WANDERING WICKIES VISIT CAPE MAY AND BARNEGAT

Jim Cope

Getting ready for the Lighthouse Challenge, the Wandering Wickies cleaned the 1st Order Fresnel lens that was in the Cape May Lighthouse. The lens is now in the Cape May County Museum, Route 9, Cape May Court House, NJ, right down the street from the Cape May County Zoo. The team pictured: (standing, left to right) Jim Cope, John Ade, Patty Ade, Karl Fahringer, Elinor Veit, Eugene Goch, Rich Veit, and Carol Goch. Kneeling in front: Nancy Cope and Anne Fahringer. The right photo shows their “sparkling” finished work.

Wandering Wickies recently cleaned the 1st Order Fresnel lens that was in the Barnegat Lighthouse. The lens is currently in the Barnegat Light Museum, 501 Central Ave., Barnegat Light, NJ. The museum is a 106 year old restored schoolhouse. Pictured in front of the cleaned lens are (from left to right) Rich Veit, Elinor Veit, Nancy Cope, Jim Cope, and Alvin Brown.

If you would like to join the Wandering Wickie Team and learn how to clean a Fresnel lens, contact Rich Veit.
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DECEMBER 14th MEETING
Location: Finn’s Point LH / Riverview Inn
Please see page 3 (& the NJLHS website) for details, directions and a map.

March 29th Meeting / East Point area

Photo Contest Categories for 2015 Calendar
1. Lighthouses w. integrated lights
2. Lighthouses that are tall towers
3. Lighthouses that are water-bound
4. Skeletal Lighthouses inc. Statue of Liberty
5. Lighthouses at night

Rules:
- Landscape or portrait - 8x10 matted original
- Maximum of 2 entries per category
- No extras inserted in photo
- NJ Lights or lights in the surrounding waters

LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

I hope everyone is having a great fall and is looking forward to what could be a very snowy winter (from what I hear)! I know I had a great time meeting new people at the Lighthouse Challenge: little kids, motorcycle riders, girls from New Zealand, big groups with homemade Challenge teeshirts - I saw all kinds of people enjoying themselves!

I'm also looking forward to our December 14th meeting. If you haven't been out to a meeting in a while, join us! The programs are always fun and interesting. In September, retired Lt Commander Chuck Gullage (also a tour guide at Twin Lights Navesink) spoke to us about the architecture of the Twin Lights (probably inspired by the Castle Building at the Smithsonian!), and some of the lighthouse's other "mysteries."

I hope to see you in December! Have a safe and happy holiday season!

Ret. Lt. Commander Chuck Gullage

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DECEMBER MEETING - SPECIAL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

December 14th Meeting - Pennsville, New Jersey
Finn’s Point Lighthouse & Riverview Inn

This meeting is a Thank You to all our members for all their help throughout the year. Therefore, we will be following the same rules as trips. You must be a member at the time of the event. Because of the cost of the hot buffet luncheon and the fact that the Riverview must have an exact count, only members who have paid dues and their $5 before the meeting will be admitted.

Program: Reservations are required. Members must email Carol Winkie, program chair, to make a reservation or to ask questions. Email: programchair@njlhs.org

After the reservation is made, please send the name of each member attending with your check of $5 for each member attending made out to NJLHS and mail to:

NJLHS
Carol Winkie, Program Chair
11 Lenape Trail
Wenonah, NJ 08090

Payment is due by Thanksgiving.

Tentative Schedule
10-11:30 AM Finn’s Point Lighthouse: Hospitality at gift shop, climb the lighthouse, and view the new lens cabinet built in memory of George Naill, who loved Finn’s Point Lighthouse and wanted the lens preserved. The gift shop has many items for sale.
11:00 AM Riverview Inn will be open for setup only.
11:15 AM Members may arrive at Inn.
11:45 AM Meeting at Riverview Inn, a historic inn on the Delaware.
12:30 PM Hot Luncheon Buffet
Following the luncheon there will be drawings, volunteer recognition, trip pictures, baskets, membership renewal, and other celebration-activities.
3:00 PM Depart/End of program

DIRECTIONS FOR FINN’S POINT
Take NJ Turnpike south to TP exit 1, becomes I-295 south/US-40 W, and take Route 49 E EXIT 1 (LAST EXIT before Delaware Memorial Bridge) toward Pennsville/Salem.

