2018 Lighthouse Challenge of New Jersey at Finns Point

Article and Photos by Carol Winkie

On October 20 and 21, I worked at Finns Point Lighthouse in Pennsville. We had a total of 1538 visitors, 1456 participated in the Challenge and 82 visited the lighthouse.

We had 36 starters with 30 souvenirs sold. Eleven indicated that they were staying at a hotel or bed & breakfast. We had 22 in our group of completers with 21 souvenirs. Visitors were from 25 states and two countries (Canada and United Kingdom).

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Thank you to NJLHS members Karen Stumpf-Owen, Joan Stumpf, Brett Franks, and Michael McGowan for your help. We also had members of the Friends of Supawna Meadows help with the climbing and the Refuge Gift Shop. They included Marion and Dave Howarth, Shane Gottshall, and Bob Fink.

Below are pictures of some of the completers from Finns Point.
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Current # Followers - 124
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This is a Thank You Meeting for NJLHS members. Many members who attended the September meeting have already paid the $15 donation for the reservation.

Any members who wish to attend the December meeting must email Faith Giamboi, our treasurer, to make a reservation or to ask questions. You must be a member by the September meeting. Email: treasurer@njlhs.org

After the reservation is made, please send the name of each member attending with your check of $15 (reservation/donation) for each member/$10 for each child 12 & under attending made out to NJLHS and mail to:

NJLHS c/o Faith Giamboi, Treasurer
3204 Hilltop Rd., Apt 225
Whiting, NJ 08759-1382

Remember this is a Thank You to all our members for their help throughout the year. Therefore, we will be following the same rules as trips. Because of the cost of the luncheon and the fact that the Mastoris' must have an exact count, payment is due by DECEMBER 1ST.

Tentative Program Schedule:
10:00 AM Early Arrival: Delivery of baskets; setup
11:00 AM Arrival – Sign in, get 2019 Membership renewal form from Bob & Linda Gleason; see Treasurer, Faith Giamboi
11:15 AM General Meeting (Reports, Elections, Announcements, etc.)
12:10 PM Luncheon
1:30 PM Finish Meeting (if necessary)
1:40 PM Program / TBA
2:15 PM Other Activities
3:00 PM Departure

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From 195:
Westbound - Take exit 5B onto Rt 130 South. Mastoris will be about 5 miles down on your right just before the merge with Rt 206.
Eastbound - Take exit 5A onto Rt 130 South. Mastoris will be about 5 miles down on your right just before the merge with Rt 206

From NJ TPK:
North & Southbound - Take exit 7 and go north on Rt 206, about 1 1/2 miles, merging with Rt 130 North for a short distance keeping to the left. When Rt 130 bears off to the right, keep left on Rt 206 North and slow down. The entrance to Mastoris comes up quickly & will be a few hundred feet on your right.

From Rt 130:
Northbound - After merging with Rt 206 in Bordentown, keep to the left. When Rt 130 North bears off to the right, keep left on Rt 206 North and slow down. The entrance to Mastoris comes up quickly and will be a few hundred feet on your right.
Southbound - After passing under Rt 195, Mastoris will be about 5 miles down on your right just before the merge with Rt 206.

From 295:
Northbound - Take exit 57 onto Rt 130 North. Follow directions above for Rt 130 Northbound.
A MESSAGE FROM MEMBERSHIP

Bob and Linda Gleason - Membership Co-Chairs

2019 Membership Renewal Kicks-off: Our December meeting will be a special Thank You Luncheon for 2018 members at Mastoris Restaurant. Please help us get a quick start on 2019 by bringing next year’s dues to the Membership Table as you sign in. Dues are still $25 for a Family Membership, $20 for an Individual Membership and $10 for a Student (under 18) Membership. Payment by check or exact amount cash is really appreciated!

Membership Numbers:
As of early November, there are 97 individual memberships and 123 family memberships (counted as 2 each) for a total of 343 NJLHS 2018 Members.

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 September. If you happen to meet any of these new members at a future meeting, please welcome them!

