The 2004 Year in Review

President’s Report to the Membership

If we were a retail operation and reported to the business world that operations for 2004 were the same as our 2003 business year, our stock would probably drop, and there would be cause for concern in the boardroom. But as a non-profit, to say the past year was every bit as good as the previous year, can be a good thing. Particularly when the previous year was a great one - 2004 has been just as busy and successful for NJLHS.

Here are some highlights of what we have done:

Meetings: Yvonne Miller and her committee continued their outstanding job of selecting meeting sites and doing the logistical work to make them run.

NJLHS’s March meeting, the annual photography contest, went off without a hitch. Working with Al Smith and the photo contest committee, they pulled together what has become one of our most popular meeting activities. There were hundreds of entries and lots of smiling faces as winners were announced. This was Al’s last year as chair of the committee and we look forward to seeing what new committee chair Cindy Mitzen has in store this March.

Rich Velt and the Preservation Raffle Committee held the annual drawing under a tent at the June meeting at Absecon Lighthouse in Atlantic City. Rich’s committee raised $5000 for the Society to use to further lighthouse projects around the State.

October 2nd, 2004 we traveled out of State to Lewes, Delaware. The Gucheks and Volpes arranged for use of a local church hall for the meeting. Renard Petronzio organized a 3-hour cruise of lighthouses on the Delaware Bay, and for those who did not want to take the tour, tours of the Overfalls Lightship and Indian River Life Saving Station were available. The tour guides at the lightship were astounded to see so many interested visitors board their vessel. At the meeting itself, officers of the Overfalls Lightship organization gave a presentation on their efforts to date. Bob Trapani, President of the Delaware River and Bay Lighthouse Foundation gave an excellent slide show of the work his organization is doing. We look forward to hearing more from Bob in the coming year.

Finally in December we met at St. Rose High School in Belmar, where NJLHS members Nancy and Jim Cope gave us an excellent presentation about the lighthouses they have visited all over the world. In the afternoon Carol Dinapoli and her committee pulled together our annual Christmas social at Sea Girt Lighthouse. Everyone enjoyed good food and company.

Preservation Donations: Assisting organizations in maintaining lighthouses and promoting lighthouse history has always been one of the major efforts of NJLHS. To that end we used our Preservation Fund to help the following lighthouse groups:

Barneget Lighthouse - $5000 ($1400 Memorial Fund & $3600 Preservation Fund), to assist the Department of Environmental Protection, Division of Parks and Forestry with fabrication of a new exhibit in the recently renovated visitor center at Barneget Lighthouse State Park. The exhibit opened to the public in October of last year.

We continue to help the National Lighthouse Museum with a $2500 donation and look forward to working with Jerry Roberts, the new executive director of that organization. Jerry is the former director of exhibits at Intrepid Sea-Air-Space Museum in New York City. NJLHS is looking forward to seeing what plans he has to make the National Museum a reality.

Overfalls Lightship - $500 to help them with their excellent restoration work on the lightship.

Sandy Hook Lighthouse - $20,000. Although this money has not been spent, it was budgeted last year to hire an exhibit design firm. The firm will give NJLHS, the National Park Service and Sandy Hook Foundation a plan for exhibits in the renovated
Keeper’s House. The project is underway and we expect to finish that plan this spring.

Although two donations came from our Program Fund and not the Preservation Fund, they were just as important. The Delaware River and Bay Lighthouse Foundation was given $500 to assist Bob Trapani’s group in the good work they are doing with lighthouses in the Delaware Bay area.

At Sea Girt Lighthouse President Bill Dunn was given a check for $200. The Sea Girt Lighthouse organization has always been hospitable to our organization whenever we have met there. They have had many ongoing projects to preserve their lighthouse.