Turn right onto RT-49/ N Broadway, go about 2 miles and you will pass a blinker light, continue on Route 49/N Broadway about 2 miles to a light at Fort Mott Road, turn right onto Fort Mott Road.

Travel on Fort Mott Road until a road goes off to the left, turn left and you will see Finn’s Point Lighthouse just a short distance in front of you.

Finns Point Lighthouse
197 Lighthouse Road
Pennsville, NJ. 08070-9601

DIRECTIONS FROM FINN’S POINT TO RIVERVIEW INN
Go back to Fort Mott Road, turn right follow Fort Mott Road to Route 49, turn left on Rt49, follow Rt49 to blinker light (Main Street), turn left on Main Street, at end is Riverview Inn Parking Lot. Note: Main Street one-way in. When leaving go toward Riverview Park, turn right to get back to Rt. 49, and turn left on Rt49 to get to NJ TP or I-295.

Riverview Inn
60 Main St.
Pennsville, NJ 08070

Visit the NJLHS website for a map: www.njlhs.org

DOOR PRIZE WINNER
from September’s Meeting:
Doreen Berson

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PICTURES FROM the Lighthouse Challenge of New Jersey

Jude Meehan, a trustee of Sea Girt Lighthouse, is a collector of military and maritime memorabilia. He displayed part of his collection on the lawn of the Sea Girt Lighthouse in conjunction with the Lighthouse Challenge of NJ. He spent the night along with his sons Julian, 10, and Harlan, 14, in the tent on the lawn, as the soldiers camped on the lawn in 1943.

We also had visitors of the two wheel variety.

-Karl Fahringer

Absecon volunteers, pictured from left to right: Lauren Ward, Amanda Janeczek, Elinor and Rich Veit, Buddy Grover (lightkeeper uniform), Donna Elias, Les Kammerman, Milt Glenn

Artist Donna Elias had many of her paintings and other creations for sale at Absecon Lighthouse.
ABSECON LIGHTHOUSE HOSTS MISS AMERICA CONTESTANTS

September 2013 saw the return of The Miss America Pageant to its original home in Atlantic City, NJ. It has been close to 10 years since the pageant was here, and for Atlantic City, it was an ecstatic welcome back to where it all began! For those who saw the televised contest, the opening contestant introduction video highlighted not only the contestants but also Atlantic City itself. We here at the Absecon Lighthouse were so grateful and delighted that the Pageant choose to highlight our lighthouse in this video.

-Milton W. Glenn
Director of Educational Programs
Absecon Lighthouse

WINTER EVENTS

ABSECON LIGHTHOUSE
Holiday Gathering
Saturday, December 7 @ 6:00pm
This event is $20 per person, and includes professional carolers, snacks & holiday cheer.

157th Birthday Festival
Saturday, January 18, 2014
“Abby & the Arts” Contest for local students-winners announced. Birthday Cake at 1pm & Free Climbs all day.

DeLIGHTful Date Days
Fri., Sat. & Sun., February 14, 15, &16, 2014
Two Climbs for the price of one! Bring your sweetie...

HEREFORD INLET LIGHTHOUSE
Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony
Friday, December 6 @ 5:30pm
For more information, visit: http://www.herefordlighthouse.org/

SANDY HOOK LIGHTHOUSE
250th Anniversary Celebration
Saturday, June 14th

RECIPE CORNER
Marty Hudspeth

Crunch Top Sweet Potatoes
(from 1st NJLHS Cookbook)
By Dell Parker

- 3 cups sweet potatoes, cooked & mashed
- ½ cup sugar
- ½ tsp. salt
- ½ cup milk

Topping: ½ cup margarine or butter, melted
- 1 cup dark brown sugar
- 1 cup chopped walnuts

Mix sweet potatoes, sugar, melted margarine or butter, salt, eggs, milk together and put into casserole dish. Mix topping ingredients and spread on potatoes. Bake at 350 degrees for 30 minutes.
A MESSAGE FROM MEMBERSHIP
Carol Naill and Linda Gleason - Membership Co-Chairs

2013 Membership Renewal Begins: Forms will be handed out to attendees at the December meeting & dues can be paid at the Membership sign-in table. Membership renewal forms will be mailed to those not able to attend the December meeting. Remember: You can save yourself and the Society some money by paying at the meeting!

Please remember to sign the book - We want to make sure there are enough seats for you at the future meetings!

