

# CHAPTER CHATTER

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**January/February**

**Happy New Year - Happy Valentine's Day**

**Membership Dues Notice**

It's time to renew your dues for 2019. Your membership runs from January 1 through December 31, 2019.

If you plan to attend LHCY (lighthouse hot chocolate and you) your dues must be paid by now.

Single membership is \$20 and dual membership is \$30.

Make out your check to, "NELL" and send it to Kathy Santucci, 38 Lime Kiln Rd., Tuckahoe, NY 10707.

If you would like to pay your NELL dues by PayPal click on the link below and follow the instructions.

<http://www.newenglandlighthouse lovers.org/membership-form/>

**Lighthouses, Hot Chocolate and YOU**

**Saturday, January 12, 2019**



Come and visit the Nantucket Lightship/LV-112 in the morning

Enjoy a presentation by Bob Mannino, Jr in the afternoon

Along with the Hot Chocolate & Cookie Challenge

**10:00 – noon** Members of NELL will be visiting the Lightship Nantucket at its berth

In the Boston Harbor Shipyard & Marina, 256 Marginal Street, East Boston, MA.

NELL did visit the Nantucket several years ago when it first came to Boston Harbor.

In 2012 the Nantucket Lightship/LV-112 was designated a National Treasure.

Although the renovations of the Nantucket is a work in progress, much has been done since we were last there.

NELL has given 2 grants to the Lightship to help with this work.

In recent years the Nantucket Lightship/LV-112 has become a floating museum and learning center for the general public, chronicling the maritime history of the U.S. Lightship Service from its inception in 1820 to its end in 1985.

While visiting the ship, NELL members will have an opportunity to see all the restoration that has been accomplished – as well as learn what still needs to be done.

There are also many exhibits aboard that illuminate the importance of the U.S.

Lightship Service and its historic relevance to transoceanic commerce and transportation.

Arrive at the ship any time between 10 and 12 – allowing yourself enough time to enjoy your visit. You will also find many photographic opportunities both on board and around the ship.

**Noon – 2 PM** – Find your way to the Coolidge Corner neighborhood of Brookline where you will find a variety of restaurants for lunch, coffee shops, a great bookstore. JFK birthplace is in the neighborhood. The house is closed to visitors for the season – but you can drive down Beals Street and see his home at #83.

**2:00 PM – 4:00 PM** Program: “History of the Lightship Service, 1820 – 1985”

Brookline Senior Center, 93 Winchester Street, Brookline, MA

Robert Mannino, Jr will be our speaker. Bob is the president of the United States Lightship Museum, Inc, the 501©(3) organization that currently owns the Nantucket/LV-112.

We will have our **Hot Chocolate and the Cookie Challenge** again – Hot beverage to be provided but please bring extra cookies to share – and at least one copy of the recipe (without your name on it) to put near the cookies for those concerned about ingredients.

We will be inviting the public to the afternoon program. The Senior Center will help us publicize the event. This program will introduce NELL and the Lightship/LV-112 to many new people.

There is limited street parking on Winchester Street but there are parking lots on Fuller Street and Centre Street – just a short walk from the Senior Center.

COST: \$15.00/person – this includes a donation to the Lightship and for the use of the Senior Center.

**Please RSVP by January 8<sup>th</sup>** – so help us in the planning.

Include your email, whether you are bringing cookies and best telephone number – in case there is a need for a last minute cancellation due to weather.

For those traveling a distance you may want to consider hotels/motels within 30 minutes of Brookline as

Boston/Brookline hotels are expensive. The hotels in Dedham, Needham or Norwood are more reasonable.

## Save the Date

NELL – Spring 2019  
Saturday 18th & Sunday 19th May  
New York and Vermont Lighthouse

**Guess which lighthouse:** November/December answer: Sandy Neck, MA

### Happy Birthday to:

Nancy Cope	1/03	Ron Foster	1/08	Carolyn Carbone	1/13
Sharon Mills	1/17	Patrick Clark	1/18	Herb Carpenter	1/24
Chris Heacock	1/26	Henry Winkleman	1/29	Mary Jane Foster	1/29
Debbie Brew	2/06	Sandy Coates	2/09	Janice Dingley	2/11
Judy Hall	2/14	Lynne Kerber	2/17	Linda Speece	2/23
Bill Kent	2/24	Bob Taylor	2/25		

### Anniversary Wishes to:

Ron & Mary Jane Foster	1/14	Hank & Chris Heacock	1/30
Lee & Bonnie Benford	2/15		

### **Please Note:**

We are looking for **volunteers** who are interested in serving on committees, those who have good ideas for lighthouse preservation, fund raising, suggestions on improving the operations of the club, or just getting more involved. Please contact Ron Foster (860) 303-2986 or via e-mail: [ron@foster-photo.com](mailto:ron@foster-photo.com)

**The Lighthouse Digest** – For each subscription, please use the form on the NELL website. Mail with check to Lighthouse Digest, ATTN: Kathleen Finnegan, P.O. Box 250, East Machias, ME 04630. Be sure to write NELL in the memo section of your check and NELL will receive \$10.00 per subscription to go toward restoration and preservation of lighthouses.

If you know of a member that needs **some cheer, get well wishes, condolences or congratulations**, please let Cynthia Bosse - Sunshine Chair know at: [bossnjc@comcast.net](mailto:bossnjc@comcast.net) or call 1(860) 688-7347.

If you have any **knowledge of an upcoming event or news to share**, please send it to me: [chapterchatter@outlook.com](mailto:chapterchatter@outlook.com)  
All articles and information must be received by the 25th of the month prior to make the publication.

Please let me know your **birthday** (month & day only) and **anniversary** so I will be able to recognize you on your special day in our monthly Best Wishes section.