The 2001 Year in Review

President’s Report to the Membership

By Tom Laverty

Every year at this time, the editor(s) of the Beam lets me brag about all the things the Society has done over the previous year. This is one of the fun parts of being President. So here goes the year in review. In 2001, we gave out preservation grants of $3,900 to Tuckerton Seaport for restoration and display of the Brandywine Shoal 3rd order lens. Another $2,500 was given to the National Lighthouse Museum project, and we raised $6,000 for future projects through the preservation raffle.

At Sandy Hook, 2,200 volunteer hours were donated by our members giving tours and greeting the public, and we spent $3,500 on new exhibit panels that now hang in the Keeper’s quarters. The panels have both the National Park Service and New Jersey Lighthouse Society logo on them so that every visitor to the light at the Hook will see our organization’s name. The Sandy Hook Light continues to be an important NJLHS activity, but we have not stopped there. At Absecon Lighthouse our past preservation grants to the Inlet Public Private Association have assisted that organization with the current displays and educational programs now open to the public. Our volunteers have given countless hours of time this year helping to keep that light open as well.

Lighthouse Challenge put the New Jersey Lighthouse Society on the map in 2000 and continued to be a hit this past year. More people accepted the two-day challenge and finished the entire eleven-light tour than the previous year. There is additional information about the Challenge elsewhere in this issue. However, I have to add that, if the event continues to attract the number of people it does, then someone is going to have to figure out a way to build Navesink Lighthouse a bigger parking lot. My legs get tired directing traffic all day—yea, I know, direct with my hands not my legs.

The year saw us continue with those great trips. The Hudson River tour in August was outstanding. A cool summer day, five lighthouses, and the backdrop of the Hudson River Valley, still one of the most scenic river valleys in the country. Everyone who took the second Chesapeake trip earlier in the year was equally enthusiastic. Both trips were sold out and a testament to how well they were run.

And still, we found time to have four meetings. The March meeting was held at the Audubon Park Fire Hall. Yes, we traveled in-land for a lighthouse meeting, but that is the nice thing about New Jersey. No matter where you go, you are near some body of water. Arrangements were made for the Tincicum Lighthouse along the Delaware River to be open for our members after that meeting. More importantly, the March meeting was also the ever-popular photography contest, another blockbuster event with more photographs being entered than the year before. In June, under the tent at Navesink, we braved the approaching thunderstorms, which stayed away until the meeting was over (no divine intervention on my part). Between booms of thunder, the lighthouse quilt was raffled off as the main prize of our Preservation Raffle. The September meeting was at the Barnegat Fire Hall where authors of lighthouse books autographed their works for members. At the Spring Lake Elementary School in December, Jim Crowly, another author gave an excellent presentation based on his book about New York Harbor Lights. After that meeting we (Continued on page 2)
From the Editor’s desk........

Last year's distribution of “The Beam” was just short of 7,000 copies of the newsletter. It was sent to its members and affiliates. At Outreach functions, it was used as an aid to describe our organization. Our Educational Kit includes one in it’s mailings. The largest non-member distribution is during our Challenge weekend when the New Jersey Lighthouses play host to over 6,000 visitors.

Keep your lighthouse stories and pictures coming to help make an interesting and informative publication. Drop us a line if there is something you would like to see in “The Beam”.

Joe Guchek, Editor

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had the social event of the year, our Christmas gathering at Sea Girt Lighthouse. Even if the weather had not been spring like, or Carole DiNapoli and company been such gracious hosts, we would have enjoyed the festivities that put us all in the holiday mood. I usually do not get notes from people telling me how much they enjoyed a meeting, but I did with this one. The Christmas Social may become an annual event.

Let’s not forget the Society’s other activities, which are just as important but perhaps not widely noticed by the membership during the year. Educational Kits, with the Eye of the Mariner Video and several books on New Jersey Lighthouses, continue to be placed in Schools around the State. Many of our members do speaking engagements for organizations about Lighthouses. In 2001, twenty-nine presentations were given by 11 different members to well over 1,300 people. The NJLHS Outreach efforts, where tables with literature and exhibits are set up at special events, fairs, conventions, and other venues, continue to be strong. This year there were more requests to provide coverage for these programs than we had volunteers to staff them. The Society had representatives at two out-of-State programs with another dozen in New Jersey for the year. Our members also assisted Harbour Lights in setting up a tour for their collector’s club. The tour of 80 people came through New Jersey in October and was met by NJLHS members at several lighthouse stops.

