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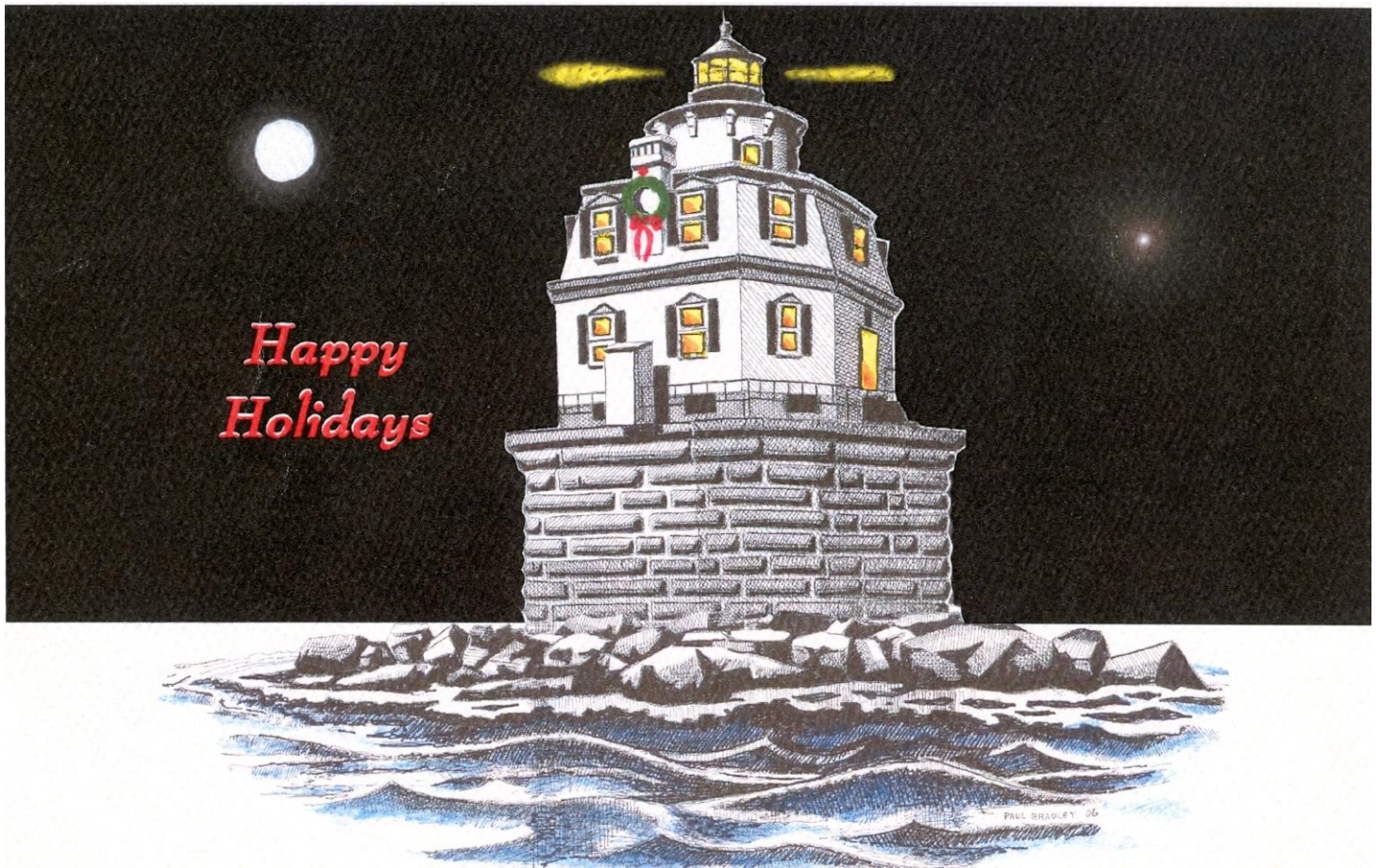
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*"Our mission is to preserve the history of the
Delaware Bay and River Lighthouses, Lightships and their Keepers"*

MERRY CHRISTMAS and a Joyous Holiday Season for Everyone's Holiday's



We are fortunate to have a talented artist as a member of DBLHKFA, Paul Bradley

Paul painted this Christmas Card of Cross Ledge and dedicated it in memory to our Carole F. Reily

Paul states: "In memory of Carole F. Reily, The Lighthouse Lady"

"Her mission was to record the history of Delaware Bay and River Lighthouses, Lightships and their Keepers".