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**Lighthouse Challenge:**

Doreen Lagattuta, Rick Weber, and the Lighthouse Challenge Committee continue to outdo themselves. Anyone who volunteered to help with the Challenge, or took it, knows what an undertaking this is each year. Doreen and the committee are already working hard on next year’s event. The Maryland Challenge sponsored by our friends at the Chesapeake Chapter ULSHS is now headed for its third year and Long Island will join the list this spring of places doing a Challenge. Plans are underway between the lighthouse groups to offer a special certificate for completing all three Challenges.

**Volunteers at the Hook:**

Working equally hard are all those volunteers at Sandy Hook Lighthouse keeping the light open on weekends April to December, and giving school, scout, and other special tours during the week. Al Smith, Sandy Hook volunteer coordinator, reported over 2800 volunteer hours for the group. The National Park Service has been thrilled with our involvement in keeping this important historic tower open to the public.

**Trips:**

BJ Smith organized another blockbuster trip, this time to Massachusetts, while Mike Boucher led a second Staten Island Trip, which also received rave reviews.

**Speakers Bureau:**

Bill Volpe coordinated dozens of speaking engagements for NJLHS members who went out and did talks about New Jersey Lighthouses to more than 800 people in 2004. The speaker’s bureau is fast becoming a popular and effective way of doing programs on New Jersey Lighthouses.

**Education Kits:**

In 2004 the Society has given more than a dozen education kits to schools in New Jersey. Bill Volpe continues to spearhead this important effort.

**Outreach:**

The outreach committee led by Yvonne Miller was extremely busy this year. Here are a few of the places NJLHS members represented the organization:

- **Calvert Museum, Solomons, Maryland, Suffolk County Lighthouse Day Festival on Long Island New York.**
- **Pinney Point Maryland Festival, Barnegat Bay Festival, East Point open house, Tuckerton Baymen’s Decoy show, New Jersey Coast Day, the 8th annual Barnegat Bay National Estuary Program.**

Everything I have mentioned has been listed in our newsletter **The Beam**, expertly put together by editors Joe and Carol Guchek. It is however exciting to review our activities each year and realize how much NJLHS has done. I cannot close without my favorite theme, all of this could not be done without the dedication of all the volunteers and members who care so much about the organization. I hope you have enjoyed being a member of NJLHS in 2004, and look to 2005 with great anticipation of what we will accomplish together.
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A Message from Membership
(Mary Beth Doherty, Membership Chair; email address: NGLHSMember1@aol.com)

HELP WANTED!!

Due to my increased involvement in the Society, I’m looking for a couple of people to assist me with membership responsibilities. Right now, it would be helping out during the meetings (i.e., sitting at the table, and greeting members as they arrive/sign-in). In the future, I may need more help. If you plan to attend all meetings, and would like to get more involved in the Society, please let me know. You can email me, call, or talk to me at the next meeting. Thank you!

Just a Few Things:

- I would like to extend my condolences to the families of Al Burgess, John Mazza, and Charles Reilly. They were members of our Society that passed on within the last few months. We will miss you.
- Claire Luka is a member of our Society who lives in the Edison area. She is looking for other members who live in her area to carpool to meetings, etc. If you live in her area, please email her at: clairesh42000@aol.com
- Thank you to those of you that have already renewed. To those of you that haven’t renewed yet, please do so as soon as you can. If you don’t renew, you will not receive the June issue of The Beam.

Meeting Attendees:

There were 120 members and guests that signed in at our December meeting in Sea Girt, NJ. If you attended the Social, I hope you enjoyed it as much as I did. Thank you to Carol DiNapoli and her committee for another successful Holiday Social!!

Reminder: Please sign the book. We like to keep track of how many people are coming to the meetings to ensure a facility large enough and plenty of chairs.

Membership Numbers:
At the deadline for this issue, the membership numbers are as follows:
- Single Memberships = 372
- Family Memberships = 315 x 2 = 630
- Total Members = 1,002

Reminders:

Please direct all membership questions to me. I have all the information and will be able to answer you immediately. Please feel free to email or call me.

