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Sturdy sponsors annual Christmas Tree Lighting

Sturdy Savings Bank will again be underwriting the official kick-off of our holiday season, the **Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony** on the Physick Estate grounds during **Holiday Preview Weekend**. Please join us on Saturday, November 19 at 7pm when Santa throws the switch for this festive event, which also includes a free open house at our Physick House museum, authentically decorated for the holidays, as well as the opening of the “**Old Fashioned Christmas**” exhibit in the Carriage House Gallery.

This event is one of three occasions this year that have been underwritten by Sturdy Savings’ \$7,500 gift. On April 28, they sponsored the annual **Volunteer Recognition Reception**; and on December 8, they will help underwrite the annual MAC Staff Christmas party. We owe heartfelt thanks to Sturdy Savings Bank, and especially its CEO (and MAC 2nd Vice President) **Jerry Reeves**, **Lee Robinson**, **Dave Repici**, **Michael Clark** and **Meg Tornetta** for their most generous support.



Sturdy Savings Bank continues its sponsorship of the Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony at the Physick Estate, as part of its generous support of MAC programs. At last year’s event, Sturdy officials Michael Clark (at the microphone) was joined by Dave Repici (on the left).

Tearoom closing announced

With regret, we closed the Carriage House Tearoom & Café at the Physick Estate at the end of October, two months ahead of schedule. This early closing of the Tearoom was part of a broader strategic restructuring in the face of an extremely challenging economic environment (compounded by the severe adverse financial impact of Hurricane

Irene and its aftermath). By paring back less profitable operations like the Tearoom, MAC will be in a stronger position to continue our core preservation, educational and cultural enrichment missions that include:

- the on-going maintenance and operation of our three historic sites - the Emlen Physick Estate, the Cape May Lighthouse and the World War II Lookout Tower (Fire Control Tower No. 23);
- interpreting the history and architecture of the Cape May region for Cape May’s residents and visitors through trolley, walking, boat and house tours;
- enriching Cape May’s cultural scene through the annual Cape May Music Festival;
- offering free educational outreach pro-



Barbara Heim receives MAC Honor Award

At our Annual Meeting on Nov. 6, we were pleased to present the 2011 MAC Honor Award to outgoing Board Member **Barbara Heim**.

For the past nine years, Barbara has been a key MAC Board liaison to our corps of 300 volunteers. As president of the Cape May Women’s Community Club when she joined the Board, she helped recruit many club members to volunteer for MAC. Leading by example, she can often be found volunteering in the front ranks of our activities (our Designer Show Houses have been a particular favorite), while her husband, Cliff, has long been a volunteer Walking Tour guide.

It’s been her service on our Volunteer Team, however, where Barbara has most made her mark. She’s taken the lead in organizing our annual Volunteer Recognition Receptions, has spoken at numerous volunteer orientation events and helped spearhead one of our most successful new initiatives – the Volunteer of the Month program. For keeping the volunteer flame burning strongly at MAC (a tradition that’s now entering its fifth decade), we all owe Barbara Heim a huge debt of gratitude.

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RECENT HAPPENINGS

MAC's Summer Wrap-up

It was a busy and warm summer at the Physick Estate. We continued **Murder at the Physick Estate**, offering two shows- "Hunting for Hope" and "Bearcat Bootleggers." We launched "Cape May in Blue and Gray," a living history tour in conjunction with the **Chalfonte Hotel**, which told the story of a family divided by the Civil War. We continued our popular **Teddy Bear Tea Parties** and added **Lunch with the Pirates**, serving swill and grog to assembled scalliwags. Aaaargh! Director of Visitor Services and Special Events **Janice Coyle** organized several **Family Fun Days** at the Cape May Lighthouse, also featuring our scurvy pirate crew. **Kids Day at the Physick Estate** on July 11 brought the estate alive with smiling faces and happy voices. A month later, the Lighthouse was overrun by pirates yet again during **National Lighthouse Day**.

We tried a new tack with the **Designer Show House**, creating a luxurious waterfront retreat in a town house at Osprey Landing. Show House Manager **Anne Gibboni** marshaled the talents of some of the area's top designers. We thanked the designers on July 10 with a reception catered by the **Wash-**

ington Inn. Our thanks also go to the **Kocsis Family**, for making the property available to us, and to **Dee** and **Henry Lanzalotti**, for their assistance with the project.

The huge hit of the summer was our **Mermaids & Mariners Benefit** on August 6. Taking advantage of the location of the Designer Show House, we held a VIP cocktail hour in the house and then moved to the clubhouse for the party. This benefit for our educational outreach programs featured music by **Hennessey & Jack** and delicious food catered by the **Carriage House Tearoom & Café**. Chairwoman **Mary McKenney** organized a fun and festive evening for all to enjoy. **Bob Steenrod** served as auctioneer for a live auction featuring a signed print of the Atlantus by **David Clemans**. Coupled with the party, we ran our first on-line auction through the Bidding for Good website. The auction was a great success, thanks to the generosity of businesses in town who donated an array of wonderful prizes.

