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I hope everybody had a nice summer visiting their favorite lighthouse and taking a lot of photos. This issue we have a new feature, a member’s photo corner. Anybody can submit their favorite lighthouse photo from anywhere in the world. They can be sent via email to “The Beam” or by mail to the address listed below. If sent by email they must be of a high resolution: 300 dpi. If sent by mail PLEASE put a piece of cardboard the size of the photo in the envelope so it doesn’t get bent in the mail. Some of the highlights in this issue are stories on the Throgs Neck Lighthouses, a two week road trip to the southeast coast visiting lighthouses, an Open Letter to the Membership concerning the NJLHS Challenge. One story that Mary Beth and I are very pleased with is the awarding of second place in the League of Historical Societies of New Jersey newsletter contest. Remember this is your newsletter so please send in stories of your travels.

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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

I hope you all had a “lighthouse-filled” summer and have been submitting your photos and stories to our newsletter and web site. Let’s see where you’ve been and what your experiences were!

As you know, the Board has been pleading for volunteers for many committee positions. Some have been filled—some are still vacant, and it’s the vacant positions that will impact the future of the Society.

One huge impact is that NJLHS won’t be sponsoring a NJ Challenge next year. Doreen Berson and Laura Portee have done a fabulous job as co-chairs, but the time has come for them to step down. We requested for about a year for volunteers to fill those positions—with no success, and the Board made the difficult decision not to have the Challenge in 2010. We don’t know what the future holds, so if you haven’t done a Challenge the past 10 years, get out there this October!

We still need a Ways & Means Chair and Speakers Bureau Chair (both Marty Hudspeth and Bill Volpe will be stepping down at the end of the year). Without volunteers to fill these positions, we may not be able to continue these activities.

Please contact me or a Board member if you’re interested. This is your organization, and we can’t function without you!

THEN & NOW IN POSTCARDS

Mike Boucher

Rhode Island’s Plum Beach Lighthouse is located on the west side of Narragansett Bay. Started in 1897 the lighthouse was completed on July 1, 1899. The 54-foot cast iron tower had a 4th order Fresnel lens. The death knell for the lighthouse was the building of the bridge between Kingston and Jamestown. The lighthouse has sat vacant since then and the only visitors have been the birds.

The Friends of Plum Beach Lighthouse Group was organized in 1988 to prevent a Massachusetts group from buying the lighthouse. They started restoring the rusty looking tower and removed 52 TONS of bird guano from inside of the building, some places it was four feet deep. The interior was damaged by the acidic property of the guano to the point that it could not be rebuilt. The group replaced the glass windows, portholes making the structure weather tight and bird proof. The monies saved by not replacing the interior, enabled the group money to replace metal railings, support columns and the metal roof line. Once the tower was painted it look like 1899 again.

CORRECTION

On Page 9 of the last issue of “The Beam” Katie Moser’s photo under Honorable Mentioned was labeled as Owl’s Head but the sharp eye of Peter Engeldrum recognized it as Bass Harbor Lighthouse in Maine.
It is hard to believe that the Challenge is just around the corner! We’re looking forward to the 10th Anniversary of the Challenge and the bonus Boat Trips. The Challenge Committee has worked hard this year to make our 10th Anniversary event very special for several reasons: first and foremost, to celebrate this milestone event when originally, the Challenge was supposed to be a one-time event. Secondly, when we look back on the past 10 years, we see that the event has fulfilled its goal each and every year:

“...to promote awareness of New Jersey’s lighthouses, specifically and lighthouses in general.”

As a result of our Challenge, the New Jersey lighthouses prospered greatly, other states took the idea and used it to promote their lighthouses and the thousands of people who participated in these events gained new knowledge and respect for lighthouses. We hope that you feel as we do - very humbled to have been a part of this very successful effort.

In December 2008, we gave our resignations as Co-Chairs of the Challenge as we now have personal obligations that demand our time. Additionally, we want to get involved in other aspects of the New Jersey Lighthouse Society. This was a difficult decision for us to make for although we have a real affinity for the event, we also knew it was time for us to move on.

In spite of advertising for a new Chair with a “Help Wanted” plea since the beginning of the year, we have not received any response for this volunteer position. Based on that as well as the fact that it’s getting more and more difficult to find volunteers (to both prepare and help out for the Challenge weekend), it was unanimously decided at the quarterly meeting of the NJLHS Board of Directors in August, that NJLHS will not plan a Challenge next year (2010).

This does not mean that NJLHS won’t ever present the Challenge again. It means that we’re going on hiatus to give all of the volunteers a break from Challenge preparation and weekend routines. This break will also (hopefully) provide the time for another person(s) to step forward to chair the event as well as determine whether the next Challenge will be in a different format in an effort to make it more appealing to those who have taken it year after year.

At the end of each year’s event, we have expressed our gratitude to the many volunteers who made each event successful. At this time, we again acknowledge our gratitude to everyone over all 10 years who gave of their time and themselves to put on a world class event year after year. It is to your credit that our lighthouses prospered, our idea was put to good use in other states and that all of the thousands of participants came away from each Challenge with new knowledge and respect for lighthouses.

Thank you all for the opportunity to have worked on such a terrific event with you.

Sincerely,

Doreen & Laura

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**AN OPEN LETTER TO THE NJLHS MEMBERSHIP**

**Challenge Co-Chairs Doreen Berson and Laura Portée**

Our Society is marking its 20 years of existence throughout 2009 wherever we can. Mike has done many different things with the Beam to commemorate our past with reprints of old stories and adding special anniversary markings to the issues. And of course we had our anniversary cake at the picnic meeting in June. In addition to these efforts the Board of Directors approved coming up with an official 20th Anniversary logo and putting it on some limited edition merchandise for sale to the members.

