At the presentation were from left: Atlantic City Electric President Ken Parker, a conference sponsor, Secretary of State Nina Mitchell Wells, NJ Lighthouse Challenge Co-Chair Doreen Berson of Brick Township, State Tourism Representative Danny Cappello, NJ Lighthouse Society President Yvonne Thies of Medford, State Tourism Director Nancy Byrne and New Jersey Travel Industry Association President Marilou Halvorsen. The annual Challenge, first in the nation, draws thousands of lighthouse fans through the eight southern New Jersey counties as they try to visit all 11 coastal lighthouses (and 2 additional lenses this year!) in one weekend. This year’s event is October 18th and 19th.

THE HISTORY OF THE NEW JERSEY LIGHTHOUSE CHALLENGE®
Doreen Berson and Laura Portée

As the success of the New Jersey Lighthouse Challenge® increases with each year it is presented, so has media interest increased. We are frequently asked questions about its history such as: “How did it all begin?” and “Who came up with the idea?” In an effort to answer these questions, we have put together the following history of the “Original” Lighthouse Challenge; how it began and how it continues to be the successful event that it is today.

What is a “Lighthouse Challenge”? The New Jersey “Lighthouse Challenge” is a not-for-profit event held every third weekend in October. The primary goal of the Challenge is to promote awareness of New Jersey’s lighthouses, specifically and lighthouses in general. In addition, the hope is that the event will assist the lighthouses financially through participant donations and gift shop sales. So it is during this weekend that all participating lighthouses are open for visitation and climbing. While this might seem easy to accomplish, actually it wasn’t given that some of the lighthouses on the Challenge “route” are generally open only once a month or only a few times throughout the year.

During the Challenge weekend, participants are “challenged” to visit all 11 sites and receive a commemorative souvenir (climbing is optional). After visiting all 11 lighthouses, participants receive a completion souvenir. Through the years, souvenirs have included stamps or cards with a picture and history of the lighthouse. The past two years, puzzle pieces were given which were inserted into a beautiful display board, suitable for framing.

How did it all get started? The Challenge is the brain-child of Richard (Rick) Weber, a NJLHS member and former member of the NJLHS Board of Directors. He had the idea of a “lighthouse challenge” back in 1998. As a member of the New Jersey Lighthouse Society, he was fortunate enough to be able to visit lighthouses in New Jersey that are normally closed to visitors. While guiding tours at Sandy Hook Lighthouse and talking to the visitors, he realized that many people wanted to see these other lights too but rarely had the chance because of their limited openings.

New Jersey is somewhat unique because all of its lighthouses are about 40-50 miles apart along the coastline and fairly accessible. They are also under the care of some public or private non-profit organization. Rick’s realization of these facts developed into the idea of getting all these lighthouse groups to open their lighthouses for the same weekend thus allowing other lighthouse enthusiasts to
I hope this issue of The Beam finds you well, and the skyrocketing gas prices aren’t going to keep you from your summer 2008 lighthouse adventures!

Don’t forget to take pictures and write articles for submission to The Beam. We are continuously looking for “news” to print. We will do our best to print what we receive as space allows in each issue. Try to submit your information as early as possible!

This is your newsletter and we want to hear from you. So, grab your cameras along with paper and a pen in-hand…and let’s see where you’ve been!

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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

This has been a very busy and exciting period since the last issue of The Beam.

On April 10, 2008, Doreen Berson and I were invited to attend The Governor’s Conference on Tourism. NJLHS, Inc. was among the nominees for the Governor’s Tourism Award. Winners of the award were to be announced at the Conference. The recipients of the award were honored for their contribution to furthering tourism in the State of New Jersey. I am overjoyed to announce that NJLHS, Inc. was the first of the group to be presented with this award for furthering tourism in New Jersey each fall (for the last nine years) by organizing and presenting the New Jersey Lighthouse Challenge®. Within the next few days, we were notified that we received a grant from New Jersey Office on Tourism for $15,000 to assist us with the 2008 Challenge. We have also received a grant from Ocean County of $1,450.00 for the 2008 Challenge. None of this would have happened without the talented administrative skills of Doreen Berson and Laura Portée, Co-Chairs of the Challenge, the early planning and ideas of Rick Weber, and the many hours, year after year, of all of the volunteers both NJLHS members and lighthouse organization volunteers and staff. I hope that all of you as members are as proud as I am of being a part of the New Jersey Lighthouse Society, Inc. and the New Jersey Lighthouse Challenge®.

