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MAC and Cape May mourn Inderwies, Sigafoose, Gaffney

In the final months of 2018, we lost three pillars of the MAC and Cape May communities.

The first to go was **Jerry Inderwies, Sr.** Without Jerry, there would be no MAC or Cape May as we know them. As Bruce Minnix's running mate in the 1972 City Council election, Jerry provided the key vote for the City to acquire the Emlen Physick Estate (and then lease it to the fledgling MAC). As Mayor in his own right in 2008, Jerry then capped this legacy by pushing through our revised, 50-year lease for the property.

We next lost **Pamela Sigafoose.** For several decades, she was a beloved member of our tour staff, often resplendent in full Victorian garb as she led tours through the Physick Estate. In retirement, Pamela switched her focus to the Lookout Tower. As a proud Veteran of World War II, she became a fixture at our annual Armed Forces Day Ceremonies, where she moved the crowd with her readings of patriotic verse.

Our final loss of 2018 was Jerry Gaffney. As Mayor in the late '90s/early 00's, he formalized our Trolley Tour station at the head of the Washington Street Mall and helped us move the Physick Estate's property insurance under the City's Joint Insurance Fund. In retirement, Jerry became one of the most loyal members of our Observer staff at the World War II Lookout Tower, as well as a frightening ghoul in our Phantoms of the Physick Estate program.

All three will be deeply missed.

-- BMZ



Jerry Inderwies, Sr.



Pamela Sigafoose



Jerry Gaffney

FROM THE PRESIDENT



Tom Carroll and Michael Zuckerman

HELP WANTED:

A new Director for MAC

I am feeling very honored to serve this fine organization as President. It is not exactly a new experience for me as I served as President in 1985-87 and 1998-2000.

I know, as have all of our past presidents, to expect the unexpected. However, my biggest immediate challenge is not exactly unexpected. Our Director, B. Michael Zuckerman, Ph.D., informed us months ago that he would like to take a well-deserved retirement starting in April 2020.

Michael joined us on Dec 29, 1982, the third attempt to secure a Director in a nine-month period. He and a secretary became our only full-time staff and MAC ran almost entirely on volunteers. We had one trolley and a wagon pulled by a tractor,

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RECENT HAPPENINGS

Fall/Holiday Wrap-Up

Our 46th **Victorian Weekend** began with a burst of energy on Thursday, October 4, when the **Salty Sirens** performed **An Evening of Burlesque** before a sold-out audience at the **Chalfonte Hotel**. The ladies, who have built quite a local following, did not disappoint. The entertainment was a little more sedate the next day at **An Afternoon of Victorian Parlor Games**. **Susan Krysiak** and **Ayeshah Dickerson** guided a small but avid audience through several genteel pastimes. Later that evening, **Craig McManus** led his always popular **Ghost Walk**, exploring Cape May's spirits. On Saturday, the **Taste Your Way Inn Tour**, a new addition to our Victorian Weekend calendar, featured flavorful amuse-bouches and palate pleasing small bites at four participating inns. The **Murder Mystery Dinners at Aleathea's Restaurant** were unqualified successes. Written by **Jackie Fazio** and featuring a new cast, the who-dunnit dinners were both sell-outs. During the day on Sunday, the grounds of the Physick Estate made for a festive setting for the **Victorian Weekend Crafts & Collectibles Show**. Later that afternoon, the seventh edition of the **Lessons of History Distinguished Distinguished Lecture Series** was presented in Cape May Convention Hall. We hosted **Professor Natalia Mehlman Petrzela** of The New School, whose lecture **Women and Children First?: #MeToo, #NeverAgain and The New Faces of American Activism**, helped the audience



Welcoming the large crowd who braved the deep freeze to attend our Jan. 21 opening of the "Collecting History" exhibit in partnership with Center for Community Arts (CCA) were (left to right): MAC President Tom Carroll, CCA Executive Director David MacKenzie, CCA "Founding Mother" Emily Dempsey, Mayor Chuck Lear and MAC Director Michael Zuckerman.

better understand the historical roots of this transformative activism and its implications for our collective future.

The end of Victorian Weekend signaled the beginning of **Halloween Happenings** at the Physick Estate. The grounds were transformed into **Scarecrow Alley**, which featured an interesting and imaginative array of entries. **Anna Marie Leeper** recruited local schools and scout troops to participate. Our congratulations go to PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARD Winner **Dia los Muertos**, created by **U.S.C.G. Training Center Family Housing Unit 1501**. The **Salty Sirens** were

back, this time with **Dead Sexy Boolesque** at **Elaine's Cape May**, with two more sold-out shows. The **Physick Estate** became the home for **Phantoms of the Physick Estate** each Friday and Saturday, with kid-friendly day-time tours and a "What Happens After Dark" version for the more adventuresome. We continued the **Murder Mystery Dinners**, offering a **Séance at the Physick Estate** and a **Ghosts, Graveyard and Mansion Tour** featuring a visit to Physick family members at Cold Spring Cemetery. As always, **Cape May's Halloween Parade** ended with awards at the Physick Estate and we provided refreshments for several hundred hungry and thirsty marchers. We ended the Halloween season hosting **Trick or Treat at the Physick Estate**, with treats for scores of local ghosts, goblins, witches, super heroes and more.

Holmes & Watson visited Cape May on two consecutive **Sherlock Holmes Weekends**, allowing us to double the number of attendees this fall. More than 160 amateur detectives joined Holmes (**Zak LaTorre**), hoping to solve the mystery. We are sad that "**Sherlock Holmes and the Case of A Siren's Call**" marks the retirement of playwright **John Alvarez**, but delighted that he has turned the mantle over to his niece (and seasoned cast member), **Emily Pruna**.

MAC's Annual Meeting on November 8 had a new name (**MAC to the Future**) and a whole new look – which led to our largest

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OUR MISSION

The Mid-Atlantic Center for the Arts & Humanities is a multifaceted not-for-profit organization committed to promoting the preservation, interpretation, and cultural enrichment of the Cape May region for its residents and visitors.

OUR VISION

Preserving Cape May's rich heritage and assuring its vitality through superior cultural programs and events.

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Coming ATTRACTIONS

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Presidents Weekend

February 16-18: Crafts and Collectibles in Winter Show comes to Cape May Convention Hall Saturday, Feb. 16-Sunday, Feb. 17 from 10am-4pm. Food and wine aficionados will enjoy a **Cape May Wine Trail** on Feb. 16 11am-4pm, that includes trolley transport to Natali Vineyards and the Willow Creek Winery with lunch at Willow Creek, a **Chocolate Lovers Feast** at The Washington Inn on Feb. 16 at 1pm and **Cape May Wine School: The Wines of South America** on Feb. 17 at 1pm at The Washington Inn. Hear about spirits beyond the here and now during **Ghosts of Cape May Trolley Tours** Feb. 16 and 17 at 7pm and 8pm. Enjoy a **Historic District Trolley Tour**, **Emlen Physick Estate Tour** or **Combination Tour**. Go on a **Physick Estate Scavenger Hunt** or **Cape May Family Treasure Hunt** or brave the cold on a **Cape May Bike Tour**. Speaking of brave, be one of the first to climb the **Cape May Lighthouse** in winter, now open for the season, from 12Noon-3pm, Feb. 16-18.