Society Nametags: Stop by the Membership Table to order the nametags. They are $4.00 each, paid for when ordering, and will be mailed to you. (Orders will be taken at meetings only.)

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

Gift Membership: A membership to the New Jersey Lighthouse Society would be the perfect gift for that person who has everything! Please allow enough time for me to process the application!

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A Successful 5th Annual New Jersey Lighthouse Challenge 2004!

by Doreen Lagattuta, Challenge Chairman

The 5th Annual New Jersey Lighthouse Challenge 2004 was an overwhelming success! We had 1,152 people complete the New Jersey Challenge and 360 people completed both the New Jersey and Maryland Challenges. Participants came from 27 States and 3 countries: Canada, Costa Rica and Germany. There were a total of 16,500 visits to all eleven lighthouses. A special “Thank You” to all the volunteers who logged over 2,200 hours that weekend – we could not have done the Challenge without you! Many of you spent hours preparing for the Challenge and we thank you for that also.

Our special limited edition of 5th Annual pins sold out on the Saturday of the Challenge weekend – we’re sorry we couldn’t accommodate everyone. We still have T-Shirts available in sizes Large, Extra Large and 3X. If you’re interested in purchasing a Challenge T-Shirt, please email the Ways and Means committee at njlshways_means@verizon.net. The price is $15.00 + $3.00 for shipping or you could save on the shipping by buying one at the Ways & Means table during the March meeting.

We’re already planning for NJ Lighthouse Challenge 2005. We’ve been applying for grants to cover the cost of Challenge expenses. If anyone has ideas on additional ways in which we can apply for financial assistance, please let me know. As usual, we’ll need volunteers to help out the weekend of the Challenge. If you’d like to volunteer, please contact Barbara Pepe, the Volunteer Coordinator (see her article for contact information).

We’re planning on making some exciting changes for this year’s Challenge! We’ll keep you posted. Looking forward to seeing everyone on October 15 & 16 for the 6th Annual New Jersey Lighthouse Challenge!

A VIEW OF THE CHALLENGE FROM SANDY HOOK

The geographical placement of Sandy Hook Lighthouse makes it an ideal spot for Challenge participants to begin the tour on Saturday morning, and indeed, it is a busy place, with people swarming around to collect their cards, buy T-shirts and pins, and launch their trip.

And again, because of its location, Sandy Hook is sometimes the last lighthouse on the Challenge tour, making for an interesting collection of people who end up there with stories to tell.

Participants can begin and end the Challenge at any lighthouse, and many of them do, with a large number completing the trip at Tincum. This, however, is what happened at Sandy Hook.

Every year, some participants complete the Challenge in a single day. Saturday always has a few “finishers,” but most of them arrive on Sunday. This year’s first “finishers” on Saturday had a chauffeur, a friend who did the driving. Andrew and Sarah Jablonski of Reading, PA, had Darren Dougherty, also of Reading, as a driver, and they ended up at 4:30 on Saturday afternoon at Sandy Hook, claiming to have had enough time on the journey to do (Continued on page 2)
some shopping in Cape May. They also said that they arrived at their starting point, Tinicum, early enough to help the Lighthouse Society volunteers set up for the day.

The second people to complete the Challenge on Saturday were Roy and Sue Beck of Lake Gilman, N.J. who were making the Challenge for the first time. They said they had time to climb the lighthouses at Tinicum, Hereford Inlet, Sea Girt, and Twin Lights, and lined up to climb Sandy Hook. They arrived at 5:15 p.m., and dinner was not a problem. They weren’t looking for local restaurants. They had a meal cooking on the car engine all afternoon, wrapped in aluminum foil, and ready to eat as soon as they finished climbing Sandy Hook.

Fifteen minutes later, two men, Glen Kislowski from Belmar, N.J. and Keith Brach, of Neptune, N.J. arrived.

