SO YOU WANT TO OWN A LIGHTHOUSE

New Jersey Lighthouse Society members Cindy Mitzen, Tom Laverty and Bill Schneider were in St. Augustine, Florida for the Initial SO YOU WANT TO OWN A LIGHTHOUSE? Seminar. Tom gave a presentation on the New Jersey Lighthouse Challenge to the attendees.

This event was organized by Cullen Chambers of Tybee Island and Kathy Fleming, Exec Director of the St. Augustine Lighthouse. Kathy is considered by some a modern day Pallas Athena exhorting those gathered to sally forth and preserve America's Parthenons--its lighthouses.

Photo taken by Nell Hurley—left to right Cindy Mitzen, Bill Schneider, Kathy Fleming and Tom Laverty

Lighthouses of the Adriatic Sea

Pictures and story by Joe & Carol Guchek

On a recent visit to Slovenia, Europe, Carol and I had the opportunity to visit many of my maternal relatives, approximately 50, 1st, 2nd and 3rd cousins. While speaking about things we wanted to see and having completed some research of nearby lighthouses on the Adriatic, we quickly found out there were some lights in Slovenia even though there was only a coast of about 47 kilometers. The lighthouse in Piran is part of the building of St. Klement's church (pictured at left) and was built in the thirteenth century and believed to be about 750 years old. The light today, as many lighthouses, has a modern light warning Captains of the tip of the peninsula. Its crown has given it an affectionate nickname by some, as the King of Lighthouses. Two additional lights at

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Girl Scout Lighthouse Badge Program

By Tom Wade

Tom Wade Participated with a Girl Scout Troop in Mechanicsville, VA, in a successful Junior Badge Day event held for about 90 scouts. The young ladies were working on earning their Lighthouse Interest Project Award; the purpose of this Interest Project is to educate Girl Scouts about lighthouse history and the restoration and preservation efforts to maintain them. Tom provided guidance and resources to the troop in December to assist them with teaching younger Girl Scouts -- Daisy, Brownie, or Junior -- who were qualifying for the Lighthouse Junior Proficiency Badge during the Badge Day event in March. Each scout in the "training" troop was responsible for one of the requirements for the Proficiency Badge; they shared what they learned about lighthouses. The event was well organized by the troop; they had 5 stations set up to include (1) Tom's abbreviated lighthouse slide program, (2) design a lighthouse [based on Tom's lighthouse craft project], (3) female lighthouse keeper, (4) haunted lighthouse stories, and (5) a lighthouse terminology game. The younger scouts were divided into groups of 16-20 that rotated through the stations at 25-minute intervals. This format proved to be both challenging and effective in covering all the topics on a tight schedule. Tom certainly recommends it as an approach/format other Scout Troops, Girl or Boy, in the Mid-Atlantic can use to earn lighthouse badges. Even though the focus for this badge event was on the lighthouses of the Chesapeake Bay, the requirements for both badges are based on the programs developed by the Girl Scouts of Delaware-Raritan in New Jersey, which drew on the resources of the New Jersey Lighthouse Society. The lighthouse badge requirements are general enough that they can be adapted by scout troops throughout the country.

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LIGHTHOUSE BOAT CRUISE
AUGUST 20, 2005

Aboard the Lady Sherryl to see the following lighthouses:

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Romer Shoals Fr. Wadsworth
Robbins Reef Statue of Liberty

Coney Island (possibly) Sandy Hook (possibly)

$45.00 per person
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President's Corner

At the last general meeting I had to announce the passing of a few of our active members and had expressed the hope that at the next meeting I would be able to have happier news. I am sad to say that is not the case. Bob Hudspeth, NJLHS Board member and Chair of the Ways and Means Committee passed away on March 24th. Then on April 26th, Harry Megonigal passed away. I would like to convey my deepest sympathies to both Marion Hudspeth and NJLHS Treasurer Debbie Megonigal on the passing of their husbands. Bob we were just beginning to know and appreciate his many contributions, while Harry always kept the Board on its toes, the membership smiling, and the 50/50 kitty full. Besides being great people, both contributed so much to our organization they will be sorely missed.