Cape May's Sherlock Holmes Weekend



March 15-17: Challenge yourself with this new mystery in 2019! Join Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's master sleuth, Sherlock Holmes with Dr. John Watson and follow the clues in a baffling new mystery for 2019, "**Sherlock Holmes and The Wake at The Wedding**," during Cape May's Sherlock Holmes Weekend. Discover clues along the gas-lit streets and compete for the \$250 grand prize and other valuable gifts. Full weekend packages at \$115 per person include welcome reception, performances, tour and luncheon. Weekend overnight packages are available. The Search for Clues Tour on Saturday, March 16 may be purchased separately for \$15.

Carroll Gallery Exhibit "The Iconic Cape May Lighthouse: From the Pages of the First Resort"

April 26-October 31: Curator **Ben Miller**, author of "From the Pages of the First Resort," provides visitors with a unique look at the iconic Cape May Lighthouse. Illuminating darkness over the Atlantic Ocean and Delaware Bay for 160 years, Cape May's lighthouse is the third beacon to guide mariners through the tumultuous waters at the confluence of the ocean and bay. Memories and historic images abound, from the keepers who dedicated their lives to maintaining the light, the MAC preservationists who restored it, and all those who've relied upon it for over a century and a half. Free admission. Open daily.

Cape May's 22nd Annual Spring Celebration

April 26-May 19: Celebrate the season of rebirth in America's first seaside resort with three and a half weeks of spring events including the **Sip Into Spring Festival** and crafts show, living history programs, ghosts tours, **Armed Forces Day** and more. Rediscover the 1879 Physick Estate on guided tour with a new theme for 2019-20: "**What's For Dinner? Victorian Food & Foodways**." Hear nationally renowned storyteller **Ellouise Schoettler** present "**Pushing Boundaries**;" savor local flavors with food and wine events; explore local gardens on the **Spring Celebration Garden Tour**; solve a mystery over dinner during the **Murder Mystery Dinners**; treat mom to a **Jazz Brunch at the Estate for Mother's Day**, and so much more.



WINTER HISTORIC DISTRICT TROLLEY TOURS

Fridays through Mondays through Feb. 25
Daily beginning March 1

Get acquainted with Cape May on a trolley tour as knowledgeable guides present entertaining and educational stories about the nation's oldest seashore resort (tours begin and end at the Washington Street Mall Information Booth, Washington Street Mall at Ocean Street). Winter trolley tours are co-sponsored by the **Carroll Villa Hotel**, **Congress Hall Hotel**, the **Grand Hotel** and the **Queen Victoria Bed & Breakfast Inn**. \$12 adults, \$8 children (ages 3-12).

LUNCH & LEARNS

Wednesdays through March 27: 12Noon: Bring a bag lunch and hear talks on popular topics of history, culture and the arts. Cape May United Methodist Church, 635 Washington St., Cape May. \$5. Free for MAC members.

LUCKY BONES LUNCH & LEARNS

Saturdays, March 23 & April 13: 12Noon (seating begins at 11:30am): Hear talks on popular topics of history, culture and the arts over lunch at Lucky Bones Restaurant, 1200 Route 109, Cape May. \$20 includes a buffet luncheon and lecture. Beverages may be purchased separately.

CAPE MAY WINE TRAILS

Saturdays, Feb. 16, April 27, May 4: 11am: Spend an afternoon visiting Cape May County's wineries and sampling the unique flavors of each. Travel via trolley to Willow Creek Winery where you'll enjoy tastings, a brief tour and lunch. You'll also journey to Natali Vineyards for tastings there with cheese and crackers and receive a souvenir glass. \$75.

CRAFTS & COLLECTIBLES IN WINTER

Saturday, Feb. 16 and Sunday, Feb. 17: 10am-4pm: The region's most sought-after collectibles dealers and crafts persons come together for a show featuring handmade items, unique gifts, country crafts, glassware, silver and more. Cape May Convention Hall, Beach Avenue at Stockton. \$2 for adults; free for children 12 and under.

CHOCOLATE LOVERS FEAST AT THE WASHINGTON INN

Saturday, Feb. 16, May 11: 1pm: Chocolate lovers unite! You'll savor a sumptuous chocolate buffet of chocolate desserts at The Washington Inn, 801 Washington St. \$40.

CAPE MAY WINE SCHOOL

Sunday, Feb. 17: 1pm: Learn about The Wines of South America during this informative class that will refine your palate, at the renowned Washington Inn, 801 Washington St. To register call 609-884-5697. \$40. Another Wine School will be held on May 5.

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Carriage House Café & Tearoom Reopens April 26



Enjoy gracious, yet casual, dining at the Carriage House on the grounds of the Emlen Physick Estate, with an a la carte menu that includes signature salads and tea sandwiches, as well as homemade soups and quiche, plus an Afternoon Tea Luncheon, and a kids' menu. Enjoy loose tea service from Philadelphia's House of Tea. If you have a busy schedule, everything is available for takeout! Open 12Noon to 4pm Thursday through Sunday, through May 26. For reservations call 609-224-6064.

Underground Railroad Trolley Tours

Saturdays, April 27, May 4, May 11, May 18: 10:15am: Hear tales of Cape May's connection to the Underground Railroad and how, fleeing their chains in Maryland, Delaware and Virginia, African American slaves braved strong currents and stormy seas, guided by the beacon at the Cape May Lighthouse. Hear how legendary anti-slavery fighter, Harriet Tubman, walked these streets, as did businessman and former slave, Stephen Smith, whose railroad cars carried hundreds to freedom. \$25. Co-sponsored by the Center for Community Arts and MAC.



Murder Mystery Dinners: "Bumped Off & Bottoms Up"

Saturdays, April 27, May 4, 11 and 18: 7pm: The scene and the table are both set for this year's mystery, "Bumped Off & Bottoms Up," written by **Jacklyn Fazio**. Prohibition has arrived and that means locals and visitors alike gather at Walter O'Leary's infamous club for refreshments and entertainment. When an evening of fun takes a horrible turn, can you help bring the murderer to justice? Enjoy a four-course dinner at Aleathea's Restaurant, the Inn of Cape May, 7 Ocean St. as you interact with the cast of likely suspects and the mystery unfolds around you. Adults \$60, Children (ages 3-12) \$30.

Sip Into Spring Festival

Saturday, May 11: 10am-4pm: Enjoy the lovely grounds of the Physick Estate transformed by vendors and crafters into an outdoor marketplace. Celebrate the season of rebirth and new growth! Be inspired by gardening and nature activities and demonstrations, and enjoy music, festival food and libations.



Armed Forces Day

Saturday, May 18: 11am: Pay tribute to the dedicated men and women who have helped preserve our freedom at the World War II Lookout Tower on Sunset Boulevard. Free admission. Tower is located on Sunset Boulevard in Lower Township, near Cape May Point. Presented by the **Friends of the World War II Lookout Tower**, an affinity group of MAC.

BRUNCH & BINGO AT THE BEACH

Sundays, Feb. 17, April 28 & May 19: 9:30am: Laugh along with friends as you play a little bingo, enjoy a fashion show by Lace Silhouettes/Cotton Company and compete for prizes, all during a delicious brunch at the Inn of Cape May, 7 Ocean St. \$25.

FREE TOURS OF THE PHYSICK ESTATE

Fridays, March 1, 8 & 15: 2:15pm: Do a good deed for your neighbors and visit the Physick Estate for a guided tour. Bring a donation of pantry items, toiletries or paper goods valued at \$5 or more to donate to The Community Food Closet of Cape May, and receive a free tour of the 1879 Physick Estate sponsored by the Friends of the Physick Estate.