Sunday brought a raft of people, but the first arrivals turned up quite early. Joe and Fran Aurienma of Norristown, PA turned up with their beagles, Summer and Murphy. This, they said, was the third year in a row that they made the Challenge, and that Murphy was a dog who had recovered from paralysis at age 4, in an injury from jumping off a bed. The couple had bought Summer to keep Murphy company in his recuperation, and the quartet, with twelve legs between them, were completing their third Challenge.

The next Sunday finishers were a couple of real lighthouse aficionados, George and Margaret Burns, of Croydon, PA, who already have visited many lighthouses in Michigan, California, Pennsylvania, Delaware, and New Jersey.

Our first dual completers, who did both the Maryland and New Jersey 2004 Challenges, were a father-and-son team. Dan Shoemaker and his 7-year-old son Daniel, of Hazelton, PA. They found out about the Challenge while on vacation at Wildwood this summer, when they saw a brochure advertising both the Maryland and New Jersey Challenges. Dad Dan said that he’d allow son Daniel to take the souvenir card collection to his second-grade class for “show and tell.”

A trio of women, three generations, finished the Challenge and had there been an award for enthusiasm, they would have won. “We’re making memories,” said Nancy Ference, of Smallwood, N.J. She and her mother, Rita Sullivan of Demarest, N.J. and her daughter, Charlotte Ference, also of Smallwood, love to get together and do memorable things, and they admitted that they never knew the lighthouses were right here in New Jersey.

All weekend, longtime volunteers were on the lookout for a motorcycle group called “Riders of the Lamb,” a Christian motorcycle group from Gloucester, N.J., who had been regular finishers the past several years. Later on Sunday afternoon, they arrived, and their trip this year had a certain poignancy to it. They were riding in memory of Todd Martin, a member who had organized the first Challenge ride three years ago, and who lost his life in May in an accident. “It’s a memorial,” explained David King, a Riders of the Lamb member. “We’ll do this every year.” The group hails from the Gloucester County Community Chapel.

The littlest finisher was a baby, Kyle Bagehorn, of North Haledon, N.J. who turned up, carried by his parents, Lauren and Ernie.

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Long Island Lighthouse Challenge

After hearing of the success of five New Jersey Lighthouse Challenges and two Maryland Challenges, the Long Island Lighthouse Society and lighthouse preservation and education groups are organizing their own Lighthouse Challenge to be held May 14 & 15, 2005. The lighthouses in their Challenge include Fire Island Light, Montauk Point Light, Cedar Island Light, East End Seaport Museum, Long Beach Bar Light, Orient Point Light/Plum Island Light, Horton Point Light, Old Field Point Light, Eaton's Neck Light, Huntington Harbor Light and Nantucket Lighthouse. For more information, check out their website at http://www.longislandlighthouses.com/challenge.htm. We hope to have some of their brochures (with more details and information) available at our March meeting.

Lighthouse Challenge Triple Crown Award!

Do you REALLY love lighthouses? Are you up for the "Challenges"?

If you complete all three Challenges this year: the Long Island Challenge (May 14 & 15), Maryland Challenge (September 17 & 18) and New Jersey Challenge (October 15 & 16), you will receive a "Lighthouse Challenge Triple Crown" award. (As in the past two years, we will also continue to offer a special award to those who complete the "Dual Challenge" of the Maryland and New Jersey Challenges.) So get out there and enjoy the 2005 Challenges!

For more information, contact Doreen Lagattuta, NJ Lighthouse Challenge Chairman, at 732-295-8110 or dor0102@monmouth.com.

A Challenge of Their Own

Photo and Story by Faith L. Giamboi

On Friday October 15, 2004, Diane Dimeffand & Tom Bugnitz boarded a plane in Boulder, Colorado. Their destination: Newark, New Jersey. The sole purpose for the trip was to be part of the 5th Annual New Jersey Lighthouse Challenge. For them visiting lighthouses has become a passion. Their goal is to visit every US Lighthouse and as many in other countries as possible. The completion of the NJLHS Challenge made 87 US lighthouses. East Quoddy in Canada and Maarlsten Island in the Netherlands. They have also managed to climb most of them.