Rest assured there are no plans to change or replace the current logo. It’s just a little something different to draw interest. This new version is considered a complementary piece to our repertoire. The design revamps the current rendition of Sandy Hook Lighthouse into a more modern streamlined look; some might even say an Art Deco take on a lighthouse. Hopefully the membership will like this look and will proudly display it as part of their lighthouse apparel. The plan is for two new items to be sold at each meeting throughout the year and then for continued sales via our Way and Means committee.

The first two items were presented at the June meeting and were a new large pin of the anniversary logo and a T-shirt with a little something different. On this shirt, the logo glows in the dark. Great for those night climbs at this year’s Challenge. For the next installment of items, well you’ll have to attend the meeting or look on the Way and Means portion of the Web Site to see them. We’ve had some interesting suggestions so far, ranging from beach towels and cover ups to window clings and hats. But what we can do is limited once again by our budget. We’ll do our best to try to bring you new and different items but sales will determine what we can do next. The sooner the current items sell the sooner we can decide on what to produce next. So please consider purchasing a commemorative item to help celebrate twenty years of helping the New Jersey lighthouses shine brightly.

We Need pictures and stories of your lighthouse adventures. Send to: beam@njlhs.org or talk to Mike Boucher or Mary Beth Doherty at the next meeting. We want to hear from you!
In the southeast corner of the Bronx, jutting out into Long Island Sound and marking the entrance to the East River is a piece of land known as Throgs Neck. First settled in October 1642 by John Throckmorton, the settlement did not last long as the native Indians attacked the group repeatedly, killing eighteen of them and Throckmorton’s group moved on. On a 1668 map of the area the peninsula was called “Frocks Neck” and in 1776 George Washington reported the British could land on “Frogs Neck” and later it became known as Throgg’s Neck. Fast forward to the 1930’s and building of the highways and parks of New York City by Robert Moses. He dropped the last “g” because the name would not fit on the highway signs. Locals still refer to it as Throgs Neck, but you will see both spellings on store fronts in the area.

Early in the 1800’s the need for a lighthouse to mark the entrance to the East River from Long Island Sound was apparent. The peninsula continued into the water creating some dangerous shoals just off shore.

The peninsula was purchased from William Bayard in 1821 for the construction of a fort. Construction of the lighthouse was started in 1826 and completed the following year. Located on the northeast side of the “Neck”; it was first lit on December 12, 1826. The tower was constructed under the direction of Timothy, Ezra, and Eli- sha Daboll, the inventor of the Daboll fog horn. The first keeper was Samuel Young. One early story about the lighthouse was that Young, to supplement his income, ran a tavern in the lighthouse for the local duck hunters.

The building of Fort Schuyler was started in 1833. It was named after the Revolutionary War General Phillip Schuyler, who helped defeat the British at Saratoga in 1877. When completed in 1851 the fort had 312 coastal guns, six field pieces and 134 other assorted guns manned by 1200 men.

Soon after construction of the fort started, the lighthouse was in the way and needed to be torn down. In 1835, a temporary wooden lighthouse and a two story keeper’s house were built. The lighthouse, forty feet high, had eleven Winslow Lewis fish oil lamps with spherical reflectors. The white light could be seen for 4 ½ miles. A 6th order Fresnel lens replaced this arrangement in 1855 and a new fog signal was also installed.

In 1861 the fort housed engineers and became a prisoner of war camp for Southern soldiers. After the Civil War the fort reverted back to being an artillery post until 1870 when it was abandoned. In 1877 the fort was taken over by an infantry detachment until it was remodeled in 1896 and reverted back to an artillery post in 1901.

Three years after the keeper’s house was built, the Lighthouse Board’s Annual Report stated the keeper’s house was leaking and twenty years later it was reported the house needed to be replaced because it was “old, leaky, and shaky”. The window sills rotted out twenty years after that report and the building was leaning to one side. It would be another seven years before a new keeper’s house would be built in 1883. The new ½ story house had seven rooms and still exists today.

In 1890, (55 years later) the temporary wooden light was replaced by an iron skeleton tower that was 61½ feet high. This tower was first painted red, before being changed to white, and had a 5th order Fresnel lens. A summer kitchen was built from the wood of the old lighthouse. The original plans for Throgs Neck Lighthouse were used to build the Coney Island Lighthouse, later in the year, in Brooklyn with the penciling in of “Coney Island” and the crossing out of Throgs Neck. In 1896 an oil house was added to the light station.

Starting in 1896 the fort was remodeled with new and larger guns and again the lighthouse was in the way. Only sixteen years old, the skeleton tower was torn down and replaced by a new brick lighthouse 700 feet southwest of the old location. The 35 foot round tower, costing $10,000 to build, was placed on the southwest parapet wall of the fort. On July 24, 1906 the light house was lit for the first time using a 4th order Fresnel lens that used kerosene as a fuel. The old skeleton tower was dismantled and it’s not known what happened to the tower.

The new lighthouse, located some distance from the keeper’s house, could not be seen at night from the keeper’s house. The keeper, Charles Ferreira, came up with an ingenious solution of rigging a series of mirrors, so he could see the light from the keeper’s house.

The year of 1934 was a big year for both the fort and the lighthouse. The Army moved out for good on May 1 and the fort sat abandoned for a year before being remodeled and moved to the campus of New York State Merchant Marine Academy.

Opening on May 21, 1938, it became part of the New York State’s University System and was renamed to State University of New York Maritime College in 1948.