On May 6, 2008, NJLHS members Brett Franks, Marty Hudspeth, Cindy Mitzen, Carole, and George Naill joined me in a very informative participation in The Supawna Meadows National Wildlife Refuge Public Use Workshop with the US Fish and Wildlife Service as they prepared the Comprehensive Conservation Plan Environmental Assessment. Finns Point Lighthouse was part of the discussion and planning. We were able to point out the importance of the lighthouse from a historic and tourist aspect to New Jersey and in New Jersey Lighthouse Society’s interest in assisting at the lighthouse to keep it available to the public. A dialog was opened on possible responsibility of the lighthouse in the future. Hopefully, we will continue to make progress in this area.

Sincerely yours,
Yvonne M. Thies, President

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IN THE NEWSPAPERS

Brooklyn Eagle
January 31, 1902

from the Chicago Journal

LIGHTHOUSE KEEPING

The Beam.

Up to a few years ago the average pay of lighthouse keepers was fixed by statute at $600 a year. The whole cost of lighthouse establishments is more than $3,000,000 a year. The chief item, $700,000, is for the pay of lighthouse keepers, $600,000 is required for repairs, $550,000 for the expenses of buoyage, $425,000 for supplies for lighthouses, $350,000 for lighthouse vessels, $300,000 for the expense of lighting navigable rivers, $110,000 for fog signals, $5,000 for the purchase of oil and $5,000 for the surveys of new lighthouses. It costs $6,000 a year to maintain a first class light vessel.
WANTED:
LIGHT KEEPER JOHN L. HAWKEY

Have you seen light keeper John L. Hawkey? He was a 45-year veteran of the US Lighthouse Service, who spent much of his career aboard lightships. His last assignment brought him to shore and the Sea Girt Lighthouse, where he served from mid-1910 to 1917.

The trustees of the Sea Girt Lighthouse and its many visitors are looking for Hawkey and to learn more about him. “One of our most popular exhibits at the lighthouse is our photo gallery of Sea Girt’s keepers,” notes trustee Bill Dunn. “We have photos of all but one of our keepers. We’re missing John Hawkey.”

The display includes photos of Major Abraham Wolf (1896-1903); Abram Yates (1903-1910), his widow Harriet Yates (acting keeper, June-July 1910); William H. Lake (1917-31); George J. Thomas (1931-1940); and the US Coast Guard (1940-54).

“We very much want John Hawkey to take his rightful place among his fellow keepers at Sea Girt. We hope someone somewhere has a photo or two of him that we could copy and add to our collection,” said Dunn.

Hawkey joined the Lighthouse Service around 1872. He spent most of his career aboard the Five Fathoms Lightship, anchored in Delaware Bay off Cape May, NJ. Immediately before coming to Sea Girt, he was on the Northeast End Light Vessel, No. 44, also off the Jersey shore.

He arrived at Sea Girt July 23, 1910. In the Sea Girt Lighthouse archives is a letter to Hawkey from the “Office of Inspector,” informing him that he owed Mrs. Yates $1.72 because he was mistakenly paid that amount twice for that day—as working at both Northeast End Light Vessel and Sea Girt. But his first official day at Sea Girt was July 24, a Sunday.

During his seven-year tenure at Sea Girt, Hawkey served capably and instituted changes and improvements in accordance with instructions from headquarters. In 1912, he changed the light source for the fourth order Fresnel lens from a kerosene wick lamp and a red chimney projecting a red beacon to a 35mm incandescent oil vapor lamp with a clear glass chimney that produced a brighter, white light.

In the early decades, the Sea Girt Lighthouse was threatened by beach erosion and storm tides as water encroached from nearby Wreck Pond to the north, which would overflow its banks during hurricanes and Nor’easters. In 1914, Hawkey oversaw the installation of lead bulkheads on the east lawn to protect the land and the building. In 1938, after a series of dams failed to eliminate the storm surge, the Army Corps of Engineers installed an outflow pipe from Wreck Pond that redirected the water away from the lighthouse and surrounding land.

Hawkey was a conscientious record keeper and correspondent. In the Sea Girt archives are carbons of numerous letters from him to headquarters and letters from headquarters to him, regarding lighthouse supplies, equipment and its performance, proposed improvements and bids from contractors.

In late summer 1912, Hawkey wrote the district headquarters of the Lighthouse Service to request permission to erect a hen house on the north lawn, apparently to insure a fresh supply of breakfast eggs. There came a response from the Office of the Inspector, dated September 13. It read: “You are directed to take this matter up with the Inspecting Officer when the station is next inspected, at which time the Inspecting Officer will make report and recommendation to this office. Show this letter to the Inspecting Officer.”

There is no further record in the archive on the matter, nor are there letters or other documents that reveal any details of Hawkey’s family life. “John Hawkey is the least known of the keepers at Sea Girt. We’re eager to learn more about him,” said trustee Dunn.

If you know any more about John Hawkey or have a photo of him, Bill Dunn would like to hear from you. He can be contacted at the Sea Girt Lighthouse Citizens Committee, PO Box 83, Sea Girt, NJ 08750 or by calling 732-974-0514.
visit them. He thought it could be done, but it was only a guess. He did not mention his idea to anyone at first but it still remained in the back of his mind.