For Lighthouse lovers, we offered the **Delaware Bay Lighthouse Adventures** in partnership with **Jeff Stewart** and the **Cape**

May Whale Watcher. It was a rare adventure with the opportunity to see lighthouses only visible from the water. For both skeptics and believers, we offered **Full Moon Ghost Hunts** with **Don Baldo** and the folks of **Ghost-One**.

Hurricane Irene threw a big monkey wrench into our late summer programming but we were recovered in time for the big event of September, the **Cape May Food & Wine Celebration**. The **Harvest Festival Dinner** on Saturday night showcased the talents of our Tearoom staff. **Chefs' Dine-Arounds** were popular as was the **Beer Tasting Dinner** with **Gary Montorosso** and the new **Scotch Tasting Dinner** with **David Blackmore**. **Lorraine Kiefer's** four sessions on growing and using herbs were the cornerstone of our class schedule. She and her husband Ted, treated us to a concert called "Herbs and Music of the Medieval Monastery," offered as a part of the **Cape May Forum's** programming.

Education Wrap-up

We offered **Lighthouse Storytime** and **The Keeper's On Duty** all summer, serving a lively audience of youngsters. After a short hiatus, our **Road Scholar** (formerly **Elderhostel**) programs began again on August 21 and will continue through December. We unfortunately lost two programs to the hurricane. **The Victorian Primer** continues to be the most popular and the most frequent of our offerings, with nearly every session well enrolled. The **Maritime Sampler** program, while popular with everyone who attends, doesn't quite have the same star power. We recently had a hardy group follow the fall bird migration with naturalist **Mark Garland**. Thankfully, the rainy fall weather broke enough for our participants to add a few birds to their life lists, including the brown-headed booby that has taken up residence in the harbor.

While it's a little early in the year for our in-class programs, we were invited to participate in the county-wide inservice at **West Cape May Elementary School**. **Bob Heinly**, newly promoted to Director of Museum Education, offered an overview of programs on immigration, innovation and industrialization to one group, while Museum Educator **Rich Chiemingo** offered a sampling of his music history programs to another. Rich's session, titled "American Music from the Civil War to Civil Rights," was one of the first to be fully enrolled.



A large committee, chaired by MAC Treasurer **Mary McKenney** (second from the left, shown here with her husband, Tedd and family) guaranteed the outstanding success of our **Mermaids & Mariners Benefit**.

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Holiday Preview Weekend

Nov. 18-20: Get a head start on the Holiday season during Cape May's **Holiday Preview Weekend**. Events include the free **Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony**, sponsored by **Sturdy Savings Bank**, on Saturday, Nov. 19 at 7 p.m. and Victorian Christmas vignettes in the Physick Estate, authentically decorated for the holiday, on free, self-guided tours from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Step back into Christmas of the 1890s on a **Physick Family Christmas Tour**, combining a Cape May trolley tour and visit to the Physick Estate, with a unique living history experience with members of the Physick family. A member of East Lynne Theater Company will tell Victorian holiday ghost tales on the **Ghosts of Christmas Past Trolley Rides**.



An Old-Fashioned Christmas Exhibit

Nov. 18-Jan. 1, 2012: An exhibit of holiday traditions through the years. Stand beneath the branches of a huge Christmas tree and enjoy the dozens of buildings and village scenes of the Dickens Village. All this plus Christmas toys, music and more, at the Carriage House Gallery at the Physick Estate. The Gallery is open daily; hours vary. Free admission. Closed on Thanksgiving and Christmas.

38th Annual Christmas Candlelight House Tours



Saturdays, Dec. 3, 10 & 17: This self-guided tour, the main attraction of Cape May's festive holiday season, features at least 12 homes, inns, hotels and churches decorated for the holidays, plus caroling, strolling musicians and good old-fashioned cheer. Hospitality centers offer warm beverages and home-baked treats. Includes admission to the Physick Estate and the Carriage House Gallery Exhibit. Continuous shuttle service on heated trolleys. 5:30pm-8:30pm. Adults \$25 and children \$20 (ages 3-12).