If anyone would like to make a memorial donation in Bob or Harry’s name, you can do so through the NJLHS Memorial Fund. Checks can be made out to NJLHS and sent to our PO Box 332, Navesink, NJ 07752.

Appointment of Marion Hudspeth to fill Bob’s vacancy:

I am pleased to announce that Marion Hudspeth will join the Board of Directors to complete Bob’s tenure in that position. Marion’s involvement in the Ways and Means Committee will ensure that we have continuity in that operation and she can continue working on the projects that she and Bob started over the last year. One of the projects that they had just completed is the NJLHS cookbook – which will be available at the next general meeting.

Appointment of Faith Giamboi as Assistant Treasurer:

Faith Giamboi has agreed to an appointment as Assistant Treasurer to assist Debbie Megonigal. Our financial obligations are an important aspect of the health of the organization. Faith will be able to provide backup assistance to Debbie. She is also a member of the Society’s budget committee.

Rosemary Dixon stepping down as Society accountant

After a long tenure as accountant for the NJLHS, Rosemary Dixon is leaving that role. Rosemary has been our accountant since before I became President of the New Jersey Lighthouse Society, more than ten years ago. She has guided us through the tremendous growth the organization experienced with a corresponding increase in our income and expenses. Her expert advice, understanding of accounting, and interest in the organization as a member has served us well. We rarely had a tax report that was late, and if it was it was not her doing, a financial statement that was not prepared, or a budget that was not balanced. The Board would like to express our appreciation for all that Rosemary has done.

Rosemary will not be leaving the Society. In addition to being our accountant she has been an active member and will remain so. She has a passion for photographing lighthouses and has been selected as a winner many times in our annual photography contest. If you see her at a meeting, please let her know how much all her efforts on behalf of the organization have been appreciated.
The entrance to the harbor stand only about 4 meters high and are similar to what we know as channel markers. Prior to seeing them they were described by my cousin’s husband, Roman, in a simple drawing. He affectionately told us how as a child he would dive from the top of the lights. He and other members of the family were eager to show us the town of his birth and its lighthouses.

That same day we drove south to see the northern most lighthouse in Croatia on the Adriatic. All eleven lighthouses on and off the Coast of Croatia are available for overnight stays. Of these Savudrija is the oldest lighthouse, built in 1818. There is one, four-room apartment for rental use. It is situated right next to the Slovenian border and only 56 km south of Italian town of Trieste. The closest tourist center and famous destination for tennis lovers, Umag, is situated only nine km away. Its light signal can be seen from up to 17 NM or 32 kilometers distance, its building is 36 meters tall and there is a keeper living inside it.

According to available information and local stories, the lighthouse Savudrija was built by Count Metternich in 1818 for a beautiful Croatian noble woman with whom he fell in love at a Viennese ball. Unfortunately, the owners never got the chance to live together in the building: the noble woman died on the very day the lighthouse was finished and Count Metternich never visited it again.

On another day with my cousin, Marko, we traveled to Trieste, Italy also on the Adriatic north of Slovenia. The lighthouse there, as with many lighthouses was difficult to reach. If it weren’t for the smaller European cars, a long indirect walk would have been required.

The Victory Lighthouse, (Right) an impressive work of the Triestine architect Arduino Berlam (1880-1946) and of the sculptor Giovanni Mayer (1853-1943), has two important functions. Besides lighting the Gulf of Trieste, in order to help navigation, it is a commemorative monument dedicated to the fallen of World War I, as testified by the inscription:

“Shine and remind of the fallen on sea”

That same day also in Trieste, we spotted another lighthouse from a distance away and, of course, decided to move closer for a better view. Pictured at right, the only information I was able to find about this lighthouse was its name, the Lanterna di Trieste, Trieste and found it situated on a Customs barracks on the coast.

