This issue of The Beam caught me off guard and as you notice it is smaller than usual. I have been busy working on the 10th Anniversary Challenge® Program Book, the September issue of The Beam, working on the Delaware Bay Boat trip that was canceled due to the weather, and now I’m on vacation out West--working on this issue. The time between the last issue and this one was shorter because the December meeting is at the beginning of the month, not at the end.

I remember when I joined the NJLHS in 2002 I felt that the four meetings a year just weren’t cutting it for me--I wanted to do more and getting more involved with the Society was the way to do it. I asked Tom Laverty if I could do a tour of the Staten Island light houses and he said “by all mean set it up.” I got involved in setting up the tour, getting buses, contacting the National Parks for a tour of the Fort Wadsworth Lighthouse and the Coast Guard to open up the Staten Island Lighthouse. I was sweating a lot hoping that it would be a success--and it was. It was sold out and I did a second one the following year. As the older generation moves on, it is up to the younger generation to take over the reins of the Society and lead into the future. We have several open positions that need to be filled. The future of the Society does not look bright now, with membership going down, meeting attendance is low and volunteers for the Challenge® was down this year. Please look into volunteering and turn the Society around and help make it grow to be bigger and stronger.

I’m always begging for stories and photos to fill the pages of The Beam. With all the trips and photos people take of lighthouses from around the country during the year, one would think I would have a back log of stuff to pick from--but I don’t. In the last issue I put in three photos that people sent me hoping it I would get more of their favorite photos and I received none. It all goes back to volunteering your time.

I’ll admit I did not want to get involved with volunteering at one of the lighthouses for the Challenge®, but was asked to do so at Tuckerton Seaport. Judy and I did volunteer, and we had a great time meeting the public and fellow members of the NJLHS--most I don’t even know. I’ve done a few outreachs over the years and always had a great time. If I didn’t get involved at Sandy Hook as a tour guide I never would have met my wife Judy--who also volunteered her time to run the gift shop that day.

Please step up and volunteer some of your time.

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**LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT**

Mary Beth Doherty

Wow, how time flies--here we are celebrating another holiday season!

NJLHS has had quite a year! So many changes—we said hello to many new members, and sadly said good-bye to some long time members. There were new faces on the Board and we faced many challenges. With the way things are going, I’m sure we’ll be facing many more in 2010.

**NJLHS Highlights for 2009:**

NJLHS celebrated its 20th Anniversary and its 10th Lighthouse Challenge®; the anniversary logo was created and items were sold; we presented Barnegat Light with a Proclamation and a $1,000 for it’s 150th Anniversary; we donated $1,000 to Tinicum for restoration purposes; our presence was made at numerous Outreaches around the state (seeing children excited about lighthouses!); the Speakers Bureau spread the word in many locations and hit a milestone of 10,000 attendees since 2001; Helping Hands cleaned the Cape May lens for the Challenge®; The Beam received an award for Outstanding Publication from the NJ Historical Society; two successful bus trips to both Delaware and Seaway Trail; a huge initiative to sort and catalog the archives; we received a Proclamation from Ocean County for the Challenge® weekend; over 1,400 participated in the Challenge®--in spite of the inclement weather; Sandy Hook volunteers greeted and gave tours to hundreds of visitors; and I’m sure I’m missing a few!

**NJLHS Lowlights for 2009:**

Unfortunately there was a lack of volunteers in many areas of the Society; and the cancelation of the two Challenge® boat trips due
to the weather (which will be rescheduled).

**NJLHS--Looking ahead to 2010:**
As you know, we are in dire need of volunteers in many areas within NJLHS. Without your time and effort, NJLHS will not be able to continue as we have in the past. We, the Board, cannot do it all—we work and have families, too. The bottom line is, if we do not have the volunteers to take care of certain responsibilities, we will not be able to do the activities that have been done in the past. We will have to downsize, regroup, and proceed with what we have to work with.

Please don’t come to us and tell us what more we need to do. Step forward—let the Board know what you’re willing to help us with!

On behalf of the NJLHS Board, have a safe, healthy, happy, light-filled holiday season. May 2010 be everything you want it to be, and more!

**LIGHTS ACROSS THE BORDER**

**International Lighthouse Challenge**

*Jim and Nancy Cope*

September 12, 2009 was an exciting day for us as we completed the Lights Across the Border International Lighthouse Challenge which included two lights on Campobello Island, New Brunswick, Canada, and three lights in Maine. We made our home in Machias, ME along Coastal Route 1 for the night before and after the Challenge so we could be near our last lighthouse.

Challenge participants registered early by phone and chose a location to pick up the packet of materials on Friday afternoon or Saturday morning. We picked up our materials at Lighthouse Digest in Whiting, Maine on Friday afternoon and received a wonderful “goodie bag” with Lights Across the Border imprinted on it and filled with lighthouse related materials. We were given a map noting the location of the five lighthouses and a place for a stamp from each site.