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A BEAM From

The Presidents

Desk By

Angelo S. Rigazio, Jr.



President's message

Well once again, the holidays are creeping up on us. Thanksgiving, Christmas, Hanukkah and New Years. Where has the year gone? The meetings, outreaches, cruises lighthouse challenges, and the reunion/banquet are gone for 2009.

So, now we have started planning for 2010, the cycle never ends. But thanks to all of our members who are there to support us, planning events and volunteering their time to keep the organization running, our goal for lighthouse preservation continues on.

I must thank the Yacht Club of Sea Isle City for once again hosting our banquet. It was a great time for all that attended and we hope to keep close ties with the friends of Ludlam Beach Light.

Once again, have a happy safe holiday season and we will see you in the New Year. Keep the Light Shining! Angelo

It would be a nice gesture if many of us acknowledge Paul Bradley's art in memory of Carole. His address is: 2825 NW 11th Ave. Wilton Manors, FL 33311

Restorers seek clues to ship's history ... Lighthouse Ship Lilac built in Delaware. Today only one Lighthouse tender of the U.S. Lighthouse service remains. And that Wilmington-built vessel was almost lost. Lighthouses, often built on isolated and rocky banks, needed special kinds of ships to tend them, and part of the US Lighthouse Service and later the U.S. Coast Guards; the vessel had an importance in the country's maritime history. The Lilac was spared a scrap heap fate thanks to New York volunteers trying to revive the deteriorated ship as a working educational treasure.

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From The Log of the Vice President Gaylord F.(Dusty) Pierce



Are you all ready for the holidays? Where does the time go? It seems like I was just narrating our Delaware Bay Lighthouse Sunset Cruises. Saturday, October 17th, some of our members volunteered to work at the NJ Lighthouse Challenge's 10th Anniversary Lighthouse Challenge. We were able to set up our DBLHKFA display table with information and much of our new merchandise in the library at Hereford Inlet Lighthouse due to the second major Nor'Easter. Major problems getting access to many of the lighthouses because of flooding roads. We hear that this may probably be the last year for the challenge.

Our 15th Annual Reunion Banquet was just great. One of the largest attendances ever. The meeting was informative, the food delicious and excellent guest and member speakers.

I want to thank everyone who helped in making the Banquet so successful.

This year we honored our past president and founder, Carole F. Reily and Jim Gowdy, lighthouse historian, author of "Guiding Lights of the Delaware River and Bay"

Kathy Beidemann spoke on behalf of her mother; Kim Ruth, co-author of Jim Rowdy's book, shared his personal reflections of Jim and memories of writing the book I spoke on behalf of our DBLHKFA and gave them both documents containing my thoughts and reflections. Truly a rewarding tribute to two outstanding dedicated people.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ALL

Looking forward to seeing everyone at our Winter Meeting on January 23rd at Sea Isle City

A NOTE FROM YOUR VP!

If any of you former "Coasties" or lighthouse keepers have stories you would like to share, we would love to have them. Just give us an outline and we'll write the story for your approval before it's printed in the "Bay Run" Contact:

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Burial At Sea

By President Angelo Rigazio

Photos courtesy of Rod Mulligan

On October 14th, Rod Mulligan and I attended the Memorial Service for Lieutenant Bill Bart. It was a moving service three miles off the coast of Cape May on the Coast Guard cutter Mako.



Taps were played while his ashes were going home to his beloved sea.



Mr. Bart was one of a KIND Coastie. From the enlisted ranks to a Lieutenant

He always knew where he came from. I will always remember him and even though he couldn't say my name, I knew what "Hey Ragu" meant and will remember the smile on his face when I looked up and said "Yes Sir". It was a pleasure to learn from him.

