Standing atop a pile of rocks in Lower New York Bay nearly four miles north of Sandy Hook, the faded Romer Shoal Lighthouse has a colorful past and an uncertain future.

The 109-year-old lighthouse was recently honored with a designation as an historic site on both the national and state registries. But that doesn’t ensure it will even remain in New Jersey.

Dirty paint, top half red, bottom half white is peeling all over the building. Rust from saltwater scars its cast iron sides. The windows are boarded up like an abandoned inner-city row house and its only entrance is covered by a heavy, vandal proof metal door. The dock is crumbling.

With the Verrazano-Narrows Bridge and the New York skyline visible in the distance, a feeling of isolation surrounds the lighthouse. The only signs of life are large, spooky-looking black-feathered cormorants, who flap their bony 27-inch wings to dry them in the breeze. Nobody expects this spot at the edge of New Jersey will go dark because a light is needed to ward against the surrounding shoals and mark the Swash Channel.

But officials say the Coast Guard, which doesn’t consider maintaining lighthouses priority after 9/11, could unload Romer Shoal to a private preservation group as early as next year. It also could be dismantled and moved to a planned National Lighthouse Museum on Staten Island.

“The Coast Guard is getting out of the lighthouse business as fast as humanly possible, and is putting up most of America’s lighthouses to be taken over by private groups,” said Jerry Roberts, the National Lighthouse Museum director.

Roberts said if the museum gets expected financial backing, Romer Shoal could be dismantled at a cost of up to $3 million and rebuilt as a main exhibit on the grounds of the old U. S. Lighthouse Service depot, just to the south of the Staten Island Ferry terminal. If moved out of state, a modern warning light would replace it.

The Federal government is already offering West Bank and Old Orchard Light, Romer Shoal’s sister lighthouses in the Lower Bay, for private preservation, as long as they are not used for profit and are maintained as navigation aids. So far, only the People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals has shown interest. PETA wants to use at least one of the lighthouses as a place to teach the public that fish feel pain and should not be caught and eaten.

Since Romer Shoal is now a national historic landmark, any new owner would not be allowed to change it. Sara Andre, an historic preservation specialist with the state Department of Environmental Protection, said Romer Shoal got the state and national nods because of its long association with maritime safety in New York Harbor and how it was built, a foundation of cast iron plates dropped into the water and filled with concrete.

Andre said Romer Shoal joins such New Jersey lighthouses as Sandy Hook, Robbins Reef off Bayonne, Cape May, Ship John Shoal in the Delaware River and the Twin Lights on the state registry.

Romer Shoal can be seen in the distance from the Navesink Twin Lights in Atlantic Highlands and from the tip of Sandy Hook and up close by boaters and ferry commuters. It is not open to the public for safety reasons.

Coast Guard Petty Officer 1st Class Mike Johnsson, the supervisor of lighthouses for the New York-New Jersey area, said he travels from Bayonne to Romer Shoal every three months to inspect the rotating light with its plastic lens. Gone is the magnificent old-style prism-like 4th order Fresnel lens that threw the lighthouse beam seaward in the first six decades of the 20th century.

The lighthouse is named after the pilot boat William J. Romer, which struck the shoals and sank in 1863. Soon after the lighthouse opened in 1898, one of the keepers mysteriously disappeared. He was presumed drowned, but authorities suspected another keeper until the case turned cold.

In 1919, the Navy assigned six signalmen to the lighthouse to report ship traffic by telephone to the Daily Shipping Bulletin Newspaper in New York. In November 1920, death visited again when one of the sailors drowned in the frigid water when his small boat was swamped by the backwash of a larger Navy craft that was delivering provisions.

In 1938, the Great Northeast Hurricane roared up the East Coast and damaged the lighthouse. “The water was black due to this gale,” Keeper Herman Westgate jotted in his log. “I have never witnessed such a storm in my ten years in the lighthouse.” It is not unusual in a gale for waves to splash over the second floor level.

During World War II, the lighthouse was also used as a lookout.

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In this issue of The Beam there are stories of rainbows and lighthouses, Romer Shoal in New York’s Harbor, Kilauea Light in Hawaii, and Cape Canaveral Lighthouse in Florida. We also look at the new U.S. Gulf Coast Lighthouse stamps coming out later this year. Other features include the 2008 Recognition Award, the relighting of Barnegat Lighthouse, Challenge Photos and the Lightship Tender “Lilac”. On the back page you will notice the new lighthouse border of New Jersey Lighthouse drawings to replace the clip art that I found on the web. Another feature is a list of articles and what page to find them on. At the bottom of each page is a 20th Anniversary logo that will replace the standard NJLHS logo for this year only. I have a couple of other changes I’ll look at later. All members of the New Jersey Lighthouse Society, Inc., are a non-profit educational corporation (501c3).

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT
Mary Beth Doherty

Happy New Year…Happy Spring! I hope you had a wonderful holiday season and are looking forward to many lighthouse adventures this year!

Wow…how time flies. It feels like it was just yesterday (actually, almost 15 years ago) that I began my lighthouse adventure. It’s amazing to me how my life changed on that small boat going down the Kennebec River in Maine when I found out there was a lighthouse society in New Jersey! Never in my wildest dreams (then) did I think I’d be writing this article (now), but here I am!

Through the years I’ve met many fellow lighthouse lovers; made many friends (and lost a few), seen many lights, gone on some great trips...and had a lot of FUN! I’ve also volunteered many hours, days, and years to NJLHS along the way—and what a rewarding experience it’s been. Now, I’d like for you all to share in the experience.

Changes are plentiful this year in the Society. As you may be aware, there has been turnover on the Board as well as its committees. We have a few vacancies that need to be filled—Publicity Chair and Historian and, at the end of the year, we’ll need a Ways & Means Chair and Challenge Co-Chairs. Help is needed with administrative tasks throughout the year for the Challenge, and of course there is the ongoing need of volunteers for Outreach, Speaker’s Bureau, Sandy Hook, Programs, Trips, articles for The Beam, Helping Hands…the list goes on.

Please don’t feel you need to be an expert in any particular area or that you have to commit an incredible amount of time--most all of us work, have family obligations, etc. So, if you’re willing to help and have some free time, we’ll put you to work! Please contact me, another Board member, or a Committee Chair and express your interest.

