

**January 2018
Issue 1**

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FIRST MEETING IN 2018

Dr. Mike & Pat Lurakis hosted our January meeting. We do appreciate their hospitality. It is always a pleasure to visit and experience their layouts, especially the layout under their tree.

The roast beef and roast turkey sandwiches were delicious as were the sides and the desserts.



NEXT BUSINESS MEETING

March, 11th, 2018 @ 1:00

Donna & Larry Grady's

61 Monroe Drive

Laurel Springs, NJ 08021

If you are attending and
plan to bring a dish to share

Please contact Donna or Larry

deegee53@comcast.net or

Donna: 856-745-5438 Larry: 856-745-5439

NEXT EVENT

ANNUAL LUNCHEON

April 7, 2018 1 PM

Fred & Ethel's,

Smithville, NJ

See Food Choices/Cost under Annual Luncheon



Attending: Tom Ayers, Alice Irizarry, John Craven, Ed Ramming, Joan Bishop, Bill Keller, Joe Profetto, Joe's Cousin, Nick, Donna and Larry Grady, Lou Riciardi, Ned Young, Al and Bobbie Schmidt, Brian Steager and Nigel and John Seltner.

BUSINESS MEETING

Ed Ramming. Pres. called the meeting to order at 2:30 P.M. with a flag salute and the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Ed Ramming thanked Dr Mike and Pat for their work on this luncheon.

Treasurer: Donna Reported all bills are paid. Also, she reported that a \$75 Memorial Donation was sent to Veterans Helping Veterans in **Bud Oncay's** name.

DUES ARE DUE FOR 2017

PLEASE SEND TO

**DONNA GRADY, 61 MONROE DRIVE,
LAUREL SPRINGS, NJ 08021
MAKE CHECKS OUT TO SJGRS.
AFTER JAN. 20TH**

LATE DUES WILL ARE \$20/FAMILY

Sunshine: Patty Reported there were no birthdays in December. She also passed on the thanks to everyone who worked on the Thomas Layout at Ocean City. (Alice Irizarry, Becky Lincoln, Marilyn Fox, Monica Weaber, Donna Grady, Bobbie Schmidt, Lou Ricciardi, Jack Proud, John Craven, Jim Lincoln and Al Schmidt)

Communications: Al reported that we are rebuilding our new member packet and will send them out within the next two weeks to recent new members. It will have a welcome letter, badge(s), information on accessing our web site and the member directory and some general information on trains.

Al has updated our new member registration sheet to contain a few lines about the new member. This would be a little information about their layout and / or interests.

Al also wants to add the above information to our web site that tells a little about each of our layouts so that members and visitors can see what each family's train layout contains. Some will be more than G Scale. To do this each of us needs to send **Al** a short description of their layout(s). **Al** will have a form at our next meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

PERMANENT LAYOUT

Nemours Children's Hospital

Joe Profetto reported on Nemours Project:

Ed has contacted PIKO and they told him they only work through Dealers/Distributors. So, Ed contacted Jim Shourt and asked that Jim be our dealer for this contribution. Jim Agreed. PIKO also told Ed that they donate at a low cost, but not no cost. We will have to see how this works out. It was noted that we have allocated \$250 so far for this project.

Jim Lincoln has plywood from layout from Frank Sheridan's Layout. The track from Jim and Marilyn's layout is available for this project.

Joe continues to negotiate with the possible builders of the base. Tom Ayers offered to help identify what materials we can use from Frank's layout for this project.

The completed project will be a donation to Nemours. We would be 'on call' for maintenance, etc.

Joe will remove the temporary layout he installed for the holidays.



Contact **Joe** if you can help with the permanent layout.

Green Planet Show: Brian has set the date for April 21st & 22nd with setup on the 20th. We will be in the green house as before.

Newsletter Editor: Alice Irizarry has agreed to help with this. She will meet with Al in February to work out the details.

Annual Luncheon: Donna reported that we will be back at Fred & Ethel's in Smithville. The date is confirmed for April 7th at 1 PM. The meal is Caesar Salad with a choice of Flatiron Steak, Chicken Cordon Bleu or Salmon. The cost for members is \$12 per person. The club will pick up the rest. **BY MARCH**

15th, PLEASE SEND your lunch choices and checks, made out to SJGRS, to **Donna Grady, 61 MONROE DRIVE, LAUREL SPRINGS, NJ 08021.**

NEW BUSINESS

June Open House: We discussed and agreed to set this year's open house date for **Saturday, June 9th**. Please let Al know if you will be participating. Let him know by the end of March, so we have time to advertise.

Advertising:

Brian Steager has offered to build and distribute a sheet advertising our club and when we are having events and meeting. The sheet would direct people to our web site and invite them to come out and meet us at our events.

Club Clothing:

Anyone interested in buying hats or shirts, contact **Donna**. She will look into current prices.

More Activities:

It was suggested that we get dates for South East PA Garden Railway Society (SEPGRS) events so that our members are aware of them and can plan to attend. Al will follow-up with members of our club that are also SEPGRS members.

Meeting adjourned 3:30 PM

News you need to know

Prayers for: Becky & Jim Lincoln and Aiden and Tom & Anita Brown.

Jim and Marilyn Fox will have a new address starting in December.

5205A Kippen Place
Mount Laurel, NJ 08054

Recent New Members:

James & Kathryn Holt
H: 609-472-3437
119 Cedarcroft Avenue
Audubon, NJ 08106

Jeff Pennell
H: 609-893-5253
205 Locust Trail.
Browns Mills, NJ 08015

John and June Seltner

John: 570-751-3459
880 Clover Drive
Mullica Hill, NJ 08062

Monica Weaber

H: 856-767-4094
60 Smokey Run
Berlin, NJ 08009

Looking for Track

New Member, James Holt is looking for track. Have some track that is available? Contact James.

50/50 – Joan Bishop was the Winner of \$26.00.

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

1 st	James Holt	13 th	Mike Hannigan
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FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

1 st	Tom Ayers	10 th	Donna Grady
14 th	Emerson Young	25 th	Darlene Profetto

MEETINGS AND EVENTS 2018

Mark Your Calendars

Jan 14 Meeting at Lurakis (1 PM)
Feb. No Meeting
Mar 11 Meeting at Grady's (1 PM)
Mar 30 & 31 East Coast Train Show, York, PA
Apr 7 Annual Luncheon-Smithville
Apr 21 & 22 Green Planet Show
May 20 Meeting at Ramming's (1 PM)
June 9 Meeting Open House Tour
June 24 Meeting Irizarry/Craven
Jul. No Meeting
Aug. Meeting @ Green Planet (1PM)
Sept. Meeting Open
Oct. 14 Meeting at Lincoln's (1 PM)
Nov 10 Nominations -Schmidt's (1PM)
Nov 30 Setup at Ocean City
Dec 1 & 2 O C Show

If you can host a 2018 meeting, please contact Al Schmidt – 856-672-0172 at al.schmidt@verizon.net or Anita Brown – 609-646-1102 at nanab1@comcast.net