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Ludlam's Beach Lighthouse UPDATE:

By Phil Bur,
The Friends of the Ludlam's Beach Lighthouse, Inc. continue their efforts to save, restore and preserve the Sea Isle Lighthouse. The current owner needs his plans approved for a new structure on his property before he turns the lighthouse building over to the Friends. He postponed his original presentation scheduled for early this fall and now plans to go before the Sea Isle Planning Board on Dec. 7th. The City of Sea Isle has officially provided a location at 5th and Landis Ave. to which the lighthouse can be moved and temporarily stored. Our attorney is working with the movers to finalize the cost and details of moving the building. We have requested the City to help cover any financial shortfall if the move is an emergency situation.

Five sites in Sea Isle City are under consideration: the site mentioned, 26th St & Landis, 31st St & Central, JFK Blvd & The Promenade also JFK Blvd & Central Ave. Each has its advantages/disadvantages. The City seems to favor JFK & Central site. Next milestone will be the decision of the planning board on Dec. 7th.

ADDITIONAL DONATIONS

In memory of Keith Nixon:
Sharon McConnell; Debra Markel forwarded donations from the staff at Bacon School, Millville where Keith had worked.

NEW MEMBERS:

Genevieve R. Doris, Trustee
Ludlam's Beach Lighthouse Friends
Dianna Sue Bart, John Stanton

One of the future features will be Looking for and explaining, hopefully some of the phenomena's that have transpired in local Lighthouses. If anyone has Ghost Stories, etc. that they can relate to us please send them now! To either Maxine Mulligan or Jim Moffatt or President Angelo.

Tony Giletto's Ways and Means and Scholarship Director "Listen Up"... To Top Drawer Announcements!



I would like to make everyone aware of the availability of the

Carole F. Reily Scholarship

The Scholarship is to be given each year by our Scholarship Committee.

We encourage all members who have graduating High School Seniors to have them apply for our \$500 Scholarship. We want to make sure that your children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews have "First" preference to Carole's Scholarship.

There is an application inserted in this "Bay Run" Winter newsletter for your convenience.

If you have any questions don't hesitate to contact me Tony Giletto

At 856-482-8874 or E-Mail me at ...

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All New DBLHKFA Merchandise.

There is a copy of the Merchandise Order form inserted in this issue of the "Bay Run" Winter Newsletter

GREAT IDEAS FOR CHRISTMAS OR ANTIME FOR YOUR FAVORITE LIGHTHOUSE ENTHUSIAST

Take the Time to invite your friends, co-workers, neighbors to join. It is so inexpensive. 4 great programs a year

"So much -for so little" \$15 singles
\$20 family. Includes quarterly Bay Run Newsletter.
Membership Brochures for the asking
Call any Officer/Director (see page 2)

CURRENT MEMBERSHIP 141

98 Family, 39 Singles 4 Honorary

No time like the present to recruit new members. Don't keep DBLHKFA a secret. If you enjoy your membership let someone else benefit from our "Good Times"

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Meet the Hewitt's Steve and Sharon



Steve Hewitt-Board of Directors Sharon Hewitt-Membership Dir.

Steve, long a member of our Board of Director and Sharon our Membership Chair for many active years. They are both native New Jerseyans. Steve was born in Camden, graduated from Collingswood High School, he received his Associates Degree from Camden County College and his Bachelors Degree from Rowan University.

Sharon is a graduate of Washington Township High School and Gloucester County Vocational School earning her Associates Degree from Camden County College.

The Hewitt's met at a dance where Steve was working as a police officer. "Sparks Flew" They were married in June of 1979. Steve has been a Shift Commander with the Delaware Port Authority for 27 years and he will be retiring in three years.

Sharon is a Unit Secretary/Nurse's Aide with JFK Hospital in Stratford NJ working there for 31 years.

These two are very family oriented and list their influences in their lives as Steve's Father and Sharon's Mom and Grandmother.

They have two children: Heather who is a Registered Nurse at Cherry Hill Hospital and Stephen, Jr. who is a B/M2 with the US Coast Guard at Coast Island in the San Francisco Bay Area, California.

Steve says Sharon became interested in Lighthouses "When she met me" There other interests include: Fishing, Boating, and their dream home at the shore, The Coast Guard Auxiliary, volunteering, biking, and photography.