By 1934 the light was considered obsolete, as it was not as bright as the surrounding lights in the area. The lighthouse was replaced with a 60 foot steel skeleton tower. The new light tower cost $15,000 to construct. Using a 1000 watt light bulb, it showed a fixed white light from a 375 mm lens for a distance of 11 miles. The light was moved from the top of the fort’s wall to the water’s edge on the southeast side of the peninsula. The keeper’s house and fog signal were also moved next to the light in October 1934. When the ground

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**WORD SEARCH PUZZLE**

Mike Boucher

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The 1934 tower was replaced on February 21, 1986 with the current 45 foot steel square tower. At this time, the light characteristic was changed from a white light to a red light. The 375 mm lens from the 1905 light was replaced with a 300 mm lens. After the 1934 light tower was dismantled in 1986, the lantern and fog bell were removed to the Maritime College Museum.

There were numerous keeper’s that were assigned to the Throgs Neck Lighthouse as with any lighthouse, but one family served for sixty years. Alexander Ferreira was assigned to Throgs Neck on June 10, 1884 and died in office on January 7, 1910. His son, Charles, was named the temporary keeper until March 19, 1910 and then given the position permanently on that date. He retired at the age of 70 on July 29, 1944 and became the last civilian keeper at Throgs Neck.

**HEADKEEPERS**


| Samuel Young | 1826 | 1829 | B.M. Hils | 4-11-1861 | 10-14-1861 |
| Jeth Bayles | 1829 | ?? | Riley Sherwood | 10-14-1861 | 11-6-1861 |
| ?? | ?? | ?? | Riley Clark | 11-6-1861 | 11-23-1868 |
| Steven Hicks? | 4-27-1841 | 9-24-1844 | $350 | Oliver Teller | 11-23-1868 | 6-8-1869 |
| Andrew Constant | 5-29-1846 | 5-29-1849 | Richard S. Lyons | 11-18-1873 | 4-11-1876 |
| Augustus Hudson | 5-29-1849 | 6-16-1853 | (Died as Keeper) | Ellen Lyons | 4-11-1876 | 10-1-1880 |
| Sylvester Hasbrouck | 7-16-1853 | 7-11-1853? | (Richard’s wife) | Ellen Kilmartin | 10-1-1880 | 4-15-1881 |
| Simeon Tompkins | 7-11-1853? | 12-10-1853 | (remarried) | Thomas Murphy (Act) | 4-15-1881 | 11-2-1881 |
| Marcus Kelly | 12-10-1853 | 2-21-1854 | | Thomas Murphy | 11-2-1881 | 5-29-1884 |
| Riley Sherwood | 2-12-1854 | 6-12-1857 | (Died as Keeper) | Alexander Ferreira | 6-10-1884 | 1-7-1910 |
| Laurence Lewis | 6-12-1857 | 1-11-1859 | (Died as Keeper) | Charles Ferreira | 1-7-1910 | 3-19-1910 |
| Marcus Kelly | 1-11-1859 | 2-7-1859 | | Charles Ferreira (Act) | 3-19-1910 | 7-29-1944 |
| Riley Sherwood | 2-7-1859 | 4-11-1861 | Last Civilian Keeper |
While in Mackinac City, Michigan on June 3rd, I stopped at the Great Lakes Lighthouse Keepers Association visitor center across from Old Mackinac Point Lighthouse. GLLKA Executive Director, Terry Pepper suggested a jaunt to McGulpin Point Lighthouse two miles to the west.

The light station came on line in 1869. “Norman Gothic” in style, it is identical to White River and Eagle Harbor except for the latter’s red bricks. Constructed of Cream City brick, cream color brick from Milwaukee, it has 3 or 4 bedrooms and 1½ baths, with a full cellar divided into two general use areas and an oil storage room. An iron spiral staircase connects the oil room to the octagonal tower in the northwest corner of the building.

In 1892 the Mackinac Point Lighthouse was placed in service, making McGulpin’s superfluous and it was deactivated on November 12, 1906. The light and lantern room were removed several weeks later and the building sat vacant until being sold in 1913, for $1,424. After a series of private owners, Emmet County purchased the property from the Peppler family in July 2008 for $710,000. Emmet County teaming up with GLLKA fabricated a new lantern room to replace the original one removed. The restored lantern arrived by flatbed trailer on April 23rd.

Over a thousand people attended the relighting ceremony on May 30th. At noon a USCG helicopter based in Traverse City, one hundred miles to the southwest, performed a flyover. Future plans call for installing an acrylic Fresnel lens. However, at $50,000 the cost is steep. Currently there is a 300mm Tidelands Signal light costing $3,000. The recent felling of many surrounding trees makes the beam much more visible.

**THE BEAM EARN ES AN AWARD**

Cindy Mitzen

Last year the NJLHS Board decided to join the League of Historical Societies of New Jersey. It was felt that this would be a good opportunity to stay informed about what is going on in the state and to let others know about our Society and what we do. I received the privilege of representing the NJLHS at the League’s quarterly meeting.

Mary Beth and I both receive the “League News: the Newsletter of the League of Historical Societies of New Jersey.” We both saw the article about the annual publication awards program, and independent of each other, we both submitted the Beam. I guess we both felt the Beam is the best little newsletter out there.

At the League’s June meeting in Ocean Grove, I had the honor of accepting the second place award on behalf of the NJ Lighthouse Society. What good company we keep. The first place award was a tie and it went to the Hoboken Historical Society and the Tucker- ton Seaport. Third place when to The Ocean County Stroll a newsletter put out by the Ocean County Historical Society. The 2008 issues of the Beam had Mary Beth Doherty as the Beam Editor, and Mike Boucher as the Beam designer. I think they both deserve our thanks for putting together such a high quality paper. Mike has taken over the helm of the Beam as editor this year and is doing a superb job. I wouldn’t be surprised if this award comes our way again. I’ve also learned there is a poster and pamphlets award, so I plan to submit this year’s Challenge materials also.