High School Contestant Wins with N.J. Lighthouses

By: Robert Bangs

Each year students in vocational, technical and trade high schools from every state compete with one another in the VICA Skills USA competition. VICA, Vocational and Industrial Clubs of America, now known as Skills USA, gives students an opportunity to match their career skills against those at their school. Local school chapter winners move on to their state competitions with a chance to advance to the national level, held each year in Kansas City, Missouri. At every level, students compete with those in their field, so bakers bake, welders weld, plumbers plumb, carpenters carp, you get the idea. There are programs for art, drafting, culinary, auto mechanics as well as leadership, public speaking and business planning.

As a mentor for my school to Skills, I assist students with their projects, offer guidance and travel to the state and national competitions as chaperone. This year I noticed an advertising art and design student working on the New Jersey Skills pin design contest. The project had to incorporate this years Skills theme and reflect something about our state. Twelfth grader, Brandi Kerekes, had designed a pin showing a nondescript lighthouse with red and white barber pole strips. I spoke to her about our lighthouse society and our rich lighthouse heritage. After investigating some lighthouses and seeing a picture of Sandy Hook, Brandi changed her pin to look something like our logo. I thought Brandi's new design looked great. So did many others because she won the school competition and then moved on to the state contest in May, and well, she won the gold medal. This means that all New Jersey Skills members would wear and trade Brandi's pin at the Kansas City competition.

At the Nationals in Kansas City, state pin trading is a big deal. Student competitors and mentors save pins collected over the years and display them on jackets, hats and banners. States like Alaska and Hawaii are highly coveted due to the lower amount of competitors from those states competing. So as you can see, having designed a winning state pin is a matter of some pride as well as skill.

The Skills National competition in June of 2004 is now long over. Brandi's most excellent pin design was not chosen as one of the three finalists in the nation. However, to those of us who know and love our rich New Jersey lighthouse heritage, Brandi will always be a champion!
New Jersey Lighthouse Society Volunteer Recognition Program

The Board of Directors is pleased to announce the introduction of a new program to annually recognize the most outstanding contributions to the New Jersey Lighthouse Society and its goals and objectives.

The Society is profoundly appreciative and extremely grateful to all its volunteers and sponsors and fully recognizes that any success our organization enjoys is entirely due to their selfless contributions.

The Society further recognizes that some aspects of our mission require extraordinary efforts, outstanding commitment and/or exceptional dedication to achieve; it is these exceptional contributions the Society wishes to acknowledge through this program.

Nominations are requested from the membership for calendar year 2004 recognition and for significant contributions for periods prior to the enactment of this program. Each nomination should include the name of the nominee and written justification describing the contribution for which the nomination is being made.

Nominees must have performed some exemplary function to further the Society's goals of restoration, preservation, education, historical research or has stimulated public awareness in NJ Lighthouses or those lights in neighboring NY Harbor or Delaware Bay waters or has performed exceptionally dedicated voluntary service.

Nominee eligibility is open to: a) members in good standing for the period recognized by the award; or b) an event sponsor, grant provider, cooperating entity or an extraordinary lighthouse proponent.

Generally, nominations will be made in the current calendar year for distinguished contributions in the prior calendar year. However, the initial recognition period will be extended to acknowledge extraordinary contributions performed prior to the enactment of the program and may date back to the inception of the Society.

Nominations may be initiated by the general membership, the Board and the President and will be solicited through the Beam and the Society web site.

Nominee names will be referred to the Nomination Screening Committee comprised of individuals from the general membership and the Board.

All awards will be published in the Beam and on the Society web site.

The Society also seeks volunteers from the general membership to serve on the Nominee Screening Committee.