What's most important to them?

"Family, friends, just enjoying life"

(Editors Note) Steven and Sharon can be depended on for many of our DBLHKFA Outreaches, meetings and Promoting our Lighthouse group.

A message from Jean Jones

DBLHKFA Publicity Chairperson

We need member's assistance to make sure that our news releases are printed and in a timely manner.

PLEASE! If you have contacts locally let me know. Jean Jones@fast.net

We are not always able to get good coverage without contacts Just E-Mail your direct contacts for newspaper, local tabloids, etc. to me so that we follow up after the Notices are sent for publication These contacts are vital for our success for Fund Raising, potential members. Especially Cruises

CROSSED OVER the BAR

George W. Cowgill, August 12, 2009

In Birmingham, Ala, at St Vincent's Hospital following heart surgery. He was a decorated Vietnam veteran with rank of Major. He was buried at Arlington on Oct 30th He was once a docent of St. Augustine Light in Fla. a constant visitor to many US Lights.

Did you know?

Word from Lighthouse Digest E-Mail

Wal-Mart has new collectables. Lighted replicas of West Quoddy, MA & Pomham Rocks RI Lighthouses.

THE NEW JERSEY LIGHTHOUSE CHALLENGE

Was a great success, considering many, many Lighthouse enthusiasts braved the 2nd Nor" Easter of this season. Water all over the place, knee deep in some spots but hey came and saw some of the great Lighthouse History along the Jersey Coast. Unfortunately we hear their 10th Anniversary Challenge may unfortunately be the 1st one. We will keep you posted of any changes.

PEGGY'S CORNER

By Peggy Stapleford

Activities/Program Chair



Mark your calendar's now!

BULLETIN BOARD

So many great programs...

JANUARY 23rd 2010

Winter Membership Meeting

10:15 Coffee and Donuts

11:00 Meeting-Lunch 12ish

With Friends of Ludlam's Beach LHS

Snow Date 1/30/10 Sea Isle United Methodist Church. JFK Blvd & Park Avenue **BRING Your Own BROWN BAG LUNCH** and Beverages

Lighthouse Tour depending on the weather

APRIL 24TH 2010

"SPRINGY FLINGY"

Spring Membership Meeting

Cape May State Park

Museum Build, Classroom

State Park Museum Tour, Lighthouse Climb,

Lighthouse Museum/Gift Shop

10:15 Coffee & Donuts 11:15 Meeting

12:ish BROWN BAG LUNCH

(Bring Your Own beverage also)

1:00 Guest Speaker Rich Chiemingo

Talks about the two previous towers and present Cape May Point Light.

2:30 Tours begin.

Any change in schedule will be in the Spring "Bay Run" or E-Mail

Peggy has her say! Corner

Thanks to everyone who ventured out for our Outreach at the NJLHS Challenge at Hereford, Elva Gardner, Rod Mulligan, Angelo Rigazio, Tony Giletto. During our Nor'Easter 2nd of the season. Steve Murray put us up inside. Steve

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offered his "Special Coffee" It's a treat you won't soon forget

Couldn't you just feel Carole and Jim's presence at our Remembrance Banquet. What a fine story Kim Ruth told of Jim's planning and researching to produce their wonderful book. Many thanks to all those who brought us memories of Carole Also thanks to all who worked on the banquet to make it a success, door prize donors, newsletter, reservation people, everyone who gathered and set up raffle items.

Always thanks to Gen Doris and the great people at Yacht Club of Sea Isle City and the food..."What a treat!"

We always need fresh faces to supplement our existing hard working volunteers. With a membership of almost 150 we should be able to increase our membership by at the very least 25 new members in 2010

ASK A friend today to join!

Ludlam's Beach Lighthouse had a great turnout for the Challenge, in spite of the flooding around them. 927 visited this great old lighthouse (which at this point looks like it will be saved)

Hereford Inlet Lighthouse had a total of 1638 visitors for two day Challenge.

Just wasn't enough room.