FRIENDS OF THE PHYSICK ESTATE present "PUSHING BOUNDARIES - STORIES OF COMING OF AGE IN THE 1950S AND THE FIGHT FOR EQUAL RIGHTS"

Wednesday, May 1: 2:30pm: Join the Friends for this Afternoon Tea & Lecture by **Ellouise Schoettler**, storyteller. Schoettler is known for her stories of "heart and humor." Based in Maryland, she performs nationwide for adult and family audiences. Carriage House Café & Tearoom, Emlen Physick Estate, 1048 Washington St., Cape May. Benefits the Friends of the Emlen Physick Estate. \$25.

JAZZ BRUNCH AT THE ESTATE FOR MOTHER'S DAY

Sunday, May 12: 10am: Celebrate Mother's Day under the tent at the Carriage House Café & Tearoom with brunch and enjoy live jazz from The Great American Songbook live jazz from The Great American Songbook featuring **Mary Lou Newnam** and **Sonny Troy**. Free parking. \$30.

FRIENDS OF THE PHYSICK ESTATE TRIP TO WINTERTHUR

Wednesday, May 15: 8am-5pm: Join the Friends of the Physick Estate on a bus trip to Winterthur, in Wilmington, Del. The trip will include a tram tour of the gardens, a guided tour of the museum, lunch on your own at the cafeteria and a self-guided tour of the galleries. The featured exhibit is "Costumes from the Crown," which features 40 iconic costumes from the Emmy Award-winning Netflix series. The bus will leave North Cape May Shopping Center at 8am and return by 5pm. \$60 through March 30. \$65 after March 30.

SPRING CELEBRATION GARDEN TOUR

Saturday, May 18: 1pm-4pm: New in 2019! Here is your invitation to step past the frontage and explore the private plants and blooms of some of the Cape May area's most dedicated gardeners. See their private landscape designs and take home ideas for your own gardens. Smell and see what's blooming and flourishing in several different seashore locations dominated by sunlight, ocean breezes, sand and salt. \$20.

MAC DONOR PROFILE: Doug & Anna Marie McMMain



Doug and Anna Marie McMMain have been enthusiastic MAC members for as long as they have been innkeepers here. In May of 2004, they purchased one of the most recognized and elegant Cape May bed and breakfast inns, The Queen Victoria, 102 Ocean St., and they still love operating it year-round today.

Doug, originally from Reno, Nev., and Anna Marie, a South Jersey native, met and fell in love while working for Ross Perot in Detroit, Mich. in the mid-'80s. Their courtship, filled with countless hours of swing dancing and garden and historic home tours, led to their marriage in 1987. Anna Marie soon "dragged" Doug back home to New Jersey, introducing him to the beautiful Jersey Shore.

Like most innkeepers, Doug and Anna Marie took a circuitous route to their present station in life. They have diverse backgrounds, both having enjoyed successful careers in the computer industry. Through the years, though, Doug and Anna Marie's true passion was to operate a bed and breakfast inn. Before coming to Cape May, they owned and renovated two historic properties in New Jersey. Their first vintage home was in Brigantine, where they picked up valuable skills in the ownership of historic buildings. They then purchased a dilapidated Victorian property in Stratford, which they renovated into the corporate headquarters of their computer training and consulting firm, Training Works, Inc.



Doug & Anna Marie McMMain

When they eventually discovered The Queen Victoria, they knew they had found their future. "This magical place, with its wonderful historic design, beautifully restored and maintained rooms, all just steps from the beautiful beaches and historic charms of Cape May, was irresistible," said Anna Marie.

They have poured their boundless energy since then not only into running their inn but also into engagement with MAC. In this regard, they've managed to fill the giant footsteps of The Queen Victoria's

former owners, MAC Board and community leaders **Joan and Dane Wells**. The McMains' financial support has included donations to the Zuckerman Endowment Fund and the 2020 Society. Doug has taken on leadership positions on MAC's Board (serving as President in 2011-13) and participates on numerous staff teams, often providing technical advice. Anna Marie and Doug have generously opened their beautiful inn to support MAC events, by hosting receptions, such as for the annual Lessons of History Lecture Series each October, and for house tours, such as MAC's annual Christmas Candlelight House Tours in December. They have assisted MAC's Director of Media Relations by providing accommodations for visiting travel writers from all over the country, and they enthusiastically support the annual Cape May Music Festival and the Dickens Christmas Extravaganza.

Notably, the McMains are constantly recommending MAC tours and events to their guests.

"MAC always provides a lot of content for the people coming to Cape May. There's always a lot to do," said Doug. "I usually recommend, especially for a first-time visitor, the best way to be introduced to Cape May is to take MAC's Combination Trolley/Physick Estate Tour."

Thank you, Doug and Anna Marie, for your generous support of MAC and Cape May!

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MAC Board Election Results

Ballots for the 2019 Board elections were mailed to MAC Members in November. MAC's Membership elected the following Officers and Trustees to lead MAC in 2019:

President: Tom Carroll

1st Vice President: Brian Groestch

2nd Vice President: Lee Bellarmino

3rd Vice President: Doug McMMain

Secretary: Jeanette Block

Treasurer: Chris Shoemaker

Trustees: Chris Clemans, Bernie Haas, Diane Hutchinson, Frank Acker

The newly elected Officers and Trustees join **Ioanna Iliopoulos, Steve Steger, Vicki Watson, Shirley ("Becki") Wilson** and **Suzie Zingman-Leith** who are currently serving unexpired terms, and **Michael Zuckerman**, who serves ex officio as Director. Our thanks go to Past President **Mary McKenney**, who has retired from the Board after nine years of service.



Outgoing MAC President Chris Shoemaker at the Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony.

Welcome New Members

Family: Mouna Aissaoui & Omar Ayad of Cape May, NJ; Vincent Bochis & Joanne Salvatore Bochis of Little Falls, NJ; Michele & Michael Plunkett of Haddonfield, NJ; Sunil Shah & Kavita Sharma of Franklin Park, NJ; Ryan & Melissa Stottmann of Wilmington, DE; Debra & Michael Sullivan of Port Reading, NJ; Christine Yingling & Ray Franklin of White Hall, MD.

Grandparents: Kenneth & Dolores Jonczak of Oaklyn, NJ; Heather Salyers & Julie Samuels of Kennett Square, PA; Stephen & Karen Weierich of Piscataway, NJ.