Please send Award nominations and Screening Committee volunteer names to Chair, Screening Committee for Volunteer Recognition Program, or to NILHS President, PO Box 332, Navesink, NJ 07752-0332. Both nominations and committee volunteer names are requested by July 31, 2005.
Photo Contest
By Cindy Mitzen

I would like to thank everyone who helped me with my first venture into the world of our annual photo contest. It was truly a learning experience for me. I would also like to thank Nick Romanenko for his presentation and photography tips. My most important thank you is to all those who submitted such fantastic photos.

Now for a story,

My wonderful right hand, husband Michael, and I had a miscommunication the day of the photo contest. As I read off the winners in each category I put the entries on the front table. At the end of the event I handed this sloppy pile to Michael who thought it was garbage. So I am sad to report I do not have the titles of the winning photo. But thanks to Carol Guchek, the wonderful right hand to Editor Joe, I can at least report the winners in each category.

NEW JERSEY LIGHTHOUSES
1st Place tied Katie Moser / Becky Laverty
2nd Place Anthony Vitulli
3rd Place Gloria Rosner
Honorable Mention;
Anthony Vitulli and Jody Curtain

Lighthouses with Flowers
1st Place Cindy Mitzen
2nd Place Bill Volpe
3rd Place Jane Koennecke

NEW JERSEY COLLAGE
1st Place Cindy Mitzen
2nd Place Don Smith
3rd Place Bill Volpe

NATIONAL / INTERNATIONAL
1st Place Doreen Lagattuta
2nd Place Jim Wolfrum
3rd Judy McCann
Honorable Mention;
Bill Volpe, Anthony Vitulli, and Elinor Veit

WINNER’S CIRCLE
1st Place Michael Boucher
2nd Lillian Fulde
3rd Michael Boucher
Honorable Mention;
Al Smith and Betty Smith

Mary Jane Rupinski received a special honorable mention. The cast on her leg was decorated with pictures of lighthouses from the Maryland Challenge she did last year.

Now on to Photo Contest 2006

Just a few changes to keep things new and exciting.

The Winner’s Circle will stay the same, but the other categories have a slight change.
1) International Lighthouses
2) National Lighthouses
3) New Jersey Lighthouse
4) Lighthouses in the Fall

The fourth category will be open to all members, even those in the Winner’s Circle. It’s sort of a challenge to see what kind of colorful fall foliage we can capture. And remember our 6th annual Challenge is that time of year.
A Message from Membership
(Mary Beth Doherty, Membership Chair; email address: NJLHSMember1@aol.com)

Just a Few Things:

I wanted to say "thank you" to the volunteers who agreed to assist me with membership responsibilities. (I plan to keep you busy!) So, when you sign-in, please introduce yourselves to my new help.

I would like to extend my condolences to the families of Ann Hall, Bob Hudspeth, Anne Ross, Harry Megonigal, and Fred Theis. They were members of our Society that passed on within the last few months. Three of these people were either on the Board of Directors or spouses of members of our Board.

- Bob Hudspeth was our Ways & Means Chairperson and luckily for us, his wife, Marion, will take over his position.
- Harry Megonigal was the husband of Debbie, our Treasurer. He was one of my first friends in the Society. We met ten years ago, and I forget exactly how much $ he hit me up for when I walked into my first meeting. His smile and fun-loving personality touched me as well as many others in the Society.
- Fred Theis was the husband of Yvonne Miller, our First Vice President.

You all will be missed.

Meeting Attendees:

There were 112 members and guests that signed in at our March meeting in North Wildwood, NJ.

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 = 293
Family Memberships = 281 x 2 = 562
Total Members = 855

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 Name Tags: Stop by the Membership Table to order the name tags. 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!

New Members:

Since the deadline of the March 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!