Lamplighter Christmas Tour

Relive the memories of Christmas past by joining in this self-guided evening tour of five of Cape May's finest Bed and Breakfast inns, specially decorated for the holidays. Innkeepers will share their holiday spirit at each location. The tour also includes a visit to the Carriage House Gallery at the Physick Estate where you can see "An Old-fashioned Christmas: Holiday Traditions Through the Years" exhibit while enjoying warm Wassail punch and traditional cookies. Adults \$20; children \$15 (ages 3-12). **Fridays, Nov. 25 - Dec. 16 and Dec. 30, Saturday, Nov. 26 and Tuesday, Dec. 27 from 7pm to 9pm.**

Holiday Shopping at MAC's Museum Shops

While you're in Cape May, be sure to stop at one of MAC's fully-accessible Museum Shops. MAC members receive a 10% discount on purchases. **The Cape May Lighthouse Museum Shop** is located in the Oil House at the Cape May Lighthouse and contains a seaside treasure of nautical, lighthouse, pirate and nature-inspired gifts, arts, apparel, toys, books and as well as other maritime items. Open Fridays-Sundays through Nov. 27 (times vary), Saturdays and Sundays, Dec. 3-18 from 12 Noon to 3pm and daily Dec. 26-Jan.1 from 12 Noon to 3pm. The **Carriage House Gallery Shop**, on the grounds of the Physick Estate, features a variety of teapots, fine teas, accessories and more, along with a wonderful collection of gifts, toys, books and jewelry. Open daily through Dec. 31 (hours vary). Closed Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day.

HOLIDAY CRAFTS FAIR

Friday & Saturday, Nov. 25 & 26, 10am to 4pm: Your holiday shopping starts here! Shop for unique hand-made gifts and seasonal decorations at Cape May Elementary School, 921 Lafayette St. Adults \$1, Children (ages 3-12) free. Plenty of free parking.

CHRISTMAS TRADITIONS LECTURE

Saturday, Dec. 3, 2pm: Learn how Prince Albert brought Christmas traditions to England from Germany when he married Queen Victoria, and how these traditions spread to America in this richly illustrated lecture at the Episcopal Church of the Advent, Washington and Franklin streets. Much of what we associate with the celebration of Christmas comes from the Victorian era, including Christmas trees, Christmas cards, Christmas carols and our image of Santa Claus. Admission \$10.

FRIENDS OF THE WORLD WAR II TOWER: "FOCUS ON THE BATTLE OF THE BULGE"

Saturday, Dec. 10, 1pm: This Friends of the World War II Tower meeting will focus on one of the war's major actions, the Battle of the Bulge, through video and eyewitness accounts from local veterans. Cape May Lutheran Church, 509 Pittsburgh Ave. Admission is free for Friends members and \$5 for the public; non-members are invited to join at this meeting and get free admission to all Friends programs. Light refreshments will be served.

Ongoing Christmas Tours & Events:

GHOSTS OF CHRISTMAS PAST TROLLEY RIDES

A member of the East Lynne Theater Company will regale you with a Victorian holiday ghost tale as you ride through Cape May's festively decorated Historic District. Adults: \$10; children \$7 (ages 3-12). Offered Fridays, Nov. 25 through Dec. 30; Saturdays, Nov. 19 and 26 and Dec. 31; Sundays, Nov. 27 through Dec. 18; and Monday through Thursday, Dec. 26-29. (tour times vary). Trolleys depart from the Washington Mall information Booth, Washington and Ocean streets, except Saturday, Nov. 19, which departs from the Physick Estate. Advance reservations strongly recommended.

HOLIDAY INNS TOURS

Get into the Christmas spirit at three of Cape May's festively decorated Bed and Breakfast Inns. You'll be treated to a holiday presentation at each inn. Adults \$18; children \$13 (ages 3-12). Offered Mondays-Thursdays, Nov. 28-Dec. 15 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

PHYSICK ESTATE CHRISTMAS TOURS

Visit the 1879 Physick Estate, Cape May's only Victorian house museum, decorated in authentic Victorian style. Learn about Victorian Christmas decorations and traditions on this guided daytime tour. Offered Monday through Wednesday, Nov. 21 - Dec 23, and Monday through Thursday,

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Nov. 28 - Dec. 22 at 11:45 a.m. and 1 p.m. \$10 for adults, \$5 for children (ages 3-12).

PHYSICK FAMILY CHRISTMAS TOURS

Explore Cape May by trolley, then visit the Physick Estate, decorated in true Victorian style, for a unique living history experience with members of the Physick household of the 1890s. Offered Fridays, Nov. 18 through Dec. 30; Saturdays, Nov. 19 through Dec. 31; Sundays, Nov. 20 through Dec. 18; and Monday through Thursday, Dec. 26-29; times vary. \$18 for adults, \$10 for children (ages 3-12).

PHYSICK FAMILY CHRISTMAS HOUSE TOURS

Visit the Physick Estate, decorated in true Victorian style, for a unique living history experience with members of the Physick household of the 1890s. Offered Fridays, Nov. 18 through Dec. 30; Saturdays, Nov. 19 through Dec. 31; Sundays, Nov. 20 through Dec. 18; and Monday through Thursday, Dec. 26-29; times vary. \$10 for adults, \$5 for children (ages 3-12).

SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS TOUR

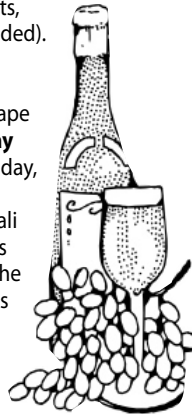
Enjoy a charming Victorian holiday tale on an evening trolley ride through Cape May's festive streets. Then, visit the authentically decorated Emlen Physick Estate for a living history holiday presentation. The tour includes a visit to the Carriage House for holiday refreshments and the Gallery exhibit "An Old-fashioned Christmas: Holiday Traditions through the Years." Tours last about two hours. Adults: \$18; children \$13 (ages 3-12). Offered Fridays, Nov. 25 through Dec. 30; Saturday, Nov. 26; and Sundays through Thursdays, Nov. 27-Dec. 29 (tour times vary). Not offered Dec. 3, Dec. 8, Dec. 10, Dec. 17, Dec. 24 and Dec. 25.

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Food and Wine Events

Satisfy your appetite for Christmas Cheer! The **Holiday Chefs' Dine-Around** on Thursday, Dec. 29 is the ultimate foodie extravaganza. A trolley shuttle to five Cape May restaurants, with wine pairings for each course; the feast begins at 6pm. \$125 (gratuity included). Limited seating; reserve early!

Cape May Wine Weekend, Friday through Sunday, Dec. 9-11, combines a four-course Wine Tasting Dinner at the Washington Inn, a Winery Cellar Tour at the Cape May Winery and a Wine Tasting Class at the Washington Inn. \$135. The **Cape May Wine School** class, "It's All in the Bubbles: Sparkling Wines for the Holidays," Sunday, Dec. 11 at 1pm, can be purchased separately for \$30. The **Cape May Wine Trail** includes lunch at one of Cape May's fine restaurants and a trolley shuttle to Natali Vineyards and Hawk Haven Vineyard & Winery. \$60 includes lunch, wine tastings and a wine glass. Saturday, Nov. 19 and Sunday, Dec. 30 from 12Noon to 5pm. The **Self-guided Wine Trail** allows you to sip and swirl at your own pace. \$8 includes a map with wineries listed and a tasting glass. Daily from 12 Noon to 5pm. Not offered on Thanksgiving and Christmas. **Winery Cellar Tours & Tastings** at the award-winning Cape May Winery are offered throughout the holiday season. Barrel-tasting accompanied by cheese and fruit. \$20 includes a wine tasting glass. A **Mad Batter Wine Dinner** is set for Friday, Nov. 18 at 7:30pm and includes a five-course dinner paired with wines from local vineyards. Limited to 60; admission is \$75 (tax and gratuity included). If you miss this one, another **Mad Batter Wine Dinner** is set for Friday, Dec. 9 at 7:30pm.



Family-Friendly Events



Take a **Holiday Lights Trolley Ride** through Cape May's Historic District to see cheerfully decorated inns and homes as guides relate Victorian Christmas traditions, lead sing-alongs, and play Christmas music. \$10 per seat. Saturday, Nov. 19, and nightly Nov. 25 through Dec. 31, at various times. (No tours on Dec. 3, Dec. 8, Dec. 10, Dec. 17, Dec. 24 or Dec. 25). Mr. and Mrs. Claus host **Santa's Trolley Rides** around Cape May with stories and songs led by Mrs. Claus. Santa will greet children with a treat in the Carriage House. \$8. Saturday, Nov. 19 and Saturdays and Sundays, Nov. 26 through Dec. 17 at various times. Advance reservations are strongly recommended. **Breakfast with Santa** is a family-friendly breakfast buffet at the Inn of Cape May, 7 Ocean St. Admission is \$15 adults and \$10 children (ages-12) and includes a treat for the kids. Every Saturday from Nov. 26 through Dec. 10 at 10am. Bring your Christmas list!

The Carriage House Gallery • Jan. 16-April 15, 2012

Wendel White's Schools for the Colored:

Highlighting the Life and Soul of the Franklin Street School

This Carriage House Gallery exhibit depicts the landscape and architecture of historically segregated schools in northern states in 50 photographs by nationally renowned New Jersey photographer Wendel White. Also included is an exhibit highlighting the life and soul of Cape May's Franklin Street School. Free admission. **Free exhibit opening on Monday, Jan. 16 at 4pm.** Gallery hours and days vary. Co-sponsored by the Center for Community Arts and MAC.

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Assistance:

John Alvarez, for props and technical assistance with "Doorway to Darkness."

Don Baldo and his staff from **Ghost-One**, for a full moon investigation at the Physick Estate.

Jean Barraclough, for helping with the Scarecrow Workshop.

Paul Bogle, for demonstrating a fudge beating during the Victorian Weekend Fudge Fantasy event.