Kelsey Kazmac  
Eric Sjoblom  
Karen Kowalewski-Adams  
Charlotte & Michael Banks  
Bette Jensen-Roberts  
Cathy Lee

Little Silver, NJ  
Greenville, RI  
West Chester, PA  
Manahawkin, NJ  
Bordentown, NJ  
Freehold, NJ

George Hill “Buddy” Grover  
Clyde & Jude Yost  
John Porcellana  
Peyton Graham Jr.  
Deborah Robbins & Jim Cooper  
Burch Alford Jr.

Atlantic City, NJ  
Ventnor, NJ  
Fords, NJ  
Brooklyn, NY  
Villanova, PA  
North Easton, MA

NJLHS EDUCATIONAL OUTREACH

Robert Rodgers - Education Outreach Chair

NJLHS’s Educational Outreach Program made 11 presentations in 2018, reaching 324 attendees. A special thanks to our presenters: Marilyn Dunning, Alan Jacobson, and Cindy Mitzen. The presentations were made to a diverse group of organizations: libraries, a school, senior citizen centers, and a retirement group. We are currently starting to schedule dates in 2019.

If you know of an organization that may want to have a presentation about NJ lighthouses, have them contact: speakersbureau@njlhs.org.
WINTER EVENTS

ABSECON LH GHOUSE

Luminary Light Festival
Saturday, December 8
5:00 PM - 7:00 PM
This popular southern holiday tradition illuminates neighborhoods by placing candles in white bags and placing them along streets and sidewalks for all to enjoy. We invite guests to decorate and personalize a luminary bag in honor of a family member, friend, beloved pet, or just for fun. Guests will fill their luminaries with beach sand and a candle, and position their bag around Atlantic City's own beacon of light and cottage. Tickets are $20 per person and luminaries and supplies will be provided. Enjoy a glass of wine or beer & cheese nibble, the company of family & friends and toast the season as we gather together to climb New Jersey's tallest lighthouse and see the spectacular night view of Atlantic City. Please call 609-449-1360 to make a reservation.

TUCKER'S ISLAND LH @ TUCKERTON SEAPORT

Christkindlmarkt
November 30 - 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM
December 1 - 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM
December 2 - 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM
Christkindlmarkt will be a family fun three day event with late night hours, celebrating the traditions of the season with a Holiday Market and Craft Fair under a huge heated tent and throughout the Seaport buildings. Come jump start your holiday shopping. Get in the holiday spirit with a horse drawn wagon ride.

EAST POINT LH GHOUSE

Santa Visits the Lighthouse
Saturday, December 1, 4:00 PM-6:00 PM

Lighthouse Night Climb
Saturday, December 15, 6:00 PM-8:00 PM

2019 PHOTO CONTEST (MARCH MEETING 2019)

Categories Based on Name of Lighthouse
(a photo can only be entered in 1 category*)

1. A - C
2. D - H
3. I - O
4. P - R
5. S - Z

*Example: Twin Lights or Navesink - entrant picks either 5 or 3 but not both.

RULES:
-Photographer must be NJLHS member.
-Photographer must be an amateur. No professionals.
-Photos may be landscape or portrait.
-Photos must be (8x10) picture with matting around.
-Maximum of 2 entries per above category**.
-**NOTE, WINNERS from the 2019 calendar may only submit 1 entry per category.
-No extras inserted in photographs. No Photo-shopping of photos.
-Finalists (announced at the March contest) must submit a digital file to Programchair@njlhs.org. File must have name of lighthouse. (NJLHS board will select the winners who will appear in the 2020 NJLHS Calendar.)

NOTE – ONLY MEMBERS CAN VOTE AT THE MARCH CONTEST
Membership card will be checked.
HOLIDAY BASKET AUCTION
DECEMBER 8TH

Judy Boucher

Have you enjoyed the baskets at past holiday luncheons? LOTs of hard work by Karl and Anne Fahringer went into making those baskets. They will not be doing the baskets this year. Time for them to have a break and travel. So, we will try a different approach – where we all share in the work. You are invited to bring a completed basket to the holiday luncheon. If you decide to bring a basket, here are the guidelines:

- The basket and contents should be worth at least $25.
- Items should be new, unless a "collectable".
- A 3X5 or larger card listing the contents of your basket should be attached.
  Print NEATLY so that all may read.