Originally from California, Diane and Tom have visited all the Oregon lights, all but two in California, and all the land accessible lights in Maine. They have even visited sites where lighthouses formally stood. In order to reach the Punta Gorda, CA ruins, it was necessary to hike 3 miles over a rocky shore in 30 mile per hour winds and avoid being shot at by someone from a structure that appeared to be empty. They found the East Quoddy Head Lighthouse the most unique since it can only be reached at low tide.

Next year they hope to return to the East and complete the Maryland Challenge. Diane said their biggest challenge for now is finding enough time to visit the many lighthouses that dot our seashore and the Great Lakes.
You've Done the Challenge...Now What?!
By Laura Portée

That was the question my husband Michael and I asked ourselves after completing the Challenge in 2000. Don't misunderstand...it was a great thrill doing and completing the Challenge - at Sea Girt with only 20 minutes to spare! But as we visited each site, we began to think of the volunteers who gave up their chance to do it so that we could and we wondered...What if we volunteered at a site so that others could take the Challenge? Well, we volunteered at Barneget in 2001 and have been doing so ever since. As I've said, it was a great thrill to do the Challenge but what we discovered was: Volunteering is a BLAST!!!

We were fairly new to the Society at that time. This gave us the opportunity to get to know other members. We began to feel that we belonged; not only to the Society but also to something much bigger and more important than us. As a result of our time at Barneget, we have met many wonderful people and developed lasting friendships for which we are grateful.

And what a kick it is to see and meet the Participants! The excitement on their faces as they begin their quest; the harried frenzy as it gets to closing time on Day 1 and they try to get that *one last lighthouse* before stopping for some well deserved rest; the excitement (not to mention, relief and exhaustion) when they have completed. We came to realize that, in essence, we were doing the Challenge with each and every one! Because of their enthusiasm, we just cannot help but get caught up in it.

Volunteering for that weekend has become our Challenge; it is always a new and unfolding experience: something new to learn and share, new people to meet and get to know, finding new ways to battle the elements and fatigue of a very rewarding weekend.

So whether you are handing out souvenirs, counting participants, selling T-Shirts and pins, meeting and greeting the public, educating them about the Challenge, New Jersey's lighthouses or the Society, each and every volunteer is a valuable asset necessary for the success of the Challenge.

Are you ready for the next Challenge? Yes? Then volunteer at a site today! To volunteer for the 2005 Lighthouse Challenge, please contact Barbara Pepe, Volunteer Coordinator at (609) 208-9077 or njarchivist@att.net.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR LIGHTHOUSE CHALLENGE 2005

Saturday & Sunday, October 15th & 16th

Lighthouse Challenge 2004 was an overwhelming success thanks to the many volunteers who made it happen! My thanks to all of you who volunteered!

Challenge 2005 will be upon us before we know it. So, if you are interested in volunteering for any of the lighthouses, please contact me with the following information: your name, address, phone number, email address, the lighthouse you'd like to volunteer at, the day and time you'd like to volunteer, and your tee shirt size.

I prefer email (njlhsarchivist@att.net), but you can also call me at (609) 208-9077.

Barbara Pepe
### New Members:

Since the deadline of the December issue of *The Beam*, the following members have joined our Society. (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 them at a future meeting, please welcome them!

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- Cape May, NJ
- Pine Brook, NJ
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- Cedar Grove, NJ
- Stewartsville, NJ
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- Sea Girt, NJ
- Edison, NJ
- Mt. Penn, PA
- Richwood, NJ
- Earleville, MD
- Philadelphia, PA
- Cranford, NJ
- Trenton, NJ
- Nanuet, NY
- Wildwood, NJ
- Jackson, NJ

### OUTREACH 2005

Volunteers are needed for all events for the Diorama exhibit or for Ways and Means sales. Sign ups will be at the March 13 meeting. Information and directions as well as additional exhibit dates will be posted on the website www.njbls.burlco.org and updated as received. To volunteer call: Yvonne Miller, 609 654 2585 or email: ymm615@hotmail.com.