I know that I keep repeating this theme, but it is worth mentioning that all this could not have happened without the efforts of our membership. The board and myself have challenged you to become more active and, guess what, many of you have. We still need more volunteer help, but the 2001 response to our pleas has been wonderful. I enjoyed working with all of you and look ahead to the 2002 year with great expectations for the New Jersey Lighthouse Society.

Saving History-Lighthouses

Mark your calendars now for the airing of a History Channel Special, "Saving History-Lighthouses", to air at 8 pm EST on April 19, 2002. There will be a number of lighthouses such as St. Helena in Michigan featured but it will include segments on American Lighthouse Foundation; Lighthouses of Portsmouth Harbor Light, NH, Little River Light, Maine; Rockland Breakwater Light, Maine plus a segment on the Shore Village Museum. It will include segments from the history-making relighting ceremony at Little River Lighthouse.

Tim Harrison
American Lighthouse Foundation
NJLHS Loses Jim Gowdy, Founding Member

Jim Gowdy, one of the founders of the New Jersey Lighthouse Society, passed away on November 5, 2001, after a long illness. He was 48 years old, lived in Sweetwater, NJ, and was a Division Fire Warden for the New Jersey Forest Fire Service in Mays Landing. He is survived by his wife, Ingrid, daughter Stine, and a sister, Linda Day. Another daughter, Alison, died in July, 2000.

Jim and I have different stories as to how we met, but in the fog of memory and time I've long forgotten whose is correct, so I'll tell mine. I had been researching lighthouses since 1978, but knew of no one else who was. In 1983 I had an idea for an article and wrote "Touring New Jersey's Lighthouses" for New Jersey Outdoors. It was my first published article, and I was understandably proud of it. It apparently generated quite a response, and a number of people wrote to the magazine asking for more information about lighthouses and how to get in touch with me. Jim was one of those people. He came over my house one morning and we talked about lighthouses. We talked about lighthouses so much that I completely forgot my host duties, and we chatted non-stop without lunch, drink or break until the afternoon was gone and dinner was approaching. I think we were both so surprised that we weren't the only lighthouse nuts in the world that we couldn't get over the shock. Through the years we exchanged postcards, newspaper clippings and research about lighthouses. Jim's interest was always centered on the lights of the Delaware River and Bay. In December, 1990, Jim published the "first" edition of Guiding Lights of the Delaware River and Bay. It was written on a word processing typewriter and printed on a photocopier. The 100-page book was the forerunner of his later work.

Around the same time, Jim played a critical role in the formation of the group that eventually became the NJLHS. Jack Granger wanted to form a New Jersey Chapter of the United States Lighthouse Society. He placed an ad in the USLHS Keeper's Log Bulletin inviting people to respond if they had an interest in forming the chapter. Jack received only a few letters. Jim Gowdy and I were among the first who responded. Quite a long time passed and it appeared the group would be stillborn. Jim obtained a mailing list of USLHS members in New Jersey from Jack and thought of the idea to do a mass mailing to USLHS members in South Jersey (what was then the 609 area code), surveying them as to their interest in forming a New Jersey Chapter of the United States Lighthouse Society. Ninety form letters and surveys were mailed out, and 35 people responded. Because of this response, Jack, Jim and I felt there was enough interest to take the next step. Jim arranged for and invited the responders to an organizational meeting which was held at the Atlantic County Library on June 23, 1990. The meeting was attended by 19 people. He also arranged for the Absecon Lighthouse to be open for us to visit that day. This was a treat as the lighthouse had been closed to the public for years. It was the perfect ending to the day.

Our next meeting was held in Pennsville and our guest speaker was the late Betty Husarik, who was instrumental in getting the funding for the restoration of the Finns Point Rear Range Lighthouse. It was Jim's acquaintance with Betty that allowed us to make the meeting arrangements.

At the Pennsville meeting and for the next 4 or 5 meetings thereafter, the number of people attending our meetings doubled. At the Pennsville meeting we elected our first Board of Directors. Jim Gowdy was elected Vice President. He served NJLHS in that capacity until 1992, when he resigned to become the Vice President of the Maurice River Historical Society. Having assured the success of the NJLHS, Jim wanted to devote his time and energy to the East Point Lighthouse and was instrumental in obtaining grants which greatly aided the restoration work at East Point. Jim remained a member of the NJLHS, and his contacts have helped NJLHS many times over the years. Jim was always the voice of reason and reconciliation in the group.