Joint: Pixie Angelo & Jim Yingst of West Cape May, NJ; Sue & Frank Barber of Edison, NJ; Andrea & Peter Bliss of Cape May Court House, NJ; Joanna & Mike Bradley of Nottingham, MD; Rick & Dawn Buck of Marlton, NJ; Matthew & Betsy Cancelmo of Oxford, PA; Jerry Christopher & Albert Hake of Philadelphia, PA; Susan & Gerard Crean of Danbury, CT; Dawn & Victor Cross of Villas, NJ; Jacob & Erin Cuomo of Cape May, NJ; Jim & Tricia Curry of Dennisville, NJ; James Dunn & Patricia Patterson of Hatboro, PA; Catherine Englert & Joan Malloy of West Chester, PA; Karen & Charles Fitzpatrick of Bellmawr, NJ; Joe Friend & Joann Wolbert of Philadelphia, PA; Ronnie & Gayle Garitta of North Cape May, NJ; Scott & Marie Elena Gearhart of Sicklerville, NJ; Robert Gerlough & Cyndy Cesena of Freehold, NJ; Chuck & Eileen Goessel of Marlton, NJ; Veronica & Gregory Giancola of Cape May, NJ; Annette Hudson & Jenna Snyder of New Columbia, PA; Arlene Iritono & Rolando David of Browns Mills, NJ; Susan & Robert Jackson of Del Haven, NJ; James & Cheryl Kay of West Cape May, NJ; Joseph & Joan Mach of Teaneck, NJ; Thomas & Susan Massano of Brick, NJ; Mary McNamara & Terrence Long of Bronx, NY; Tam & Amanda Ngo of Metuchen NJ; Michael & Sue O'Connell of Rockledge, PA; Geraldine & Robert Pandaleon of Cape May, NJ; Joseph Petrille

& Virginia Logan of West Cape May, NJ; John & Dee Prendergast of Westville, NJ; Irene & Rosemary Rado of West Milford, NJ; Matthew & Janet Robinson of Berlin, NJ; Michael Sagaria & Cheryl Brown of Williamstown, NJ; Dan & Tracey Scheitrum of Harrisburg, PA; Elaine & Thomas Scygiel of Cape May Point, NJ; Christine Smith & Harry Schugardt of Voorhees, NJ; Daniel & Anna Simons of Norristown, PA; Raymond & Agnes Siracusa of Woodbridge, NJ; Phil & Lori Solfaro of Cape May, NJ; John & Jean Smith of Haddon Township, NJ; Kathy & Jeffrey Specht of Northumberland, PA; Mary & Al Stephanelli of Oreland, PA; Laura & Gary Stephan of Gilmanton Iron Works, NH; Lisa & Robert Stern of Longport, MD; Dan & Evelyn Strombom of Milltown, NJ; Roberta Joy Taylor of Wildwood, NJ; Dan & Pam Tower of Union, NJ; Joy Wadleigh & Richard Hudson of Mt. Laurel, NJ; Mark & Theresa Wehrle of Stratford, NJ; William & Linda Winters of Villas, NJ; Mary & Larry Wirth of West Chester, PA; Patricia Wylezik-Pfeiffer & Robert Pfeiffer III of Bernville, PA.

Individual: Carrie Brown of Clearfield, PA; Victoria Cross of Villas, NJ; Tony DeGregorio of Kennett Square, PA; Gordon Gearhart of Sicklerville, NJ; Laura Juergens of Flagstaff AZ; Tricia Leith of Villas, NJ; Dorothy Macquade of Mount Laurel, NJ; Lorraine Mahoney of Woodbridge, NJ; Chelsey McCully of Osceola Mills, PA; Judy Parker of Medford, NJ; Donnie Smith of Towson, MD.

Sponsor: Rosemary & Fred Fellmeth of Jenkintown, PA; Theresa & David Villani of Linden, NJ.

Student: Danielle Russell of West Milford, NJ.

FRIENDS OF THE CAPE MAY MUSIC FESTIVAL

Individual: Steven Sammartino of Vineland, NJ.

FRIENDS OF THE LIGHTHOUSE

Individual: Linda Hendee of Stone Harbor, NJ.

Joint: Lisa Diernisse & Alfons Skudlarek of Alexandria, VA; Ken & Sandy Germann of Rio Grande, NJ; Joseph Meshanic & Maureen Irvin of Westmont, NJ.

FRIENDS OF THE PHYSICK ESTATE

Joint: Mandy & Charles Paul of East Earl, PA.

Staff: Cathryn Baldacchini of Cape May, NJ.

FRIENDS OF THE WORLD WAR II LOOKOUT TOWER

Joint: Mary & Paul Ehrlichman of Kennett Square, PA.

Congratulations to:

Vicki Clark (President & CEO of the Cape May County Chamber of Commerce), on being named the "2018 Woman of Wonder" by the Women of Wonder (WOW) League; Former Board leader **Jeff & Carol Elliott**, on the birth of their second granddaughter, **Hailey**; Freeholder **Marie Hayes**, on receiving the "Woman of Excellence" award by the National Foundation of Women Legislators; Deputy Mayor **Patricia & Charlie Hendricks**, on the birth of a granddaughter; City Chamber President **Jim Ridgway**, on the birth of his second daughter, **Kara James**; and **Joan Vicari** (Librarian at Ocean City High School), on being named NJ Association of Librarians' Outstanding Media Specialist.

Condolences to:

The family and friends of Cape May cultural pioneer **Danny Cohen**; the family and friends of World War II Veteran and Lookout Tower volunteer **Tom Glynn**; family and friends of MAC volunteer **Muriel Gray**; the family and friends of the former Executive Director of the New Jersey Historical Commission, **Marc Mappen**; the family and friends of **Jack Reid** (especially daughters **Patti Schmucker** and **Theresa Thompson**); **Trisha Ryan**, wife of our Director of Accounting and Human Resources, **Larry Ryan**, on the death of her mother; former MAC Tour Director **Marilyn Springer**, on the death of her husband, **Don**.



At our Annual Meeting on November 8, we were pleased to recognize Past President **Mary McKenney** with our MAC Honor Award for her nine years of exceptional service to MAC and the Cape May community, presented by MAC Director **Michael Zuckerman** (left) and President **Chris Shoemaker**.

'THANK YOU' DEPARTMENT



CHARTER MEMBERS OF THE 2020 SOCIETY

(\$25,000 pledges over 5 years)

Curtis Bashaw
Lee & Jill Bellarmino
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Bill & Audrey Schwab
Patricia Valas
Joan & Dane Wells

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You can help ensure MAC's future by becoming a
GOLD MEMBER
of the 2020 Society
with a \$4,500 pledge over 3 years

2020 SOCIETY DONATIONS

- **Charter Members** (\$25,000 pledge for 5 years): Curtis Bashaw, Patricia Valas, Dane & Joan Wells.
- **Platinum Donors** (\$10,000 pledge for 4 years): Robert Fite, Jim & Betty Moffatt.
- **Gold Donors** (\$4,500 pledge for 3 years): Warren & Janet Coupland, The Mad Batter (Mark Kulkowitz), Kit & BJ Marlowe, Don & Alethia White.
- **\$1,000 Silver Donors**: Stan & Peggy Gora.
- **\$500-\$999 Bronze Donors**: Lora Jo & Russell Dickhart, The Original Fudge Kitchen (Joe & Paul Bogle), Karen Smith.

- **\$100-\$499 Friend Donors**: Lester & Roberta Aungst, Jeanette Block, Joal Britton, Joseph & Eileen Cassidy, William & Margaret Flanagan, William Flounders, Heather & Roger Furlin, Carolann Gaites, William & Adrienne Gallagher, R. J. Scott Griffith, Dennis & Angela Grogan, Roger Henry, Robert & Carole Irwin, Bob & Jane Lester, Michael & Mindy Levy & Family, Cheryl & Les Lottman, Al & Martha Maffeo, Sharon Mastroni, MaryAnn & Gus Mosso, William Paladini & Pamela Nardone, Sam & Christine Parker, Florence Price, Richard & Debra Renza, Henry & Mary Anne Satt, John & Carla Schaeffer, G. Philip & Linda Scott, Chris & Erin Shoemaker, Catherine & Robert Stambaugh, Mary & Sandy Stewart, Jane & Dan Valdes-Dapena, Jill & Bud Waisbren.
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LESSONS OF HISTORY FUND DONATIONS

- **\$100-\$249 Donors**: Peter Cole & Bea Pessagno, Pamela & Jim Gory, Richard Klein, Rick & Janet Koester, Mary & Sandy Stewart.
- **Under \$100 Donors**: Bob & Therese Maher, Martin & Judith Miller.