**January** - Winter Lights, Calvert Museum, Solomons, MD

**May 7th** - Piney Point Lighthouse Celebration, Colton's Point, MD (St Mary's County) Time: 10AM to 4PM

**May 14** - Ocean Fun Days, Island State Park - NEW JERSEY MARINE SCIENCES CONSORTIUM Sandy Hook, NJ, Time: 11 AM to 3 PM

**May 15** - Ocean Fun Days Open House, Sandy Hook, NJ Time: 11 AM to 3 PM

**June 25th** - Barnegat Bay National Estuary Program Ocean County College Campus, Toms River, NJ Time: 11 AM to 3 PM

**August 4th** - EAST POINT OPEN HOUSE, Heislerville, NJ, Time: 10 AM to 4 PM

**August 13th** Cape May County Historical Museum Clambake 4-7PM 4-H Fairgrounds

**September** TUCKERTON DECOY AND BAYMEN'S FESTIVAL, Middle School, 24 & 25 Tuckerton, NJ Times: 10 AM to 4 PM

**October 8th** - NJ Marine Consortium Exhibit, LBI, Barnegat Light, NJ

**October 9th** - NJ Marine Consortium Exhibit, Cape May, NJ, Times for both events: 11 AM to 4 PM
Speakers Bureau Connects With Over One Thousand People in 2004

From the Watchung Mountains to Egg Harbor City to Davisville, Pa. from the Old Guard of the Plainfields to the Second Grade at Bowen-Monroe School, East Brunswick, people from age 7 to 90+ welcomed the NJLHS program on Lighthouses.

Our thanks to Joe and Donna Kelly, Bill Geifuss, Tom LaVerty, Jack Slavin, Rich and Elinor Veit, Ray Vljet and Bill Volpe. Through their efforts we have been able to provide 22 talks reaching over 1,000 lighthouse lovers and placing 16 lighthouse Education Kits in schools and Girl Scout Troops throughout the state.

We welcome Bill Geifuss, the newest member of the team of speakers. Bill usually dresses up in his Keeper’s uniform to entertain his audiences with photos, miniature lighthouse models and interesting anecdotes on lighthouseing.

Our largest single audience in 2004 was at the Masonic Home in Burlington where Jack Slavin spoke with 167 people in attendance. Perhaps the biggest surprise came to Elinor Veit who was prepared to give a 10 minute presentation to the Retired Educators Association but was asked to extend her talk to 30 minutes when two other speakers were unable to attend. Needless to say, she accepted the challenge and wooed them with her lighthouse knowledge.

The New Jersey lighthouse community has much to be proud of; we are the site of the nation’s oldest, the first to be equipped with a first order Fresnel lens, the first primary light to use electricity, the most powerful light of its time and so much more. New Jersey is also very fortunate to have some of the nation’s best maintained structures, with restoration and preservation ongoing at many sites. As members of the NJLHS, we should also take pride in our role of stimulating interest in these New Jersey treasures as evidenced by the continued success of our Lighthouse Challenge. There is much to talk about, help spread the word, contact Bill Volpe at (732) 846-2196 or at wvwfotolite@aol.com

SANDY HOOK STARTS 9TH YEAR

NJLHS members and NPS volunteers will start the 9th year at Sandy Hook with a clean up on March 19th starting at 10 A.M. We will clean the inside of the lighthouse and firehouse, price and store merchandise and generally get ready for the start of Official Tours on April 2nd at noon.