We arose early on the perfect Saturday morning and watched the lovely Maine sunrise over the Machias River. After breakfast we headed east for about one hour to Campobello Island. Our first stop was at Mulholland Lighthouse just after crossing the bridge to Campobello Island, New Brunswick. Mulholland Lighthouse was built in 1885 and guided boats through the channel separating Campobello Island and Maine. The lighthouse became obsolete when the Roosevelt Memorial Bridge was completed in 1962 and navigational lights were placed on the bridge. Eventually the lighthouse was donated to the Roosevelt Campobello International Park Commission. Mulholland Lighthouse is a 44 foot octagonal white wooden tower with a red lantern. The Park Commission is currently restoring the lighthouse. Although the tower is closed to the public, Challenge participants were able to enter the base of the lighthouse to receive their stamps. A group of harbor seals entertained visitors in the channel next to the lighthouse.

Next we proceeded to the far end of Campobello Island to visit Head Harbour Light Station, which is also known as East Quoddy. This light station, built in 1829, is the oldest in the province of New Brunswick. It marks the entrance to Passamaquoddy Bay. The hexagonal tower is about 49 feet tall, white wood with a large red cross of St. George painted on it as a daymark along with a red cap. The light station includes the tower, which is attached to the keeper’s house a foghorn building, a boat house, and a paint shed. We had to visit this lighthouse in the morning since the path to the lighthouse can only be reached during low tide. The view from the lantern room of the Bay was magnificent. The trek back and forth to the lighthouse was especially enjoyable as we watched a large number of whales off the lighthouse.

Next to the stamping station we purchased our Lights Across the Border Challenge tee shirts. Leaving Head Harbour, we stopped for a delicious lunch on the island at the local fire company’s annual barbeque fundraiser.

Returning to the USA, we drove to another stamping station at West Quoddy Gifts in Lubec, Maine. From this location we were able to photograph the Lubec Channel Lighthouse offshore. The lighthouse can also be seen from the international bridge to Campobello Island. Lubec Channel Lighthouse, known as “The Sparkplug” by locals, is a white conical tower standing 40 feet tall. The lighthouse was built in 1890 and consists of five levels. Our readers may well remember the story told by the late Connie Small in her book “The Lighthouse Keeper’s Wife”. Connie married Assistant Keeper Elson Small and went out to the lighthouse to visit. She wrote about her fearful experience climbing the 30 foot ladder to the lighthouse and shared some other memories. While photographing Lubec Channel Light, one can’t help but picture Connie and Elson Small sitting on their chairs out on the landing deck in the early 1920’s watching the gulls and the boats passing by. Today this lighthouse cannot be visited as it is privately owned.

Next we drove to West Quoddy Head Lighthouse knowing that for the first time we would be able to climb the tower which is not usually accessible. West Quoddy is one of the most photographed lighthouses and is often seen on calendars and Christmas cards. It is located on the easternmost point of the mainland of the United States and is now part of the grounds of Quoddy Head State Park in Lubec, Maine. A tower was first built at this location in 1808 and rebuilt in 1858. The keeper’s house serves as a Visitors Center Museum. The 49 foot brick tower is painted with 15 alternate red and white stripes with a black lantern and contains a third-order Fresnel lens with two white flashes every 15 seconds. It was a thrill to climb the tower to enjoy the view and narration at the top. Nearby stands a brick foghorn building from 1887.

Finally, we drove to the wharf in Cutler, Maine to receive our last stamp and completion certificate.

The boat line moved along quickly as area boaters transported people to the island dock for an enjoyable short walk to the light station. Along the way we passed the oil house made from the granite blocks of the original 1847 lighthouse. Tim Harrison was on hand to transport visitors who had difficulty with the walk. The present brick tower encased in steel was built in 1876.
While looking on the internet for ideas for a story I came across the Report of the Secretary of Commerce and Labor for fiscal year 1904. Included in this 902 page report was the 1904 Annual Report for The US Lighthouse Board. I found this book on “Books on Google,” (www.books.google.com/). Google has digitized thousands of books on the internet. Depending on the copyright, all or some of the book are downloadable in a PDF format and are preserved for future generations.

The first 15 pages of this report were missing along with several other pages throughout but what remained numbered 179 pages. In other annual reports the first missing pages listed changes that had taken place since the last annual report; including new lighthouses built, temporary lights placed or removed, and other changes. It was broken down into the 16 lighthouse districts. Each of these districts listed its inspector and engineer, its boundaries, number of lighthouses, buoys, fog signals, day markers, lightships, and tenders assigned to it. Then it listed needs for money by reporting what is needed to be built or repaired. The New Jersey coast line was located in two different districts, the Third and (most of the state), the Fourth Districts.