Great job Mary Beth and Mike, thanks for all the hard work.

**DAD AND HIS LIGHTHOUSE**

Bruce Demore

Frank Demore was a husband, a father of four and grandfather of eight. He was my father and my best friend. My dad loved the Jersey shore. When we were growing up we had a summer home in Ortley Beach and my dad kept his boat at the marina. Then he built a house in the Town of Brick on a lagoon, so we were able to dock the boat right in our back yard. He loved going out on his Sea Ray and spending the day riding around Barnegat Bay. We would take many day trips with the boat. We would park the boat at Tice’s Shoaal and walk the path over to the beach at Island State Park. Many times at low tide we would park on the sand bar near the Barnegat inlet and spend the day there, the Barnegat Light house was a great back drop.

My dad also had a love for the Outer Banks of NC (OBX). On a boat tour we passed by and admired all the light houses there Currituck, Roanoke, Bodie, Cape Hatteras and Ocracoke. Interestingly we learned that not all lighthouses are built by water. The Currituck was a couple of miles inland from the ocean. My dad was unable to climb the Currituck light house because of a bad knee, but admired it from the bottom.

My dad loved the Jersey shore and anyone who spends enough time there knows why.

Putting a picture of the Barnegat Lighthouse on my Dad’s grave marker is a perfect final tribute to him, I just wish he could see it.
**KEANSBURG HISTORICAL SOCIETY MAKES PRESENTATION**

On July 11, the Keansburg Historical Society President, John I. Swartz, Sr. and Keansburg Historian Doug Foulks presented a framed reproduction photo of the Waackaack Light and Keeper’s House to Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Oliva. As the present owners of the former keeper’s house, the Olivas are attempting to restore their house to as close to its original condition as possible. Mayor Arthur V. Bode and Deputy Mayor James Cocazza were present at the recognition ceremony which also drew attention to the Keansburg Historical Society’s efforts to restore the Conover Beacon.

Members of the Keansburg Historical Society attended the New Jersey Lighthouse Society’s March meeting to promote preservation of the Conover Beacon. The Olivas generously allowed a number of visiting members of the New Jersey Lighthouse Society to tour their home after the March 21 meeting. The Keansburg Historical Society provided the lighthouse preservationists with maps and directions which many used to tour both sights.

Built in 1925, Conover Beacon is a 37 1/2 foot steel tower, that originally stood at Point Comfort in Keansburg where it served as the Front Range for the Waackaack light. Moved to Leonardo’s coast by the Coast Guard in 1941, it has since been decommissioned and is now critically deteriorated.

Many nations issue Souvenir Sheets of stamps. These sheets are much smaller than a regular size sheet of stamps and can contain just one stamp or many. They can be perforated or not. One such souvenir sheet was issued by Comoros which shows up each lighthouse. In addition to the 44¢ postage stamps, a set of picture postal cards were released featuring each lighthouse. They have a picture of the lighthouse on one side and a 28¢ post card stamp of the same lighthouse printed on the other side. These are sold in booklets of 20 at $14.95. Something new for the lighthouse series this time is a 44¢ letter sheet for each lighthouse. These are packaged in sets of ten, two of each lighthouse, and sell for $15.95. The latter two items may not be available from all post offices, so you will have to go to www.usps.com and hit “stamps” which will take you to The Postal Store – Stamps to order them.

Our CO team has been in full swing again this year, and I want to offer a special note of thanks to Alan Mertz for his great work in coordinating the scheduling of outreach volunteers for the weeklong Warren County Farmers Fair outreach (7/26-8/1). Also, a note of thanks to all those who staffed the event!! There’s nothing quite as majestic as those incredible balloons rising over the scenic hills and mountains of the beautiful northwestern region of New Jersey. This event was a great platform to spread the NJLHS story to many who did not know of the important work of our Society. It was another great success!!

Please also keep in mind that our season runs right through to mid-October, and a schedule of remaining CO events is featured on our fantastic NJLHS website. (Kudos to our wonderful and patient webmaster Howie Wright for accommodating updates and revisions to the outreach schedules throughout the year!)

As we wind down this year, and begin to look forward to the 2010 outreach season, a quick note that all are welcome and encouraged to volunteer for CO events—even those who have never participated before! You don’t need to be an expert…and you will “learn as you go” and have support along the way!

Check out the outreach schedule on our website, and stop by a CO event and say “hi” to the team. Also, while you’re there, pick up a fun NJLHS giveaway item. The mini-crays packs (for our children’s coloring activities) feature the Society logo, and the mini-flashlights that carry the tagline “Keep the lights shining” along with the Society web address are in demand! They’re “fun for the whole family”!

Keep the lights shining!
On our last lighthouse trip to the Great Lakes, our group had decided that we should go to the areas where the lighthouses were difficult to get to and spend more time getting out to the islands. So on January 30th, Alvin and Martha Brown, Sheila Hines, Marty Hudspeth, Debbie Megonigal and myself left Willingboro, NJ on a very chilly morning. Our destination that day was Darien, Georgia.

We had reservations on Saturday morning to take the ferry to Sapelo Island and had to be aboard by 8:45am that morning. The trip down was uneventful but long. We got an earlier start on our day since Alvin’s alarm clock got us started at 5:30 instead of 6:30. We headed to the Sapelo Island, Georgia Visitor’s Center for our boat ride out to the Lighthouse. It was a half hour ride to the island where we were greeted by an island resident. We transferred to a bus and taken all around the island seeing the sights. The former R J Reynolds plantation once employed thousands of local Georgians in its day. We were delighted to see that the lighthouse is being maintained in prime condition and on the edge of the water before we got to the Sapelo Light, we past the Wolfe Rear Range Lighthouse which guided ships into the Dolby Sound. The Front Range Light was on another island several miles to the West.