Donations

- **Don & Kathy Adams**, for a \$50 donation to the Cape May Lighthouse in memory of **Dave Yeager**.
- **Jane Amodei**, for a \$50 donation to the Cape May Lighthouse in honor of **Barbara J. Morris**.
- **An Anonymous** donation in memory of **John Auer MSGT-USAF Retired**.
- **Atlantic City Electric** (An Exelon Company), for a \$1000 donation to the Light Up Cape May Contest during the holiday season.
- **John & Nancy Bailey**, for a \$250 donation to operations, and a \$50 donation to the Cape May Lighthouse in memory of **Dave Yeager**.
- **Brian Baptist**, for a \$5 donation to the World War II Lookout Tower, and for a set of authentic World War II Private First Class Rank for the Tower display.
- **Frank & Sue Barber**, for a \$25 donation to the Cape May Lighthouse.
- **Lee & Jill Bellarmino**, for a \$1,680 in-kind donation to cover the cost of the Lessons of History major donor reception.
- **Patricia & Martin Bernard**, for a \$25 donation to Operations.
- **Ruth & Roy Brader**, for a \$100 donation to Operations.
- **Tom & Sue Carroll**, for a \$5,000 donation to assist in the search for a new Director, and for donating a Dell all-in-one computer to our IT division.

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Cartloads of provisions collected at our Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony were presented to the Cape May Community Food Closet by MAC Director of External Affairs Eliza Lotozo (left) and Chief Outreach Strategist Mary Stewart (right).

Donations

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- **Eileen Cassidy**, for donating supplies for the Friends of the Physick Estate Halloween Workshop.
- **William & Susan Currie**, for a \$100 donation to the Cape May Lighthouse.
- **The David R. and Patricia D. Atkinson Foundation**, for a \$10,000 donation.
- **Janet Denson**, for donating a woman's nightcap to the Physick Estate Collections.
- **Ed & Debbie Drozda**, for a \$25 donation to Operations.
- **E. & J. Gallo Winery**, for a \$1,500 donation to the Craft Beer & Crab Festival, and an in-kind donation of wine valued at \$1,000.
- **Richard & Susan Foxx**, for a \$5,000 donation to assist in the purchase of new sides for the Carriage House Café & Tearoom tent.
- **Michael & Stephanie Gerberville**, for a \$25 donation to the Cape May Lighthouse in memory of **John Hoesch**.
- **Jere Gibber & J.G. Harrington**, for \$50 donation to Operations.
- **Susan Gibson**, for donating printer ink.
- **Lynne & Steven Glasser**, for a \$100 donation to Operations.
- **Robert Glose**, for a \$100 donation to the Cape May Lighthouse.
- **Stan & Peggy Gora**, for a \$250 donation to the Friends of the Physick Estate.
- **Jeanne Gorman**, for a \$25 donation in memory of **John Hoesch**.
- **Tom & Beverly Graves**, for a \$15 donation to Operations.
- **Robin Grenke**, for a \$25 donation to Operations.
- **Mary Beth Hager**, for a \$25 donation to Operations.
- **Barbara Hubmaster**, for donating a microwave to the Carriage House Café & Tearoom.
- **Elisabeth Kalogris**, for a \$250 donation to operations on Giving Tuesday.
- **Pat Keltie**, for donating a small projector screen for the Sun Porch.
- **Mary Kay Klara**, for a \$10 donation to the Cape May Lighthouse.
- **John Klos**, for a \$20 donation to Operations.
- **Dottie Knapp**, for donating supplies for the Friends of the Physick Estate Halloween Workshop.
- **Bob & Becky Kriebel**, for a \$100 donation to Operations.
- **Susan Krysiak**, for donating a wireless Dell computer mouse and keyboard.



Santa, himself, greeted the crowds at our resplendent Old Fashioned Christmas Exhibit in the Carroll Gallery at the Physick Estate.

- **Margaret Lonzetta**, for a \$25 donation to the Cape May Lighthouse.
- **Ronald & Rosalind Levy**, for a \$180 donation to Operations.
- **Kathleen & John Louderback** (Gaiss' Market), for a \$600 donation to the Cape May Lighthouse.
- **Patricia & Glenn Matis**, for a \$25 donation to Operations.
- **Joanne & Patrick Meehan**, for a \$100 donation to Operations.
- **Wayne & Joyce Monsees**, for a \$50 donation to Operations.
- **Bill & Catherine Noakes**, for a \$50 donation to the Cape May Lighthouse in memory of **Dave Yeager**.
- **Thomas & Ellen Palumbo**, for a \$50 donation to Operations.
- **Carla Penzotti-Wenrich**, for a \$100 donation to the Cape May Lighthouse in memory of **Audrey Conant**.
- **Colette Perri**, for a \$50 donation to Operations.
- **Joseph Reilly**, for a \$50 donation in honor of **Dory Coe**.
- **Christopher Ruffing & Anita Sama**, for a \$20 donation to help paint the Physick House Museum.
- **Carol Smith**, for a \$100 donation to Operations.
- **Mary Swartz**, for a \$100 donation to Operations.
- **John & Sophia Seubert**, for a \$25 donation to the World War II Lookout Tower.
- **John & Eugene Siracusa**, for a \$200 donation to the Cape May Lighthouse.
- **The Anthony Skoda Family**, for a \$50 donation to Operations in memory of **John Hoesch**.
- **Ruth & Garrett Stauffer**, for a \$300 donation to Operations.
- **Mary Stewart**, for donating supplies for the Friends of the Physick Estate Halloween Workshop.
- **Robert & Barbara Stewart**, for \$50 donation to the Cape May Lighthouse.
- **Bruce & Pary Tell**, for a \$25 donation to the Cape May Lighthouse in memory of **Dave Yeager**.
- **George & Margaret Thompson**, for a \$50 donation to Operations.
- **Lisa & Craig Ver Steeg**, for a \$50 donation to Operations.
- **Julie Wadler**, for a \$200 donation to the Cape May Lighthouse in memory of **John Hoesch**.
- **Wilkinson Barker Knauer, LLP**, for a \$250 donation to the Cape May Lighthouse in memory of **John Hoesch**.

Christmas Candlelight House Tour Properties & Owners Who Donated Their Cleaning Fee Back to the Organization: The Bowne Residence (Marty & Lenore Bowne), The Carlin Family Residence (Marty & Valerie Carlin), Casablanca (Andrew Bares & Kelly Lavorgna), Cavalier Cottage (Tom Cataldo & Ioanna Iliopoulos), The Cedar House (Kevin &

Congratulations Volunteers of the Month

NOVEMBER:
Karen Fox

DECEMBER:
Stephanie Gerow

JANUARY:
Rosalie Gallagher

Jill Bremer), Franklin at 721 (Trish Ternove), George Ogden House (Warren & Janet Coupland), The Harrison (Andrew Bares & Kelly Lavorgna), Henry Sawyer Inn (Barbara Morris), Hotel Macomber (Crystal Hardin), The Kurtz Family Residence (Yogi & Karen Kurtz), The Mainstay Inn (Pete & Esther Scalone), The Mason Cottage (Kim Gilbert), The Mission Inn (Wendy Collins & Laura Shaddock), Pharos at the Harrison (Andrew Bares & Kelly Lavorgna), The Queen Victoria B & B (Doug & Anna Marie McMMain), The Southern Mansion (Barbara Hamilton Bray Wilde).