There will be an orientation for any new volunteers at that time. If you have been thinking about joining us, why not come out and see what is going on. We are ALWAYS looking for new volunteers and I think you will find it very enjoyable. Talk to any of the current volunteers at the meeting and they will be happy to help you.

The Volunteer Dinner was held on the 11th of December and I believe everyone had a good time. Charlotte and Sam Jansky were the ‘stars’ of the show; they had more ‘Gramps and Grams’ then they could count. Charlotte gave out the gifts from the Chinese Auction and even won one herself.

The certificates were distributed with comments thanking everyone for all the work they put in during the year.

Once again, why not stop and talk to one of the current volunteers at the March meeting, then stop and see us and we will be glad to make you part of our Sandy Hook family!

Al Smith

PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

The newly formed Preservation Committee is looking for members to help out. If you’re interested in helping decide projects and issues recommended to the NJLHS Board to consider, and willing to put in the time and effort necessary to get them completed, please volunteer. You can contact me directly about volunteering or to ask any questions. Thanks for supporting our efforts to preserve the lights.

Brett P. Franks
Chairman Preservation Committee
Program Signals:
March 2005 Meeting

The Spring/Photo Contest meeting will be held at the North Wildwood Fire Hall on 2nd and New Jersey Avenue, North Wildwood on SATURDAY, MARCH 12, 2005. Agenda as follows:

10:30AM Hospitality is served (details below)
11:00AM General Membership Meeting
12:15PM Break for lunch (See info below)
12:45PM Meeting Adjourned

Judging of Photos, Speaker and voting

Just a reminder that if you are bringing goodies for hospitality, please call Martha or Alvin Brown at 609 877 1034. There will be hot sandwiches available at the fire hall for lunch. I am not sure whether they will be hot roast beef or roast pork or you can bring your own lunch. There is a WaWa close by to the hall.

The Photo Contest is being chaired by Cindy Mitzen this year and we wish her good luck. Cindy will have information on the contest elsewhere in this issue.

DIRECTIONS: From all points, N,S,W take Garden State Parkway to Exit 6 onto Route 147 East. Follow into North Wildwood approximately 4 miles. Route 147 turns into New Jersey Avenue. The fire hall is on 2nd and New Jersey Avenue. Turn left onto 2nd and the right into the city parking lot across from the hall. Please park in the lot, avoid street parking. To go to the lighthouse from the hall turn left onto 2nd to Central Avenue, turn left to the front of the Lighthouse at 1st Avenue.

JUNE 25, 2005 - SUMMER MEETING AND PICNIC in Sleepy Hollow, NY (Tarrytown). We will meet at the pavilion and tent in the Kingsland Point Park. The lighthouse will be open for tours.

SEPTEMBER 24, 2005 - FALL MEETING at Tincum Rear Range Lighthouse, Paulsboro, NJ. Come help TRRHL Society celebrate the 125th Anniversary of the operation of the lighthouse.

December 3, 2005 is still not finalized. We are hoping for Sandy Hook Keeper’s house but that depends on completion. However, final plans will be announced in a future BEAM.

WINTER MEETING RECAP: The meeting at St Rose’s High School in Belmar, NJ went very well. Lots of activities and vendors participated and the presentation by Nancy and Jim Cope was fun and informative. Thank you to the Copes. The directions were great up to the end but that proves a lesson. Don’t rely on the Internet for directions. The social at Sea Girt Lighthouse was also terrific. Thanks to Carole DiNapole and her very efficient committee. A good time was had by all.

HELP WANTED
WEBMASTER
PUBLICITY CHAIR

If you are interested and would like some information: Contact an Officer, Board Member or committee chairperson.
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MAINE TRIP
JUNE 18 TO JUNE 25, 2005

For all those going on the Maine trip, please remember that your payments are due on March 20, 2005 and May 20, 2005.

For those that missed out on our Maine trip, the Chesapeake Chapter may be having a very similar one next year, so keep an eye on their website:

http://www.cheslights.org/

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