We spent a good deal of time taking our pictures before returning to the ferry dock. Once back on the mainland, we browsed the museum and gift shop and moved on to our next destination. Since it was mid day, we drove south to St. Simon’s Island for a visit to everyone’s favorite Georgia Lighthouse. We discovered that the museum and gift shop that they have been working on for several years is complete and beautiful. The old gift shop in the keeper’s house is empty but we looked nostalgically.

We planned to use Hilton Head as our headquarters to travel to the rest of the Georgia and South Carolina Lighthouses so we checked into the Spinnaker Resort on Hilton Head on January30th. The next morning, we headed toward Tybee Island, Cockspur and Savannah. We arrived on Tybee Island in mid-morning, and toured the lighthouse grounds. We watched an excellent video about Tybee in the newly renovated 3rd Assistant Keeper’s House. After touring the site, we drove west along Rt. 80 towards Savannah. We stopped at the entrance to the Fort Pulaski and drove a short distance to take pictures of the Cockspur Lighthouse. Facing east on the causeway we could see Tybee and got good some shots of Cockspur with Tybee in the distance.

Driving west our intention was to stop in Savannah and take a trolley tour of the city. However, on the way we were looking for the River Street Park that is now home to the Savannah Harbor Light. This light is described online by the Lighthouse Friends. com. It is on the shore side of the park near the Savannah River Street Walk and Harbor.

Next day after breakfast, we called Hilton Head Outfitters Boat Tours to make arrangements to see the Haig Point Lighthouse on Daufuskie Island by boat later that day. In the meantime, the Hilton Head Rear Range Light on the Leamington Plantation was close-by so we drove there through two guarded gates. The lighthouse appears to need a paint job now and the trees are slightly overgrown, but we were able to get good photos. Then we headed toward the Harbour Towne faux light. The light is in the Harbour Towne Marina in a very commercial area. It was raining hard so we called the boat company and rescheduled our Daufuskie trip until the next day.

Since it was still early in the day, we decided to continue up to Beaufort, SC to the Hunting Island lighthouse. Even though it was raining on and off, we didn’t want to lose any time and visibility was good. Besides the Hunting Island Light Station was a complete facility with keeper’s quarters and other out buildings. The station was in pristine condition. The Lighthouse appeared to be recently painted and although it was not open, the photo ops were great. Another successful lighthouse day.

The next day was a non-lighthouse day, we slept in. We also tried to make contact with the boat tour out of Georgetown, SC for Saturday afternoon. However, it was still pretty cold and they needed 18 people to fill the boat. Since we were only six, the captain wouldn’t schedule a trip.

We rose super early to pack the van and headed north again for one of my quests of the trip. Fred and I had tried three different times to get out to see the Cape Romain lights since our first try in 1992. So this was an exciting day for me. We met Michael Morrison at the town dock. When she saw the size of the boat, Martha decided...
ed to wait for us at the van so Debbie, Sheila, Marty, Alvin and I climbed in the 16-foot boat and moved out toward the lighthouses. The old ruins of the Cape Romain and the “new” light are on the same island. We were on our way. We told Michael about NJLHS and the many people who travel to lighthouses just as we were doing. He gave us a business card and told us that if he or his father were available they would be very interested in arranging a charter. The cost of the boat was shared by all of us. They have a couple of different size boats and could accommodate more people. Robert, Bonnie and Michael Morrison are available at 843-887-344, 10040 North Highway 17, McClellanville, SC.

Since we had reservations for a hotel in North Myrtle Beach that night, we had to take our leave. Since we could not make contact with another boat captain to see Georgetown Light this trip, this concluded our first week of lighthousing in South Carolina. Georgetown will have to wait for another trip.

We followed Rt. 17 towards the Oak Island Lighthouse at Southport, NC. What a beautiful sunny visit at this Coast Guard maintained lighthouse. We then headed for Bald Head Island and “Old Baldy”. This was really a fairly short ride and when we took the Bald Head Island Ferry at the mouth of the Cape Fear River to our next lighthouse visit. Once on Bald Head Island there was a short walk to the lighthouse and keeper’s house. From Old Baldy we could see the Oak Island light almost directly across with its beacon flashing. There was a quaint gift shop were we lent our financial support to their organization. Our next destination was Morehead City, NC for the night. That night I called one of the local ferry companies to make reservations for the ferry out to Cape Lookout.

The next morning Captain Ellis of the ferry service took us out to Cape Lookout but we had to land on the beach where there was no dock. We all managed and then walked up to the keeper’s house and the lighthouse behind it. It was another beautiful sunny day, but temperatures were chilly. The captain took us past the light one more time before we left and that we headed back to the mainland. We needed to make the Ocracoke Ferry. This was a 2 hour, 45 minute ride across the sound. We arrived in Ocracoke at approximately 4 PM and after pictures of the light went to the ferry to Buxton at almost 5:30. We drove north and came on Cape Hatteras at its new location just at dusk. We decided that we needed to come back the next day to get pictures with the sunshine. We then headed for Kitty Hawk and our second “Time Share” of the trip. We were ready for a relaxation.