PJ Bogle, for assisting with the fudge beating demonstration during the Victorian Weekend Fudge Fantasy.

Terry Brown, Cape May Department of Civic Affairs, for allowing us the use of the Franklin Street School for Victorian Weekend Vintage Dance events.

Joseph Burcher, for presenting a lecture on South Cape May during Victorian Weekend.

Cape May Carriage Company Negotiations Assistance: Dan Barbera, Allison Bjork, Diane Bové, Misty Bratton, Gail & Bob Donaghy, Ruta Dura, Nancy Hall, Tally Piacentine, Vicki Watson and Gary Weeks.

Cape May Lutheran Church (Pastor Jeff Elliott), for use of the church hall for meetings.

Craig Coughlin, for helping with Hurricane Irene clean-up.

Rosalie Gallagher, for giving a Historic Haunts House Tour.

Carol Hartman, for giving a private tour of the Physick House and assisting in the Tour Office.

Bob Kenselaar, for presenting a lecture on South Cape May during Victorian Weekend.

Barbara Lamont, for assisting in the Tour Office.

The Kocsis Family, for allowing us to use the clubhouse at Osprey Landing for the Mermaids & Mariners Benefit.

Carol Matthews, for costumes for Murder at the Physick Estate.

Tedd McKenney, for transporting the liquor for the Mermaid & Mariners Benefit.

Joe McLaughlin, for helping with Hurricane Irene cleanup.

Mermaids & Mariners Benefit Decorating Assistance: Diane Bové, Tom & Sue Carroll, Ed & Diane Hutchinson, Henry Lanzalotti, Nature Center of Cape May (Gretchen Whitman), Mary Stewart, Trude & Fred Sweeney, Wanderlust (Brandy & Bob White).

Gary Mohler, for drilling holes on the fence posts along the walkway leading to the World War II Tower so American flags could

Congratulations to our Volunteers of the Month

**AUGUST
Richard Baker**

**SEPTEMBER
Emily Barrett**

**OCTOBER
Don Baldo**

be mounted permanently on them.

Bob Oberholtzer, for delivering flowers to the houses on tour during Victorian Weekend.

Larry O'Donnell, for allowing Dr. Physick to ride in his award-winning 1927 Marmon in the Independence Day parade.

Rosemary Rombado, for making costumes for Murder at the Physick Estate.

Bob Steenrod, for serving as auctioneer for the Mermaids & Mariners Benefit.

Mary Stewart, for props and costumes for Murder at the Physick Estate and the Murder Mystery Dinners.

Betty Wieslawski, for helping administer TouchPoll surveys at the Washington Street Mall.

Rachel and Taylor Zeides, for helping with Hurricane Irene cleanup.

Peggy Zemaitaitis, for helping administer TouchPoll surveys at the Washington Street Mall.

Cape May Legacy Fund:

-\$500 Donors: Richard and Susan Foxx (in honor of Tom Carroll)

-\$100 Donors: Anita & Peter Rohr.

-Under \$100 Donors: Ruth & Roy Brad-

er, Richard & Angela Eberle, Renee & Christopher Haines, Mary Ellen Norton, Rosalie & Orlando Rivera (in honor of Mark Allen).

Donations:

Atlantic Cape Fisheries (Danny Cohen & Mindy Silver) for donating food for the Mermaids & Mariners Benefit.

Cape May Winery, for donating wine for the Harvest Festival Dinner.

Cappy's Pizza, for donating a gift card for four large pizzas to the organization for our prize for the winning group entry for Scarecrow Alley.

Tom & Sue Carroll, for donating food for the Mermaids & Mariners Benefit.

Jean Chiemingo, for donating lighthouse clamshell art for the **Lighthouse Challenge of New Jersey**.

Tim & Anne Dearolf, for donating \$100 in memory of **Drake McCarron**.

John Detrick, for donating \$75 to the 2012 Cape May Music Festival.

Barbara Epprecht, for donating 45 sand dollar ornaments to the Friends of the Physick Estate.

The Fairthorne Bed & Breakfast (Ed & Diane Hutchinson), for donating one night of lodging for the Show House photographer.

Martha Griffin, for donating two vintage photos of Cape May.

Hawk Haven Winery (Todd & Kenna Wuerker), for donating wine for the Chefs' Dine Around.

Larry Hume, for donating the use of his mini-golf course for a match between the three "Friends" groups.

Inn of Cape May (Beth Eastman), for donating rooms for a wine representative and the Vintage Dance Weekend instructor.

David & Marcia Knipe, for donating \$100 in memory of **Drake McCarron**.

Leith Hall (Elan & Susan Zingman-Leith), for donating two nights of lodging for the Show House photographer.

Mr. & Mrs. Tim Loftness, for donating \$50 to the Cape May Lighthouse in honor of **Thom Weber**.