We will make available two "Fantastic Stories ; Kim Ruth's involvement with Jim Gowdy from Kim's presentation at the Remembrance Banquet. Plus,

Phil Bur's interesting history of the Ludlam's Beach Lighthouses and the connection to the Cross Ledge Lens.

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Something to look forward to:

In a future Bay Run we will write about the Beginnings of the DBLHKFA and Carole's part in it.

Carole would be elated with the progress that has been made by the current membership and the enthusiasm of our Board of Director and Officers. **"LET'S KEEP THE MEMBERSHIP GROWING STRONG!"**

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(con't from Fall Issue)

List of Past Keepers from the Lighthouses, Lightships in the Tri State Area:
Clyde Harrison, Elbow of Cross Ledge, Mifflin Bar Rear Range, Tinicum Front & Rear Range, Everett Jones, Miah Maul, Lewes Life Boat Station, Steven Jones Harbor of Refuge, Ed Kassick, Overfalls, Delaware Breakwater, Brandywine, Elbow of Cross Ledge, Charles Lane, Miah Maull, Stanley Lawson, Brandywine, Delaware Lightship & Savannah Lightship, Keith Lee, Miah Maul, Harbor of Refuge, Jay Leibforth, Delaware Light Vessel, Miah Maul, Henry Lindemann, Ship John, Joseph McCabe, Fourteen bank, Tom McLaughlin, Fourteen Foot, Charles Meyer, Ship John, David Moyer, Miah Maul, David Nellis, Five Fathom, Overfalls, Barnegat Lightship, Lightship Relief, Gary Price, Fourteen Foot, Earl Quirk, Harbor of Refuge & Scotland Light, Scott H. Smith, Brandywine, Wayne Smith, Miah Maul, Warren Walls, Fourteen Foot, George Webb, Lived with family on Maurice Cove Lighthouse

We will continue listing those Keepers that we would like to hear from or anyone who can give us input as to their whereabouts. Contact: Angelo Rigazio at 609-884-1329 -KeeperAng54@Yahoo.com or Rod Mulligan at Memax1@juno.com or 856-691-8224

NJLHS SEAWAY TRAIL LIGHTHOUSE TOUR

As experienced by Rod Mulligan Rod's adventure and full detailed story filled with great pictures will be included in our "Special" Bay Run History Booklet, along with Kim Ruth's Remembrance of Jim Gowdy and Carole F. Reily plus Phil Bur's History of Ludlum's Beach Lighthouse This booklet will be available at the Winter Meeting at Sea Isle City United Methodist Church.

SOMETHING NEW!

Rod's Guided Tour of Lower New York Lighthouse, Lightship and The Buoy Tender, Lilac

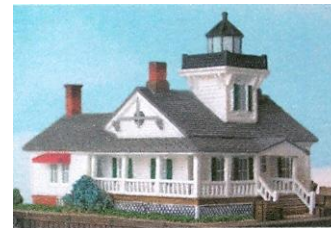
Rod is looking for someone to put together/form a group. Rod will act as your Guide, you must set up the group interested in seeing the following, sometime in mid March to May 2010

Blackwell Island Lighthouse

Located on the North end of Roosevelt Island in the East River.

Frying Pan Shoal Lightship, located at Pier 66A on the Hudson River an a historical NYCFD Fire Boat.

Bouy Tender Lilac last steam powered vessel operated by USCG. Located at Pier 40 on the Hudson River(now under going preservation. Board Member Tony Giletto's brother served on the Lilac. Contact Rod at Memax1@Juno.com 856-691-8224



There have been many requests as to how and where to make donations to the: Ludlum's Beach Lighthouse. Anyone can make a Tax Deductible donation to: (501 c3 non profit entity)
HELP SAVE this once elegant 1885 Victorian Lighthouse and further it's restoration. Also save the rich maritime history of the Jersey Shore.

Please make your check out to:

**The Friends of the Ludlum's
Beach Lighthouse
c/o Mrs Gen Doris
Postal Box 375
Ocean View, NJ 08230**

Any donation amount is gratefully appreciated. Thank you in advance!

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GREAT TIME had by EVERYONE!!

Who attended this year's Reunion Banquet!

Look at all of these happy members and friends...