After Rick was elected to the NJLHS Board of Directors, he approached then Society President, Tom Laverty with his idea. Tom liked the idea and suggested Rick write up a proposal. He did and presented it to the Board which approved it. The idea was then presented to the lighthouse organizations who also liked it and the New Jersey Lighthouse Challenge® was born!

To prevent the lighthouse organizations from bearing the brunt of the Challenge logistics, they were told that their participation need only be minimal: all they were asked to do was to be open that one weekend. The New Jersey Lighthouse Society handled the advertising, souvenirs and staffing of volunteers who greeted the “challengers” at each site. As all of the organizations agreed to participate, they were encouraged to add anything else to the event that they wished and some took that encouragement to heart! For instance, Hereford Inlet generally invites numerous artisans specializing in lighthouse related memorabilia to its site. This has been so successful that some returning participants look forward to seeing the artisans and their new wares! Fortunately one of the hoped-for outcomes soon became reality as the lighthouse organizations learned that the Challenge could be a profitable event for them. Some of them actually sold out of their gift shop stocks that first year! Since then, the lighthouse organizations have reported that the Challenge is their biggest fund-raising event of the year!

**How did the Challenge get its name?**
The first lighthouse challenge was actually called “New Jersey Lighthouse 2000”. After seeing the success of the first challenge, the NJLHS board decided to present the event again and call it the “Lighthouse Challenge”. As popularity of the event grew, it began to draw attention from other lighthouse societies interested in presenting their own “Challenge” so to protect its name it was necessary to eventually trademark the title “New Jersey Lighthouse Challenge” as well as the Challenge logo (designed by Doreen Lagattuta Berson).

**Is the Challenge just for Lighthouse Enthusiasts?** Absolutely not! As outlined in Rick’s original proposal, the purpose of the Lighthouse Challenge is: “To promote awareness of the lighthouses of New Jersey and encourage the public to visit and contribute to their restoration and upkeep”. This goal was realized because lighthouse enthusiasts are not the only ones taking the Challenge! Many people who never knew that these historic structures existed or knew anything about their historical importance as aids to navigation have also participated. Families, senior citizens, motorcycle and car groups, scout troops and school children (even a class monkey!) have been among the many thousands of participants of the Challenge throughout the years. All have become more aware of lighthouses and have contributed to their preservation and upkeep through generous donations and/or purchases at their gift shops. For many participants, this event was the springboard that expanded their interest in lighthouses beyond New Jersey and have explored lighthouses in other states and countries.

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Both of these challenges have become annual events. Last year, the Mid-Coast Maine Lighthouse Challenge was started. This year, two new challenges will be introduced: Martha’s Vineyard Lighthouse Challenge and the “Lights Across the Border Lighthouse Challenge”, which includes lighthouses of northern Maine and Campobello Island, Canada. We’ve heard that several other organizations are planning lighthouse challenges for the future.

The New Jersey Lighthouse Challenge® is proud to be the “original” lighthouse Challenge. The New Jersey Lighthouse Society intends to continue to present the Challenge as long as there is increasing interest from the public.

“Thank You” to Rick Weber for his contribution to this article. For more information on the New Jersey Lighthouse Challenge®, please contact Doreen Berson at 732-202-7420 or dor0102@comcast.net. Please visit the Challenge page of the New Jersey Lighthouse Society’s web site – www.njlhs.org – for more information leading up to the 9th Annual New Jersey Lighthouse Challenge® on October 18th and 19th, 2008. To become a member of the New Jersey Lighthouse Society, please visit the society’s web site – www.njlhs.org – and click on “To Join the NJLHS”, from the home page.

NEW JERSEY LIGHTHOUSE CHALLENGE MEMORABILIA

Challenge Brochures 2000 - 2007

Challenge souvenirs above, below & left

Challenge Pins 2004 - 2007 (below)
The lighthouse keeper was responsible for many things, the lens, oil, buildings, grounds, household furniture, and a tool box. In this tool box he had forty different tools totaling 71 items. This issue’s puzzle is the tool box. The list of tools using a common name has been combined to twenty-six items (saw, hammers, chisels, etc.). Only the **BOLD** words are in the puzzle. *Answers on Page 14.*

**WORD SEARCH PUZZLE**  
Mike Boucher

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**CALANDER OF EVENTS**  
Faith Giamboi

Send the necessary information to njlhsevents@peoplepc.com as an attached “MS Word” document or inline text. *The Beam* is published 4 times a year – March, June, September and December. Information must be received at least 8 weeks prior to publication to be included in the next issue. If you have any questions, call Faith Giamboi (732)580-0155.