In 1999, Jim wrote, Guiding Lights of the Delaware River & Bay, the definitive book on the lighthouses, lightships and depots of the region. The 310-page book vastly added to the body of information available about these little known lighthouses. When Jim approached me about doing the book with him I jumped at the chance. It was an opportunity to learn new software, experiment with longer layouts and basically see what I could do. We were a good team. He had the knowledge, drive, and desire to see the book through. I had the technological ability to make it happen. In the year and half or so we worked on the book, he came to my house many times to check on progress, bring more chapters and discuss direction. During these marathon sessions he'd often stop work and take a break rough-housing with my kids. He'd get them all wound up and then go home! Eamon was especially fond of (Continued on page 4)
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Jim and would often just hang on his back while we were trying to work. Jim was always a better friend to you than you were to him.

Jim had, over the course of his research, become as enamored of the lighthouses that no longer existed as the ones that still stood. These came to be known as "Gowdy Lights."

When the book came out in 1999, my wife and I made up some "celebrity" reviews as a joke, which we shared with Jim. We had Stephen Pleasanton coming back from the dead and quoted as saying "It's a shipwreck of a book!" and Mark Twain saying "Close friends and lovers leave some words unspoken, to my regret, this writer chose not to!" Jim could take a joke. He not only laughed, but took the list and added more to it. Shortly after the publication of the book, Jim became ill.

In 2000, Jim was awarded a Lifetime Achievement Award by the Delaware Bay Lighthouse Keepers and Friends Association for his research and work on the lighthouses of the Delaware Bay region. Little did we realize that his life's work was to become his legacy.

NJLHS has grown remarkably in the years since its birth, but I don't believe NJLHS would have been formed if not for Jim Gowdy. While Jack Granger had the vision and I had the tools, it was Jim who bridged the gap between them and provided the course of action that resulted in the birth of the NJLHS. We owe Jim Gowdy an immense debt of gratitude. The shore will be a little darker with his passing.

In lieu of flowers, the family has requested donations to the Alison Gowdy Scholarship Fund, Batsto-Pleasant Mills United Methodist Church, 5312 Pleasant Mills Road, Sweetwater, NJ 08037-4109.

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"Jim Gowdy Memorial Cruise"

The date has been set.

May 19, 2002—3:00 PM
Leaving Fortescue, NJ

The cost will be $5.00 per person provided we fill the boat. It will be first-come, first-served, - by reservation only, and paid in advance.

For reservations call Maxine Mulligan, at (856) 691-8224.

The boat holds 65 people.

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Calendar of Events—2002

3/16 - General Membership Meeting—Uptown School Complex, Atlantic City
- Absecon Lighthouse & Keeper’s House open
- Annual Photo Contest
- Guest Speaker: Tim Harrison, Lighthouse Digest
- Lunch provided for purchase

4/2 - North Carolina Bus Trip**
- Week-long bus trip
- Visit all North Carolina lighthouses

4/6 - Harbour Lights Spring Regional Event, Berkeley Heights, NJ**
- 1:00-3:00 pm
- Representatives from various lighthouse organizations
- Raffle, give-aways, and more

5/11 - Outreach—Piney Pt., MD+, Lighthouse open

5/19 - Delaware Bay Lighthouse Keeper’s Boat Trip
- Memorial for Jim Gowdy

6/1 - Outreach—Bay Day, East Point Lighthouse, Heislerville, NJ+

6/29 - General Membership Meeting—Tinicum Lighthouse Ball Field*
- 12th Anniversary Picnic
- Preservation Raffle

8/3 - Outreach—Open House East Point Lighthouse, Heislerville, NJ+

9/21 - General Membership Meeting—Hereford/Cape May Area*
- Annual T-shirt/Sweatshirt Contest

9/28 & 29 - Outreach—Tuckerton Baymen's Decoy Show, Tuckerton, NJ+

10/19 & 20 - Lighthouse Challenge 2002**
- NJ Land-based lighthouses open to public

12/7 - General Membership Meeting*

1/03 - Membership Renewal Time!