We did a leisurely morning, went food shopping and then headed back to Cape Hatteras. What a great job they did moving the light. The whole facility is so nice. The sun was right over head so we wandered around the grounds for a while. We couldn’t get in the lighthouse because they were still making renovations to the steps and the lower level of the lighthouse. We visited the keeper’s houses, the gift shop and interpretive center. On the way back we stopped at Bodie Island Light and spent quite awhile taking pictures. That facility is always so photographable.

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Society gives $3900 grant to Tuckerton Seaport for Lens Re-Assembly

Pictures and Story by Tom Laverty

The Society Board of Directors voted to grant the Tuckerton Seaport Museum $3900.00 to cover the cost of the stabilization and re-assembly of the Brandywine Shoals 3rd Order Lens. Brandywine Shoal is located at the mouth of the Delaware Bay just off Cape May New Jersey. The United States Coast Guard had given the lens to the museum a few years ago when a more cost-effective and lower maintenance apparatus was put in place at the light tower. The Society had previously given money to clean and store the lens while the replica Tucker’s Island Lighthouse was completed at the Seaport.

This past August for three days lens specialists Jim Dunlap and Nick Johnston came to Tuckerton to do the work. Both have extensive backgrounds in lens restoration having worked on more than two dozen projects around the country. Dunlap, a retired Coast Guard Officer, was featured on the PBS series Legendary Lighthouses, as the curator of the Ponce Inlet Light where he had established the only lens repair facility in the United States. He now works for the National Lighthouse Museum on Staten Island, and does consulting work on Fresnel Lenses. Johnston, also retired Coast Guard, got his experience working with a handful of people who still did this type of work for the Service. Johnston and Dunlap were both part of a larger team that worked on the Navesink Twin Lights lens in 1998.

The restoration and re-assembly took three days to complete. On the second day, New Jersey Lighthouse Society President Tom Laverty put in a nine-hour day volunteering on the project with them. Visitors had an opportunity to watch the work as it progressed and ask questions. The lens was together by August 8th and Trish Shuster, Education Director of the Seaport Museum, got the honor of putting the last screw in place. The Museum now plans to build an exhibit around the Fresnel lens and the history of the Brandywine Shoal Lighthouse.

During this 20th Anniversary year we are going to look at some stories that have graced the pages of past Beams. Here is Page 10 from Issue 46, December, 2001. To see all of the first 30 issues go to njlhs.org
On Thursday, June 4, 2009, the second graders from the Sussex Christian School in Sussex, NJ, visited Gateway National Recreation Area in Sandy Hook, NJ. The excited 7 and 8 year olds left Sussex, NJ at 7:30 a.m. in order to make the appointed time of 10:30 for a guided tour of the Sandy Hook Lighthouse. The children spent a week learning all about lighthouses with me, their teacher, a lighthouse enthusiast, and Mrs. Caroline Mangione, the second grade co-teacher. They learned about all different types of lighthouses located in all different parts of the United States, but focused much time on the New Jersey Lighthouses. I feel learning about New Jersey lighthouses is an important part of our state’s maritime history.

This was the 7th year I have taken my class to Sandy Hook. Our recent 8th grade graduates were the first class to go on this trip and they still remember it as one of their most special trips during their years at Sussex Christian School. About 4 years ago, someone suggested to me that I call the New Jersey Lighthouse Society to see if there would be a volunteer available to give us a guided tour when I took the children to see the Sandy Hook Lighthouse. Well, I called and a very nice gentleman, Mr. Bill Volpe, graciously agreed to give us a guided tour. This was the beginning of a new and exciting dimension to our trip. Now not only would the children get to see the oldest original lighthouse in the United States, but they would get to climb it too. Mr. Volpe continued to give our students a wonderful lighthouse lesson and tour for the next few years. This year Mr. Volpe was not available on the date we were coming, but he quickly found another volunteer, Joan Stumpf to give our students the guided tour. She did a super job and the children were engaged and interested in all the information she had to share.

For all my 21 second graders this year, it was the first time they had climbed a lighthouse. Most were very excited, but a few were a little apprehensive. They knew it was OK to turn around if they did not feel comfortable. Twenty climbed to the top. Isaac was so proud when he came back down. He could not wait to tell his Mom how brave he was and that he was no longer afraid to climb a lighthouse!

After our time at Sandy Hook Lighthouse, we spent some time on the beach looking for treasures from the sea. I have also introduced my students to the excitement of finding sea glass. Josh was the only one to find a piece, but it was a beauty, a grade A! Then it was off to the Twin Lights of Navesink, which was another first for my second graders. We had two wonderful gentlemen from Twin Lights give us an interesting talk and then a guided tour which included climbing the tower. We also were able to see the first order Fresnel lens, which was quite amazing.

This is such an educational and fun trip. Each year I take as many parents as would like to go. This year we had 21 children, 19 parents, and two teachers. The parents enjoy learning about lighthouses as much as the children do and truly enjoyed all the events of this day. As we arrived back in Sussex at about 6:00 p.m., we were all very tired, but many of the children said “This was the best trip ever!” Several of the parents said that they enjoyed it so much, they plan on going back this summer with the rest of their families.

God has truly blessed us with safety on our long journey, and with wonderful volunteers from the Lighthouse Society who are willing to give their time so that new generations of lighthouse enthusiasts will be made. Hopefully these children will be the adults of the future who will see the value of lighthouses and work to preserve them for generations to come. I am grateful for the opportunity given to the students of the Sussex Christian School to have this memorable experience.