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A NOTE FROM COMMUNITY OUTREACH COMMITTEE CHAIR
Anthony J. Albence
The New Jersey Lighthouse Society’s Community Outreach Committee 2008 outreach season is underway.

The 2008 season kicked off with the 2nd annual Spirit of the Jerseys Fair. The event was a big success again this year. Please note that this year the Society will participate for the first time in the Warren County Farmers’ Fair/Balloon Festival—a major event in northwestern NJ! The Fair is scheduled from July 27-August 2. If you have expressed interest in volunteering for this event, I will be contacting you to confirm details in mid to late June.

The new NJLHS giveaway items to visitors at our exhibits/demonstrations for outreach events are quite popular!! These include mini-crayon packs (for our childrens’ coloring activities) which feature the Society logo, and also mini-flashlights that carry the tagline “Keep the lights shining” along with the Society web address.

Additional volunteers are also most welcome…and are ESSENTIAL to ensuring the Society’s continued…and hopefully, increased…presence in the community! Remember, you don’t need to be a lighthouse “expert.” You only need to be willing to discuss our shared interests with event patrons. There’s always someone to assist in this regard.

Please feel free to contact me with any ideas or for more information. My e-mail address is: cua20064@verizon.net and my mailing address is:

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Many thanks…and keep the lights shining!

PHOTO CONTEST RECAP
Cindy Mitzen
This year’s amateur annual photo contest was another example of the love our members have for lighthouses. Lighthouses in every size and shape were on display. I would like to thank every one who submitted a photo, it’s hard to pick a favorite, but to be able to view them really makes for a great meeting.

Thank you to the people who volunteered to help: Judy Boucher, Annette Colt, John Meehan, Pat Bandock, Joan Stumpf, and my husband Michael. Howard Wright, our web master, has done a wonderful job of displaying the winners on the NJLHS website. And of course, Mary Beth Doherty, Mike Boucher and the rest of the unsung and unpadded staff on The Beam. The winning photos were on display at the Sandy Hook Keepers House for the month of April and they looked great! The winners (See Pages 8 & 9 for the photos) will also be on display at the June meeting, after which the winners can pick them up.

The next annual photo contest is slated to be held at the March 2009 meeting. The Winner’s Circle will stay the same, the other categories are:

1) East Coast Lights;
2) West Coast & Great Lakes Lights;
3) Other unsung Lighthouses; and

The fourth category will be open to all members even those in the Winner’s Circle and will be a very special first for the photo contest:
4) Rise to the Challenge.

This category can be the lighthouse, the people, or the events going on at the Challenge. Try and capture the spirit of the Challenge. I know many of the members of our Society volunteer at the Challenge, and there are many special things go on during the weekend. We want to see these pictures. The winner will be used in the very special 10th Challenge brochure for October 2009. (Don’t forget to ask permission of those you photograph if you plan to enter it in the photo contest.)

The September issue of The Beam will have the contest rules in more detail. Till then enjoy the summer, and keep taking those photos!

PRESERVATION ISSUES UPDATE
Brett Franks
It is difficult to ask people to give money as prices for every day necessities rise around us. And it is an act of faith to believe that some things mean more to people than status symbol purchases and the latest electronic gadgetry. But that’s what preservation has become, a difficult faith. I don’t want to preach to you. Far too many individuals take that liberty everyday from the bully pulpit of mass media. I want you to understand why someone would choose to be the disciple of this difficult faith.

During April, a group of volunteers from East Point Lighthouse and the NJLHS Helping Hands program got together and worked to make the East Point Light presentable for its first opening of the season. It was a cool and blustery day on the Delaware Bay, with rain in the forecast. But the people who came showed no sign that the weather bothered them in the least. They worked to shovel sand from the path to the light; they cleaned the windows and floors; fixed the shutters; and built a picnic table. Everyone worked together giving of themselves and their time. It instilled everyone there with a sense of community and pride. We all helped push back the ravages of time from that old building to keep it standing for another season of visitors.

Later in the month I visited with Jim Woodward as he was working to preserve the 4th Order Fresnel lens at Hereford Inlet. He and his associate Kurt were there moving the lens and motorizing it to turn again as it had in service. They were spending many long hours working in rather confined areas to repair the lens and help protect it from future damage. All of this resulted from the lens study NJLHS had performed. The funds we raised and spent to bring in a lens expert directly impacted the condition of this lens and helped secure its future many years to come.

At month’s end I attended a meeting concerning the Finn’ Point Lighthouse and the Supwana Meadows Wildlife Refuge hosted by the Fish and Wildlife Commission. Several of our NJLHS members were in attendance. We spoke at length with the management of the refuge on how the lighthouse could help support their mission and draw more tourists to the meadows. We offered suggestions not only on the lighthouse use, but how to tie in the story of the light and its relevance to the river and maritime industry of New Jersey. We offered help and expertise to run the lighthouse as a partner with them and to provide a presence in the meadows that they no longer can. We made good progress that day in securing the future of Finns Point and having it opened once again for normal visitation.