This year is the 20th Anniversary for the Society and the 10th year for the Challenge. With your help, we can make 2009 and the years ahead better and “brighter” for the New Jersey Lighthouse Society. Be a part of it!

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post. Before it was automated in 1968, the Coast Guard had three enlisted men stationed there.

Moving Romer Shoal to the Staten Island depot would actually return the lighthouse to its roots. It was initially used as an experimental lighthouse there for five years, where it was used for testing fuels, wicks and bulbs. It was taken apart and erected in six months amid the shoals in 1898.

James Hyland, president of the Dover, N.H. based Lighthouse Preservation Society, said uncertainty about Romer Shoal’s future is not unusual. About 800 lighthouses still stand in the United States, and only half are used by the Coast Guard. Hyland said federal funds in 1980’s and ’90’s helped 160 lighthouse preservation projects, but the aid dried up.

“Lighthouses are historical and they are romantic,” Hyland said. “I have often said lighthouses are to America what castles are to Europe. Lighthouses seem to capture our imagination. The whole idea of a light in the darkness is very powerful image. It lends itself to a lot of noble symbolism about man’s condition and our need to have something show us the way.”

Tom Hest was one of the last Coast Guard lightkeepers at Romer Shoal from 1964 to 1966. This article appeared in the The Star-Ledger on August 20, 2007. Tom retired from The Star-Ledger on January 1, 2009.

2008 RECOGNITION AWARD

Tom Laverty

Special Service Award:
Yvonne Thies - Recognized for more than fourteen years of service to the Society. First as a Vice President, then President, Yvonne has helped lead the NJLHS into what it is today. In addition her leadership on the Beam and Challenge Task Forces, tireless leadership of the Activities Committee selecting meeting locations and making arrangements, and chair of the Society’s Outreach efforts is much appreciated.

Debbie Megonigal - Recognized for fourteen years as Treasurer of the New Jersey Lighthouse Society. In addition to keeping the Society’s books, paying its bills, preparing and reporting financial statements, Debbie has advised the organization on parliamentary procedures, worked at Outreach programs, and represented the Society at many activities.

Service Awards:
James Gale - For his consistent and faithful assistance in setting up for the General Membership meetings each quarter, helping with outreach programs, and volunteer assistance with many NJLHS activities.

Martha Brown - For her work as Hospitality Chairperson and long time active member of the Preservation Committee.

Marty Hudspeth - For her work as Chairperson of the Ways & Means committee since 2005. She researches sales items, purchases them, warehouses them in her home and loads and unloads them when transporting to General Membership meetings, Community Outreaches and Special Functions.

Dixie Amento - For her volunteer assistance with Ways and Means, Community Outreaches, volunteering at Sandy Hook and has recently been an active volunteer at the Barnegat Light since moving to LBI.

Joe Amento - Joe, like Dixie, is available wherever he is needed. Joe helps with hospitality, sets up the chairs and tables for the meetings and makes sure we have help in breaking down after the meeting. Joe also does Community Outreaches.

Society Award:
The Chesapeake Chapter USLHS is recognized for their support of NJLHS, especially our Lighthouse Challenge. Each year they have sent our brochure out to their members in their newsletters at no cost to us for the postage. They take our brochures and hand them out at their activities, especially their Challenge. Their efforts have helped the Lighthouse Challenge become a major event.

CORRECTIONS

In the last issue of The Beam we left out two of the volunteers who worked the Challenge: Katie Moser at Hereford Inlet and Barbara May at Finn’s Point. We thank them very much for volunteering and we’re sorry we forgot to mention your names in the last Beam. Left out in the Heceta Head Bed & Breakfast story was its location, we forgot to mentioned its north of Florence Oregon. Sorry for the inconvenience.

MEMBER CROSSES THE BAR

To those of you, who may not have heard, my husband, Glen Strunk, died on Monday, November 17, 2008. I’m posting this in “The Beam” for your information and also to thank all of you who sent sympathy cards and offered up prayers. I know I would not have come through it so far without them. Thank you very much.

Ellie Strunk.
Every so often, on a schedule all its own, nature reminds us to stop and enjoy life. It might do that by scaring the complacency out of us with raging storms. Then again it may present us with a more subtle response. Something we notice quickly in passing, but do not take those few minutes to really appreciate. For lifetimes the old adage has rattled through society to stop and smell the roses, but do we listen?

I’m sure many of us believe that advice is great for someone else but we’ve got too much to do. We’ll stop later when we decide there’s time. I often count myself among this group. Whatever I’m into at that moment is more important. And besides, I noticed it. I just didn’t make a big deal out it. However, once in awhile I stray off that thought path, and it makes me wonder about my priorities.

About nine months ago I found myself headed west across the country for my job. I work as an engineer and program manager for the United States Navy. I’ve done this since I graduated college years ago and traveling has always been part of the requirements. And it’s a double edged sword. Business travel is a far cry from vacation travel. While I go to nice towns and interesting places, I have a job to do and it comes first. This trip had me heading to Hawaii. I can’t be very specific about what I was doing and where, but it worked out so that I had a day off while there.

I choose to take a hike up the south eastern edge of Oahu to see the lighthouse at Makapu’u. Anyone who has been there knows this hike is steeply uphill for over a mile and a half winding around the volcanic cliffs. The views to the Pacific Ocean are incredible and often migrating whales can be seen in the waters below. After about a mile I was rethinking this decision on how to spend my leisure time. The winds were blowing hard and storm clouds were coming in from the sea. Pushing ahead I reached the lighthouse just before the rain and set about taking pictures as fast as possible. The rains came down quickly and I huddled against the cliff to keep the camera and some of me dry.

I started to think I should get going back down the trail before the storm got worse but my legs convinced me that wasn’t going to happen. So I sat up against the cliff and looked at the light. A rainbow appeared over the lighthouse as the storm subsided. I was in a perfect spot with camera in hand. It was beautiful and I sat there enjoying it. I’m not sure how long it took, but I soon felt relaxed looking over the wide blue Pacific Ocean, feeling the trade winds blowing across my face. Time for me stopped right then. I could have been at any point during the last 100 years and been seeing the same thing I was now. I pondered this time travel event and the serene beauty nature showed until the rainbow faded away. I didn’t have a care in the world right then.