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ATTENTION LIGHTHOUSE PATCH COLLECTORS

The Boy Scouts of the Pacific Skyline Council in the San Francisco Bay area are offering 20 lighthouse shoulder patches for sale. The money raised from the sale of these patches will be used for the benefit of the 2010 National Jamboree contingent from Pacific Skyline Council. For more information go to www.pacsky.org. Two of the current lighthouse patches available, Alcatraz & Montara, are shown below.
The September 26th general membership meeting will be at the SUNY Maritime College, at Fort Schuyler, 6 Pennyfield Avenue, The Bronx, NY. The College Campus is a wonderful place to explore: old Fort Schuyler, the Throgs Neck Bridge passing over head, Stepping Stone Lighthouse, Fort Totten guarding the other side of the East River and the United States Maritime College across the water.

**Itinerary**

10:00 Hospitality

11:00 General membership meeting, committee reports, and update on the Challenge. Lunch

2:00 Speaker; visit the Maritime Industry Museum at Fort Schuyler.

The day will start out at Vander Clute Hall in the special event room. It is on the main road of the campus; Pennyfield Ave. Mike Boucher is very familiar with this area and has written the directions to the college. A complete set of maps with photos of the highway signs are available on the web. You can also go on line and view the directions the college gives. Hospitality will be handled by the schools Chartwell’s Catering; there will be coffee, tea, and cookies. This will be from 10:00 am till 11:00 am. At 11:00 MaryBeth will conduct the business meeting.

We will break for lunch. Vander Clute Hall is also where the school’s dining hall is located. Those who wish can purchase lunch there. Deli and salad bar, snacks and drinks are available. Captain Greene, who has been helping me with arranging this meeting, said about $7.00 will get you a good lunch. Captain Greene is also making arrangements for an after lunch speaker. After lunch, the Maritime Industry Museum at Fort Schuyler will be open for us to tour. They have the Throgs Neck lens and bell from the 1934 light in their collection, along with 1,250 different size ship models and other exhibits dealing with the maritime industry. Also, Stepping Stone Lighthouse can be viewed from the end of a pier on the campus.

Let’s all hope for good weather, boy-o-boy did it rain on our picnic. We were lucky I didn’t go for a tent, the Cape May Country 4-H buildings kept us dry. Braving the rain were 75 members. Lunch was catered picnic of hot dogs and hamburgers. We also had a cake celebrating our 20th anniversary. A good time was had by all. Any suggestions on meeting places or speakers would be greatly appreciated. Thanks to Michele Newhouse for suggesting the Maritime College, which her son attends.

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At the split stay in the center lane for the Throgs Neck Bridge (Exit 6B), and the Whitestone Bridge (Exit 6A) will be the next exit. As long as you under the Throgs Neck bridge sign you will be OK. The next sign will be Throgs Neck Bridge/I-295 South and Randall Avenue (Exit 11). From Exit 11 to Exit 9 is 1.3 miles. Take Exit 9 Harding Ave/Pennyfield Ave. Do not cross the Throgs Neck Bridge. At the stop sign make a right to the 1st traffic light make a hard left onto Pennyfield Avenue and follow it to the College.

To return to the Cross Bronx Expressway. Return back along Pennyfield Ave at the 1st traffic light make a right dogleg turn over

**Meeting Site Vander Clute Hall**

**Directions to SUNY Maritime College, 6 Pennyfield Ave, Bronx, NY.** Go to the NJLHS website to get printed detailed maps with photos of the highway signs.

From all points in New Jersey take the New Jersey Turnpike North, (this is also I-95 North) to the George Washington Bridge. If you have EZ-Pass you can use either the upper or lower levels of the Bridge. If you do not have EZ-Pass you must use the upper level. Once you cross the Hudson River you will be in Manhattan for a short distant. The highway will go under some apartment buildings.

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Late summer, early fall of 2008 I was reading a AAA magazine. When I turned to one of the last pages I saw an ad which read “9th Annual New Jersey Lighthouse Challenge”. “Visit 11 historic lighthouses and two lenses.” I thought, I love lighthouses; I have been collecting them from the Danbury Mint Collection for years. (Thanks to my Mom whom had my very first one sent to me (Barneget), on one of my past birthdays.) I continued to read the ad and it mentioned “Night Climbs on Saturday” I thought, wow, this sounds awesome! And then, the next step which has changed my vision of the some of the most hidden treasures and beauty within the State of New Jersey -- the ad noted “For more information, visit www.njlhs.org/challenge/challenge.html” and I did just that.

By this time I had a lot of questions and what was on the home page for The Challenge? “Frequently Asked Questions” and being new to this and not knowing what this “Challenge” would consist of I probably clicked on every question for answers.

Still filled with all sorts of anxiety, I decided that even though I was single and had no family or friends who have an ounce of interest in lighthouses and would never join me on this venture; I was not a member of the New Jersey Lighthouse Society; and I had no clue how to navigate to most of the lighthouses on the Challenge -- I still wanted to go! So, I made a commitment to myself to be adventurous the weekend of October 18th, take the advice of my new found “Beaming” friends at the New Jersey Lighthouse Society to dress in layers, pack a cooler, an overnight bag, binoculars, a camera and follow the directions as printed within the brochure for a wonderful weekend ahead. And I did just that!

I started out at Sandy Hook and followed the map as provided. The map was visually friendly for non-directional persons like me and I had positive outcomes throughout the weekend in finding each and every lighthouse and lens as required for completing the Challenge.

I learned so much on day one of the trip. The Twin Lights are not identical “Twins”. “Old Barney” had been cleaned up nicely and was looking rather “New” and stood with pride and amazing beauty. I ended day one at Absecon Light in Atlantic City. Upon my arrival slightly after 8:00 PM the gate was being closed. I begged the gate keeper to let me in and at least allow me to get my stamp and token (you will also learn about receiving these items if you go on the Challenge which is a HUGE part of the venture) to place on my neck lanyard. I explained to the gentleman that this was my first time participating in the Challenge and that I needed to accomplish this because I wanted to travel to Wildwood thereafter so that I could sleep overnight there and visit Hereford Inlet that very next morning. He was kind and allowed me in. Well, I not only got to go in and get my token, I was allowed to climb the Absecon Light. It was breathtaking. Not just the climb itself. The view from the top led me to a whole new view of Atlantic City. One that could only be captured from such a treasured height from the top of the Absecon Light.