These are the examples of my faith, by looking at a single month. Three years ago, none of these programs were happening. We had yet to look upon our success with Sandy Hook and think it could be the foundation to a much larger preservation movement. We only scratched the surface of our greatest resource, our members resolve. NJLHS has become a catalyst in changing the history of...
2008 NEW JERSEY LIGHTHOUSE SO

Doors - First Place
*Cape Henry from Inside*
Howard Wright

Doors - Second Place
*Well Weather Entry*
Becki Laverty

Doors - Third Place Tie
*Keeper at the Inlet*
Bill Volpe

Doors - Third Place Tie
*Doors*
Mike Boucher

East Coast - First Place
*Bodie Island Light*
Joan Stumpf

East Coast - Second Place
*Hudson Athens*
Linda Speece

East Coast - Third Place
*The Only Thing I Caught was a Great View*
Rick Owen

New Jersey - First Place
*Sea Girl*
Spencer Purdum

New Jersey - Second Place
*Twin Towers*
Tom Daley

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CIETY PHOTO CONTEST WINNERS

New Jersey - Third Place
*Through the Trees*
Becki Laverty

West Coast - First Place
*Did I do That*
Karen Owens

West Coast - Second Place
*Genesee/Charlotte Light*
Faith Giamboi

West Coast - Third Place Tie
*Ontonagon West Pierhead Light*
Linda Speece

West Coast - Third Place Tie
*Honolulu*
Susan Schook

Winner’s Circle - First Place
*St. Marks Florida*
Mike Boucher

Winner’s Circle - Second Place Tie
*Mukolteo Rainbow*
Brett Franks

Winner’s Circle - Second Place Tie
*Roanoke River*
Karl Fahringer

Winner’s Circle - Third Place
*St. Augustine at Night*
Mike Boucher
LOST NEW JERSEY LIGHTHOUSES
DEEPWATER RANGE LIGHTS

The Deepwater Range lights were first lighted the night of November 15, 1876. The front range stood in the village of Deepwater, New Jersey on the north side of the Salem Canal at 39° 41' 12" north latitude by 75° 30' 34" west longitude. The Front Range was nearly identical to the Finns Point Front Range Light and may have been based upon the same plan. The Deepwater front light had large black daymarks comprised of horizontal slates. The rear range light was an iron tower much like the present Finns Point Rear Range.

Both front and rear range lights were automated 1937-1938. The rear range light was believed to have been torn down shortly thereafter.

The front range was decommissioned in 1952. The DuPont Corporation purchased the property and built a factory upon the site and the surrounding area. The rear range light was torn down in 1956. It was the construction of the Delaware Memorial Bridge in 1951 that made the lighthouse obsolete.

The Deepwater Front Range Light

The rear view of the keeper’s house with the Delaware Memorial Bridge in the background being built. Notice the locations of the chimneys and the porches and how the keeper’s quarter has changed between this photo and the one on the right.

Deepwater Rear Range Light was in service between 1876 and the late 1930’s

To see more Lost Lighthouses of New Jersey go to The NJLHS Web site http://www.njlhs.org/njlight/

PHAROS PHILATELIC CORNER
Jim Cope

A special addition to Canada’s four lighthouse stamps issued in 1985 was the flash frequency or characteristic of each lighthouse. The cleverly designed 34¢ stamps picture four lighthouses. Sisters Islets Lighthouse (Scott #1063) has a sequence of two flashes every 15 seconds. This lighthouse is located in the middle of the Northern Strait of Georgia in British Columbia. Pelee Passage Lighthouse (Scott #1064) flashes every four seconds and is located in Lake Erie, Ontario. Haut-fond Prince Lighthouse (Scott #1065) which has a flash every two-and-a-half seconds is located in the St. Lawrence River in Quebec. The Rose Blanche Lighthouse (Scott #1066) stamp shows its red flash every 10 seconds and is on Cains Island, Newfoundland. These stamps were depicted on the CAPEX 87 (CAAnadian Philatelic EXhibition) Souvenir Sheet (Scott #1066b) which was held in Toronto, Ontario in June 1987. Some other countries have also included the characteristics of their lighthouses on stamps which we will cover in the future.
EAST POINT READIES FOR  
“PHASE TWO”
Al Smith

After years of waiting for the wheels of government to turn, East Point can now look toward getting Phase Two underway!

Now, before you look for scaffolding, etc., please understand that getting Phase Two underway means getting NEW PAPERWORK underway. We will have to negotiate the “scope” of the project with our funders, get environmental approvals, have our construction plans blessed by any number of agencies, advertise for contractors, verify their expertise and all the other little details that must be done before the first nail can be driven.