The Third District extends from Elisha Ledge off Warren Point, Rhode Island, to a point on the coast of New Jersey opposite Shrewsbury Rocks. It comprises all the aids from Rhode Island to New Jersey, north of the Shrewsbury Rocks, the Hudson River and the waters of Lakes Champlain and Memphremagog in Vermont. It also includes Puerto Rico and the surrounding islands, and Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. The district is responsible for 307 lighthouses, beacon lights, and 102 post lights. Along with these lights they also maintained 10 lightships, 45 day beacons, 90 fog signals, and 796 different types of buoys. To carry out this mission the district had nine tenders assigned to it. They traveled 90,395 miles, delivering 31,515 boxes of supplies, 334,185 gallons of mineral oil, 2,064 tons of coal, 9,600 gallons of water, placed 988 buoys and painted 511 of them. In doing the work the tenders burned 5,217 tons of coal. The oldest tender dates back to 1863, while the newest tender was delivered in 1903.

The report listed repairs that had been completed and what repairs needed to be done during 1904. Some of the major projects for that year in New Jersey included a new keeper’s house for Waackaacka Light Station for a cost of $3,500. The need for additions to the building or repairs to it has been requested since 1896 and now it would be cheaper to build a new house. The North Hook Beacon, marking the entrance to New York Bay was changed to an air pressure illuminating apparatus with 2 burners, 25 chimneys and a dozen wicks on February 2, 1904. The South Beacon had a gas acetylene plant installed to replace the oil lamps along with a dozen wicks on February 2, 1904. The South Beacon had a gas marking the entrance to New York Bay was changed to an air

The two lightships located in New Jersey waters included the “Sandy Hook light-vessel No. 51” and the “Scotland light-vessel No. 11”. Both of these ships are located at the entrance to New York Bay. “Vessel No. 51” was built in 1892 and weighed in at 283 tons. It was on station for most of the year except between October 17 and November 19, 1903 when she was in for repairs. The ship’s 12” steam whistle was in operation for 535 hours and consumed 149 tons of coal during the year. The “Scotland light-vessel”, a wooden vessel was built in 1853 and is 320 tons and spent the entire year at her post. New vessels requested for the Third District was a new tender for the lighthouse inspector and a tender for the Puerto Rico lighthouse service, each costing $135,000 a piece.

The Fourth District extends from Shrewsbury Rocks, New Jersey to Metomkin Inlet, Virginia and includes all the coast line of New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland and part of Virginia. Smaller than the Third District it had only 66 lighthouses, beacons, and five post lights, five lightships, three day markers, 16 fog signals, and 217 buoys, and two tenders. The District inspectors completed 277 inspections of vessels, stations and post lights. The steamer “Ziania” was the only tender assigned to this district. Besides her normal duties she delivered 634 tons of coal to the five lightships and 153 tons of coal to lighthouses. To complete her duties she traveled 12,326 miles and burned 1,071 tons of coal.

The smaller Fourth District contained the bulk of the New Jersey’s lighthouses and aids. During the year Sea Girt received a new sand fence and the sand blown on the grass removed and the lawn reseeded. Barnegat and Tucker Beach Lighthouses had complete topographical survey of the station and new maps were drawn up.

On April 28, 1904 $75,000 was appropriated for the building of the Elbow of Cross Ledge in Delaware Bay, New Jersey. The District also requested $75,000 for the building of Miah Maul Shoal Lighthouse in the Delaware River and another $75,000 for the completion of the tender for the Fourth Lighthouse District. Minor repairs were competed at a number of light stations in the State. A fog signal station was to be placed at Brammall’s Point, on the Delaware River but, because of the difficulty in obtaining the site it recommend that it be placed on such side of the Delaware River as the Lighthouse Board may select. Repairs were completed on the following lighthouses: Absecon, Ludlam Beach, Hereford Inlet, Cape May, Maurice River, Maurice River Range Lights, Cross Ledge, Deep Water Range Lights, Finns Point and Ship John Shoal.

The District’s two light-vessels in New Jersey waters were, the iron hull, “Northeast East No. 44” which was built in 1881-1882 and is 304 gross tons. It was removed for repairs on May 8, 1904 and return to her station on June 24, 1904. The 12” steam whistle was in operation for 276½ hours and used 14½ tons of coal. The second lightship was the “Five-Fathom Bank No. 40”, a wooden hull vessel that was built in 1875. She displaced 350 tons and remained on station all year. During the year it used 33½ tons of coal to run its 12” steam whistle for 430½ hours.
Also in the District were two New Jersey lighthouse depots. One of the depots was at Tuckers Beach Lighthouse and the other at Absecon Lighthouse, for the storage of buoys and appendages for Little Egg Inlet and inlets around Atlantic City. Both depots were listed in good condition and were used as needed.

