AUSTRALIA TRIP
NOVEMBER 2 – 22, 2000

(By Rosemary Dixon)

It has been a longtime dream of mine to visit Australia. After the Sydney Olympics, Quantas offered special package fares including four nights each at Sydney, Cairnes, and Melbourne. The year 2000 seemed to be the perfect time for me. (I mailed in my absentee ballot and was fortunate enough to miss the election coverage)

As always, I like to visit every lighthouse, maritime museum and botanical garden in the area. In Australia it is late spring in November, flowers and trees are in full bloom.

The first stop was Sydney, New South Wales. The first day I walked through the Royal Botanical Gardens and all around the famous Opera House. The next day I took a bus tour up into the Blue Mountains. The third day was the best. I took the local monorail to Darling Harbour to the National Maritime Museum. This was a wonderful place! In the water in front of the Museum was a beautiful red lightship, the “CARPENTARIA”. I couldn’t get info on the lightship but did get some nice pictures.

The original 1874 CAPE BOWLING GREEN LIGHTHOUSE has been relocated to the Museum grounds from 70 km south of Townsville. The timber frame was made in Brisbane. The iron cladding, the lantern room and the light mechanisms were imported from Britain. The height of the tower is 22m and it has wooden stairs. It has a third order dioptric lens. (left)

Inside the museum the lens from the TASMAN LIGHT was displayed. In the gift shop I bought a nice book and postcards. They do not have the same fascination, as we do, no lighthouse souvenirs. (right) Continued page 2
Australia continued. From a dock near the Museum, I took a ferry to Circular Quay and then transferred to another ferry to Rose Bay Wharf. This was the closest I could get to my goal, South Head Sydney—then on foot up the hill to the **MACQUARIE LIGHTHOUSE**. Built in 1883, it replaced the original Macquarie Lighthouse (Australia’s first proper lighthouse established 1818 and designed by convict architect, Frances Greenway). The existing lighthouse is of similar design to the original. (right)

What a fantastic sight, high on a hill above steep cliffs with a beautiful blue sky and white clouds. Picture perfect weather, I took half a roll of film here. Then on along the cliff walk to the **Coast Guard Station**. From South Head, I took a bus back to Centennial Park, near my hotel. This was a very full day! (below)

After the four days on land in Sydney, I diverted from the package, and took a flight to Townsville, to spend a week in the Coral Sea on a live-aboard dive boat. The trip went across the Great Barrier Reef, then out 150 miles from land. Diving for the most part was spectacular, however, I could have passed on the shark teasing and resulting feeding frenzy.

On the way back into Townsville, we passed the **CAPE CLEVELAND LIGHTHOUSE** at a great distance. I did manage a zoom picture, but it’s veeeeeery tiny. After landing, I walked to the Townsville Maritime Museum, which consists of two buildings, the port building and the gallery. The port building was the pier master’s office and was relocated from the harbour to its present site in 1991. The gallery was built in 1994 to house the ever-expanding collections. In the grounds stands the **1866 BAY ROCK LIGHTHOUSE**, relocated from Cleve Bay. (below)

Then onto Cairns, Queensland to enjoy four days of much needed relaxation. I visited the Tjapukai Aboriginal Cultural Park and Wild World, the Tropical Zoo as my daughter wanted a picture of me holding a Koala bear. There were many interesting animals and a free-flight bird show. Also I was able to get a Crocodile tee shirt for my son.

The final four days in Melbourne, Victoria were much cooler. Another Royal Botanical Garden and two bus tours. The first, the “Great Ocean Road” travels the Shipwreck Coast. Most beautiful scenery, magnificent rock formations, the “Twelve Apostles” (the world’s largest limestone towers), the “Arch”, the “Natural Bridge”, and the southern portion of the Indian Ocean. There were several lighthouses at points away from the road, but the driver would not deviate from the tour route so I bought postcards of **CAPE OTWAY LIGHTHOUSE**, a magnet and printed tea towel depicting six lighthouses. Here there were a few souvenirs available.

The next bus tour was to Phillip Island Nature Park to see the “Penguin Parade”. At dusk the tourists sit on bleachers back from the shoreline. At sunset the little fairy penguins swim ashore. They wait by the water’s edge until there is a group, about twenty, then they waddle, in their groups, up across the beach to get to their burrows. Cameras were not allowed, but I was able to purchase “The Little Penguin” video.