For those of you with GREAT memories, 1998 will not seem that long ago. For us at East Point—it is an eternity. If you recall, we started with the exterior to make the building ‘weather tight’ and historically correct. The most visible thing that was accomplished was the correction of the size of the tower and the structural support for the new tower. This can be seen on the ceiling of the second floor with the steel beams in the ceiling. Shutters were installed as they were originally part of the building, and to help with building security, steel shutters were installed on the first floor.

After Phase One was completed, the Maurice River Historical Society proceeded to install REAL windows throughout the house. These windows feature glass that is reminiscent of the type that would have been used in the original windows. These must be seen to be appreciated.

Since that time, we have been ‘marking time,’ doing maintenance like the work party on April 13 that included 2 members of NJLHS Helping Hands Committee and waiting, waiting for the day that Phase Two could be started. That TIME is NOW.

Plans are for interior restoration to the period around 1900-1910. We will be restoring walls, etc., that were damaged/destroyed when the roof was open for a year after the 1970 fire. We wish to make the rooms like they would have been when the keeper and his family were there. There has been discussion about leaving a room in the current condition as a ‘before and after’ contrast. We would like to hear from you! What do you think we should do with the interior? Do you have an opinion as to how the interior should be used? How would you like to see it done? You can contact us by e-mail at eastpointlighthouseni@yahoo.com or by mail to: Maurice River Historical Society, PO Box 141, Heislerville, NJ 08324

Annual NJLHS Recognition Awards Nominations
Tom Laverty

The Society is now soliciting nominations from our members for this year’s awards program scheduled for September 2008. Nomination categories are: a.) Keepers Award-Dedicated and exemplary service in a Society support role; b.) Presidents Award -Extraordinary performance of a function that further the Society’s role (must have performed some function to further the goals of restoration, preservation, education, historical research or has stimulated public awareness in NJ lighthouses or those in the NY Harbor or Delaware Bay waters or has performed exceptionally dedicated service as a volunteer); c.) Society Award - Contributions made by outside organizations for sponsorship, participation, or other forms of support.

If you have a nomination, please write a description outlining why the person or organization should be given the award and submit it to the New Jersey Lighthouse Society. You may mail it to: Tom Laverty, Chair, NJLHS Recognition Committee, PO Box 332, Navesink NJ 07752, email it to: Tom.Laverty@njlhs.org, or hand deliver it to Tom or President, Yvonne Miller Thies at the June meeting.

All nominations must be received by Monday, June 30, 2008. Early submission will allow the Recognition Committee time to review the nominations and make the necessary arrangements for the September meeting. We look forward to hearing from our members.

Preservation Issues Update

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lighthouse throughout the state. We are bringing a renewed commitment to preservation everywhere. Not just with words and promises of money, but with deeds and action. You show that our concern for lighthouses of this area is a tangible force. What we have accomplished in lighthouse tourism and publicity with the Challenge, now we strive to match in preservation and history.

Activities and Events:

Again this year we’ll be running our Preservation Raffle and Christmas Social Chinese Auction. We hope to have a first class list of prizes and items ready for the Auction. The raffle this year will be held at our fall meeting in Sandy Hook and will feature prizes of: a week long cruise for two, a portable computer, a weekend stay in Atlantic City, and a computer printer. Look for your tickets in the mail soon. We hope you all will once again be as generous in your giving for these efforts as in previous years.

Our Helping Hands Group just finished working at Sandy Hook on June 7th doing some clean-up, landscaping, and painting to get ready for the tourist season. We have several other events planned for the summer, so if you would like to help out please sign up online at our NJLHS web page or stop by the Preservation Table at our general meetings.

THEN & NOW IN POSTCARDS

Chatham Lighthouse on Cape Cod, MA

Before the removal of the right tower in 1923

to Nauset Beach, Cape Cod

Chatham in the 1950's

The Lightship Frying Pan, 1913 - 1965, on the Hudson River in NYC

Chatham Today

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The Summer Anniversary & Picnic Meeting will be held Saturday, June 28, 2008 at Fort Mott State Park, Pennsville, NJ. The meeting will be held at the pavilion closest to the restrooms.

**Summer Meeting: June 28, 2008**

**Itinerary of the Day:**

10:00 Hospitality

11:00 General Membership Called to Order, Introduction of Visitors, Committee Reports, Special Guest Speaker

12:30 Approx. Adjournment

Lunch/Anniversary Picnic

Tables and benches will hold approximately 100. Chairs will be available for additional seating. Bring your own lunch. The Finns Point Lighthouse will be open. All of the Fort Mott buildings will be open for visiting and there will be many other attractions that day.

*We are visiting in the 2008 Fiscal year. The Governor’s announced closing for the State Parks is for the 2009 Fiscal year.*

**Fall Meeting:** September 27, 2008

*Arrangements are made at Sandy Hook*

**Winter Meeting:** December 6, 2008

*Arrangements are made at Absecon*

Tentative plans are for the meeting to be at the Uptown School Complex and the Holiday Social will be held at the Absecon Keepers House.