One interesting item in the report was the budgetary needs of each district except for the Fourteenth through Sixteen Districts. These three districts included all the main inland rivers located within the boundaries of the United States and there was no budgetary needs listed. The other 13 districts asked for $40,885,924 from Congress. Listed in the report were 1,120 lighthouses, 1,174 pole lights, 47 lightships, 558 beacons, 376 fog signals, 4,959 buoys, 49 tenders and 37 floating lights for a total of 8,320 aids to navigations.

This was my first Lighthouse Board Annual report that I have read and I found it interesting. I found some of the Annual Reports listed for sale on the internet. Reports were for sale on the internet. Reports included fine drawings and labor but included many fine drawings of lighthouses, maps and much more details given. The books were selling for $875 each--just a bit out of my price range!

**COMMUNITY OUTREACH**

*Anthony Albence*

The New Jersey Lighthouse Society’s 2009 Community Outreach (CO) season was another full-filled and interesting run, with many opportunities to spread the “good news” of the Society and the cause of learning about and preserving our precious nautical heritage.

Our CO team was in full swing throughout the spring, summer, and early fall. The season wrapped up on an overall positive note—with a very fun time at the Beach Plum Festival at Island Beach State Park, a soggy and abbreviated (but still fun) time at the Ocean County Decoy and Gunning Show in Tuckerton, and the finale at Ocean Fun Days in Cape May.

As we 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!

I would be remiss if I did not take this opportunity to extend a special CO team thank you and offer heartfelt kudos to a legend among us: Mary Catherine Kennedy. Mary Catherine is a fixture at virtually all NJLHS CO events—and also does a great deal of additional work in her volunteer efforts with Tuckerton Seaport and as town historian for the Town of Barnegat. Combine this with her continued work as an educator, and Mary Catherine is spreading the word on the rich and diverse history of lighthouses and nautical history to so many in our community. On behalf of the entire CO team: thanks Mary Catherine for all you do to keep the lights shining!!

Happy Holidays, and wishing everyone a happy and healthy 2010!!

**PHAROS PHILATELIC CORNER**

*Judy Boucher*

Show below is a Souvenir Sheet of four different stamps from North Korea issued in 2004. These are Korean Lighthouses identified in Korean, but not in English. As you will note they include four very different types of lighthouses that can be found in that country, including their illumination. In Korean, the word for a lighthouse is donghae.

The top left stamp is Sokkun Som and it stands 82 feet. It has a seven second white flash and is located on the Hodo Peninsula in Kangwon Province on the east coast. The top right stamp is a west coast light in Kangwon Province on the east coast. The tower, 82 feet high has two names, Un Do or Yubundo, and is south of the Yula River entrance. Its white light flashes twice every six seconds. The bottom row stamps are two east coast lighthouses, also in the Kangwon Province. The left one is Changdok Do, a 39 foot steal tower the flashes a white light every 5.5 seconds and is in Wonson Harbor. The right stamp is Apryong Dan and is located 15 miles east of Wonsan. The tower is 33 feet tall and shows a white flash every 10 seconds.

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**LADIES DELIGHT LIGHT**

*Maine’s Only Freshwater Lighthouse*

*Jim and Nancy Cope*

Have you visited Maine’s only freshwater lighthouse? If not, it is well worth the visit and a photograph. Ladies Delight Light is located in the middle of nine mile long Lake Cobbosseecontee at the northern end of the lake. The nearest town is Manchester, just west of Augusta along Highway 202W.

The lighthouse was built in 1908 and named after the island on which it is located called Ladies Delight Island. The lighthouse was actually built on this reef to prevent boats, particularly an early passenger launch, from running aground. In the very early 1900’s this lake was a resort area with vacation cottages around it. The area remains that way today with a number of private homes and rental cottages added. In fact, we learned about this lighthouse a number of years ago from a friend who brought us a postcard of the lake and lighthouse. She and her family rent a house there in the summer where they can see the light at night.

Ladies Delight Lighthouse is 25 feet tall, white with a black lantern and cap. Originally the light was lit with kerosene, but currently it is electrified via a cable from the town of Manchester. Fortunately the lighthouse is well maintained, thanks to the efforts of the members of the Cobbosseecontee Yacht Club. We were able to photograph the lighthouse from shore with a telephoto lens as it can only be reached by private boat.

Happy Holidays, and wishing everyone a happy and healthy 2010!!
Looking for a ride to St. Helena Island, I drove north across the Mackinac Bridge on Friday. Several miles west I turned onto Gros Cap Road and its about a mile, I reach a clearing where the tower could be seen quite well through binoculars. Spotting a woman wheeling a trash can to the curb, I inquired if she knew anyone in the area with a boat who would be willing to ferry me over to St. Helena for the price of gas plus some money. She replied that she should go to the log house at the beginning of the street, but “don’t tell him I sent you”.