Three weeks is a long time to be away from home. I was extremely happy and thankful to arrive home safely on Thanksgiving Eve.
June Raffle First Prize

On the frame in the living room of Walter and Virginia Freas, is the First Prize of the 2001 Preservation Raffle.

The Lighthouse Quilt is nearing completion thanks to the perseverance of several members of NJLHS. Joan Smarrito, Coordinator of the Quilt, Robin Harker, Trish Wy- lupek and Virginia have put around three hundred hours in the hand quilting phase of this project.

(Pictured are Robin Harker and Joan Smarrito) Photo by Yvonne Miller

NJLHS
WAYS AND MEANS
Steve Martarano

I have the Jackets that were ordered at the last meeting plus a couple extra should anyone want one.
I also have the Delaware Bay and Coastal T-Shirts and Sweatshirts as well as our NJLHS shirts.
The new, larger, NJLHS pins are also available and still $3.00

NEW JERSEY STATE AQUARIUM TICKETS

There are still discount tickets available for the New Jersey State Aquarium. They are $8.50 (normally $12.95) for adults and $7.50 (normally $9.95) for children. If you would like them, please see Betty J. Smith after the June 23 meeting or if you would like them by mail, please send a check made out to Betty J. Smith and a stamped return envelope and they will be mailed to you. We are selling you these tickets as a courtesy from the NJLHS. They will be turning the tickets back in to the Aquarium the end of July so get them now. There is no time limit on when you can use them.

www.the-wildwoods.com/activity/lighthouse.html

WELCOME TO
HEREFORD INLET LIGHTHOUSE WEB SITE

Village of Anglesea
North Wildwood
New Jersey
A Message from Membership
(Mary Beth Doherty: Membership Chair)

A Few Reminders:
Society Nametags: If you would like to order a Society nametag, please step by the Membership Table to do so. The tags are $4.00 each (paid when ordering) and will be mailed to you. (Orders are taken at meetings only, and done so four (4) times a year.)

Changes: If you’re moving, changing your membership status, phone number, or e-mail address, please let me know so I can have your most current information. I like to keep the database up-to-date!

Gift memberships: A membership to the New Jersey Lighthouse Society would be the perfect gift for that person who has everything! If you’re interested, please allow enough time for me to process the membership packet. I can send the packet to you to give as the gift or I can send it directly to the recipient... it’s up to you!

Meeting Attendees:
There were 182 people signed-in at the Audubon Park meeting in March (but we counted 240 heads!!!). Reminder: If you attend a meeting, please sign the book—we like to keep track of how many people are coming to the meetings to ensure enough chairs.

Membership Numbers:
At printing time of this issue, the membership numbers are as follows:

Single Memberships = 324
Family Memberships = 344 x 2 = 688
Total = 1012 members

New Members: Since the March meeting, the following members have joined our Society. If you happen to meet them at a future meeting, please welcome them.

Mark Anderson Pennsville, NJ
Patti Brey Schwenksville, PA
Mary Brooke Sicklerville, NJ
Patty Derrick Rehoboth Beach, DE
Catherine Freyer Bayonne, NJ
Bob & Heidi Gall Red Bank, NJ
Joe Greger North Hills, PA
Kathryn Grzesiak Neptune, NJ
Andy & Nancy Hoh Glen Gardner, NJ
Leslie, Carol & Dawnne Howarth South River, NJ
Edward Ingraham Beach Haven, NJ
Jody Lacaillade Middlesex, NJ
Dorothy Lehman Hamilton, NY
Wayne Lloyd Union, NJ
Monique Marra Long Branch, NJ
Cynthia Miller Beachwood, NJ
Frank Mitchell Collingswood, NJ
Edward & Ann Noyes Elverson, PA
George & Hilda Ondovchak Marlton, NJ
Barbara Reed Linwood, NJ
Charlie & Shirley Snitcher Honey Brook, PA
Doris Taylor Perkasie, PA
John & Patricia Toth Little Egg Harbor, NJ
Jeff Wolfrum Middletown, NJ
Pat & Bill Young Mullica Hill, NJ