Cape May Getaway Raffle Donors: Accent on Beauty (Jeannette Cohen), Aleathea's Restaurant (Beth Eastman), Bath Time (Bonnie Mullock), Bella Vida Café (Jeannie Monge), Cape May Day Spa (Rob Elder), Cape May Honey (Andi & Doug Marandino), Cape May Stage (Roy Steinberg), Curious Cape May (Wendy Collins), East Lynne Theater Company (Gayle Stalthumb), The Flying Fish Studio (Sue Lotozo), The Fudge Kitchen (Joe Bogle), Gallery D'May (Dawn DeMayo), The Mad Batter (Mark Kulkowitz), Massage by Steph (Stephanie Vogel), The Merion Inn (Vickie Watson), Muddy Paws (Kate Robins), Red Door Gallery (Mary Stewart), Seaside Cheese (Steve White), Shore Soaps (Leslie Weidel), Splash (Chuck & Hilary Pritchard), Sunset Beach Gift Shop (Larry & Michele Hume), The Virginia Hotel (Jordan Rowan), The Whale's Tale (Chuck & Hilary Pritchard).

Assistance

- **Beth & Frank Acker**, for providing tours of The Cherry House for Group Tours.
- **Barbara Dreyfuss**, for helping upgrade the Underground Railroad Trolley Tour experience.

- **Cape May Lutheran Church, Pastor Jeff Elliott**, for use of the church hall for the Friends of the World War II Lookout Tower meeting.

- **Cape May Methodist Church, Rev. Jeanette Block**, for use of the church hall for a volunteer orientation session and Holiday Lunch & Learn sessions.

- **Sue Carroll**, for baking treats for the Friends of the Physick Estate Halloween Workshop and the Friends Reception.

- **Eileen Cassidy**, for baking treats for the Friends of the Physick Estate Halloween Workshop and Friends Reception.

- **Pat Everett**, for providing coffee cakes for Holiday Lunch & Learn sessions.

- **Kathleen Familetti**, for polishing the silver in the Physick House Museum.

- **Pam Fox**, for preparing Group Tour bus driver welcome bags and dressing the Cape May Teddy Bears for the Group Tour FAM (familiarization) Tour.

- **Judy Gatt**, for providing baked goods for Holiday Lunch & Learn and Friends Reception.

- **Peggy Gora**, for assistance with planning the Friends of the Physick Estate holiday trip to Princeton.

- **Carol Hartman**, for baking treats for the Friends of the Physick Estate Halloween Workshop and Friends Reception.

- **Larry Hume**, for providing hats and key chains for Group Tour welcome bags.

- **David Jones and Michael De Luca (Rutgers University)**, for assisting Group Tours in creating a tour of the New Jersey Aquaculture Innovation Center.

- **Mal & Dottie Knapp**, for presenting a lecture on the History of Halloween for the Friends of the Physick Estate.

- **Barbara Lamont**, for polishing the silver in the Physick House Museum and providing treats for the Friends Reception.

- **Susan LaSalle**, for preparing box lunches for the Group Tour Cape May Lewes Ferry Packages.

- **Margo Lassner**, for baking treats for the Friends of the Physick Estate Halloween Workshop and Friends Reception.

- **Derrick McQueen**, for making dramatic recordings of first person stories for the Underground Railroad Trolley Tour.

- **Robert and Mary Reader**, for providing baked goods for Holiday Lunch & Learn sessions.

- **Vivian & Don Rogers**, for providing baked goods for Holiday Lunch & Learn sessions.

- **Carole Sick**, for baking treats for the

Friends of the Physick Estate Halloween Workshop and Friends Reception.

- **Rosemary Rombado**, for hosting the Chefs' Dine-Around.

- **Mary Stewart**, for providing Fashion Show Lectures for Group Tours and for baking treats for the Friends of the Physick Estate Halloween Workshop and Friends Reception.

- **Mike Tees**, for fueling up all the trolleys.

- **Elan Zingman-Leith**, for presenting a Lunch & Learn lecture.

Christmas Candlelight House Tour

Properties & Owners: The Abbey (Barbara Tillman), Angel of the Sea (Ron & Theresa Stanton), Antoinette's (Deanna Brown), Beauclaire's Bed & Breakfast Inn (Joe & Joanne Giovanetti), The Bedford Inn (Archie & Carol Kirk), The Breakers (Barbara Tillman), The Bowne Residence (Marty & Lenore Bowne), Cape Island Baptist Church, Cape May United Methodist Church, The Carlin Family Residence (Marty & Valerie Carlin), Casablanca (Andrew Bares & Kelly Lavorgna), Cavalier Cottage (Tom Cataldo & Ioanna Iliopoulos), The Cedar House (Kevin & Jill Bremer), The Colonial House Museum, The Dormer House (Dillon Mullock), Episcopal Church of the Advent, First Presbyterian Church, George Ogden House (Warren & Janet Coupland), Franklin at 721 (Trish Ternove), Franklin's Key (Andrew & Marla Bonner), The Harrison (Andrew Bares & Kelly Lavorgna), Henry Sawyer Inn (Barbara Morris), Hotel Macomber (Crystal Hardin), Inn at the Park (Carl & Susan Spatocco), Kiwanis Club, The Kurtz Family Residence (Yogi & Karen Kurtz), The Luther Ogden Inn (Mark & Jan Pask), The Mainstay Inn (Pete & Esther Scalone), The Mason Cottage (Kim Gilbert), The Mission Inn (Wendy Collins & Laura Shaddock), Our Lady Star of the Sea, Pharos at the Harrison (Andrew Bares & Kelly Lavorgna), The Queen Victoria B & B (Doug & Anna Marie McMMain), The Southern Mansion (Barbara Hamilton Bray Wilde), The Wilbraham Mansion (Doug & Joanne Carnes).

Victorian Weekend Taste Your Way INN

Tour Property Owners: Casablanca (Andrew Bares & Kelly Lavorgna), The Dormer House (Dillon Mullock), The Mission Inn (Wendy Collins & Laura Shaddock), The Queen Victoria B & B (Doug & Anna Marie McMMain).

