Chairman's Message

Well, here we are at the start of a new year and I hope it finds everyone in good health.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our Charter Members who renewed their memberships and for all the new members that have signed on board.

As you can see, DSPF is getting involved in more than just the Life Saving Station (LLS), so whatever your passions may be, there is a place for you to become involved.

We are very lucky to work with people from the State who have the same goals as we have (Preservation and Protection).

The new Marina is coming along nicely; the LSS Museum building just got a new paint job; the ground breaking for the new bridge went well; and we are acquiring a surf boat from So. Carolina for the LSS Museum.

There will be many projects for us to get involved with this coming year, so we need members. Talk to your friends and neighbors and sign them up. Let them know DSPF is a fun place to meet nice people with the same interests.

I, and the Board of Directors, look forward to working with everyone in the coming year. *Keep the Drive Alive in 2005*.

John Hoth

John Hiott, Chairman

The Delaware Seashore Preservation Foundation is a non-profit Friends organization created to preserve, protect and enhance the Indian River Life Saving Station Museum, and the Parks within the Delaware Seashore State Park Region including the Indian River Marina, Delaware Seashore, Fenwick Island, and Holts Landing State Parks.

DSPF Open House a Success!

The Delaware Seashore Preservation Foundation hosted its Annual Membership Meeting & Open House on October 31, from 1:00 – 3:00 PM at the Indian River Life Saving Station Museum. Presentations from the Delaware Seashore State Parks' Staff and DELDOT's new Indian River Bridge team highlighted the event, in addition to the free tours of the museum. An array of treats & beverages donated by the Gift Shop staff at the Indian River Life Saving Station Museum, G&E **Hockers & the Donut Connection** were available for all guests to

The following individuals from DNREC were recognized for their efforts in the reorganization of the Foundation and received citations:

Ken Farrall – Delaware Seashore State Park Administrator Glen Stubbolo – Administrator of Volunteers & AmeriCorps Director Gary King – Indian River Marina Superintendent

Doug Long – Delaware Seashore State Parks

Rosemarie King – Delaware Seashore State Parks

The Foundation also recognized: **Rob Lattanzi from Ryan Homes** – For their donation of time, labor and materials of approximately \$10,000 for the recent exterior painting of the Museum and Retail Building. **Ellen Rice** – one of Delaware's foremost Artists - For her assistance in creating the Foundation's logo and for her continued generosity.



Shown at our recent annual meeting are (I-r) board members Don Klein and Jo DiBattista; Steven Richter, representative of the Indian River Bridge Project; Ernie Felici, DSPF vice chairman; Rob Lattanzi and son of Ryan Homes; Paul Henninger; Doug Long of the Parks Service; board member Shirley Price; Gary King, Indian River Marina superintendent; board member Clinton Bunting; and Erin Cayce of the Parks Service.

Coastal Clean-Up Day

Delaware's participation in Coastal Cleanup is part of an International Coastal Cleanup run by the Ocean Conservancy that supplied the trash bags, data cards, and more. Joining the efforts of many volunteers at IRLSS was Senator Tom Carper.

Delaware's 2004 Results 739 Volunteers 9,366 Pound of Trash 15,351 Cigarettes/Cigarette Filters



DSPF On the Road

We are proud to represent the Foundation at the 2004 events and look forward to more in 2005.

- Coastal Clean-Up Day
- Coast Day
- National Marina Day
- Rocktober Tournament at IRM

DSPF Board of Directors

John Hiott, Ernie Felici, Clinton Bunting, Joe Di Battista, Hal Dukes, Judy Henninger, Don Klein, Cathy McGee, Shirley Price, William Smith.

Visit the Nautical Gift Gallery at Indian River Museum

- Fine works from various local artists including Ellen Rice
- Apparel, Books, Nautical Gifts

2005 DSPF Projects

Some of the DSPF's planned projects for 2005 are as follows at:

Indian River Life Saving Station Museum

- To expand & support activities and programs
- Restore the small outside buildings
- Provide assistance in maintaining the facilities landscaping

Delaware Seashore

- Assist in the extension of the barriers along Route One to protect the turtles from crossing into the highway
- Help with Beach Cleanups & Grounds Maintenance

Indian River Marina

 Provide administrative assistance and conduct market surveys in addition to help maintaining the landscaping

Fenwick Island State Park

Conduct beach clean-ups and market surveys

Holts Landing

• Assist with the trail maintenance and the repair of the bird & duck boxes

Thompson Island

• Aid in the assisting of the maintenance of the canal and the trails

Volunteers Needed

The Delaware Seashore Preservation Foundation needs your help in preserving, conserving, managing and interpreting the Delaware Seashore State Parks.

In as little as two hours, individuals and groups can make a difference in Delaware Seashore State Parks. We need your help to ensure that Diamond State Parks "sparkle" with activity from sunrise to sunset. Become a Delaware Seashore Preservation Foundation volunteer today. **Call 302-227-6991**.

DSPF MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

- 10% Discount on merchandise purchased at all Delaware State Parks' Gift Shops
 - Members-Only Programs & Events
 - Quarterly Newsletters
 JOIN TODAY!

Those who would like to join the Foundation or make a tax-deductible contribution, may contact the Delaware Seashore Preservation Foundation at 302-227-6991 or mail to P.O. Box 981, Ocean View, DE 19970. Checks should be made payable to the Delaware Seashore Preservation Foundation.