Doug & Anna Marie McMMain, for donating costumes to the Education Division.

Carla Nacher, for the donation of a painting, postcards and booklets to the Retail Division.

Mermaids & Mariners Benefit Live Auction/Raffle Donors: Dave Clemans, for donation of a signed print; Doug McMMain, for donation of a kayak; Steve Spagnuola, for donation of a signed photograph; Susan De-maio, Tree House Antiques, for donation of a garden basket.

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Nearly a year ago, I was honored to become the President of MAC. As the first term of my presidency comes to a close, I am pleased to report to you that, despite continued challenges on several fronts, MAC successfully accomplished its mission of promoting preservation, education and the arts and humanities in Cape May. Those efforts also achieved the unstated, but critical, mission of promoting Cape May and bringing continued economic vitality and stability to Cape May and the surrounding region.

The past year has been interesting, to say the least, filled with several challenging, unplanned events. We started the year with an invitation from the Cape May Carriage Company to purchase their operation. About that same time, our Chief Operating Officer, Bill Ten Eyck gave us notice of his intention to retire in September. After losing our initial 2011 Designer Show House, the program was successfully resurrected this year with the switch to a magnificent property at Osprey Landing. Of course, no discussion of 2011 would be complete without mention of Hurricane Irene.

Many of you have probably heard of MAC's negotiations to purchase the Cape May Carriage Company. After several months of careful evaluation of the Cape

May Carriage Company, MAC's Board of Trustees submitted a formal offer to purchase the assets of that business. It seemed like a natural extension of MAC's operations, which would dovetail perfectly into our mission. Unfortunately, despite extensive conversations and negotiations with the owners of the business, our offer was ultimately rejected in favor of another. Even though this effort was for naught in the end, I would like to extend my thanks to all the individuals involved, including employees, Board Members and friends of MAC for all their efforts and time on this project.

One of the biggest challenges of the year, perhaps the decade, was the resignation of our Chief Operating Officer **Bill Ten Eyck**. It is hard to overstate just how difficult it is to replace someone who was one of MAC's key leaders for over 16 years. I have to say, however, how impressed I am with our new COO, **Melissa Zeides**. Melissa brings many years of exceptional management experience from the Macy's organization to MAC. Melissa is working hard to come up to speed in all the diverse aspects of MAC, which is already benefiting from her valuable insights.

The biggest news story in Cape May this year was the advent of Hurricane Irene. Though the storm itself proved to be far less

damaging than forecasted, the economic impact on the town in general and MAC in particular was significant. The loss of revenue from that critical summer weekend was tremendously damaging to MAC's financial position. The weeks immediately following the hurricane were far from normal, as well, perhaps due to the storm's impact upon our visitors in their own homes and communities. The result, of course, was a significant budgetary gap that had to be filled. I'm pleased to report that MAC's management team quickly assessed the situation and developed a multifaceted recovery strategy, incorporating restructuring and consolidation in addition to ongoing cost-cutting. I'm confident that their plan is realistic and will navigate MAC through this financial challenge.

One of the things that mark exceptional people and organizations is their ability to succeed in the face of great challenges. I'm proud to say that MAC has proven itself to be an exceptional organization filled with exceptional individuals who overcame every single obstacle in 2011. While I'm expecting 2012 to have its share of challenges, I'm confident that MAC will rise to the occasion in the coming 12 months. I'm looking forward to writing this article again next year and sharing all the good news that I'm expecting MAC will have for us.

-- Doug McMMain

'THANK YOU' DEPARTMENT

Donations (CONTINUED FROM PAGE 5)

Mermaids & Mariners Benefit Sponsors: Admiral Level Sponsors (\$1,000): Tom & Sue Carroll, The Grand Hotel (The Belanson Family), Jersey Cape Realty (Dee Lanzalotti), Majesty Marble & Granite (Tedd & Mary McKenney).

Captain Level Sponsors (\$500): Curtis Bashaw, Marguerite Chandler & Richmond Shreve, Tony's Marine Supply (Pete & Meg Cirrincione), Matt & Mary Trella, West Cape May Elementary School PTA.

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Mermaids & Mariners Benefit On-Line Auction Item Donors: Be the Myth (Tammy Derwick), Bedford Inn (Archie & Stephanie Kirk), Borgata Heart & Soul Foundation, Betty Campbell, Cape May Kayaks at Miss

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Seashore Foods (Matt Satt), for donating food for the Mermaids & Mariners Benefit.

Don & Judy Schenck, for donating \$50 to the organization through a matching gift from the PSE&G Power of Giving Campaign.

Seaside Cheese (Steve White), for donating cheese for the Harvest Festival Dinner.