Membership Numbers:
At the deadline for this issue, the membership numbers are as follows:
Single Memberships: 143
Family Memberships: 188 x 2 = 376
Total Members = 519 (12 more than last BEAM!)

Gift Memberships:
Not sure what to give that person who has everything? How about a membership to NJLHS? You can find an application on the NJLHS web site and print one out. You can also get one from the Membership Team at the next membership meeting. The membership packet will be mailed to the recipient, with a personal 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 last issue of THE BEAM in September. 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 any of these new members at a future meeting, please welcome them!

Donna Kullman Whiting, NJ
Anne & Larry Rhine East Greenville, PA
Hilari & Jim Seery Concord, NC
Conrad Yauch Sea Girt, NJ
Russ Gelpke & Robin Hudy Toms River, NJ
John & Maureen Setteducato Fair Lawn, NJ

NOMINATING COMMITTEE
At the September meeting, the floor was opened for nominations for the following positions: corresponding secretary and three Board positions. All present officers currently are interested in continuing. The holders are:

• Jayne Swope, Corresponding Secretary
• Doreen Berson, Director
• Karl Fahringer, Director
• Jim Cope, Director

The floor will remain open until our Dec. 14th meeting when other nominations will be asked for from the floor. Elections will then be held.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

The birth of our youngest member

Gabriella Alexis DiNapoli
7 lb. 12 oz / 20 in. long
Born to Gregory and Jessica DiNapoli
September 20, 2013

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A NOTE FROM THE COMMUNITY OUTREACH COMMITTEE CHAIR

The 2013 Community Outreach season was another great one! By the time you read this, the season will be in the history books. The year ended with the Ocean County Decoy & Gunning Show. A big “thank you” to NJLHS members who volunteered at the various lighthouses open during the Lighthouse Challenge of New Jersey. Thankfully, all lights (including those on federal government property) were back in operation in time for the Challenge!

As always: volunteers (new and returning) are essential to keep our Society throughout the community. Remember, you don’t need to be a lighthouse “expert” to be part of the team—just willing to discuss our shared interests with event patrons. I want to take a moment to recognize our most dedicated Community Outreach volunteer, Mary Catherine Kennedy, who will be taking a well-deserved rest and stepping back after this season. As such, we will need some folks to step in and follow in her footsteps. Consider joining the Community Outreach team for the 2014 season! I also ask for someone to consider working with me to learn the ropes for coordinating the Community Outreach program. It’s always beneficial to have more than one person familiar with the activities and procedures we utilize in our NJLHS programs to ensure continuity into the future. Please contact me if interested.

The outreach schedule for next year will be posted on the NJLHS website as soon as it is available. Just click on the Outreach link on the home page. Every effort is made to post updates or changes regarding events, if any details change. Please check it out and contact me if you are interested in volunteering.

Enjoy the holiday season and Happy 2014!

Social Networking Update

As always, a friendly reminder to check out the Society’s presence on Facebook & Twitter! While you’re at it, please recommend that others become our “fans” on Facebook. We’re easy to find: either search the Society name in the search bar on Facebook, or navigate to www.facebook.com/njlhs. I’m happy to report that MORE THAN 650 people “like” our page as of this writing. If you’re not one of these many “fans” yet, just look us up and “like us” today. Also let me know if you have a favorite lighthouse, lighthouse organization, or interest group page that we should “like” on the NJLHS page. We’ve been pleased to share some great updates recently from the folks at the Absecon Lighthouse.

As a timesaving device, our Facebook page is now set up so that all of the posted content automatically publishes on the NJLHS account on Twitter. You may find us at www.twitter.com/njlhs or on Twitter by typing out our Twitter “handle”: @njlhs in the Twitter search field. You can now keep up to date via your smartphone, iPad/tablet, and (of course) your notebook or desktop computer.

The Society also continues to publish notices of our General Membership Meetings to more than 50 media venues (newspapers/radio/websites) throughout the state. However, we are always looking to add outlets to our media list. It seems that as soon as we add an outlet to the list we lose a contact or two due to budgetary cutbacks. In light of this reality, please share with me contact info (email address) for any media outlets that you feel would like to receive our media notices. These could include newspaper, radio, TV, or web-based resources. I’ll be happy to add anyone to our media distribution list.

Thanks so much everyone…and keep the lights shining!

Anthony Albence, 1st Vice President  
Chair, Community Outreach & Publicity  
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