NJLHS Calendar of Events—2001

6/2 East Point Bay Day—Outreach
6/9 Sandy Hook—Outreach
6/23 General Membership Meeting—Highlands, NJ
11th Anniversary Picnic (food available for purchase)
Tour Navesink Twin Lights
Annual Preservation Raffle
8/1 Celebrate National Lighthouse Month
8/4 East Point Open House—Outreach (10:00 am)
8/15 Boat Trip on the Hudson River** (flyer will be sent to current members)
7 hour trip includes breakfast and lunch, View 4 lighthouses
9/22 General Membership Meeting—Barnegat Light Fire Hall, Barnegat, NJ
Annual Sweatshirt/T-shirt contest
Author’s Day (purchase books and have them signed)
Tour the Barnegat Lighthouse and Museum
9/30 Tuckerton Seaport & Bayman’s Museum—Outreach
10/13 & 14 NJ Lighthouse Challenge 2001—Statewide Event**
All land-based lighthouses accessible to public
10/24-30 Bus Trip to North Carolina Lighthouses**, (flyer will be sent to current members)
6 nights/7 days includes all breakfasts, dinners, 1 lunch and ferries, view all North Carolina Lighthouses
12/1 General Membership Meeting—Spring Lake Heights Elementary School
Annual elections:
Christmas Social at Sea Girt Lighthouses 2:00-5:00 pm
12/1 Membership Renewal for 2002

? Date to be determined
** Information/Details to Follow

* Location to be determined
(856) 546-0514 NJLHS “Hotline”
New Jersey Lighthouse Challenge - 2001
October 13th and 14th, 2001
Email: njlighthouse2001@excite.com

Fellow Lighthouse Fans,

I am pleased to announce that the New Jersey Lighthouse Society, in cooperation with the many lighthouse preservation groups throughout New Jersey, will host the New Jersey Lighthouse Challenge – 2001 event.

A similar event was held in October of 2000, and it was an overwhelming success. Over 1500 persons participated and almost 350 of them visited all 11 participating lighthouses.

This year’s event promises to be even bigger and better. On February 17, 2001, members of the Society met with representatives of the various lighthouses to plan this year’s event. They chose the weekend of October 13th and 14th. The planners wanted to emphasize that the event is a challenge, although all are welcomed to visit as many or as few sites as they please. They have extended the core hours for each participating light to 8:00am to 6:00pm. Some sites may extend these hours at their discretion.

The group also plans to try to involve a few more organizations this year including the National Lighthouse Center and Museum, the United States Lighthouse Society, the Conover Beacon and the Barnegat Light Historical Society although no formal plans have been made yet.

Look for updates in The Beam September issue or the Society Web Page: http://www.njlhs.burlco.org

A special email address has been set up for the event:

njlighthouse2001@excite.com.

We need more member volunteers than ever this year in order to make the event a success. Please look for the signup table at the New Jersey Lighthouse Society March meeting or contact me as noted below.

Thanks, I look forward to another great event!

Rick Weber
rick-weber@mindspring.com
973-328-3615
I never cease to be amazed at the quality of the pictures taken by our members. This year's entries proved that it was worth-while having our Kodak Ambassadors, Edd Mathisen and Ted Skeen at the YEAR 2000 PHOTO CONTEST. You certainly paid attention to their pointers. The pictures this year were GREAT. I hate to think how good you can get; it was hard enough this year to pick which ones to vote for this year. And didn't Ted do a great job this year with those nautical themed pictures to help make his points on how to take better pictures. I'm sure Edd's comments on the winner's pictures helped us all also. It makes a difference when you can point to a winner and say 'do it this way.'

And YOU GUYS! 224 people at a site WITHOUT a LIGHT-HOUSE! (Unless you count the one at the end of Peacock Road?) And thanks to all of you who chose to show your excellent work. We had 188 photos to choose from and it was tough!