So off I went to Wildwood, NJ. I had forgotten the beach season had ended and many places were closed and the places that were open had “No Vacancy” signs. I can still see the signs which meant, uh oh, no where to sleep. Well, not to worry, because one of the motels I found a “No Vacancy” sign called another local motel (after I shared my purpose for being in Wildwood, NJ) and he arranged with another Motel owner to meet me and provide me a room key. I was very thankful, however; it was an interesting night and sunrise was a delight to see.

Day two was wonderful! I woke up in Wildwood as planned and was able to continue my journey to Hereford Inlet where you will see a beautiful garden. A hidden treasure at the Cape May Historical Museum is Cape May’s 1st order lens. It is gorgeous. Then off to the Cape May Light. My personal description is “astonishing”! The next lights on my agenda for that Sunday were places I had never been and quite honestly did not know existed, the outstanding towers at East Point, Finn’s Point and finally Tinicum! I had a wonderful weekend and will confirm I was definitely challenged in many ways.

I have been an active member of the New Jersey Lighthouse Society since that weekend. My life has been enhanced because of this outreach and it was wonderful to be out on a weekend with others who shared my same love and passion for the lights and the interests of preservation. We see the beauty within the lights that only we can see because we treasure the treasures.

This year I will be on the Challenge as a Site Coordinator at the Cape May County Historical Museum and hope you will make a decision to take “The Challenge” and stop in and say hi!

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**Lighthouse News From Around the Country**

*Mike Boucher*

The National Lighthouse Preservation Act has given The Straitsmouth Lighthouse, located on a small island off the coast of Rockport, MA to the Town of Rockport and the Thacher Island Association. The town will administer the tower while the Thacher Island Association will be responsible for the upkeep of the building.

This year’s list of lighthouses to be given away include the Manitowoc Breakwater Lighthouse in Manitowoc, WI. The Wisconsin Maritime Museum in Manitowoc has applied for ownership of the steel, two story keeper’s house and tower. The Museum has sent a letter to the Coast Guard applying for ownership. The Museum met with the Mayor of Manitowoc and he agreed to send a letter to the Coast Guard supporting the Museum’s request. The light station was first built in 1895 and was replaced in 1918 by this two story, steel building and its forty foot tower. Still active, the tower shows a three second on and a three second off white light. The Museum’s ownership of the lighthouse would add one more part of the rich maritime heritage of this community to its collection being persevered. The community has a great history of ship building and this is represented by the Museum’s excellent collection which includes the lighthouse’s original 4th order Fresnel lens.
A MESSAGE FROM MEMBERSHIP
Mary Beth Doherty, Membership Chair NJLHSMember1@aol.com

Our thoughts and prayers go to Liz Smith and her family. Her husband Don passed away on June 17th. They have been members since 2002 and were volunteers at Tuckerton during the Challenge. Don will be missed.

Meeting Attendees:
There were 75 members and guests who weathered the storm to attend our June meeting in Cape May and viewed the beautiful lens at the Cape May Museum. Please remember to sign the book—we want to make sure there are enough seats for you at future meetings!

Nametags:
Nametags are $6.00 each and 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 cluch, 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 = 198
Family Memberships = 251 x 2 = 502
Total Members = *700
*This number seems low as those who didn’t renew were dropped from the list—renewals are still coming in. This number does include one Lifetime member, and seven Honorary members.

Gift Membership:
Not sure what to give that person who has everything? How about a membership to NJLHS? The application is printed in this issue of The Beam and see the Membership Team for copies …the membership packet will be mailed to the recipient, with a note saying that their membership to the Society is a gift from you. Let’s get our numbers up!

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

Blystone, Bonnie Wall, Debra
Wall-Blystone & Thomas
Brown, Ronald E.
Brown, Laurin L.
DeMarco, Ophelia
Eustace, Kathleen T.
Gross, Jane L.
Morgan, Bruce & Marilyn
Reda, James & Deborah

RECIPES CORNER
Marty Hudspeth
Blueberry Muffins
Helen Quinlan

2 c. flour
1 egg, beat well
1/2 c. sugar
1/3 c. melted butter
3 tsp. baking powder
1 c. blueberries
3/4 c. milk
1/2 tsp. salt
1/4c. softened butter
1/2c. sugar
1/2 c. flour
1 tsp. cinnamon

Heat oven to 375°. Grease bottoms only of muffin pan. In a medium bowl, combine the flour, sugar, baking powder and salt. Stir in the egg, milk and butter until all the dry ingredients are moistened. Batter will be lumpy. Fold in the blueberries. Fill prepared pan with batter and topping. Topping: Mix the ingredients until they are crumby. Cover muffin batter with the topping and bake for about 20-25 minutes until golden brown. Serve warm.

The 2nd edition cookbook is available now. It has 159 recipes from members and friends. The 68 recipe pages plus the info pages like in the 1st cookbook has 2 indexes one for the recipes and one for the index of contributors will sell for $9.00 plus postage and will be available at the September meeting.

The 1st edition of NJLHS cookbook is still available from Ways & Means.

PUZZLE ANSWERS

Fowey Rock, FL
Linda Speece

MEMBER’S PHOTO

Twin Light's North Tower, NJ
Shannon Frankenbush

Key West, FL
Frank Trafford

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