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'THANK YOU' DEPARTMENT



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Volunteers

Christmas Candlelight House Tour Volunteers: Nick Agresta, Bill Angstadt, Tina Angstadt, Cathy Baldacchini, Jean Barraclough, Margaret Basile, Mel Bateman, Joan Bauer, Steve Bauer, Marilu Bicknell, Mary Jane Briant, Bill Brown, Pat Brown, Kathryn Brown, Savannah Brown, Rosemary Bubnis, Gail Capehart, Sue Carroll, Tom Carroll, Rich Chiemingo, Lynda Cogswell, Joan Conway, Bill Currie, Sue Currie, Jim Del Grosso, Beti Derbyshire, Gail Donaghy, Chris DuBois, Jan Dwyer, Pete Dwyer, Joe Fahy, Christine Fecteau, Lorrie Filter, Karen Fitzpatrick, Pam Fox, Veronica Giancola, Anne Gibboni, Lynne Glasser, Janet Goetaski, Scott Griffith, Theresa Harris, Roger Henry, Barbara Hubmaster, Adrina Kennedy, Heather Kennedy, Susan Krysiak, Anna Leeper, Eliza Lotozo, Sue Lotozo, Rainbow McAtee, Rich Mayer, Anne McCartney, Susan McGarrity, Peggy Monaghan, Adeline Pacevitch, Jan Randle, Dianne Riehl, Rob Riehl, Don Rogers, Vivianne Rogers, Patti Sands, Bill Schlitzer, Sally Schlitzer, Mary Jane Stahler, Mary Stewart, Tracy Vogt, Mark Wheaton, Mimi Wheaton, Leslie Weidel, Donna Wicker, Arlette Wright, Jack Wright.

Christmas Decorating Volunteers: Al Bennett, Joyce Barth, Jill Bellarmino, Dory Coe, Janet Coupland, Kathleen Familetti, Heather Furlin, Rosalie Gallagher, Judy Gatt, Carol Hartman, Andy Lamont, Barbara Lamont, Carol Macmillan, Gerri Ridings and Harry Schmidt.

Christmas Undecorating Volunteers: Jill Bellarmino, Janet Coupland, Kathleen Familetti, Heather Furlin, Rosalie Gallagher, Judy Gatt, Peggy Gora, Carol Hartman, Eunice Hudzik, Carol Macmillan, Gerri Ridings, Harry Schmidt.

Christmas Tree Lighting Volunteers: Dave Adams, Nick Agresta, Jean Barraclough, Bruno Basile, Margaret Basile, Gene Bubnis, Rosemary Bubnis, Sue Currie, Jim Del Grosso, Jan Dwyer, Lorrie Filter, Alice Haber, Barbara Heim, Barbara Hubmaster, Anne McCartney, Ben Ridings, Mary Stewart, Mark Wheaton, Mimi Wheaton.

Crafts & Collectibles By the Sea Volunteers: Bill Angstadt, Tina Angstadt, Mel Bateman, Marie Matone.

Curatorial Volunteers: Jill Bellarmino, Heather Furlin.

Fall Arts & Crafts Festival Volunteers: Nancy Benson, Roger Henry.

Fall Crafts & Collectibles Show Volunteers: Jan Dwyer, Gus Mosso, Mary Ann Mosso.

Friends of the Physick Estate Advisory Board: Eileen Cassidy, Sue Carroll, Dory Coe, Judy Gatt, Peggy Gora, Carol Hartman, Dottie Knapp, Barbara Lamont, Margo Lassner.

Friends of the World War II Lookout Tower Event Volunteer: Mary Stewart.

Group Tour Volunteer: Joyce Barth.

Halloween Inventory Volunteer: Carol Hartman.

Halloween Candy Donations: Dory Coe, Mary Stewart.

Halloween Planning Volunteers: Joyce Barth, Rosalie Gallagher, Carol Hartman, Carol Macmillan.

Halloween Trick or Treat Volunteers: Melanie Bateman, Dory Coe, Sue Currie, Mary Stewart.

Harvest Crafts & Collectibles Show Volunteers: Christine Fecteau, Barbara Hubmaster, Dianne Riehl, Anne Stephany.

Holiday Inns Tour Volunteers: Melanie Bateman, Joan Bauer, Steve Bauer, Nancy Benson, Barb Bonner, Mary Jane Briant, Eileen Cassidy, Sue Currie, Jim Del Grosso, Gail Donaghy, Jan Dwyer, Barb Heim, Roger Henry, Gus Mosso, Mary Ann Mosso, Patti Wallace.

Lampighter Christmas Tours Volunteers: Mike Childs, Nancy Childs, Joan Conway, Bill Currie, Sue Currie, Jan Dwyer, Chris DuBois, Barbara Golla, Tom Gore, Scott Griffith, Alice Haber, Roger Henry, Barbara Hubmaster, Peggy Monaghan, Moyce Mockus, Gus Mosso, MaryAnn Mosso, Barbara Whitlock.

Lessons of History Team: Tom Carroll, Myles Martel, Lynn Martenstein, George Schu, Mary Stewart, Chris Traficante, Michael Zuckerman.

Lessons of History Volunteers: Judy Gatt, Scott Griffith, Alice Haber, Anna Leeper, Laura Maurey, Mary Stewart.

Lunch & Learn Volunteer: Mary Stewart.

Maintenance Ground Crew Volunteers: Tom Carroll, Jan Dwyer, Walt Gabriel, Roger Henry, Carol Lindsay, Bill Schlitzer, Mike Smith, Denny Sweetman, Jerry York.

Museum Education Volunteers: Rich Chiemingo, Dory Coe, Mary Stewart.

Pop-Up Beer Garden Volunteers: Janice Ablett, Jan Dwyer, Pete Dwyer, Kathy Givens, Kathleen Janits, Megan Lynch, Sara Rubins, Carol Ulmer.

Phantoms of the Physick Estate Volunteers: Joyce Barth, Rosemary Bubnis, Lynda Cogswell, Maureen Gallagher, Michael Gallagher, Barbara Golla, Barbara Hubmaster, Marie Matone, Lou McAtee, Rainbow McAtee, Ginny Passon, Mark Wheaton, Mimi Wheaton.

Scarecrow Alley Contest participants: 1501 U.S. Coast Guard Family; 4H Scales & Tails; Jean Barraclough; Cape May Elementary School's Pre-K, 1st, 3rd, 4th & 5th grades; Caring Assisted Living (Day Shift) Wildwood; Cub Scout Pack 73; deSatnick Real Estate; DCF Regional School Cape May Campus; The Eardman Family; East Lynne Theater Company; Easter Seals of NJ, Rio Grande Center; Girl Scout Troop 41026; Haven House at St. John of God; Holly Shores Camping Resort; Barbara Hubmaster; The Keene Family; The Ladies of the Cape May Point Social Club; MAC Hill House Staff; Rainbow McAtee; Diane McKeefery; The Mission Inn (Wendy Collins & Laura Shaddock), Naval Air Station Wildwood Aviation Museum; Melissa Palmer; Emma Phillips; West Cape May Elementary School; Women's Community Club of Cape May.

Self-Guided Physick Estate Tour Volunteers: Les Aungst, Joan Bauer, Steve Bauer, Mary Jane Briant, Lynda Cogswell, Jim Del Grosso, MaryAnn Mosso.

Thank You Department: Volunteers

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Sherlock Holmes Homeowners: Beth Eastman (Inn of Cape May), Joan & Thomas Keating (Blue Rose Inn), Archie & Carol Kirk (Bedford Inn), Doug & Anna Marie McMain (The Queen Victoria B & B), Barbara Morris (Henry Sawyer Inn), Elan & Suzie Zingman-Leith (Leith Hall).

Sherlock Holmes Search for Clues Volunteers: George Fore, Marie Matone.

Staff Advisory Team: Joyce Barth, Anne Burrows, Janet Coupland, Kathleen Familetti, Rosalie Gallagher, Carol Hartman, Loretta Hughes, Ginger Killino, Barbara Lamont, Carol Macmillan, Brian McGrath and Harry Schmidt.