Other Lighthouse News... East Point Lighthouse, Starting in April, Open 3rd Sunday of the month, 1:00-4:00 PM

* Date to be determined
+ Volunteers needed — contact Yvonne Miller
* Location to be determined
** Information/Details to Follow
(856) 546-0514 NJLHS "Hotline"
Hi, and welcome to another edition of Light Bytes. This month’s review comes by way of suggestion, and is simply titled: The Lighthouse People. The address is http://www.thelighthousepeople.com/. The Lighthouse People are Bob and Sandra Shanklin, who have been featured in Lighthouse Digest; both by submitting pictures and stories. Their site looks new, and a few of the links take you to pages still under construction; a good thing because it looks like there is a lot of information and some great pictures to see. For those of you who have never heard of The Lighthouse People, read the bio found by clicking on Our Stories. If only I had the time and money to take the trips and see the lights they’ve seen.

The main page has a link to recently added pictures from a trip to Puerto Rico and includes a picture of Bob and Sandra in front of El Morro light. Clicking the link takes you to their page of Puerto Rican lights. Also on the main page is a link to the September 2000 Lighthouse Digest, with their pictures, and a link that takes you to information about their trip to Hawaii. Other links on the main page offer a way to email the Shanklins, methods to contact the Shanklins, a catalog of their books, their travels, their story, seldom seen lights, US lighthouses, some bonus lights, how to order, a scrapbook, and finally a list of their links.

At the present time, the links on Our Travels and Bonus lights take you to pages that are under construction. Hopefully these will be fleshed out, as I’m sure there are some great pictures to be seen and some great stories to be told. With all of the traveling they’ve done and all the pictures they’ve taken, it must be hard to whittle them down to the few they include on their web pages.

On the page for US Lighthouses, there is a sentence that reads “This page will eventually contain at least one photo of every lighthouse in the US.” Quite ambitious. As I am writing this article, there are links for North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Virginia, Mississippi, Alabama, Puerto Rico, Hawaii, Washington, Oregon, Maine, New Hampshire, Minnesota, Indiana, Wisconsin, Florida (which is being worked on), Texas, and Louisiana. In big red letters, it proclaims that NEW JERSEY WILL BE NEXT. Interestingly, all of the pictures on their website are for sale.

One of the neatest sections on the site is entitled LH Scrapbook. Of all the websites I have been to, this is the first site that has actually asked for submissions from the readers. From the top of the page: “We would like to show photos of YOU in front of a lighthouse. As you send them to us, we will put them here.” There are some really neat and creative pictures sent in by some of the visitors.

The Seldom Seen Lighthouses are: Round Island, Mississippi; West Rigolets, Louisiana; Point Conception California; the “Gurnet” (the Plymouth Light), Massachusetts; Cedar Key, Florida; and Little Cumberland Island, Georgia.

Finally, you can order either of their books: Lighthouses of the Hawaiian Islands or List of All Existing U.S. Lighthouses. If you want, they will autograph them for you.

Over all, this is a great web site from a great resource, and I’m thankful for the suggestions, as it’s a site I had never been to. The Lighthouse People have been to a lot of lighthouses, quite likely, all of the US lights. If you are looking for a picture of a particular light, you are more than likely to find it here. The site is easy to navigate, and the pictures are high quality.

As always, feel free to send me your comments, criticism, questions and suggestions to greg_jansky@yahoo.com.
SANDY HOOK

A GOOD YEAR AT THE SANDY HOOK LIGHTHOUSE

New Jersey Lighthouse Society members had a good year at Sandy Hook this year.

For the National Park Service year ending September 30, 2001, 59 Sandy Hook volunteers gave over 2,418 and ½ volunteer hours giving 861 tours of the Lighthouse. The lighthouse was actually climbed by 5,578 people and another 3,516 people who did not climb either viewed one of the videos available or were given information about the lighthouse, the park and/or the Society. As always, the most asked question was “Where is the bathroom?”. Not a very glamorous but quite a necessary question.

Members who volunteer do not get recognition from the National Park Service for their service, that goes to the New Jersey Lighthouse Society (see plaque in living room of the Keeper’s House).

Five members contributed over 100 hours; Greg Jansky, Rich Wikander and the Smith family. Rounding out the top ten volunteers in terms of hours are Ray Vliet, Pat Brooks, Joe Smorra, Lois Mumie and Carl Erickson.

I would like to thank ALL the Sandy Hook volunteers for their work this year as well as their help in the past and I look forward to working with you again in NPS fiscal year 2002.

See ya’ at “The Hook”.
Al Smith

WANTED: VOLUNTEERS!

We have just finished the 2001 Sandy Hook tour season and here I am asking you to think about the 2002 season!