And the winners are:
Best of Show: Jan Koennecke, Sandy Hook Sunset

NJ Lights, Larger than 5X7:
1st Place – Linda Person – Cape May Reflection
2nd Place – Cam Koblish – East Point Lighthouse
3rd Place – Jan Koennecke – Sandy Hook Panorama
Honorable Mention:
Lynn A Giacomucci – In the Marsh at Cape May
Rosemary Dixon – New Year at Barnegat

NJ Lights, 5X7 and Smaller:
1st Place – Jodi Kearns – Reflection of Cape May
2nd Place – Cindy Mitzen – Sandy Hook 'WHITE' 2000
3rd Place – Judy McCann – Hereford Inlet
Honorable Mentions:
Helen Hoover – East Point In December
Darren Kearns – 'Barney' at Dawn

Other Lights, Larger than 5X7
1st Place – Mark Anderson – 'Light of the Comet' Liston Rear Range, Del.
2nd Place – Doreen Lagatutta – Autumnal Beauty
3rd Place – Joe Guehle – Beyond the Red, White and Blue
Honorable Mentions:
Howard H. Wright – Montauk
Cindy Mitzen – Rincon, P.R.
Ken Munesh – Split Rock, Mn.
Marty Koblish – Cape Cod Light @ Truro Mass.

Other Lights, 5X7 and Smaller
1st Place – Jodi Kearns – Seagulls at Castle Hill
2nd Place – Kenneth Bowden – Portland Head
3rd Place – Heather Martin – Prospect Harbor, Me

Honorable Mentions:
Rik Martin – Bass Harbor
Howard H. Wright – Thomas Point (Black & White)

The Winner's Circle: (Old Masters)
1st Place - Jim Wolfrum – 1st Snow at Nubble
2nd Place – Steve Casler – Point Judith
3rd Place – Carol Reilly – Reflections
Honorable Mentions:
Bill Volpe - Guardian of the Chesapeake (Thomas Point)
Bill Volpe – Beyond the Reeds
11th Annual NJLHS Photo Contest Winners

Other Lights—Larger than 5X7

Masters Category Winners

Other Lights, 5X7 and Smaller

Kodak Ambassadors

A BIG THANK YOU again goes to the KODAK COMPANY for providing our KODAK AMBASSADORS, Ted Skeen and Edd Mathisen.

And how about the GREAT FOOD by the Audubon Park 4th of July Committee.

Rumor has it they will follow us to our June meeting with MORE food. Thank you to the committee members and to all of you who supported them.

And a very special THANK YOU to Barbara Mancini who donated all those great photo holders. While we may still use poster board for the 3x5’s and 4x6’s, we now have sufficient stands for all the larger pictures.

My thanks to everyone who helped cut this year in any way, whether signing up, putting up or counting ballots.

I will be recruiting helpers to sign up pictures and also to count ballots at the December meeting so I won’t be rushing to get folks at the Photo Meeting. If you are interested, let me know. Some year I may even get this organized!
HOSPITALITY

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who brought something to our March meeting for refreshments. As you probably noticed, we had an over abundance of refreshments and that is the reason that I ask anyone who is going to bring some to please:

drop me an e-mail at - bjksmith@juno.com
call me at - 856-546-7810
or drop me a note at
7 Goldfinch Road
Audubon Park, NJ 08106.

This way I have a better idea of what I need to buy in the way of refreshments for the meeting and we don't have this over abundance.
Again, I really want to thank all of you who are helping out by donating refreshments.

Betty Smith

Tinicum Light
Paulsboro, New Jersey
NJLHS members interested in conducting tours of the lighthouse
We are always looking for "seasoned veterans"
to greet the public.

You don't have to be very seasoned, we'd be glad to have anyone who is interested come out and help give tours.

For information call: Dave Birch 856-423-1505

MEETING FOOD

On behalf of the Audubon Park 4th of July Committee, I would like to express their sincere THANK YOU to all your members who made our first venture into providing lunch for your meeting a great success. We hope everyone who bought something enjoyed it. We were completely overwhelmed by the number of people who purchased lunch from us and sincerely apologize to anyone who did not get what they wanted for lunch. Betty Smith tried to get an idea at your December meeting as to how many people would be interested in purchasing lunch and we over doubled the numbers she got and we still ran out. Again, thank you for your support. On the same note, we have asked and gotten permission from your group to have a barbecue at your June meeting at Twin Lights. The following is the menu we will be having and we hope that you will support us as generously as you did at the March meeting.