Schultz-Hill Foundation, for a \$1,000 donation to the Cape May Music Festival.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

New members

Family: **Marvin & Mary Louise Anderson** of Gambrills, MD, **Mike & Lauren Barkanic** of Schnecksville, PA, **Michael & Margaret Galban** of King of Prussia, PA, **Shannon & William Gilroy** of Doylestown, PA, **Karyn & Rich Hawkenberry** of Chester, NY, **Robert & Beth Leahy** of Fort Lauderdale, FL, **Elizabeth McCullough & William McCall, Jr.** of Aston, PA, **Kenneth & Brenda McKenzie** of Roslyn, PA, **Robert & Donna McKim** of Coatesville, PA, **Margo & Doug Moses** of North Cape May, NJ, **Dina & William Queenan** of Macungie, PA, **David & Christine Schwarz** of Medford, NJ, **Kristen & Joseph Sowards** of Dresher, PA, **Samuel & Jennifer Simon** of Long Valley, NJ, **Gregory & Barbara Teufel** of Warminster, PA.

Grandparents: **Stephen & Joan Bauer** of Cape May, NJ, **Sandra & Steven Buda** of Wildwood, NJ, **Alfred & Carol Hanson** of Malvern, PA, **Mark & Michelle Heavener** of Cochranville, PA, **John McCarthy** of Wilmington, DE, **Ronald & Mary Pilla** of Cape May, NJ.

Joint: **Matthew & Victoria Barth** of Elkridge, MD, **Sean & Joann Botbyl** of Mays Landing, NJ, **Eileen & James Carey** of Bethany, CT, **Olivia & William Carlisle** of Toms River, NJ, **Janet & Peter Dwyer** of Doylestown, PA, **Dennis Emory & Allie Wierzbowski** of Sewell, NJ, **Eric & Luann Goyne** of Henryville, PA, **Guy & Kristen Irwin** of Wernersville, PA, **George Krieman & Carol Hayes** of Philadelphia, PA, **Patti & Grainne McKnight** of Wildwood, NJ, **Kim & Tracy Price** of Aston, PA, **Orlando & JoAnn Ramon** of Exton, PA, **Monica Siegfried & Robert Mohlmann** of Sinking Spring, PA, **Laurie & Jeff Smith** of Fairfax, VA, **Robert Stewart & Barbara Barnett-Stewart** of Cherry Hill, NJ, **Louise Torio & Steve Veach** of San Diego, CA, **Michael & Christina Warholic** of Rockville, MD, **John & Alexandra Woody** of Wayne, NJ.

Individual: **Maria Cusato** of East Windsor, NJ, **Dennis Johnson** of East Windsor, NJ, **Lynn Merves** of Blue Bell, PA, **Elaine Robbins** of Orangeville, PA, **Debra**

Shenker of Montague, NJ.

Student: **Jenna Lerch** of Reading, PA, **Stephanie Mowico** of Harleysville, PA.

Friends of the Lighthouse

Family: **Colette Carbonetti Tomeo & Arlene Carbonetti** of Huntingdon Valley, PA, **Samantha Griggs & Michael Nowak** of Emmaus, PA, **Shelly Ann & Eric Sprys** of Pittsburgh, PA, **Jared & Melissa Wyniawskij** of Ephrata, PA.

Grandparent: **William & Judith Ann McLeer** of Delran, NJ.

Individual: **Margaret Montet** of Hamilton, NJ.

Congratulations to:

MAC Treasurer **Mary and Tedd McKenney**, on the marriage of their son, **Theodore, Jr.**; MAC Development Associate **Heather Temple**, on the birth of her son, **Connor**; Former MAC Communications Coordinator **Chris Wood**, on his promotion to the position of municipal administrator of the City of Wildwood.

Condolences to:

Pastor Jim Berger (of the Cape Island Baptist Church) on the death of his mother.

Get Well Wishes to:

Chip Masemore, of the John F. Craig House B & B.

'THANK YOU' DEPARTMENT

Volunteers

Cape May Designer Show House Volunteers: Les Aungst, Emily Barrett, Jack Barrett, Joyce Bigham, Joan Brown, Sue Carroll, Eileen Cassidy, Lynda Cogswell, Sue Dowling, Alice Downey, Frank Dynan, Georgia Embs, Joan Fraser, Janet Goetaski, Scott Griffith, Barbara Heim, Charlie Kealy, Tricia Kraemer, Pat Linus, Joanne Martin, Marie Matone, Judy Mohler, Carol Mohr, Irene Morris, Gus Mosso, Mary Ann Mosso, Pat Parry, Tom Price, Maryjane Rupinski, Lorraine Shaw, Joe Sheridan, Ruth Ann Stewart, Mary Swartz, Kristina Steelman, Pattie Wallace, Grace Williams, Harriet Wilson.

Cape May Food & Wine Celebration Volunteers: Joyce Bigham, Lorraine Kiefer, Ted Kiefer, Susan Krysiak, Gary Montorosso, Elan Zingman-Leith.