The next day the Navy had plans for me and I spent the week working while being transited from Hawaii to the Puget Sound area of Washington State. Paradise was 2677 miles away and my rainbow over the Pacific but a memory. I got off work in the late afternoon near Everett, Washington and headed down to a favorite area restaurant near a ferry slip. I pulled up and was shocked to see the ferry and restaurant were side by side with the Mukilteo Lighthouse.

I was too late to visit but had a great view of the light and sound beyond it. I started walking back to the car for the camera when those infamous Seattle rains made their appearance. I thought about skipping the pictures but for some reason I chose to get wet. I walked back and took several photos, enough to make sure I was thoroughly soaked. Then I stood laughing at myself over how dumb this move was. If I had a brain I would have eaten dinner and then took the pictures.

Sound was a magnificent rainbow. A little over a week apart and an ocean away, nature got my attention again. I felt awe struck as the rainbow became a twin and I got the same weird feeling as in Hawaii of seeing the light and the waters it protected outside the context of time. So once more I let time drift away and just stood there enjoying my little place in the universe.

I went in to eat a bit later and the hostess asked how I had come to be soaked. I said I was looking at a 2700 mile long rainbow. Her response was “I thought rainbows didn’t have beginnings and ends.” “Yeah,” I said. “I really hope that’s true.”
With the relighting of Barnegat Lighthouse on the first of the year, this word search puzzle looks at other lighthouses that have been dark for many years and were relit. Some of these are private aids to navigations, while others are official Coast Guard aids. This is only a small sample of the many lighthouses that are being relit. The first date is when the lighthouse was first lit, while dates in the parentheses are the dark years. Only the BOLD words are in the puzzle. Answers are on Page 14.

**WORD SEARCH PUZZLE**  
Mike Boucher

**THE RELIGHTING OF OLD BARNEY**  
Dixie Amento

At 5:06 PM January 1, 2009 Barnegat Lighthouse was re-lit for the first time since 1944. It is once again a working lighthouse. It was a beautiful bright day, but very cold with a wind that chilled your bones. That did not stop 8 – 10,000 people from coming to see this historical event. A young mother in the crowd drove two hours so the lighting would be part of her two year old son’s history.

A small organization called the Friends of Barnegat Lighthouse State Park collected $18,000 from donations, sales of merchandise and certificates this past summer. It became very apparent that people wanted to see Old Barney become a working light again, just from their generous donations.

The Fraternal Order of Police from Long Beach Island presented the Friends Group with a $15,000 check at the 150th year anniversary celebration held in October 2008. This enabled the group to replace the exterior glass which surrounds the lighthouse beacon.

Angelo Rinaldi, President of the Friends of Barnegat Lighthouse State Park spearheaded this whole project. Without his very hard work and determination this relighting would never have happened. Angelo commented that he was disappointed that the sunset kept the sky too bright for the ceremony. When it became dark the light was truly a sight to behold.

The new lens measures 20 inches by 20 inches. The light will flash almost exactly to each point of the compass every ten seconds, just as the very first Fresnel lens operated. The original lens is in the Barnegat Light Museum, a short walk from the lighthouse.

A captain of a commercial clam boat reported he was 8 miles off the coast where true darkness had set in and the beacon was clearly visible.

Come visit our beautiful Barnegat Lighthouse at the northern end of Long Beach Island and see the beacon beam for yourself.

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The United States Postal Service will release a new set of Lighthouse stamps this year featuring the Gulf Coast Lighthouses. This will be the fifth in the series of lighthouse stamps released by the USPS. The exact date has not been determined, but it is possible these stamps will be issued in July with the new increased postage rate. The stamps are pictured here at the old 42¢ rate. The new stamps will feature (above, left to right) Matagorda, Texas; Sabine Pass, Louisiana; Biloxi, Mississippi; Sand Island, Alabama; and Fort Jefferson, Florida. These stamps, as were the previous stamps in this series, were designed by our own Howard Koslow who is from Toms River.

In addition to the postage stamps, a set of picture postal cards will be released featuring each lighthouse. They will have a picture of the lighthouse on one side and a postcard rate stamp on the other side. The Matagorda Island Lighthouse was established in 1852. The present tower was built in 1872. It is an active light standing 79 feet tall in a state park. The original 3rd Order Fresnel Lens is in the Calhoun County Historical Museum, Port Lavaca, TX. The Sabine Pass Lighthouse was established and constructed in 1856, deactivated in 1952. The 3rd Order Fresnel Lens has been removed. The 75 foot tower resembles a rocket ship and sits on the Louisiana – Texas border. The Biloxi Lighthouse was established in 1848 with a 5th Order Fresnel Lens, and then upgraded to a 4th Order Fresnel Lens in 1926. The 61 foot tower is unique in that it sits in the median in the middle of US 90, a four lane highway. Sand Island Lighthouse, located off Mobile Point, south of the fort, was established in 1838. The current tower was constructed in 1873. Originally it had a 2nd Order Fresnel Lens which was removed in 1933 when the light was deactivated. The lens is in the Fort Morgan Museum. The 131 foot Gothic tower was made of brown stone and remains unpainted. The Fort Jefferson Lighthouse, also known as the Tortugas Harbor Lighthouse and/or Garden Key Light is on Dry Tortugas Island. It was established in 1825 with the present 82 foot iron tower being constructed in 1876. It had a 4th Order Fresnel Lens which has since been removed. This is a private aid to navigation with three 75W bulbs in the lantern. Watch for these stamps in your local post office, and use them on your mail.

The New Jersey Lighthouse Society’s 2009 Community Outreach season is shaping up to be another exiting year!!

The Society will once again be well-represented at a wide variety of events across the state. These include a mix of gatherings at which the Society has participated for many years, as well as some events the Society has just recently connected. Among the latter, the Community Outreach team is very excited to be returning to the Warren County Farmers’ Fair/Balloon Festival, which continues to bolster the Society’s presence in the northwestern NJ community. This large, week-long event presents some logistical challenges in terms of coordination, but is well worth the investment of time and effort.

In addition to continuing to connect with different communities, the Community Outreach family has grown by welcoming new members who are very eager to participate. Recruiting more volunteers is the only way that outreach efforts may continue and flourish!

Also of note: the NJLHS giveaway items to visitors to our exhibits/displays at outreach events have proved to be quite popular! The mini-crayons packs (for our children’s coloring activities) feature the Society logo and the mini-flashlights carry the tagline “Keep the lights shining” along with the Society’s web address. These items will be back for 2009!!