Angster, Monica Toms River, NJ
Biebel, Amy, David, Amecila & Gordon Canterbury, CT
Ciccarella, Gloria & Jack Wayne, NJ
Conte, Bob Mansfield Twp., NJ
Eisnachardt, Susan Maple Shade, NJ
Elitzak, Howard Arlington, VA
Flavin, Gerald Paulsboro, NJ
Goldschmidt, Larry & Lynn Holmdel, NJ
Henderson, Leah J. Egg Harbor City, NJ
Holmes, Charles & Toni Lincroft, NJ
Hovanec, Ann Princeton, NJ
John, Jan W. Chester, PA

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FOUR SEASONS AT THE SHORE

A new coffee table book
Of the Jersey Shore

Submitted By Rosemary Dixon

A new coffee table book featuring the work of forty-nine photographers was published in 2004 by Down the Shore Publishing. “In a portfolio of more than three-hundred photographs and four essays, we are transported to the essential shore—our shore—the shore that each one of us possesses within.” The photographs cover the entire Jersey Shore, from Sandy Hook to Cape May to East Point. Beautiful photos of nature, birds, fish, hermit crabs, shells, plant-life, fishing boats & nets, sunrises, sunsets, ocean, bays, creeks, people enjoying the beach & surf, in all kinds of weather and, of course, our amazing New Jersey Lighthouses watching over all.

On page 207, a photograph of the lens inside the North Tower of the Twin Lights of Navesink Lighthouse, looking toward the South Tower, was taken by NJLHS member Rosemary Dixon in 1997. This photo won first prize in the NJLHS People’s Choice Photo contest (close-up) in 1997. It was also featured for the month of February in the 2003 New Jersey Lighthouse Calendar, also published by Down the Shore Publishing.

www.down-the-shore.com
News from New Jersey Lights

BARNEGAT LIGHTHOUSE EXHIBIT CENTER
RE-OPENS MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND

The new exhibit center at Barnegat State Park, Long Beach Island, which initially opened September 2004, has been closed during the winter months. On April 2, the exhibit re-opened for weekends only.

On Memorial Day weekend, the plans are for the exhibit to be open every day throughout the summer from 9am-4pm. Volunteers are needed in order to stay open for all these hours. This is an opportunity for members of the NJLHS to help.

The coordinator, Alex Butryn, can be reached at the Park, 609-494-2016

STAIRWAY TO THE STARS

The perfect ending to a Cape May day—Climb the Cape May Lighthouse at night and see the sky ablaze with stars. Tour includes a trolley ride from Cape May to Cape May Point featuring an entertaining narrated tour. 8 p.m. Saturdays, May 21 through June 11, 8:45 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, June 21 through Sept. 1. $12 per person. Sponsored by the Mid-Atlantic Center for the Arts (MAC). For more information, call 609-884-5404 or 800-275-4278 or visit www.capemaymac.org.

Sandy Hook Lighthouse Day

By Tom Hoffman, Park Historian

June is the month when the park celebrates Sandy Hook Lighthouse Day. This day commemorates the lighting of the Sandy Hook Lighthouse for the first time, which took place on June 11, 1764. This year, June 11th falls on a Saturday, making it 241 years ago since the Sandy Hook Lighthouse was first lighted. Because of its longevity, Sandy Hook Lighthouse is the oldest lighthouse in the United States, and also the oldest still in use. The United States Coast Guard transferred ownership of the lighthouse to the National Park Service in 1995, but the Coast Guard still maintains the lens and lighting system as an active navigational landmark.

The regular schedule of lighthouse tours is weekends April through October from 12 Noon to 4:30 PM, and November to mid-December from 12 Noon to 4 PM. All these tours are given courtesy of volunteers from the New Jersey Lighthouse Society and park volunteers.