Education Volunteers: Rich Chiemingo, Gail Donaghy, Frank Killino, Ginger Killino, Kevin Loftus, Elan Zingman-Leith.

Family Fun Day at the Lighthouse Volunteers: Emily Barrett, Jack Barrett, Rich Chiemingo, Nadine Coyle, Rakim Coyle,

Frank Dynan, Charlie Kealy, Tom Price, Harriet Wilson.

Friends of the Physick Estate Advisory Council Volunteers: Sue Carroll, Eileen Cassidy, Judy Gatt, Barbara Lamont, Margo Lassner, Carole Sick.

Friends of the WWII Tower Advisory Council Volunteers: John Bailey, Marc Breslow, Jeff Elliott, Tom Glynn, Joe Moke.

Lighthouse Challenge of New Jersey Volunteers: Joan Gamble, Tony & Susan LaSalle, Jane McNutt, Rosemary Rombado.

Mailing Volunteers: Jean Barraclough, Nancy Benson, Barbara Hubmaster, Tom Price, Harriet Wilson

National Lighthouse Day Volunteers: Janet Coupland, Warren Coupland, Frank Dynan, Scott Griffith, Tom Price, Joe Sheridan, Barbara Whitlock.

Phantoms of the Physick Estate Decorating Volunteers: Joyce Bigham, Geri Breth,

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Become a Friend!

Show your support for your favorite Cape May historic site by becoming a

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The Cape May Lighthouse
The World War II Lookout Tower**

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Volunteers (CONTINUED FROM PAGE 7)

Eileen Cassidy, Audrey Conant, David Corkery, Rosalie Gallagher, Carol Hartman, Andy Lamont, Barbara Lamont, Bob Oberholtzer, Harry Schmidt, Carole Sick.

Phantoms of the Physick Estate (Oct. 15) Tour Volunteers: Les Aungst, Jean Barraclough, Rich Chiemingo, Audrey Conant, Stina Ferguson, Jerry Gaffney, Sue Gibson, Carol Hartman, Ginger Killino, Susan Krysiak, Anna Leeper, Barbara Oberholtzer, Jackie Richards, Harry Schmidt, Millie Schmidt, Harriet Wilson.

Scarecrow Contest Sponsors: Cape May Lumber, CapeMay.com, Cappy's Seaside Pizza, Chris Clemans Sotheby's International Realty, One of a Kind Things.

Scarecrow Workshop Donors: Ron Burczewski, Anne Burrows, Janet Coupland, Mary Ann Gaffney, Susan Krysiak, Anna Leeper, Mary Stewart, Peggy Zemaitaitis.

Victorian Weekend Chocolate Championship Tour Innkeepers: The Carriage House

Tearoom & Café (Rob Guldin, Chef), The Henry Sawyer Inn (Barbara & Mary Morris), The Mason Cottage (Kim Gilbert, owner and Pattie Goyette, Innkeeper), The Puffin (Mike & Nancy Duvall, Innkeepers), The Summer Cottage Inn (Donna Zlocki, Owner and Jean Notch, Innkeeper).

Victorian Weekend Chocolate Championship Tour Volunteers: Nancy Benson, Scott Griffith, Gus Mosso, Mary Ann Mosso, Shirley Stiles.

Victorian Weekend Murder Mystery Dinner Volunteers: Tom Celandine, Ryan Daly, Jennifer Goudie, Jefferson Heller, Jaime Howey, Amanda Nahas, Jeanne-Andree Nelson, Jeff Sharkey.

Victorian Weekend Private Homes Tour Homeowners: The Barrett Townhouse at Cape Meadows (Jack & Emily Barrett), The George Ogden House (Warren & Janet Coupland), Inndependence (Tom & Sue Carroll).

Victorian Weekend Private Homes Tour Volunteers: Geri Breth, Anne Doherty,

Frank Dynan, Rosemary Jones, Frank Killino, Tricia Kraemer, Carol Macmillan, Tom Price.

Victorian Weekend Vintage Dance Workshop Volunteers: Bruce Bigham, Joyce Bigham, Dawn Brautigam, Joe Evangelista.

World War II Veteran Volunteers at the Tower: Rich Baker, Charlie Ellner, Tom Glynn, Marshall Howey, Rich Keller, Ed Kent, Joe Moke, Dick Quin, Jim Rodan, John Seubert, Harvey Williams.

Tearoom closing

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grams to thousands of area schoolchildren;

- sponsoring special tours and events from February through December that extend the Cape May tourism season.

A MAC team is currently considering a range of options for offering food service at the Physick Estate's Carriage House for the 2012 season.

Interested parties are encouraged to send proposals to MAC Director Michael Zuckerman at mzuckerman@capemaymac.org.



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