During the NPS fiscal year ending Sept. 30, 2001 Sandy Hook volunteers gave 861 tours and interacted with 9,094 visitors. (See A Good Year at the Sandy Hook Lighthouse elsewhere in this issue).

THANK YOU to each of you for your efforts. I heard many complimentary comments from the public concerning the conduct of the tours and the helpful nature of our volunteers; I hope you heard them too.

Now we must get ready for 2002. What better time to look at our calendars for the coming year than at the beginning (before it gets cluttered with all those ‘must do’s’ we all have) and try figure out what time we may have available for Sandy Hook.

Two dates to start with are our orientation dates. They will be March 10th and March 23rd, a Saturday and a Sunday. Of course, you need only make one of the dates. We’ll start at the Visitor’s Center at 10 a.m. for a tour of areas we have not visited in the past. Finally we will gather at the Keeper’s House. We will break for lunch (provided by NJLHS) before we cover those ‘in house’ things that are important to our running of tours and any information that NPS may want to give us regarding new procedures, etc.

We will discuss the continuation of our Thursday night summer tours.

Obviously, we are looking to expand our volunteer base (as is every other Lighthouse group) and we would like YOU to join us. As you can see we have a very active group of volunteers; what doesn’t show is how much fun they have working together. Why not give us a try?

My phone number is (856) 546-7810 or e-mail me at cmagsmith@juno.com.

Volunteer Coordinator
Al Smith
A Message from Membership...
(Mary Beth Doherty, Membership Chair)

To those of you who’ve returned your renewal forms, thank you. If you haven’t returned your form, please do so as soon as you can. You will receive the March issue of The Beam, but if your dues aren’t paid, you will not receive future issues or mailings.

Meeting Attendees: There were 174 people signed-in at the Spring Lake/Sea Girt meeting in December. Reminder: 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 = 297
Family Memberships = 277 x 2 = 554
Total = 851 members

A Few Reminders:
✓ Society Nametags: Stop by the Membership Table to order. The tags are $4.00 each, paid for when ordering, and will be mailed to you. (Orders are taken at meetings only.)
✓ 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!

Tim Amin
Margie Babcock
Matthew Bacsik
Jon Ashall & Amy Beers
Charles Bernard
Donna & John Bishop
Floyd & Alice Bittenbender
Michael Bocchino
Pam Boyd
Diane Conti & Douglas Brophy
Wade & Ruth Bunting
John Cantilli
Pat Christensen
Bruce Christensen
Robert Claus
Nancy Lee Cranmer
Craig & Nancy Cunningham
Edward & Marlene Dalley
Bob & Shirley Davies
Patrick DiVitantonio
Lee Eichinger
Tony Farber
Eric Flanagan
James & Ann Fry
Rosemarie Gorski
Fran Hackett
Russell Hackius, Jr.
Joyce & Mike Hager
Laura Hall
Mark Hardenburg
John & Mary Hayden
Gordon Hayner, Jr.
Walter Higgins
Lorraine Hines
Doris & Denis Humphreys
Susan Ingraham
Brett & Mary Jenison
Josephine Johnson
Mary & Ronald Joseph
Eric Kindervater
Sheila Lacouture
William Ladell
Michael & Joann LeMasney
Paul Lieberman

Mt. Holly, NJ
Kansas City, MO
Barneget, NJ
Catassauqua, PA
Nanticoke, PA
Mariton, NJ
Saylorsburg, PA
Brick Twp., NJ
Atl. Highlands, NJ
Shark River Hills, NJ
Budd Lake, NJ
Cranford, NJ
Eatononw, NJ
Woodbridge, NJ
Delanco, NJ
North Wales, PA
Richboro, PA
Edison, NJ
Ambler, PA
Morris Plains, NJ
Egg Harbor City, NJ
Yardville, NJ
S. Orange, NJ
Cheltenham, PA
Edison, NJ
So. Plainfield, NJ
Churchville, PA
Deerfield Beach, Fl.
Woodlyn, PA
Piscataway, NJ
Aberdeen, MD
Stoughton, MA
Ship Bottom, NJ
Whiting, NJ
Pennsville, NJ
Cincinnati, OH
Somerset, NJ
Toms River, NJ
Linwood, NJ
West Creek, NJ
Randolph, NJ
Jersey City, NJ
Stratford, NJ
Stroudsburg, PA

Since the deadline of the December issue of The Beam, the following members have joined our Society. If you happen to meet them at a future meeting, please welcome them.