Tours of the Sandy Hook Lighthouse are presented solely by volunteers every weekend from April to mid-December, and that is a lot of tours. Volunteer tour guides are ALWAYS needed, so if you are interested in being a lighthouse tour guide, or know of anyone who would like to be a guide, please contact me at 732-872-5950 or email: Tom_Hoffman@nps.gov

Renard Petronzio has researched hotel/motel accommodations in the Sleepy Hollow area, which are as follows:

- Wellesley Inn 540 Saw Mill River Road, Elmsford, NY Tele no. 914 592 3300 web www.primehospitality.com quoted $89.00 + tx.
- Hampton Inn 200 Tarrytown Road, Elmsford, NY Tele no. 914 592 5680 web www.hamptoninnwhiteplains.com quoted $100.00 + tx
- SpringHill Suites by Marriott 480 White Plains Road, Tarrytown, NY. Tele. no. 914 366 4600 web www.tarrytownspringhill.com quoted $132.00 + tx
- Westchester Marriott Hotel, 670 White Plains Road, Tarrytown, NY. Tele. no. 914 631 2000 web www.marriotthotels.com/nycwe quoted $132.00 + tx
- Courtyard by Marriott 475 White Plains Road, Tarrytown, NY. Tele. no. 914 631 1122 web www.courtyard.com quoted $132.00 + tx
- Hilton Tarrytown 455 South Broadway, Tarrytown, NY. Tele. no. 914 631 5700 web www.tarrytown.hilton.com quoted $149.00 + tx
- Dolce Tarrytown House East Sunnyside Lane, Tarrytown, NY. Tele. no. 914 591 8200 web www.tarrytownhouse.dolce.com quoted $149.00 + tx

The above are for reference only and not endorsed by NJLHS.
Program Signals:

Summer Meeting - June 25, 2005
By Yvonne Miller

The Anniversary/Picnic meeting will be held under the tent and pavilion at the Kingsland Point Park, Sleepy Hollow, NY. Seating will be provided at this meeting. Hospitality will be served at 10:30 AM. As a courtesy to NJLHS members and guests, Mayor Zegarelli has reduced the parking fee for the Park from $5.00 per carload to $2.00 per car load. It is recommended that you share a ride. Bring your own lunch. The "Sleepy Hollow/Tarrytown Lighthouse" will be open and there will be tour guides available at the meeting. (See prior page for area hotels.)

DIRECTIONS TO THE MEETING AND SLEEPY HOLLOW LIGHTHOUSE

Take NJ Garden State Parkway North into New York State. Once in NY, stay right and follow signs for 87 South/ 287 East NYC (exits 14-1) Tappen Zee Bridge. Once on exit ramp, stay in the left lane. From exit, about 7 miles, cross Tappen Zee Bridge. On bridge stay right, pass toll booths, after tolls, take exit no. 9 for Rte. 9. Make right onto Route 9 North into Tarrytown. Thru Tarrytown, continue north to Sleepy Hollow. In Sleepy Hollow, look for Phillipsburg Manor on left. Next intersection (about one block past Phillipsburg Manor) make left onto Pierson St., which becomes Bellwood. About four blocks on Bellwood make left onto Palmer Ave. Continue over railroad tracks to end, make left into Kinglands Point Park and designated parking area.

Hotel information can be found on page 6.

Fall Meeting - September 24, 2005

This meeting will be under a tent also at the Tincum RR Lighthouse. Come join with the TRRLHS in celebrating the 125th Anniversary of the Lighthouse. Look for information on the festivities planned in the next issue of the BEAM.

Winter Meeting - December 3, 2005

Tentative plans are to hold this meeting at Sandy Hook with the Holiday Social in the Fire House. Keep posted for further info.

RECAP: March 2005 Meeting

The meeting held on March 12th at the North Wildwood Fire House was busy with activity. Vendors enjoyed good sales, including NJLHS’ Ways and Means table. The Photo Contest under the Chairmanship of Cindy Mitzen was a great success along with the very knowledgeable presentation by Nick Romanenko. Info on the contest and winners will be in an article by Cindy in this issue.

HELP WANTED
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Recognition Program
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If you are interested and would like some information: Contact an Officer, Board Member or Committee Chairperson.
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