Linda Pennock
Chairperson
Audubon Park 4th of July Committee

MENU

Hot sausage 2.75
Sweet sausage 2.75
Kielbasa 2.50
Roast Beef 2.50
Veggie burger 2.00
Hot dog 1.00
Bottled water 1.00
Fruit cup .75
Soda .50
Chips 35

NATIONAL LIGHTHOUSE MUSEUM
Tour Announcement

Tours are now available through May and June 2001 at the National Lighthouse Museum. Tour the site of the U.S. Lighthouse Establishment Depot, Staten Island, the central point for experimentation, design, and supply of our nation's lighthouses for decades beginning in 1863.

Guides will talk about the depot's history, tell you about the remaining buildings, and discuss our future plans at the National Lighthouse Museum.

Tours are held on Wednesday, Saturday, and Sunday. Please call in advance for reservations, at (718)556-1681. Suggested donations for tours is $2.00 per person.

The National Lighthouse Museum is located on the Waterfront in Staten Island, New York, just south of and adjacent to the Staten Island Ferry Terminal.
A Special Thanks
By Elinor & Rich Veit

On Tuesday, March 20, 2001, we were asked to make a presentation about lighthouses and the New Jersey Lighthouse Society to the Beverly-Edgewater Park Rotary Club. We were treated to a delicious dinner and our presentation graciously received. As a very special thanks, Kevin Sean Lee, son of the club's president, Paula Lee, wrote us this poem;

OLD LIGHT

A solitary soldier,
Standing ever vigilant,
Battling the ravages of both time and weather,
Guarding the coasts,
Keeping a watchful eye for hazards,
Giving the alarm to all who wander within perilous reach.

A faithful beacon saluting brightly.
A lonely post to be stood at all hours,
Never given a days leave or rest.
A friend to all mariners,
To whom he sends a knowing wink.
Ever betraying the deceptive fogs and mists,
And lending guidance through life's rocky waters.
A lonely old light standing upon the shore,
A lonely old light watching the seas forever more.

by Kevin Sean Lee

NEW TOUR SIGNS AT SANDY HOOK!

Last October a Boy Scout from Troop 97 in Red Bank, NJ came to Sandy Hook looking for a project to earn his Eagle rank. Lucky for us, he arrived at the lighthouse still looking for that project. That young man was Andrew Dean.

Being badly in the need of tour signs that reflected the dedication and commitment of our volunteers not to mention the high standards of the NPS, Tom Hoffman, NPS and I immediately pitched the project to him. Fortunately for us he agreed that this was a project that would help him earn his Eagle rank.

After a few communications problems between all parties involved Andrew got the right 'specs' and proceeded with the project. Andrew enlisted the help of John Oakley owner of Fantastic Signs of Red Bank, NJ to do the lettering.

The results were beyond expectations and won praise from all those who have seen them and worked with them. Andrew made the signs so any volunteer could carry them without difficulty and the clear, large black letters on the bright white background make them difficult to miss. I believe the pictures will say it much better than I can.

I am very sure that this project is worthy of the award of Eagle ranking to Andrew and the Sandy Hook Lighthouse volunteers and, indeed, all members of the NJLHS owe Andrew a HUGE THANK YOU for the beautiful job he did.

GREAT WORK ANDREW!
Al Smith
Chesapeake Weekend Boat Trip
Story and Photos by Elinor & Rich Veit

On May 5th and 6th, 2001 a group of 95 New Jersey Lighthouse Society members departed Crisfield, Maryland for a trip across the Chesapeake to Portsmouth, Virginia to enjoy a weekend on the bay photographing lighthouses during the trip.

Most of the group arrived the evening prior to the trip and stayed in the Crisfield area to arrive on time for the 9:00 a.m. boarding of the “Captain Rudy Thomas” on May 5th at Somers Cove in Crisfield.

The group departed the dock in Crisfield at 9:30 a.m. and headed to the Chesapeake Bay. Along the trip to Virginia the following lighthouses were passed and photographed by most of the members: Somers Cove, Tangier Island, Jarrels Point, Wind Mill Point, Sting Ray Point, Wolfe Trap, Thimble Shoals and Old Point Comfort. The captain of the boat slowed to allow photographs to be taken of these lights as a short commentary was offered.