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New Members

Diane Lindauer
Virginia Lynch
Maria Nicole Masi
John & Nancy McCarron
Erma McCue
Mary Ann & Robert Mercer
Antonina Mitchell
Antonio Morrison
Linda & Daniel Mulvey
Mary Nightingale
Mr. & Mrs. Nelson Peterson
Beryl Petote
Roy & Cynthia Powell
Donna & Ray Quinn
Carolee Reynolds
Joanne Ricca
Dennis & Beverlee Robbins
Marion Roll
Mary Ann Rosamilia
Mr. & Mrs. Don Sapanara
Jim & Luanne Shrock
Walter & Sandra Shultz
Ann & John Shute
Don & Liz Smith
Linda Speece
Patti Stevens
Robert Stott
Cynthia Stryker
Charlene & Joseph Subyak
Foster & Coral Waddell
Nancy Waitkus
Lorna Whitehorse
Robert Wiegartner
The Family Wilbert
Susan Willis
Mark Wrotney
Metuchen, NJ
Somerset, NJ
Brick, NJ
Doylestown, PA
Liverpool, CA
Collingswood, NJ
Beesley's Point, NJ
Chester, PA
Lawrenceville, NJ
Uniontown, PA
Glassboro, NJ
S. River, NJ
Lansdale, PA
Severna Park, MD
Toms River, NJ
Howell, NJ
Willingboro, NJ
Bellmore, NY
Parsippany, NJ
Branchburg, NJ
Glen Rock, NJ
Pottstown, PA
Barnegat, NJ
Tuckerton, NJ
Elders, PA
Redbank, NJ
Williamstown, NJ
Verona, NJ
Manahawkin, NJ
Toms River, NJ
Fair Haven, VT
Keyport, NJ
Monroe Twp., NJ
Colts Neck, NJ
Mendham, NJ
Sewell, NJ

HOSPITALITY

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU

Your overwhelming generosity with cookies and cakes for our 2001 meetings was greatly appreciated. Everyone at the meetings enjoyed all the goodies.

Thank you again to everyone who brought something. If anyone would like to bring a baked good to our March meeting, please let me know. My phone number is 856-546-7810 or my e-mail is bjksmith@juno.com.

If you let me know you are going to bring something, I will be able to better plan what I still have to get for the meeting.

Betty Smith

WE'RE BACK

On behalf of the Audubon Park 4th of July Committee, I would like to express their sincere THANK YOU to all your members who purchased your lunch from us at the meetings in 2001. We hope everyone who bought something enjoyed it.

On the same note, we have gotten permission from your group to sell lunch at the March meeting at Absecon.

The following is the menu we will be having and we hope that you will support us as generously as you did at the past meetings.

Linda Pennock, Chairperson
Audubon Park 4th of July Committee

MENU

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NJLHS—2002 Executive Board and Committee Chairs

Right to Left: Rick Weber, Barbara Pepe, Jack Slavin, Ron Bandock (rear), Pat Bandock, Mary Beth Doherty, Doreen Lagattuta, Debbie Meginigal, Ray Vliet, Betty Smith, Al Smith (rear), Yvonne Miller, Cindy Mitzen, Tom Laverty, Elmer Veit, Ray Veit, Bill Volpe, Carol Guchek & Joe Guchek

Notable comments, quotes and four pages of photos from the Challenge 2001:

- 3 ladies from Whiting, who cheered upon completion of climbing Sandy Hook.
- 3 Red Cross volunteers from Oregon and Indiana took a break from assisting NJ victims of World Trade Center and joined us for a challenge of another kind. A lighthouse keeper and an artist met the challenge.
- There were tree climbers from South River and dog sitters from Dover. First to finish at Sandy Hook was from PA. A dedicated family from PA rented a car to complete the challenge after theirs broke down.
- 1st state (DE) Harley Davidson Group was here for the second year. Gold Wing Road Riders Chapter "C" motorcycle group from NJ also dared the challenge. Families, children and dogs named Chatham and Tybee joined us.