At 10:30 I rang the doorbell of Carl Goudreau. He agreed to take me across after 1PM when he returned from lunch. At 1:10 we went a 1/4 mile to the clearing where his fourteen foot aluminum boat was anchored. Pushing away from shore with an oar, he dropped the motor and in six minutes we have gone the 2.17 miles and were edging toward a dock.

Serendipity! Carl told me a GLLKA member had provided him with a key, thereby allowing me to climb the tower’s 92 steps and tour the attached keeper’s house. Before we departed I also get a quick look inside the new keeper’s cottage—a Boy Scout project. Back at his home Carl really enjoyed the Sandy Hook NJLHS shirt I presented him with.

Middle Island is so named because it is halfway between Presque Isle and Thunder Bay Island. Following several years of requests, Congress appropriated $25,000 in 1902 for a lighthouse on the island. Lit on June 1, 1905, the lightstation also consists of a keeper’s house, fog signal building, and oil storage house—all brick—plus two privies, a shed and the ruins of the 1881 lifesaving station. A black band painted in the middle of the 71 foot tower was changed to red at some unknown date. After automation in 1961, passing boaters continually vandalized the station. Marvin Theut bought the island and buildings sans tower from the federal government in the late 1980’s. The Middle Island Lighthouse Keeper’s Association, established February 13, 1992, monitors the tower for the Coast Guard. Currently the fog building serves as a lodge. Future plans call for the keeper’s house to be turned into an additional abode for overnight guests.

The first Thunder Bay Island light collapsed in 1831 before it was officially lit. The next year a tower was completed at the same dubious site and was itself in danger of toppling by 1834. A wooden crib was built around the tower and stabilized it. In later years Lake Huron’s lowering level halved the frequent lapping of water at the tower base. The fog bell was completed in 1853, at a cost of $2500. Four years later the tower was raised from 40 to 50 feet. A replacement keeper’s dwelling was required by 1868 costing $8000. Automated in 1980, this was Lake Huron’s third lighthouse and the second oldest still standing in Michigan. After 1829 Fort Gratiot in Port Huron. The Thunder Bay Island Lighthouse Preservation Society was given a ten year lease on the property in 1997, which has recently been renegotiated for an additional twenty years.

Saturday at 8AM I met Captain Mike Theut at the Rockport boat launch. His shallow draft, thirty foot boat took me, Drew Hanna and Drew’s son Andrew on a customized trip to Middle and Thunder Bay Islands.

After docking we walked 3/4 of a mile to the lighthouse. The fog signal building is even larger than the keeper’s house. On the walk back we encounter members of Thunder Bay Island Lighthouse Society. We did an about face as they had a key which allowed us inside to climb the 72 step tower. Suitably impressed when I mentioned belonging to NJLHS, they present me with brochures about their group.

Going northwest to Middle Island, it was once again sunny. Mike turns the boat to get the sun at my back for photographs. We docked so Drew could go swimming, then journeyed ten minutes back to Rockport. Driving south to Alpena, I stopped at the Great Lakes Lighthouse Festival’s “museum” to meet coordinator Melanie Kirn, Mike’s sister. She really enjoyed the BEAMS I gave her and since the NJLHS shirt I gave her is too big for her she will hang it up during the festival.

INTERLUDE: Don Morin of the Saginaw River Marine Historical Society has told me his group would be honored by my presence at their Saturday night meeting in Bay City. Before viewing the video about Seul Choix Point Lighthouse, sneaky Don informs me that post intermission, he wants me to address the membership. After brief remarks, I answer questions for twenty minutes about the NJLHS and my Michigan travels. Sunday sunrise Don lends me boots to walk a 1/4 mile through muck, along the Saginaw River shoreline so I might view the Saginaw River Rear Range Lighthouse.

The Saginaw River Rear Range Lights replaced the 1841 tower in 1876. Although deactivated in 1960, the 55 foot rear range still stands. The front range was removed in the early 1960’s. In 1989, nine years after the Coast Guard abandoned the property, it was purchased by Dow Chemical—owner of the surrounding farmland. SRMHS approached Dow in 1999 offering to care for the lighthouse. Dow gave $5000 in 2006 for repairs. However the Dow Trust cannot

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During Tall Ships Celebration in July, 300 people visited the lighthouse. Subsequently Dow barred SRMHS for ninety days for “violations”, so four scheduled tours were cancelled. Don retains hope that Dow will view the light parcel as a burden and give it away, as they have done with other land.

The 1897 dredging of a channel to Maumee River made Toledo harbor navigable to Lake Erie. Seven years later, the 72 foot Toledo Harbor Light came on line eight miles from the Maumee’s mouth. Atop a stone and concrete pier is a unique three story Romanesque lighthouse, spacious enough for a keeper and two assistants. It is joined to a single story fog signal building. The 3.5 Fresnel was automated in 1965.