**DIRECTIONS TO FORT MOTT STATE PARK & FINNS POINT LIGHTHOUSE**

1) From the north: NJ Turnpike south to Exit 1B south (last exit in NJ before the bridge) to Route 49 Pennsville. Follow directions in section 3 below.

2) From the west and Pennsylvania: I-95 from the north or south to I-295 East. Cross the Delaware Memorial Bridge to the first exit on the New Jersey side, Route 49/Pennsville south. Follow directions in section 3 below.

3) Follow the signs for Fort Mott State Park through the town of Pennsville, about 4.2 miles to Fort Mott Rd. Right on Ft. Mott Road. Lighthouse will be 2 miles on the right at the fork. Continue straight on Ft. Mott Road to Fort Mott State Park about 1 mile.

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**Spring Meeting Recap:**

Ninety-nine members attended the Winter/March meeting at the Center School in Highland Park, NJ. The gymnasium was a perfect meeting place. There were several vendors present and a lot of dialog between those that attended. The fact that there was not a speaker gave us more time to view the photos in the contest and interact with everyone about the photos on display. Everyone enjoyed the opportunity to visit with each other.

Unfortunately, the Program for the day did not run as smoothly. When we arrived at the Cornelius Low House, it was closed. One of our members managed to find a Park Guard who checked for us and found out the Ken Helmbe did not put us on his calendar for that Saturday so we missed the Lighthouse Exhibit. When we finally got in touch with Ken it was too late to find a way to open the museum and the majority of our members who were there to see the exhibit had left. Ken has written an apology to NJLHS that appears on Page 13 of the BEAM and on the web site. I personally want to apologize to all. This is the first time in the fifteen years of my arranging Programs that this has happened. Hopefully, it will never happen again.
Dear NJLHS Members,

I am so sorry that a miscommunication in scheduling left many of you disappointed on Saturday, March 29, as you were unable to view the exhibit entitled “Down the Shore” at the Cornelius Low House. I am extremely proud of this exhibition, and am sure you would have enjoyed it—particularly the section on New Jersey’s coastal Lighthouses and the display featuring the Finns Point Lens. Your Society was kind enough to allow usage of some of the text from your web site and we are truly grateful. I hope that I can return the favor in some way.

To this end, I would like to extend an open invitation to everyone to come visit the Low House. Our exhibit will be on display through June 15, 2008, and we are open Tuesdays through Fridays (8:30am-4:00pm) and Sundays (1:00-4:00pm). If anyone is interested in visiting, they can contact me directly and I will make sure someone is here to meet them. Again, my apologies, and I hope to see some of you here before the middle of June.

Ken Helsby
Cornelius Low House
732-745-4177

Funds for repairs to Bodie Island Lighthouse on the Outer Banks of North Carolina were cut by the Senate to meet President Bush’s budget demands. Restoration plans were just about completed and bids were ready to be sent out this year. The National Parks Service, which owns the lighthouse and grounds, needed the money to repair the 1872 light-house. Funds collected from entrance fees are not enough and more money was requested from Congress. A $3 million omnibus budget had passed the House, but was cut by the Senate.

The Cape Lookout Lighthouse off the coast of North Carolina has been open four times a year by the National Parks Service. After an inspection of the lighthouse earlier this year, the Cape Lookout National Seashore announced the lighthouse would be closed because they found some deterioration of the stairway. Work will start this summer on evaluating what will be needed to modify the stairway. The keeper’s house and visitor center will be open this summer. When the National Parks Service announces the tower will be open to climb, the reservations will be booked in a few hours.

The future of Sanibel Lighthouse on the west coast of Florida is up in the air. The Coast Guard has deemed it unnecessary and wants to give it away under the National Historic Lighthouse Preservation Act of 2000. The City of Sanibel has been leasing the property from the Coast Guard on a year-to-year basis. The City, along with the City’s Historical Committee, and others are trying to keep the lighthouse lit. Some people think that since the lighthouse is excess property, the light will be turned off. The Coast Guard states that it’s a historical property and it can not be turned off. The City does not want to put more money into the light station if it is going to another group. The future maintenance of this lighthouse is questionable until this matter is settled.

Cape Canaveral Lighthouse in Florida was closed again. The lighthouse was recently restored and as part of the restoration project, a test for lead contamination was conducted. When lead was found in the soil, the grounds were fenced off. Pensacola Lighthouse in Florida will resume tours. The lighthouse has been closed since last May because of safety and liability problems. After months of negotiating with the Coast Guard, the owners of the lighthouse, the Pensacola Lighthouse Association will continue giving tours. One of the problems was liability insurance. This coming January the lighthouse will be 150 years old. The 150-foot tower has 177 wrought-iron steps and is the tallest in Florida. The lighthouse is located across the street from the Naval Aviation Museum at Pensacola Naval Air Station.