Some comments from those visiting the lighthouses:
- Best in the state • Wow!
- Great event • People were the nicest we met
- Absecon—the best!
- Beautiful house • Yours is the best • Thanks—NJLHS
- Beautiful • Wonderful event • Glad to see the Keeper’s House up • Great experience • Great time
- Lots of fun • Great day • Happy grand opening • Enjoying the site • Great job at restoring it • Having fun • Excellent restoration of house • 2nd tour—very interesting • Remote—out of the way—but beautiful • Great find • 1st tour • Love the idea of the challenge • On directions: add mileage indicators between turns • I almost didn’t make it • No 616 sign • Enjoyed it very much • A sign at Glade Rd. would help • Great event!
- Great fun! • Thanks
- Lots of fun • Great day!
- Having a great time!
- Great lighthouse, beautiful landscape • Having a wonderful time.
- Having a great time visiting all the lighthouses • Beautiful lighthouse, gorgeous day • Enjoying it • Great so far! • Exhausted but still pumped excellent
- and quaint • Exciting • Great tour of NJ lights • Great, thank you! • This was great! • Wonderful!
- Great looking spot! • Glad to be here! • Cool!
- Loved the idea • The gardens are beautiful • Beautiful lighthouse and gardens • A very interesting trip and everyone is so pleasant • 2nd tour—still interesting • Fun!
- Beautiful day—wonderful
Challenge 2002

The second Lighthouse challenge has come and gone and what an event it was! Gift shops were cleaned out and tour guides were exhausted. Although the Challenge was held only one month after the sad events of September 11th, lighthouse lovers responded enthusiastically. Maybe it was a way of showing that the American spirit could not be diminished, or maybe it was simply that people like us couldn't get enough of the lighthouses that we love so much. Whatever the reason, we greatly surpassed our expectations. As Tom Lavery, NJLHS President, so aptly puts it, "This event has put us on the map!" Even before the event is over, guests wanted to know when we would have the next one.

We had so many different visitors. In the final tally, 575 people made it to all 11 lights, about a dozen in only one day! They came from 18 different states; 288 were from out of state. The farthest was from Oregon! We estimate that at least 6,000 people visited at least one lighthouse during the weekend.

Some of our most cherished guests were Red Cross workers taking a break from their duties at the World Trade Center to enjoy their lighthouse passion. It is comforting to know that our society did help their efforts in some small way.

I have to thank all those who volunteered. We had 69 of our own members, including the entire Board helping over the weekend. I must also praise the volunteers of the individual lighthouses whose efforts in the past have made this event possible. Indeed, it is a privilege for me to coordinate an event in which so many people want to participate.

My thanks to the Board for acting so quickly to schedule the 2002 Lighthouse Challenge for October 19th and 20th, 2002. I have already been receiving offers to volunteer. It has been recognized that in two short years, this event has become a symbol of our organization.

Challenge Coordinator
Rick Weber
WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE SURVEY

Ron & I would like everyone to take a few minutes to fill out a survey. We need your help in order to diversify our supply of lighthouse items. Thank you.

Would you be interested in purchasing:

____ Mugs with NJ lighthouses
____ Mugs with NJLHS logo
____ Mugs with _______________________

____ License Plate Holder with NJLHS logo
____ Books on lighthouses by areas of US
____ Books on lighthouses by countries
____ Books on lightships
____ Books on lighthouse keepers
____ Children’s lighthouse books
____ Other suggestions: _______________________

____ Maps of other regions similar to Mid-Atlantic and US maps we now carry.
____ Golf shirt with NJLHS logo
____ Embroidered hats
____ T-shirt/sweatshirt with different design/color
  Write a brief description if you have an idea.

If you have any suggestions, please let us know. Our job is to serve you and your needs.

Suggestions: ______________________________________________________

You may e-mail Pat at: PBANDOCK@HOTMAIL.COM

or mail this to: Ron & Pat Bandock
108 E. Linden Avenue
Collingswood, NJ 08108

RON & PAT BANDOCK
OUTREACH 2002

By: Yvonne Miller

Outreach for 2002 has already begun and this is a brief report of what has transpired so far. Please be aware that we are always looking for help in these events and welcome volunteers for all the events listed below:

January 19, 2002

Pat & Ron Bandock, Betty & Al Smith, Elinor and Rich Veit and myself traveled to the Solomon Islands, Maryland and participated in the Winter Lights Festival at the Calvert Maritime Museum. We gave out membership brochures and relayed the events of our Challenge 2001 and invited all those who stopped to listen about the Challenge 2002. Our New Jersey Lighthouse Diorama was well received. In addition to the event, those of us who attended were able to visit the Cove Point and Drum Point Lighthouses before the event was closed down because of the weather. While we did not have the amount of snow that fell here in New Jersey, it turned to rain and sleet in the afternoon and the event closed early. However, it was truly a Winter Festival.