Sunday afternoon 58 of 60 permitted sightseers boarded the SANDPIPER for a two hour cruise to the light. There was intermittent narration on the attractions of Toledo. Photos of the light completed, it takes an extra half hour to arrive dockside due to the unfavorable current.

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WHAT’S NEW WITH WAYS & MEANS
Marty Hudspeth

This will be my last article for the Beam as Chairman of Ways & Means. I must say this has been a very rewarding experience for me and therapeutic for me after my husband Bob’s death. I enjoyed buying & selling lighthouse items for the Society more then I ever thought I would.

I want to thank Tom Laverty & Yvonne Thies for giving me the opportunity to Chair Ways & Means and to fill Bob’s place on the board.

I am most grateful for all the help from Sheila Hines, Dixie Ameno & Anthony Albence and every one else who helped with setting up, breaking down, and lugging all those supplies.

I will be more than happy to help who ever takes over Ways & Means

The only item I have new for the December meeting is a Christmas ornament. It is put out by the Bayonne Historical Society; it features Robbins Reef Lighthouse with keeper Katie Walker and the Scottie dog that she rescued.
2009 LIGHTHOUSE CHALLENGE® PHOTOS

WANDERING WICKIES CLEAN THE CAPE MAY LENS

The NJLHS Wandering Wickies (formerly known as the Helping Hands) recently cleaned the 1st Order Fresnel Lens from Cape May Lighthouse that is in the Cape May Museum. This was done in preparation for the recent New Jersey Lighthouse Challenge®. Interested in joining this group that do other projects – contact Brett Franks. Top left photo The Wickies Cleaning crew from the left to right: Richard & Elinor Veit, Chief Wickie Brett Franks, Nancy & Jim Cope.

The 1,000th visitor at Tuckerton Lighthouse was Mark Chase of Tulsa, OK.

FLOODING

Over the Challenge® weekend an old fashion Nor’easter hit the east coast of the United States. Both the Northern and Southern boat trips were canceled. Above left: The street leading to the Cape May Whale Watcher’s boat was flooded as was many other locations during the weekend. Right photo: Sandy Hook’s road being closed by the rains on Sunday morning. (See Nancy Cope’s story on the next page)


Fins Point Volunteers front row: Barbara May, Carol Naill, Kate Klix & Mary Catherine Kennedy back row: George Naill, Denis & Doris Humphreys


Frank & Jenn Lasiewicki. They did the Challenge® while on their honeymoon. They made up their own T-Shirt for the weekend

The Volunteers at Barnegat from the left: Joe Amento, Willow, Michael and Laura Portée, Bob & Linda Gleason, Dixie Amento, Linda & Joe Jakubowski and Doreen Berson.

Tuckerton Seaport Volunteers Mike & Judy Boucher and Ron & Pat Bandock

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Photo by Laura Portée

Photo by Carol Naill

Photo by David Biggy

Photo by Mary Beth Doherty

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Photo by Carol Naill
For those of you who wanted to go and couldn’t be there, here is an update on the 10th Anniversary of the NJ Lighthouse Challenge®. As everyone knows there was a northeaster starting on Friday afternoon and lasting most of the weekend depending on where you were. I was on Sandy Hook at Fort Hancock. Sunday was the worst day there: rain, flooding, and windy. As we arrived on Friday, and through out the weekend, the waves were awesome! Those who climbed the tower had a fantastic view. It was mostly clear as far as the Empire State Building during both the day and night climbs. We didn’t get any rain until late Saturday night through Sunday afternoon. The volunteers from the Challenge® committee and the Sandy Hook volunteers who did the tours and attended to the gift shop had a great time, even though mother nature brought rain and cold weather for this last Challenge® (hopefully just until we regroup). The souvenir this year was a Passport Book. The participant received a photo stamp at each Lighthouse and museum. The stamp was placed near a little description of the lighthouse or museum. A beautiful 10th Anniversary Challenge® Program could be purchased with photos of Challenge® memorabilia (pins and shirts) from previous years and historical information about the Challenge® and the NJ lighthouses.

All the visitors comments and reports from other lighthouses were very favorable and many expressed their sorrow for not being able to do the Challenge® next year. East Point volunteers were so dedicated that, during the flood when the participants couldn’t get to the lighthouse, they stood out in the rain at the road to the lighthouse and gave out the commemorative souvenir.

I am proud to have been a longtime volunteer in an organization that is celebrating its 20th year. I’m looking forward to the next 20. Look on the website for all the statistics of the Challenge®.