Enclosing your basket in a clear plastic bag will make it easier to transport and let people see the contents. A "basket" is NOT required. A decorative bag could be used. Books or puzzles could be tied together. Etc.

Please send an email to nihs@nihs.org telling what you are planning to bring-- just so we have an idea of how many and what kind of baskets are being brought. You are still welcome to bring a basket that day even if you haven't told us in advance.

Your "basket" might have a theme such as:

Breakfast
Coffee/ Tea
Baking - Cookie, Cupcakes
Cooking - American, Mexican, Italian, Chinese
Candy/ Chocolate
Ice Cream - Dishes, sauces etc
Movie Night - popcorn, candy
Holiday
Party in a Basket
New Year’s Eve 2019
Game Night
Puzzles
Lighthouse Books
Margarita
Wine

Sports
Office Supplies
Car Care - Supplies in a bucket maybe
Pets - Birds, Cats, Dogs
Gardening - hand tools, gloves
Spa / Bath - lotions, shower gel, bubble bath, soap dispenser
Gift Cards - Can you get donations from your favorite restaurant?
Lottery Scratch Offs

*NOTE: If you do not have $25 worth of gift cards or lottery scratch offs, bring what you have and we will merge donations together
Your / Others handmade items - Painting, Sculpture, Needle work

These are just ideas. Your creativity in doing other themes/items is welcomed!

Thank you
NO, IT’S NOT A LIGHTHOUSE  
(It’s the Astoria Column)  
Article and Photos by Robert J. Rodgers

In July I was on vacation in Oregon with my son and granddaughter. Behind the desk in our hotel room was a picture of a structure that certainly looked like a lighthouse. My granddaughter (who has climbed four lighthouses with me in the past and knew we planned on visiting three lighthouses the next day) asked me which lighthouse was in the picture. I looked at the picture and said I couldn’t identify it – and it had a “mural” around the tower. Later my son reminded me that the next morning he planned for us to go to the Astoria Column – and fly airplanes off the tower. I used my phone to get its address – and lo, and behold; there was a photo of the Astoria Column – that was the structure in the picture in our room.

The Astoria Column is a 125 foot tower built on a hill overlooking the Astoria harbor, at the mouth of the Columbia River. It was built in 1926 to commemorate the area that was the terminus of the Lewis and Clark Expedition, and the site of other Oregon historical events. Other than providing stunning views of the Astoria Harbor, its draw is an interesting air current that exists there. The gift shop sells small balsam gliders that visitors launch from the deck of the tower. Between the three of us, we launched four planes. Each of our planes made about four circles as they reached down to the ground – all four landing almost at the identical spot – the same branch of an evergreen tree across the driveway. It was interesting how we launched our planes at different heights and angles and yet they sort of followed the same path and ended in the same spot.

At 125 feet tall – if it were to be a lighthouse – it would be the 29th tallest in the US – taller than the iconic Portland Head and Montauk Point lighthouses. To reach the walkway at the top of the tower there is a spiral staircase (164 steps) – just like you find in lighthouse towers. It has a walkway at the top – just like you find on lighthouse towers. And, there is a support group (The Friends of Astoria Column) that raises money for repairs and restorations – just like we have for lighthouses. But, the only light is lighting in the stairway to light up the steps.

Because of its location on a hill at the mouth of a major river, the little bit of light coming from the top of the tower may be visible from the harbor. But, there is no rotating light or flashing beacon. So, although it looks like a lighthouse – it’s not a lighthouse – it doesn’t have a “light” and doesn’t serve as a navigational aid. (However, it’s worth the stop between the Cape Meares Lighthouse and Cape Disappointment Lighthouse – and just up the hill from the Columbia Lightship in Astoria). • More information can be found at: astoriacolumn.org
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NJLHS General Membership
Meetings 2019
March 23
June 22
September 28
December 14

MEETING LOCATIONS TO BE ANNOUNCED IN EACH ISSUE OF THE BEAM AND ON THE WEBSITE
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DEADLINE FOR THE MARCH BEAM IS FEBRUARY 1, 2019