The Town of Jamestown, RI has been caretaker of the Beavertail Lighthouse for some time now. The Town Council received a letter from the Coast Guard to give it away (the owner of the lighthouse) that the Town was not in compliance with its lease agreement. The Town uses part of the keeper’s house for a residence for a live-in caretaker. The lease states the Town is to maintain the building and can have a museum, which is run by the Beavertail Lighthouse Museum Association but cannot have a caretaker and his family living in the building as his primary residence. The Town Council is looking into the matter. If they can not use the keeper’s quarters as affordable housing for its maintenance personnel, then the town will have reevaluate its interest in the lighthouse.

Money is being raised for the restoration of the Pigeon Point Lighthouse in California. The tower has been closed since December of 2001 when two 200-pound chunks of iron brick cornice fell to the ground. California State Parks restored the lighthouse and its Foundation is trying to raise $6 million to restore it again. Five million will be used for the construction and the other one million will be held in trust for upkeep. The California State Parks Foundation helps to raise funds for all the state parks.

Lighthouses Newsletter From Around the Country

The Beam
Recipe Corner

Pumpkin Chiffon Pie

Submitted by Deborah Megenigal

1 env. unflavored gelatin
3 eggs, separated
1 c. sugar, divided
1 1/4 c. canned pumpkin
1/2 c. milk
1/2 tsp. salt
1/2 tsp. ginger
1/2 tsp. nutmeg
1/2 tsp. cinnamon
Pastry for single-crust pie, baked

Softened gelatin in cold water; set aside. Beat egg yolks slightly; add 1/2 cup sugar, pumpkin, milk, salt & spices. Cook in double boiler until thick. Add softened gelatin to hot pumpkin mixture; mix thoroughly and cool. Beat egg whites until stiff; stir in remaining sugar. When pumpkin mixture begins to thicken, fold in egg whites. Pour into pie shell; chill in refrigerator. I always serve this sugar. When pumpkin mixture begins to thicken, fold in egg whites. Pour into pie shell; chill in refrigerator. I always serve this.

Meeting Attendees:

There were 99 members and guests who signed in at our March meeting at the Center School in Highland Park, NJ. Please remember to sign the book—we want to make sure there are enough seats for you at future meetings!

Nametags:

We have a new look to our membership nametags! They are $6.00 each to be ordered and paid for at each meeting. The price includes shipping and you have 3 options for the backing: standard pin, double butterfly clutch, or for $1.00 extra you can order a magnet. Stop by the membership table to place your order.

Membership Numbers:

At the deadline for this issue, the membership numbers are as follows:

- Single Memberships = 174
- Family Memberships = 233 x 2 = 466
- Total Members = 640*

*This number includes one Lifetime member, and seven Honorary members. This number is also low this time of year due to renewals still coming in.

New Members:

The following members have joined our Society since the March issue. 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!

- Hans, John & Lucille
- Harmon, Stan
- Hellman, Geo
- Hewitt, Sharon Kay & Steve
- Hill, Art & Louisa
- Harpsky & Family
- Terri & Steve
- Hughes, Betty
- Karol, Cheryl
- Kitto, Benjamin
- Kostyk, Vicki
- Kratouchwill, Sue Knopp & Mike
- Krier, Gertrude V.
- McAfoos, Bill & Gail
- Moll, Loretta
- Morgan, Jane C.
- Mulligan, Rodney
- Portée, Willow
- Petrosino & Family, JoEllen
- Rosalen, Alice
- Schlegel & Family, Diane
- Seuling, Stephen J.
- Silvert, Barbara E.
- Speiser, Frank
- Stapleford, Peggy
- Swearingen, Paul & Linda
- Thein, Theresa & Joseph
- Van Der Clute, Dean
- Van De Ven, Henry & Pat
- Weeks Jr. & Family,
- Thomas C.
- Wengland, Joan M
- Winkie, Carol & Philip
- Wolosz, Ann France & John
- Wuori, John & Sharon
- Csehi, Mary Ellen
- Cullen, Jr., Francis R.
- Elder, Leona
- Foley & Family, Margaret
- Frankenbush, Shannon
- Gefire, Raymond & Debby
- Gleason, Jane & Fred
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- Gefire, Raymond & Debby
- Gleason, Jane & Fred
- The Nawiwiwi Harbor Lighthouse was built in 1893 to replace the 1897 tower. It’s 80 feet high and is located on Ninini Point on Kauai, HI.

Built in 1877, Southwest Ledge Lighthouse is a sibling to Ship John Shoal Light in the Delaware Bay. This active light is 57 feet high and shows a red flash every five seconds.
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