STRANDED AT SANDY HOOK DURING THE CHALLENGE® Nancy Cope

Our NJ Lighthouse Challenge® crew who spent the weekend at Sandy Hook (12 of us in all) was up early Sunday morning optimistically awaiting Challenge® participants. Deserted roads and empty lines outside the Keeper’s House and lighthouse were our first clues to the area’s coastal flooding. A park ranger stopped by to confirm our suspicions that the waters of the early morning’s high tide flooded the entrance road, closing the park to visitors. After nine years of busy Sunday mornings, it was our challenge to find activities for the morning while we waited to greet visitors. As the roads gradually cleared, four wheel drive vehicles began to arrive and then regular cars. Some visitors informed us later that they changed their route and returned to Sandy Hook later in the day, but never considered giving up. Participants throughout the day found the flooded detours an extra, but enjoyable challenge. They could better understand and appreciated the life of the lighthouse keeper while listening to the winds up in the tower.

Some of our morning activities included going down to see the flooded roadway, the game of Triominoes, sewing, shopping in the gift shop, texting, cleaning the bathrooms, making creative towers out of bagels, taking pictures of those taking pictures, and photographing the empty lines outside.

The event was very well planned and distributed with valuable information about the lighthouses visited, places to eat and stay, and times one can visit the individual lights. Unlike our New Jersey Lighthouse Challenge which can be completed in any order, access to East Quoddy and Little River Lighthouses depends upon the tides, so one needed to start on Campobello Island and visit Little River Lighthouse at or near the end of the Challenge.

Special thanks to Kathleen Finnegan who provided these statistics about the international challenge. About 300 people completed the challenge. When one considers the rural areas where these lighthouses are located, this is a lot of people. People who registered came from all over New England, New York, New Jersey, Virginia, Georgia, Tennessee, and New Brunswick, Canada. Other people did not register or just did a part of the Challenge because the lighthouses were open. The Challenge was hosted by Friends of Head Harbour Light, West Quoddy Light Keepers Assn. and Friends of Little River Light. Sponsors included Machias Savings Bank, Machias Bay Area Chamber of Commerce and Lighthouse Digest Magazine. Advertisers and many area vendors helped to spread the word. The volunteers who chair the Challenge Committee have decided to conduct the Lights Across the Border International Lighthouse Challenge every other year so there will not be one next year.

We both thoroughly enjoyed the Lights Across the Border Challenge and would love to go back again. As it is a long drive for us, we included a visit to other lighthouses and sites in the area before doing the Challenge. From working our own NJ Lighthouse Challenge® every year, we know how much work is involved in organizing such an event. So, a special THANK YOU to all the volunteers who made this a wonderful day.
It is with a sad and heavy heart to announce that one of our long time members, devoted volunteers and dedicated NJLHS treasurer, Debbie Megonigal, passed away September 8th at her home in Tabernacle, NJ. Debbie and her husband Harry were members of NJLHS since 1994 and both spent many hours supporting the mission of NJLHS. A plaque in memory of Debbie has been placed on “Harry’s bench” at Tuckerton Seaport. The next time you visit the seaport, please find the bench and take a moment to thank them both for their time and dedication to the preservation of the lighthouses of New Jersey. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the Megonigal family.

Meeting Attendees:
There were 52 members and guests who ventured across the bridge to attend our September meeting in Throgs Neck, NY. Although the attendance was low, those who were there had a great time. 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 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 = 208
Family Memberships = 265 x 2 = 530
Total Members = 738
* 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 September 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!

Barneski, Kristin & Christina
Cizek, Lou
Damiani, Marge
Keresey, Gayle
Lagattuta, Shirley
Lasiewicki, Jennifer & Frank
Sarhage, Jack & Imelda
Sterling, Francine & Gordon
Swartz, Sr., John
Trivett, Nancy
Tyson, Debra & Jeff
Whitlock, William

Mary Beth & Debbie

Give the Gift of Membership!
Support the NJLHS by sponsoring a relative, friend, coworker or neighbor!

I, ___________________________ would like to sponsor:
Name(s):
Address:
City: ___________________________ State/Zip Code: ___________________________
Phone: ___________________________ Email Address: ___________________________

Special Note (i.e., “Happy Birthday”):
Membership runs the calendar year.
Family Membership: $25.00
Single Membership: $20.00
Check #: __________
Cash: __________

Mary Beth Doherty, Membership Chair NJLHSMember1@aol.com

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IT’S RENEWAL TIME!
Your Renewal Applications will be available at the membership table. If you’d like to pay your dues that day, please do so and your will receive your new membership card. If you will not be at the December meeting, your application will be mailed to you. Also available will be the Gift Membership Applications--give the gift of NJLHS to that special person!

NOMINATIONS & ELECTIONS FOR 2010
At the June meeting Betty Smith stepped forward and volunteered to be the Nomination Committee Chair. The positions up for reelection are:
Director: currently held by Doreen Berson
Director: currently held by Jim Cope
Director: currently held by Marty Hudspeth
Corresponding Secretary: currently held by Jayne Swope

Betty reported to me that Doreen, Jim, and Jayne agreed to run again for their respective positions and that Marty will be stepping down. The committee has nominated Mike Boucher to the vacant Director position, and he accepted the nomination. The election will be held at the December meeting.