The weather on Saturday was perfect for the trip and the members enjoyed the 5 hour cruise catching a lot of sun and even a short nap between lights. Lunch was served on the boat during one of these runs between lights.

The boat arrived in Portsmouth, Virginia around 3:00 p.m. and checked into the Holiday Inn where all arrangements were made for the night. This allowed the group to be on their own for sightseeing in Portsmouth and even time to take the ferry to Norfolk for shopping and visiting. The lightship “Portsmouth” was a main attraction of a lot of the group.

On Sunday the group boarded the boat at 9:00 a.m. for the return trip and more lighthouses to photograph. The captain of the boat first took the group on a tour of the military vessels docked in Norfolk and gave an informative narrative on the type and size of the vessels that were in the docks.

When the boat continued out into the Chesapeake for the return trip, the wind started to blow enough to make the bay quite rough. With the choppy waters not seeming to ease up the captain of the boat thought it wise to not pursue the remaining lights since they were in areas where the water would be much rougher.

During the trip back to Crisfield the boat passed by a Coast Guard rescue mission that was taking place over a boat they had been looking for from the night before. It appeared that the people on board the disabled craft were safe though probable quite cold.

The captain made his way for calmer water as soon as he could to accommodate the group for a lunch that consisted of Fried Chicken and Bar-B-Que pork, which is not a lunch for rough waters. Everyone seemed to enjoy the lunch regardless of the rough seas.

The boat arrived back in Crisfield around 1:45 p.m. with the group seemingly happy with the trip.

In the absence of Carole DiNapoli who had arranged the trip, Yvonne Miller took charge in coordinating the trip and the hotel. An outstanding job was done by them both.
Navesink Light

U.S. Department of Commerce
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Navesink Again Becomes Most Powerful of American Lighthouses.

Navesink Light Station, N.J. on the easternmost spur of the Navesink Highlands, overlooking the entrance to New York Harbor, is again the most powerful light in the United States Lighthouse Service, having just been increased to a candlepower of 9,000,000. This increase in candlepower resulted from the installation of 500-watt electric incandescent bulbs in place of others of lower wattage. Three of these bulbs serve as the light source for the lens, which is of the second order.

The Navesink Light has figured prominently in the improvements made in lighthouse engineering in this country. From the time of its original erection in 1828 until comparatively recent years, it was one of the important lights of this part of the coast. At the present time, however, its importance has diminished because of the improved lightships marking the approaches to New York. Here was installed in 1841 the first Fresnel lens to be used in the United States, the introduction of such lenses being one of the most important improvements ever made in lighthouse equipment.

The fortresslike structure of the present Navesink Light was built in 1862, a period when such massive Government architecture was in vogue. When it was first completed both towers were lighted, fixed lights of the first order being shown from both, in place of the one fixed and one flashing light in the two original towers. Previously the oil used in lighthouse lamps in this country was either whale or lard oil, but in 1883 a test of kerosene oil was made a Navesink, this being the first instance of the use of this kind of oil in a first-order lamp in this country. Shortly afterwards mineral-oil lamps were used in both towers.

The first-order fixed white light in the southerly tower was permanently extinguished on June 2, 1898, and a bivalve lens was installed. At this time a power plant for the generation of electricity was installed and an electric arc lamp was placed in the lens. At the same time the light in the north tower was discontinued. This electric light had a candlepower of 25,000,000, making it the most powerful light ever installed in a lighthouse in the United States.

The electric arc light remained in service at this station until 1917, when the necessity of replacing the old and worn-out machinery brought up the question of cost. It was concluded that incandescent oil vapor could be used as the illuminant, obviating a considerable outlay for new electrical machinery and the cost of special attendance. While the introduction of this illuminant resulted in a material decrease in the candlepower to 710,000, no unfavorable comment was received, indicating that the high candlepower was no longer essential to navigation under the changed conditions.

For a number of years Navesink was the only primary lighthouse lighted by electricity in this country, and the only important shore station having a plant for the generation of electricity. But from 1917 to 1924 an incandescent oil vapor lamp continued to be used, being now supplanted by the incandescent electric lights.