April 6, 2002

Harbour Lights Spring Regional, Berkely Heights, NJ.

All members should have received the flyer announcing this event by now. NJLHS has been asked to assist Harbour Lights in this event. Since so many of our members are Harbour Lights Collectors and since HL has been so generous to our Society with prizes for raffles, door prizes etc., we were very happy to join them in this event. If you are interested in volunteering please see Dennis Whelan at the meeting on March 16th.

May 11, 2002

Piney Point, Maryland

Betty & Al Smith are planning on participating in this event. Contact them if you are interested in joining them to represent NJLHS.

The following Outreach events are planned so far in conjunction with our Ways & Means Committee. Volunteers will be needed to set up our tent and display or to sell items for ways and means. See me at the meeting or call/email me at 856 797 2451 or ymm615@hotmail.com.

June 1, 2002 Bay Day, East Point Lighthouse, Heislerville, NJ
August 3, 2002 Open House, East Point Lighthouse, Heislerville, NJ
September 28 & 29, 2002 Tuckerton Middle School, Tuckerton, NJ

Tuckerton Seaport & Baymen Museums Decoy Show

If anyone has a festival or craft show, etc. in their local area in which you think NJLHS should be participating, please let me know. Let's keep the lights shining.
Program Signals:
By Yvonne Miller

Spring Meeting: The March 16, 2002 meeting will be held at the Uptown School Complex at Melrose and Vermont Avenues, Atlantic City, NJ. The normal meeting format will be followed.

Hospitality 10:30 am
(Members are encouraged to bring goodies.)

General Membership Meeting 11:00 am

Break for Lunch between meeting and program* 12:15 PM

Lunch will be available.
Look for details from Betty Smith in this issue.

Presentation* 1PM
Tim Harrison, Lighthouse Digest & Depot, Wells, ME
Tim will give a presentation on Lost and Endangered Lighthouses. He will have copies of his books: Lost Lighthouses and Endangered Lighthouses, for sale. If you already have these books bring them along for signing.

Photo Contest
People's Choice Voting
See Al Smith's article in this issue.

* Times approximate

DIRECTIONS TO THE UPTOWN SCHOOL COMPLEX: From North, South or West, find your way to Rt. 30, (White Horse Pike) follow signs toward the Show Boat Casino. At the intersection of Rt. 30 and Baltic Avenue, turn left (traveling North, this will be Melrose Ave.). The School will be on your left at Melrose & Vermont Avenues. There is some parking in front of the school and on street. The meeting will be held in the cafeteria. The school is a few blocks from the Lighthouse and directions will be given at the meeting. Cancellations due to weather etc, would be announced on the Internet or on the Society Phone Number, 1-856-546-0514.

SUMMER MEETING: June 29, 2002
ANNUAL PRESERVATION RAFFLE,
Tinicum Rear Range Lighthouse,
Paulsboro, NJ

FALL MEETING: September 21, 2002
SWEATSHIRT/TSHIRT CONTEST
Location to be announced

WINTER MEETING: December 1, 2001
ELECTIONS
Location to be announced.

WINTER MEETING RECAP

The December 1, 2001 meeting at the Spring Lake Heights Elementary School and the Sea Girt Lighthouse was attended by approx. 175 members and guests. After the meeting and presentation by Jim Crowley, we moved on to the Lighthouse where Carole DiNapoli and her committee worked some Holiday Magic and presented us with wonderful food, drink and ambience. There was a lot of interaction between our members as we ate drank and were merry. I have heard many comments about doing that again. If we can arrange it at another lighthouse, and we have another volunteer hostess, we will certainly try. Sea Girt is one of a few NJ Lighthouses where this type of a reception could be held. We'll work on it. Carole asked me to express her appreciation to all of the people who prepared the goodies and especially those who helped her that day set up and clean up afterward. In addition, I would like to personally thank Carole for taking on this project. She planned and achieved a very successful, sumptuous event. Then she wouldn't even let Tom, Becky or myself help afterward. She chased us out the door with the vacuum cleaner. Thanks Carole!! My personal "thanks" also to Laurie Wolfrum who made the arrangements for us to use the Spring Lake Heights Elementary School again this year. Laurie took care of all of these arrangements right before she gave birth to the latest little Wolfrum.