As always (and as stated above): additional/new volunteers are also most welcome. This is ESSENTIAL to ensuring a strong NJLHS presence in the community. Please keep in mind that you don’t need to be a lighthouse “expert” to be part of the team—just willing to discuss our shared interests with event patrons. There’s always someone to “fill in the blanks”. We have an outstanding base of lighthouse knowledge in our membership ranks.

Please feel free to contact me with any info on NJ events where our presence may be a plus, with other ideas/or for more information. My mailing address is:

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You may also contact me via e-mail at: cua20064@aol.com. Many thanks and keep the lights shining!
Cape Canaveral is best known today for the Kennedy Space Center. However, the Cape has appeared on navigational charts since the 1500’s. Off the southeastern tip, there are sandy shoals, which make the currents very dangerous. So, in 1848, the first lighthouse was built near the Cape’s tip. This lighthouse was about 60 feet tall, lit by fifteen lamps with 21-inch reflectors, and powered by whale oil. Captains of ships complained you could not see the light, until you were almost on top of the shoals. Therefore, a new, taller lighthouse was in the works, and begun in 1859. This however, was a time where history, the Civil War, intervened. This caused the third keeper, Mills Burnham, a Confederate supporter, to disassemble the lamps, and hide them from the Union.

After the war, a new lighthouse was completed by 1868. This lighthouse was 145 feet tall, and consisted of a brick lining, with a cast iron outside. In 1873, it was painted with a black and white “daymark”. The keeper’s quarters were in the lighthouse. The quarters took up the first three floors and were accessible only by an outside stairway. In 1892, an eroding shoreline presented another problem. Therefore, it was necessary to disassemble the lighthouse and move it on a mule powered track to a new home, one and a half miles inland. A keeper’s house and oil house were built on the grounds. This is where the lighthouse is today. The only other original building on the property is the oil house.

The Cape Canaveral Lighthouse had a First-Order Fresnel lens. This lens stood in its tower for over 100 years. It weighed 2,000 pounds, stood 12 feet tall, and could be seen about 22 nautical miles. It was first powered by whale oil, then kerosene, and electrified in the 1950’s. Today, the light has been automated. It is an active aid to navigation. Ownership of the lighthouse has been transferred from the Coast Guard to the Air Force. However, the Coast Guard still has charge of the automated system at the top. The lighthouse recently received a new coat of paint and a new walkway.

This January, we had the opportunity to see the original Cape Canaveral First-Order Fresnel lens at the Ponce de Leon Lighthouse complex. This was made possible after a night climb of the Ponce Lighthouse by the Florida Lighthouse Association. We also had the opportunity to gain access to the Cape Canaveral Lighthouse grounds. This was made possible by Gladys Llanes, a Florida Lighthouse Association member, and Constituent of Services to Congressman Mario Diaz-Balart, and BM1 Adam Norrigan of the U.S. Coast Guard. We were able to take “up close and personal” pictures of the outside of the lighthouse, the inside of the lighthouse, and the oil house.

How can you see the Cape Canaveral Lighthouse? According to the Cape Canaveral Lighthouse Foundation’s website, the Cape Canaveral lighthouse is now open to the public via tours through Patrick AFB Public Affairs. The 45th Space Wing is offering free tours of CCAFS the second Wednesday of each month, from 8:45 am to noon. To get on the list for the tour, call the 45th Space Wing Public Affairs at 321-494-5945 or 321-494-5949 a couple of weeks in advance to get a reserved seat. The requirements to see the lighthouse are: you must be a US Citizen, have two forms of identification, call and get a reserved seat, show up at Cape Canaveral Air Force Station by 8:30 am, and check-in across from the Pass and Identification building just north of the cruise lines on SR 401.

(Editors note: I tried to make reservation two weeks before my arrival in Florida and that Wednesday was booked. I was informed that the tours fill up as soon as they become available. So call the Thursday after the second Wednesday for the next month’s tour to make sure you get a seat.)

**THE NATIONAL LIGHHOUSE STEWARDSHIP FUND BILL**

The National Lighthouse Stewardship Fund Bill was introduced by Michigan Senators Carl Levin & Debbie Stabenow on September 17, 2008. The bill when passed will establish a three year pilot program that will provide for the preservation and rehabilitation of historic lighthouses. Each fiscal year the fund will have $20 million to give as a grant to any state, local government or nonprofit organization that preserve and maintain a historic lighthouse structure or owns a lighthouse that is listed or eligible for listing on the National Register, or has a right to maintain and rehabilitate a lighthouse that is owned by the Federal Government. To read the complete bill go to the website [http://www.thomas.gov/home/cgi10query.html](http://www.thomas.gov/home/cgi10query.html) and enter “lighthouse” for search criteria.

**MEMORIES OF SANDY HOOK**

**Edna Crossbie**

My uncle and aunt, William & Lilian Newman, ran a take out fish & chips in Freehold and eventually one on Ave D in Atlantic Highlands. My uncle got a contract to deliver seafood to the commissary at Fort Hancock, unfortunately he broke his shoulder and couldn’t drive. He asked me if I would drive his truck and help him deliver his seafood. I had to get clearance to enter Fort Hancock, even though my grandmother Mary Hannah Phillips was born at the Cove at Sandy Hook in 1878. Her father was in the Light Saving service in 1878. He secured that job by serving in the Civil War. It was the first time I had been on Sandy Hook. I remember she used to tell stories how she and her older sister would have to walk to Highlands. If the river was frozen they would walk across the ice. If not, they walked across the railroad bridge. Imagine being a small child and having to do that, in the winter no less. Being young of course kids are not interested in those things. I should have paid more attention. I’m sure she had many stories to tell about Sandy Hook.

