighthouses of NJ.

Mary Catherine Kennedy receiving the NJLHS Volunteer Award from 2nd VP Richard Veit at our March 2014 meeting.
TRIBUTE TO LAURA

By Doreen Berson

As many of you know, Laura Portee passed away on November 27th. She leaves behind her husband Michael and daughters Willow and Ivy. She will always be remembered by me as a good friend and a wonderful co-worker when we volunteered together at the New Jersey Lighthouse Challenge.

Laura and I worked on the Challenge together for many years. When I was coordinator at Barnegat Lighthouse she and Michael volunteered there, and then when I became Regional Coordinator I asked her to Co-ordinate at Barnegat. She readily volunteered. Anyone who visited Barnegat Lighthouse or volunteered there during the Challenge will remember her diorama and how she had everything organized on the table. She was a joy to work with!

At one point we began preparing for the Challenge together — her organizational skills were invaluable as we expanded the Challenge each year. We strived to make the Challenge better and better and to make it the event that the Society had hoped it would be — an event that financially assisted the lighthouses of New Jersey and educated the public on these beautiful sentinels in our State.

I eventually became Chairman of the Challenge and relied on Laura for her organizational and statistical skills. She became so involved that I asked her to Co-Chair the Event with me. As a result, the Challenge grew and because of her attention to detail and suggestions for gathering statistics, we received grants from the New Jersey Department of Tourism. This money helped the Challenge grow because we were able to publicize the event and offer better souvenirs each year. Even now, the Challenge does not see the numbers of participants that it did during the years when we were Co-Chairing.

Laura and I were acknowledged for our efforts with the Challenge by receiving awards from the Friends of Hereford Inlet Lighthouse, Ocean County Board of Trustees and New Jersey Lighthouse Society. We appreciated these acknowledgements and I was honored to receive the awards with her. She also became more involved in the New Jersey Lighthouse Society by taking on the responsibilities of Corresponding Secretary. Between these duties and her family obligations, she was a busy lady!

2009 was the 10th Anniversary of the Challenge and the year Laura and I made the difficult decision to stop volunteering. It had gotten to a point that we were on the phone with each other EVERY DAY in the months prior to the event. We both held full-time jobs, so this involvement became more and more difficult. Also, we needed to spend more time with our families — Laura had Michael and Willow, at the time, and I had Steve.

We kept in touch, seeing each other at NJLHS meetings and attending each other’s family gatherings. Laura was busy raising Willow at the time. Then she and Michael adopted Ivy. I remember the “email journey” she included us in, as she and her family traveled to China to adopt her. She was such a dedicated and loving mother!

As time went on, we lost touch. But every third weekend in October, I would remember the good times we had, as I do now, and the laughs and tears we shared together. I lost a good friend and wish I had kept in touch more than I did.

Good-bye, Laura, and “Thank You” for all the good times we shared. God Bless You!
SPRING EVENTS

ABSECON LIGHTHOUSE

Ghost Investigation with Paranormal Equipment
Saturday, March 18
7-10pm, doors at 6:30pm
$45 per person

Mother’s Day - Moms Climb Free
Sunday, May 14
Looking for a memorable way to tell mom she’s the light of your life? Then bring her to Absecon Lighthouse!

Golf Tournament
Wednesday, June 7
1:30pm Shotgun start, $114 per player
McCullough’s Emerald Links, Egg Harbor Twp

EAST POINT LIGHTHOUSE

General Meeting - Open House
Saturday, March 18
2pm at the newly restored lighthouse

SEA GIRT LIGHTHOUSE

Sunday Tours Resume
Guided Sunday tours will resume April 23, 2017.

RECIPE CORNER
Marty Hudspeth

Oatmeal Cake
By Ruth Schultz

1 ½ cup boiling water
1 cup rolled oats
1 stick margarine or butter
1 cup white sugar
1 cup brown sugar, packed
1 tsp. Cinnamon
1 tsp. soda
1 ½ tsp. baking powder
2 eggs

Frosting:
½ stick margarine or butter
1 cup brown sugar, packed
½ cup evaporated milk
1 tsp. Vanilla
1 cup coconut

Combine boiling water, rolled oats and margarine or butter. Put aside to cool. Then add white sugar and brown sugar, soda, cinnamon, eggs, flour and baking powder. Bake at 350 degrees for 40 minutes, in a buttered & floured 9x13 pan.

Frosting: Put all frosting ingredients into a pan, bring to a boil and cook for about 5 to 10 minutes on low heat. Spread on warm cake and return to oven (that has been turned off) for about 10 minutes. This will set the frosting.

HAPPY BELATED BIRTHDAY, ABBY!
DAY TRIP TO MONTAUK POINT LIGHTHOUSE
May 20, 2017

New Jersey Lighthouse Society is planning a day trip on May 20 to visit Blackwell Island Lighthouse on Roosevelt Island in Manhattan and climb the Montauk Point Lighthouse on the tip of Long Island.

The trip will start by boarding a bus at the Vince Lombardi rest stop on I-95 in Ridgefield, NJ. This is the last rest stop on I-95 before the split with I-80 in Northern New Jersey. We will travel across Manhattan, cross the East River to Queens to get onto Roosevelt Island.

The Blackwell Island Lighthouse was built in 1872 by convicts. The Island belonged to the Blackwell family before New York City bought it in 1828. In 1921 the name of the Island was changed to Welfare Island to reflect the true nature of the Island. The City had located its prisons, poor houses and several different hospitals here over the years. In 1976 it was renamed once again to Roosevelt Island.

After our visit to Blackwell Island Lighthouse we will travel out to the eastern end of Long Island to visit the Montauk Point Lighthouse and its great museum in the keeper’s house. The lighthouse was ordered to be built by President George Washington in 1792. The lighthouse was completed in 1795 and is the oldest in New York State and 5th oldest lighthouse in America.

The cost for the trip is $60 per person for the bus and admission to the lighthouse. Lunch is not provided; bring a bag lunch. The bus will leave the rest area at 9:30 AM and return around 5:00 PM.

To sign up for the trip send $60 per person and the registration form to Mike Boucher, 15 Starrow Dr., Newburgh, NY 12550. Make the check payable to the New Jersey Lighthouse Society. We will need 40 people to run this trip. The last day to sign up for the trip is April 20. More info about the trip will be sent once you sign up.