Underground Railroad Trolley Tour Volunteer: Dory Coe.

Veteran Volunteers at the World War II Lookout Tower: John Bailey, Charlie Ellner, Bob Familetti, Rich Nowakoski, Vince Pale, John Seubert, Ron Stenlake.

Victorian Weekend Afternoon of Victorian Parlor Games Volunteers: Ayeshah Dickerson, Susan Krysiak.

Victorian Weekend Taste Your Way Inn Tour Volunteers: Rosemary Bubnis, Eileen Cassidy, Tom Gore, Alice Haber, Barbara Whitlock.

Fall/Holiday Wrap-up

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attendance ever. The event was moved to **Cape May Winery** and, of course, included a complimentary wine tasting. Director of External Affairs **Eliza Lotozo** and Director of Media Relations **Susan Krysiak** presented a short, informative program, "MAC By the Numbers." MAC honored Past President **Mary McKenney** with its **Honor Award** for nine years of dedicated service to the organization. Every year at the Annual Meeting, we pull the winning ticket for our **Getaway Raffle**. In what is a first for us, the winner was **Bonnie**, a really cute pooch. She agreed to share the prize, valued at \$2,500 in gift certificates, with her human, though she is saving the gift certificate for a spa day at Muddy Paws for herself.

Our preparations for the **Holiday Season** began just about the time Sherlock Holmes was departing Cape May in search of more crimes to solve. Construction of the **Old-fashioned Christmas Exhibit** began under **Jean Barraclough's** watchful eye on November 1. Building and decorating the tree and setting up the **Dept. 56 Dickens Village** took almost three weeks. Maintenance Director **Paul Smargiassi** and his assistants started even earlier than that. They hung thousands of lights around the grounds, which included a high-reach truck to make sure the giant cedar tree was spectacular for the **Tree Lighting Ceremony**. The Physick House Museum was transformed into a Victorian Christmas in just a few days, thanks to Curator **Gail Capelhart** and Registrar **Ben Ridings** and their band of elves. By November 17, we were ready and our ceremony was blessed with great weather and a great audience. Our thanks go to the combined choirs of the **Episcopal Church of the Advent** and the **Cape May Presbyterian Church** for entertaining the audience before the lighting. Thanks also to Mayor **Chuck Lear**, Councilpersons **Tricia Hendricks**

and **Roger Furlin** and Assemblymen **Bob Andrzejczak** and **Bruce Land** for helping us welcome the crowd to the event. We are also grateful to **Sturdy Savings Bank**, represented by **Kathy Makowski**, for their generous sponsorship.

Once we officially light the Christmas Tree, the season becomes a blur, with tours nearly every day and night. Generally speaking, the weather gods were on our side this season. The **Christmas Candlelight House Tours** were a hot ticket, attracting more than 4,500 tour-goers over three nights. Another popular tour this year was **The Ghosts of Christmas Past Trolley Rides**. **Susan Tischler** was the **East Lynne Theater Company's** designated storyteller and delighted more than 1,000 people during the course of the season. Our ever-popular **Holiday Crafts & Collectibles Show** featured crafters and vendors from throughout the region and attracted nearly 1,700 avid shoppers. Our thanks go to the scores of volunteers whose assistance makes our tours and events possible.

The Friends groups added more activity to an already busy Fall. On November 4, the **Friends of the Cape May Music Festival** hosted a concert at the **Cape Island Baptist Church**. The group's Coordinator, **Sharon Falkowski**, arranged for a concert of chamber works featuring pianist **Stanley DeLage** and violinist **Manuela Isabel Romero Gonzalez**.

Rich Chiemingo, new Coordinator of the **Friends of the World War II Tower**, presented a program featuring John Philip Sousa's patriotic music in honor of Veterans Day.

The **Friends of Physick Estate** sponsored a bus trip to Princeton to enjoy holiday decorations. First stop was **Historic Morven** to enjoy the history of the house as well as a festival of trees decorated by

community groups. The group adjourned to the Nassau Inn for lunch before a visit to the **Princeton University Art Museum**.

Education Wrap-up

The Fall is always a very busy time for the Education Division. In addition to demands from local schools, we continue to provide monthly programs for a number of area libraries and senior centers. Our Halloween and holiday-themed presentations were much in demand, which caused **Rich Chiemingo** to create several related music programs with versions for school kids as well as seniors. Rich spent much of the last several months traveling a three-county area. Students from **West Cape May Elementary School** and **Cape May City Elementary School** visited **Scarecrow Alley** to see their entries. In early November, we provided several **Meet the Veteran** assemblies for local schools. December was filled with **Victorian Christmas Traditions** programs, which several schools followed up with field trips to the Physick Estate. We added several **Lunch & Learn** programs at **Lucky Bones** on Saturdays in October, November and December and offered a three-week series of Holiday programming at the **Cape May Methodist Church**. **Dr. Elliot Engel** returned for another **Dickens Christmas Extravaganza**, this year with programs on DaVinci, the Vanderbilts and Blackbeard the Pirate. On January 1, **Melissa Palmer** replaced **Bob Heinly** as Director of Museum Education and hit the ground running. Melissa has been busy introducing herself to local educators, expanding outreach and adding programs. We ended the year providing services for more than 16,000 students and 5,700 adults.

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New Director

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a spring Victorian Fair, a Fall Victorian weekend and one Christmas Candlelight House Tour.

Thanks to Michael's leadership, optimism and energy, we grew rapidly, acquiring by lease the Cape May Lighthouse and then the World War II Lookout Tower, while also developing a professional staff of now 25 full time and 150 part time employees. We are lucky to have many more volunteers than in the early days. We added a Music Festival, four more trolleys, and six weeks of Christmas activities. In coordination with the amazing list of cultural organizations in our area, we helped to promote Cape May, making it a year-round travel destination, not to mention a wonderful place to live.

Working late into the quieter evening hours, Michael wrote grant applications that to date have brought over \$15 million to MAC and our community. Without his initiative, these are funds that would have gone to other communities. Michael has actively represented us at the local, county and state levels and is probably the reason regional tourism officials refer to Cape May as "their shining star!"



What 36 years of service have done to MAC Director Michael Zuckerman (left).

Is he replaceable? Certainly not same-for-same, but our MAC Board believes we have created an organization that many would be proud to step into as director. Our mission, to this end, is well underway. Under the leadership of Vice President **Lee Bellarmino**, our succession team has prepared a job description that clearly defines our needs and expectations.

Starting this January, we have placed advertisements in prominent arts, museum and cultural publications. **Mary McKenney**, Lee Bellarmino and I are ready to review resumes, conduct interviews by Skype and finally, in early Fall, invite key applicants to Cape May for a final selection. All of this does not mean word of mouth about this position is not important. We found and hired our excellent Chief Operating Officer, **Melissa Payne**, by following up on a "suggestion" after a lengthy search.

We also ask you to continue to show Michael your appreciation for all he has and will continue to accomplish. He is doing his best to leave MAC in the best shape possible and find an excellent replacement. We are hoping he and Evelyn will decide to remain in Cape May County and will always be welcome guests at MAC activities. Our good friend and founder of our Music Festival, **Norris Clark**, has offered to coordinate a farewell party as Michael's departure comes closer. I think his 37 years of service will prompt some interesting stories! I suggested a gift of golf clubs but I think Michael would much prefer cultural travel options.

-- Tom Carroll, President



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