**LOST AT THE LAST MEETING**

Did anyone turn in a man’s black cap at the last meeting? Mr. Hann states that he left it at Absecon and when he called them they told him someone from the organization who was cleaning up said they would bring it to the next meeting.
NEW JERSEY LIGHTHOUSE 2008 CHALLENGE PHOTOS

Saturday Morning at Tinicum Lighthouse

The line waiting at Finn’s Point to collect their button and to climb the lighthouse

Jim Cope, right, giving his talk before visitors climb Sandy Hook

The Moyer Family; Maddie, Mom & Zach in the lantern room of Tinicum

The Saaveda Family at East Point

Shelby Tekulve getting a cold start at Tinicum

Bill Volpe talking to Ron Soldano from WCFA 101.5 FM about the Challenge

Shelby, Josh and Hollie Tekulve finishing at Sandy Hook

A good crowd at the top of Tinicum Lighthouse

The volunteer crew at the Sandy Hook gift shop: Sue Mazza, Ken & Grace Schumacher, Robert Zarling, Amy Mertz, Jean Burgess & Rich Wikander

Barnegat Light Historical Museum volunteers: Joan Malacrea, Diane Adams, Alan Houarth, Joseph Gilchrist & Margaret Thomas

Doris Humphreys & Judy Oshipp manning the Supawna Meadows table at Finn’s Point

Elaine Reed & John Grzymku holding a quilt Elaine is making from her Challenge 2007 shirt, souvenirs & pictures

Looking down from the top of Absecon

It was VERY cold at Hereford Inlet

Becki & Tom Laverty giving tours in the south tower of Twin Lights

Lisa Burke, Katie Moser, Marty Hudspeth & Bill Volpe

Nighttime photographers taking pictures of Absecon in the dark

A perfect picture

Zachary Moyer from Lebanon, PA a future lighthouse keeper

First to finish at Hereford: John Grzymku & Elaine Reed

Justin & Liz collecting their buttons at East Point

The long drive home after a successful Challenge

Photo by the Moyer Family

Photo by Betty Smith

Photo by Hollie Tekulve

Photo by Marty Hudspeth

Photo by Mike Boucher

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Photo by Judy Grzymku

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Photo by Hollie Tekulve

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During this 20th Anniversary year we are going to look at some stories that have graced the pages of past Beams. Here is the first page of the first newsletter in August 1990. To see all of the first 10 issues go to njlhs.org

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Organizational Meeting

The first meeting of the "New Jersey Lighthouse Society" took place on June 23, 1990 at the Atlantic County Library, in Mays Landing, NJ. In preparation for this, surveys were designed by Jim Gowdy. Kim Ruth printed and mailed 90 surveys and a few others were distributed by other means. To date we have received 35 responses. 31 said they would join, and 3 were maybe's or conditional yes's, and 1 was no. Of the responses 16 said they would attend the meeting, and 19 did attend.

Opening remarks were made by Jack Granger. Getting to know each other a little, some of the issues facing the group were discussed.

It was agreed that the group would meet four times a year and that we would try to keep the travel distance to meeting places to 50 miles or under. There was also a definite desire expressed to keep the group South Jersey based. We don't want to exclude anyone from membership. The consensus was that we would concentrate on getting a group going in South Jersey first. Those present seem to have a broad interest in lighthouses, and did not limit themselves to New Jersey Lights.

The greatest percentage of the group seem to be photographers, with collectors of various types (mostly books and postcards) coming in second.

Some of the directions that the group could take, such as helping in restoration efforts, organizing trips to various lights, etc., were discussed but the consensus we came to was that we all like lighthouses, and that the group would serve as a means to share resources and knowledge.

The meeting lasted until around 1:00 p.m., after which we broke for lunch. Most of us met after lunch at the Absecon Lighthouse, to which Jim Gowdy had arranged access. We had time to give it a good look, and I think the photographers must have covered it from every conceivable angle. Some went to see the Lighthshore at Gardiner's Basin afterwards. [K. Ruth].

Next Meeting

The fall meeting of our chapter will be held on Saturday, September 29th, starting at 10:00 a.m., at Riverview Beach Park in Pennsville, New Jersey. The meeting is open to everyone.

A lot of details have yet to be worked out in regard to the running of our newly formed chapter, during the business meeting quite a few decisions will need to be made, such as setting dues, electing officers, naming our chapter, and so on.

Our speaker for the day will be Betty Husarik, who is the coordinator for the volunteers' group at the nearby Finns Point Rear Range Light. Betty will tell us about the history of the lighthouse and the efforts taken to date to restore the structure and open it to the public.

The meeting will probably be adjourned at 1:00 p.m. so that we can break for lunch.

After lunch, those who are interested can drive the short distance over to the Finns Point Rear Range Lighthouse for a tour and photo opportunity.

Directions - Riverview Beach Park in Pennsville is just off Route 49, and about 2 miles southwest of Route 40 and the Delaware Memorial Twin Bridges. At the main entrance to the park on Route 49 there is a large wood lattice entryway with a sign: Riverview Beach Park. Do not enter there. Go instead about half a block south to Pittsfield Street (Laughrey Funeral Home is on the corner) and turn west onto Pittsfield Street.

Go about one half block more toward the river and a small sign on your right will point to "Riverview Parking" straight ahead and "Parks and Recreation" sign pointing to the right.

Turn right and follow the narrow track into a small parking area next to a large cream-colored metal building. This is where the meeting will be held, and there will be a USLHS sign on the building to show you where to enter. The building itself is a maintenance and storage building
A MESSAGE FROM MEMBERSHIP…
Mary Beth Doherty, Membership Chair

Reminder: If you haven’t paid your 2009 dues yet, please do so. You can mail the renewal form and check to the Society or you can bring the form and pay your dues at the March meeting. Please return the form so I can make sure all your information is up-to-date.

Meeting Attendees:
There were 91 members and guests who signed in at our December meeting and attended the Holiday Social at Absecon Lighthouse. 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 = 224
- Family Memberships = 302 x 2 = 604
- Total Members = *828
*This number includes one Lifetime member, and seven Honorary members.

New Members:
The following members have joined our Society since the December 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!

- Benkert, Shirley
- Black, Sam & Veronica
- Bodmer, Florette
- Brown, John F.
- Steward & Bonnie
- Bucher, Anna M.
- Burger, Jr., Andrew J.
- Carducci, Michael J.
- Cassidy, Patty Campbell & George
- Clyburn, Ceasal W.
- Eggers, Judith E.
- Fitzgerald, Kathleen
- Holness & Family, Vincent
- Hubbard II, Donald E.
- Huffman, Ellen
- Lycka, Louise
- McCarron, Joe & Jennifer
- Pellegrino, Lucy & Jim
- Podolak, Henry Mertens & Mary
- Prachthauser Family, The
- Schaffer, Scott
- Shearman, Arthur & Teresa
- Steck, Bobbi
- Stiller, Frank
- Trafford, Frank
- Webster, Vicky & Sam
- Whittaker, Bill
- Whitworth, Rozanne
- Callahan

BE PART OF SOMETHING SPECIAL!!!
The 10th Anniversary New Jersey Lighthouse Challenge®

To commemorate this remarkable milestone, we invite any interested members to join the Challenge Committee in the planning and staging of the event.