(Navesink was taken out of active service in 1949 due to the larger emphasis placed on electronic navigation and improvements to floating aids).
Program Signals

Summer Meeting - June 23, 2001

The Anniversary/Picnic meeting will be held under the tents on the grounds at Twin Lights. Seating will be provided at this meeting. Hospitality will be served at 10:30 AM. Parking will be at the Henry Hudson Regional High School and members can walk through the athletic fields to Twin Lights. Bus transportation between Henry Hudson Regional HS and Twin Lights will be available from 10AM to 2PM. The thirty three passenger bus will run continuously for that period of time. The bus is equipped with a wide aisle and access to seats but is not equipped with a lift. Wheel bound members and guests may be driven right up to Twin Lights. Lunch will be available for purchase by the ladies who served us the delicious food at the March Meeting at Audubon Park Community Hall. Menu is located on Page 8.

The Annual Raffle will be drawn at 1PM. The quilt will be on display prior to the meeting and both towers will be open to our members.

Directions to Navesink Twin Lights, Highlands, New Jersey

Please note that parking will be at the Henry Hudson Regional High School. From there you will either walk or be bussed to Twin Lights. NJLHS members with ADA stickers may park at the Lighthouse. The Lighthouse Parking lot will be very busy that day as the site will be open for normal business.

DIRECTIONS TO HENRY HUDDSON REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL

From South Jersey: Garden State Parkway North to Exit 105 (Eatontown) to Highway 36 North (East). Go through towns of Long Branch, (36 makes a left turn and goes north along Ocean Blvd. Just before the Atlantic Ocean). Follow north through Monmouth Beach and Sea Bright; follow signs past the entrance to Sandy Hook National Park. Go over the bridge into Highlands, make the first right turn once you're over the bridge. Go down the hill, under the bridge and back up the hill on the other side of the bridge, you'll be on Highland Avenue. At the top of the hill make a left turn onto Portland Road this will take you to the High School (a right turn would put you back on the bridge). Follow Portland Road about a mile until it makes a sharp turn (when you make the turn there will be an entrance to Rocky Point County Park in front of you). You will now be on Grand Tour Rd. The High School is at the top of the hill on the right. You will see the parking lot at the next stop sign.

From North Jersey: Garden State Parkway South to Exit 117 (Keyport/Hazlet) to Highway 36 South for 12 miles into Highlands. Make the last right turn before the bridge, which is Portland Road. Follow Portland Road about a mile until it makes a sharp turn (when you make the turn there will be an entrance to Rocky Point County Park in front of you). You will now be on Grand Tour Rd. The High School is at the top of the hill on the right. You will see the parking lot at the next stop sign.

Walking from High School to Parking Lot

There will be signs with NJLHS printed on it and arrows to direct you to the entrance of the athletic fields, which you will walk across to the Lighthouse. If we use a van or bus to transport people we will have an NJLHS BUS STOP sign.

Fall Meeting - September 22, 2001

This meeting is still in the planning stages but will be in the Barnegat Light Fire Hall. Please watch for information on the website and the telephone line (856-546-0514) as soon as it is available. The annual T-shirt/Sweatshirt Contest will be held at this meeting. Joan Wood and Katie Mosier are organizing the contest this year and have some surprises in store for us.

Winter Meeting - December 1, 2001

The meeting will again be held at the Spring Lake Elementary School followed by the Holiday Social at Sea Girt Lighthouse. Details will be supplied in future issues of the Beam.

Spring Meeting Recap:

A head count at the meeting confirmed 240+ NJLHS members and their guests attended the Spring Photo Contest meeting at the Audubon Park Community Hall even though it was not held in the vicinity of a lighthouse. Participation in the photo contest was enthusiastic and the Kodak ambassadors presentation was informative and helpful to our lighthouse photographers. The hot dogs, sausage and kielbasa sandwiches and sauerkraut served by the Audubon Park Ladies was reasonably priced and delicious. From the amount of chairs available, the food served and the size of the room it was evident that not everyone signed in at the membership table. I can’t emphasize how important it is to sign in at these meetings. Whether we have enough room in the hall and enough seating is the result of how many attended that meeting the previous year. So please take the time to visit Mary Beth at the membership table and sign the sheets. Tinnicum Lighthouse opened to accommodate NJLHS on that day and thank our members who visited for their generosity. Look for the details of the Photo Contest in this issue.