Thank you to Betty Smith and her nominating committee for their time and efforts!
The December 5th general membership meeting will be at the Paulsboro Sportsmen’s Club. The address is 32 Riverview Ave, Paulsboro, NJ 08066. Thanks to the Nails and Gleasons, hospitality will begin at 10am. These two couples will be very busy because, in case you forgot, they will also be doing the membership renewal at this meeting. That’s right, it’s that time of the year and to save on postage members can pay up at the meeting. The general membership meeting will start at 11am and the unfinished business of the election of directors to the board will conclude. Lunch has been arranged and will be served buffet style by Frank Turton of the Sportsmen’s Club. Rather then charging for the meal, we will be accepting donations which will go to the Tinicum lighthouse. The menu will include: Hot Roast Beef sandwiches with Au Jus, Hot Meat Ball sandwiches with sauce, Sliced Cheese, Horseradish and pickles for garnish, Del Buono’s Rolls, Potato and Macaroni Salad, Chips, Soda and Coffee. Betty Smith and her ladies will be doing the desserts, and bringing their holiday spirit. Thank you so much. And if you are looking for Shelia’s special olive salad it will still be served. After lunch Jim Milsted will be our guest speaker. He will talk to us about Tinicum Lighthouse. We will be able to visit and climb Tinicum as long as the weather stays dry. The lighthouse is only a few blocks away.

**Itinerary**

- 10:00 am: Hospitality
- 11:00 am: General membership meeting, committee reports, elections.
- Noon: Lunch
- 1:30 pm: Speaker Jim Milsted; then visit to Tinicum Lighthouse

**Program Signals**

Cindy Mitzen

**Directions:** From the north: Take I-295 south to Exit 19, Turn right onto CR-656/Mantua Grove Road Turn left onto SR-44/Crown Point Road, cross over the water and turn right onto N. Commerce Street. Street name changes to Mantua Avenue at the railroad tracks Continue past the lighthouse to 32 Riverview Avenue.

From the south: Take I-295 north to Exit 18, once in the exit say to the left and parrel I-295 for a distance. Follow the signs for CR-667/S. Delaware Street, The ramp will put you on S. Delaware Street and you should be crossing under I-295. At the fork stay to the right on S. Commerce Street. It will end at E. Broad Street, turn right and then a quick left at the next corner, N. Commerce Street Street name changes to Mantua Avenue at the railroad tracks Continue past the lighthouse to 32 Riverview Avenue.

The Spring Meeting is schedule for March 20th. More info in the next issue of The Beam.

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**September Meeting at SUNY Maritime College**

Christine Jochem, Historian

On September 25th, 2009, the NJLHS meeting was held on the campus of SUNY Maritime College in Throgs Neck, NY. Originally called the New York Nautical School, the college was founded in 1874 as a floating campus on the USS St. Mary. The present land-based campus was established in 1938 when then Governor Franklin D. Roosevelt acquired land – including historic Fort Schuyler - for the college on the Throgs Neck peninsula. Conference Services provided us with a meeting room in Vander Clute Hall complete with a panoramic view of Long Island Sound and little Stepping Stone Lighthouse in the distance. After the business meeting and lunch with the Cadets, Captain Eric Johansson, Associate Professor and Executive Director of the Maritime Industry Museum, spoke about the history of the college and then led Society members on a spirited tour of Fort Schuyler and the museum.

Fort Schuyler was built between 1833-1845 to protect New York and the junction of Long Island Sound and the East River from attack. Using the French fortification design in the shape of a pentagon, the fort could be protected from attack from all angles – whether by land or by sea. By the late 1800s, Fort Schuyler was essentially abandoned until the college acquired it as a permanent land base in 1934. The fort now houses classrooms and the museum.

Once inside the Maritime Industry Museum, the pen & ink drawings of Maritime College alumnus Louis Weickum, transported us back in time through the history of seafaring and maritime industry. Other exhibits included paintings, photographs, prints, artifacts, ship models, and navigational instruments. And, of course, as lighthouse folks, our visit was not complete without seeing the lens and bell from the old Throgs Neck Lighthouse.

One final note to Society members who did not attend the September meeting: the travel was a little daunting for this west-Jerseyian more comfortable with the back country roads of Hunterdon County than the Cross-Bronx Expressway. My solution was to carpool. So, kudos to Cindy Mitzen for selecting a wonderful meeting location. If not for the NJLHS, I doubt I would have ever visited SUNY Maritime College. But I would have missed an opportunity to spend an exquisite autumn day on the Long Island Sound, tour a fascinating museum collection, and let’s not forget lunch with those Cadets!

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