There are many facets of the Challenge that could use your interest, enthusiasm and/or area of expertise...

- GRANT WRITER to prepare and submit grants for funding of the Challenge.
- PUBLICITY COORDINATOR to prepare the Press Release and mass-mailing, work on the ad design and place ads.
- VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR to recruit volunteers at the General Membership meetings and on the NJLHS website, maintain volunteer information (using a database) and coordinate Volunteer Reminder Letter mass-mailing. (Knowledge of Microsoft Word and Mail Merge is a plus!)
- BROCHURE/POSTER COORDINATOR to work on the design and ordering of the brochures and posters.
- SOUVENIR COORDINATOR to work on the design, ordering and distribution of souvenirs.
- SALE ITEMS COORDINATOR to work on the design, ordering and distribution of T-Shirts and/or Pins.
- E-MAIL COORDINATOR to monitor the Challenge e-mail box and answer incoming e-mails regarding various facets of the Challenge. (Good working knowledge of the Challenge a plus!)
- WE ARE ALSO LOOKING FOR SOMEONE TO HELP CHAIR FUTURE CHALLENGES

If you would like to be a part of this momentous milestone, please contact Doreen Berson (dor0102@comcast.net) or Laura Portée (mlporte@comcast.net) or come and see us at the March meeting.

THE LIGHTSHIP TENDER
“LILAC”
Mike Boucher

One aspect of lighthouses that is seldom mentioned is the lighthouse tender. The tenders job would be to bring supplies, inspectors, and tend to buoys. The first lighthouse tender dated back to 1839 with the first rented boat. The tender would visit each lighthouse once a year to bring its supplies of oil and other materials needed to run a lighthouse for the year. Prior to this any materials needed for a lighthouse were transported to the site by the contractor supplying or doing the work. The first tender purchased by the Lighthouse Board was the sailing vessel “Rush” in 1840.

The first tender built by the Lighthouse Board, for lighthouse duty was the steam powered, wooden side wheel. “Shubrick” in 1857. It served as the first tender for the entire west coast of the United States until 1885. After the Civil War all tenders were named after plants instead of just random names. A wide array of vessel types would be used by the Lighthouse Board depending on the location; ocean going tenders, shallow draft river tenders, harbor launches and tugboats. Of the hundreds of vessels built by the Lighthouse Board between 1857 and 1939, when the service was taken over by the U.S. Coast Guard, only two remain, the “Fir” on the West Coast and the “Lilac” in New York Harbor.

The “Lilac” was built as a steam power tender in 1933. Built of riveted steel, she is 174 feet long and 32 feet wide and weights 770 tons. The fuel tanks held 102.5 tons and she could travel at 13.7 knots. The main duty of the “Lilac” was the servicing of buoys,
PHOTO CONTEST 2009
Cindy Mitzen

Our member’s annual amateur photo contest is here once again. Time sure flies when you’re visiting lighthouses.

The categories are as follows;

- East Coast Lights
- West Coast & Great Lakes Lights
- Other Unsung Lighthouses
- Rise to the Challenge
- Winner’s Circle

Rise to the Challenge is the new category this year. What pictures qualify? Any picture that includes a person, place or thing related to the New Jersey Lighthouse Challenge. I stated in an earlier Beam that we hoped to use the winning pictures in the 10th Challenge brochure; this may not happen if the brochure is sent to press before the contest. The good new is the Board has some wonderful ideas on how to bring special attention to this winning photo.

To keep things simple I’m asking that all photos submitted be either a 5 x 7 or 8 x 10. Anything smaller is hard to view and larger hard to display. Please do not frame your picture. All winning photos displayed at Sandy Hook will be shown in similar frames and I don’t want to lose your frame. You may matt your photo if you like.

Those in the Winner’s Circle may submit 2 lighthouse photographs of any type in the Winner’s Circle. You may also submit one photo in the Rise to the Challenge category. Postcards were mailed out in February as reminders to all members of the Winner’s Circle. Any other NJLHS member may submit up to 3 photographs in any category or combination of categories.

Who’s in the Winner’s Circle? Anyone who was in last year’s Winner’s Circle for the first time is still in the Winner’s Circle. If this is your second year in the Winner’s Circle and you do not win a first, second, or third place this year, you will be dropped from the Winner’s Circle. In other words, if you don’t place in the Winner’s Circle for two years you drop into the general photo contest.

How do you get in the Winner’s Circle? Easy! Win first or second in any general category.

Who can enter the photo contest? Any member of NJLHS who is an amateur photographer. What is an amateur? For the photo contest you are considered an amateur if you don’t sell your photos or make a profit from them. This is a fun “lighthouse” photo contest not a “Photo Contest”. The best technical picture may not place because our photos are judged by the general membership. And we all know lighthouse people look at lighthouse photos differently then the rest of the world.

I have again made arrangements with Pat Alcoro at the Sandy Hook Keeper’s house to display the winners of this year’s contest there. They will be displayed in the media room (where the Kitchen used to be) for the month of May.

All pictures must have an entry form with them. The photographer’s name should not be anywhere on the picture. The lighthouse in the picture may be identified on the back of the photo. You can go to our web site under photo contest to print up a entry form and there will also be entry forms available at the meeting for each contestant to fill out if needed. You will notice an area on the entry form to sign giving NJLHS permission to publish your picture on our website.

Thank you to all those who have volunteered in the past to help with the photo contest as registrars, etc. I can still use your help, please show up early and see me before the meeting and I will put you to work. It’s also a nice way to talk with people you might not normally get to meet.

One more bit of very important information. Judy Boucher has agreed to become the new chairperson for our annual photo contest. I have enjoyed my time with the photo contest and during this time I’ve watched it rise to new heights thanks to a lot of wonderful talented people. Thanks to Michael Boucher the color display of the winners in the Beam are a pleasure to view. The same thank you goes to Howard Wright, our webmaster, for the beautiful display that he creates on our website. I’ve also enjoyed working with Pat Alcoro of the Sandy Hook Foundation displaying your photos each year. I know Judy has some great new ideas she hopes to implement, and I’m looking forward to these changes that will keep the photo contest new and fresh each year.

Any questions you can e-mail me at cindy-mitzen@comcast.net.
The spring meeting will be held on Saturday, March 21, 2009 at the Middletown Township Post 2179 VFW, 1 Veterans Lane, Port Monmouth NJ, 07748. Renard Petron has pulled together what will be a very interesting meeting.

**Itinerary**

10:00 Hospitality/sign in of the photos for the annual members photo contest
11:00 General membership meeting, committee reports etc.
12:00 Vote for your favorite photos while having lunch. The VFW will be sell lunch (I believe it will be burgers and dogs, drinks (that sort of stuff) or, as always you may bring your own.
1:00 Speaker Tom Hester, former Coastie and reporter with the Star-Ledger, will talk talk about Romer Shoal Lighthouse.
1:45 Winners of the photo contest announced.
2:15 Armed with maps be ready to view at you own pace Conover Beacon and the Keansburg Historical Museum.

I hope everyone is excited when they look at the itinerary. The photo contest is always fun and I’m anxious to see what type of Challenge pictures are entered. Having Tom Hester to tell us about Romer Shoal Light should be educational. I don’t know how many times I’ve pointed out that light from the top of Sandy Hook, but this will be the first time I hear from someone who has been there and done that. It’s always fun to stop by and visit old favorites like Conover Beacon to see how they are holding up. The Keansburg Historical Museum is a small place, so try not to all hit there at once. At this museum they have some interesting information on the original Waackaack Light and Point Comfort Light.

**DIRECTIONS TO MIDDLETOWN TOWNSHIP POST 2179 VFW:** From the Garden State Parkway Exit 117 take Route 36 South. From the toll plaza drive South for 6 miles and you will come to Wilson Avenue. Continue thru light at Wilson Avenue for another .4 miles and pass a big Super Foodtown. Right after the Dunkin Donuts, turn onto Veterans Lane. VFW Post is set back off the highway. **DIRECTIONS TO KEANSBURG HISTORICAL MUSEUM:** Make a right on to Route 36 and go .3 mile, the right hand turn after the light, go North on Route 36. Travel 2.4 miles to Main Street in Keansburg. Turn right on Main Street, make the 8th left onto Church Street, and the first right is Carr Ave. The Museum is .8 of a mile, 12 blocks on your left.

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**NJLHS BUS TRIP TO LEWES & FENWICK ISLAND REGISTRATION FORM**

Name ________________________________ Address ________________________________ City& Zip Code ________________________________

Phone number (____) ______________ E-mail address ________________________________ Number in Party ____

Deposit of $60.00 per passenger is due on or before March 21, 2009. Make check out to New Jersey Lighthouse Society. Mail check and registration form to Renard Petronzio, 462 Hampton Lane, Somerdale, NJ 08083. Registration fee is non refundable unless otherwise substituted. Any questions or comments please contact Renard Petronzio at (856) 346 9030 E mail: Repetron@aol.com
The Crooked River Lighthouse in Carrabelle, on Florida’s panhandle will have a replica keeper’s house built. It’s the continuation of the restoration project of the decommissioned lighthouse. The square pyramidal skeletal tower was built in 1895 and decommissioned in 1995. The Coast Guard was going to tear the tower down until a local group fought to keep it standing. The Carrabelle Lighthouse Association has been working with the Franklin County Tourist Development Council to improve the lighthouse grounds. The restoration of the tower was completed in 2007.

Other Florida news includes the announcement of the new Florida “Visit Our Lights” license plate. On May 28, 2008 Florida’s Governor Crist signed the bill authorizing the new plate. The Florida Lighthouse Association raised the necessary $65,000 to have a new plate made. The members also wrote hundreds of letters to their representatives to get the plate approved.

The Crooked River Lighthouse is in Carrabelle, Florida. The tower was completed in 2007.

The town selectmen of Rockport, MA have voted to acquire the Straitsmouth Island Lighthouse from the Coast Guard. The island, located just of the coast of Rockport, is owned by the state’s Audubon Society as a bird refuge and the Society must give the town an easement for the 1.8 acre lighthouse grounds. Maintenance funds must also be approved at a Town meeting. The station being established in 1835 and the current lighthouse was built in 1896 and is still an active aid to navigation.

The keeper’s house at the Southeast Lighthouse on Rhode Island’s Block Island will finally be restored. Block Island South east Lighthouse Foundation has been working to save the lighthouse. Their efforts raised the funds to move the lighthouse some 360 feet from the eroding cliffs. The Foundation continued to raise funds for the restoration of the keeper’s house. The Foundation received $550,000 from the Federal Transportation Enhancement several years ago and has $150,000 in their rebuilding fund. The head keeper’s side of the duplex will be a bed & breakfast while the assistant keeper’s side will be a museum.

The Los Angeles Yacht Club has started a drive to restore the Angel’s Gate Lighthouse in San Pedro in Los Angeles’ busy harbor. Built in 1913 the 73-foot Romanesque style lighthouse is in need of repairs. If the repairs are not done, the light will be moved to a modern steel pole. The LAYC estimates the repairs will cost around $2 million.

Getting to the San Luis Obispo Lighthouse should be easier in the future. Access is controlled by the Pacific Gas & Electric which owns the Diablo Canyon nuclear power plant that surrounds the lighthouse. The California Conservation Corps, the California Department of Parks & Recreation, and PG&E all want the trailhead moved away from the entrance to the nuclear power plant, but finding a new location is a problem because of the steep cliffs and loose soil. The path leading to the lighthouse will be realigned and shortened. This will include part of the trail a new foot bridge and an 80 foot cable staircase. An earlier agreement with PG&E included $1.5 million to make the lighthouse more accessible including a shuttle van.

After fourteen years and almost $2 million, the light station is now complete. The Tybee Island Lighthouse was restored in 1989 – 20th Anniversary NJLHS - 2009

The price of the three Great Lake lighthouses that were auctioned off by the Federal Government did not come close to the last lighthouse auction in price. The Duluth Lighthouse in Minnesota sold for $31,000. Cleveland Harbor East Breakwater Lighthouse in Ohio sold for $10,000 and Conneaut Lighthouse, also in Ohio, sold for $35,000. The two lighthouses in NY Harbor sold for large sums: West Bank Lighthouse sold for a whopping $245,000 and Old Orchard Shoals sold for $235,000.

The last major building was the second keeper’s house which was completed in 2007 after three years of work. Some of the outside walls had to be rebuilt. Located across the street from Fort Screven and their cannons, the concussions from the guns knocked the plaster off the walls. It is one of only a a handful light stations that has every major building complete.

Jeld-Wen Reliable Lighthouse Restoration Initiative has picked it winning lighthouse to received new window and doors. With over 500,000 votes received, the winner is New Canal Lighthouse in New Orleans. The lighthouse was destroyed in 2005 by Hurricane Katrina and Rita. Built on pilings, the square building with the tower mounted on the roof was knocked over by Katrina, only to be held up by the center staircase to the second floor. Rita came through and completed the job that Katrina had started. The New Canal Lighthouse is being rebuilt from the salvage materials from the destroyed building. They will receive 16 new windows and two doors in the restoration of the building. Since 2005 Jeld-Wen has given new windows and doors to one lighthouse each year. The Company picks 12 lighthouses, from the 50 nominated, with America voting on the final three. Then the Company picks the winner based on need, overall restoration plans and historic preservation requirements. The previous three lighthouse winners were; Umpqua River in Oregon, Thomas Point Shoal in Maryland and Wind Point in Wisconsin.
**RECIPE CORNER**

**Marty Hudspeth**

Marinated Flank Steak  
_Yvonne Miller Thies_

3/4 c. reduced-sodium soy sauce  
1/2 c. canola oil  
1/2 c. water  
3 scallions, chopped  
4 garlic cloves, finely chopped

18-oz. flank steak or larger

In large resealable plastic bag, Combine soy sauce, oil, water, scallions, and garlic. Mix well. Add steak. Seal bag, squeezing out excess air; refrigerate at least 2 hours or more. Remove steak from marinade. Transfer marinated steak to small saucepan; set aside. Grill or broil steak, turning once until medium (I use George Foreman Grill & grill for 15 min. each side). While steak is cooked, prepare marinade. For 15 min. each side). While steak is cooked, prepare marinade. Mix well. Add steak. Seal bag, squeezing out excess air; refrigerate at least 2 hours or more. Remove steak from marinade. Transfer marinated steak to small saucepan; set aside. Grill or broil steak, turning once until medium (I use George Foreman Grill & grill for 15 min. each side). While steak is cooked, bring marinade to boil. Reduce heat to low. Simmer for 5 min. To serve, slice steak across the grain; serve with marinade. Serves 6.

The NJLHS cookbook is available from Ways & Means. The cookbook includes 150 recipes from NJLHS members, family & friends. $8.50 ea., S/H $3.00, ea. add. book $1.50.

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**EDUCATION OUTREACH 2008**

**HIGHLIGHTS, LOWLIGHTS AND A MISSED OPPORTUNITY**

**Bill Volpe**

Another year has passed, another annual report written, another batch of numbers recorded, another album of memories archived. Clearly, 2008 contained many highlights, a few lowlights, a missed opportunity and an ongoing Speaker shortage in North Jersey.

There were stories from attendees about their experiences at sea. One Navy veteran reminisced about being assigned to a Caribbean lighthouse as a lookout for German ships in the days following Pearl Harbor. Another told of visits to a relative’s house where he was a Keeper. Then there was the lady in the assisted living facility that tried to persuade me to give her one of the lighthouse diorama display miniatures, and when I gently declined her request, she asked if I was available.

There were highlights, like the honor for NJLHS to provide two speakers for the 150th anniversary of the lighting of Barnegat Light, the hosting of the USLHS group for a tour of the Sandy Hook Keepers Quarters and Lighthouse, the first Speakers Bureau talk while cruising the lower NY Harbor and the enjoyment of providing NJ primary school children and Pennsylvania Dutch students from Kutztown, PA with their first lighthouse climb. There were also some lowlights, like receiving a call while en route to Sandy Hook advising that the group decided to cancel and then on the very next day, another group stood us up. And there was the senior center at the northernmost exit on the Garden State Parkway and the assisted living facility off route 206, who both agreed to purchase Education Kits but never followed through.

There was also the missed opportunity. In early Fall while conversing with a neighbor, I discovered that her Grandfather is one of the last remaining members of the United States Lighthouse Service. She later informed me that he would be visiting her over the holidays and I was invited to meet with him. Unfortunately, on the day of his visit he was delayed several hours, conflicted with a commitment of mine, so the opportunity was missed. However, on behalf of the NJLHS, I did provide the neighbor with a miniature of Sandy Hook Lighthouse and some NJ Lighthouse literature, advising her that no trip to NJ is complete without a visit to a lighthouse. She would later tell me the gift “made his day”. Her grandfather is Harlan E. Sterling, age 91. He was featured in the April 2008 issue of the Lighthouse Digest in an article entitled “The Last of his Kind.” He spent most of his career on lighthouse tenders, with some temporary duty as Keeper of Maine’s Seguin Island Lighthouse. He now resides in Georgia.

In all, we provided 39 talks, addressed 1,512 attendees, traveled 3,157 miles, placed 20 Education Kits and received over $500.00 in donations.

Anyone interested in joining the Speakers Bureau Team is welcomed. Please call me at 732-846-2196.

Many thanks to Speakers: Mike Boucher, Jim and Nancy Cope, Brett Franks, Bill Geilfuss, Kate Moser, Faith Giamboi and Joe Kelly. Without their efforts, our program would be in serious trouble.

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**WORD SEARCH ANSWERS**

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**Lighthouse Tender “Lilac”**

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along with supplying lighthouses. For the buoy side of her duties, the sides of the ship were vertical, with little to no protrusions to hang up the buoys being retrieved or placed in the water. A derrick and winch would handle the buoy. Since the tender also supplied lighthouses, it also ferried lighthouse keepers and officials on business from one assignment to another and thus each tender had accommodations for passengers as well as the crew.

The “Lilac” was taken out of service in 1972 and until 1988 it was used by Seafarers International Union in Pinney Point, Maryland as a training vessel at the Harry Lundeburg School of Seamanship. It was scrapped in 1988 and sat at the scrap yard until 2003 when it was bought by a nonprofit group of historic ship enthusiasts. It currently sits at Pier 40 on the West Side of Manhattan.
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