

To: Chesapeake Chapter Members

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Maryland Lighthouse Challenge Update
A Recipe for Success!
From: Event Chair Karen Rosage

Although we are not having a Maryland Lighthouse Challenge this year, we are keeping the Challenge spirit alive in a very “tasteful” way! Plans are currently in the works for the first ever Maryland Lighthouse Challenge Cookbook! We have been awarded a grant in the amount \$2,000.00 from the *Phase Foundation* to begin the project, and we are *very* excited to get started!

We are hoping this is a project we can *all* sink our teeth into! The cookbook will feature favorite recipes of our Board members, some of our lighthouse associates around the state, and YOU TOO if you would like to submit one or more recipes for our consideration. We ask that you title and check your recipes for spelling and ingredient accuracy and submit them electronically to Kaye Gonterman at: treasurer@cheslights.org with a cc to me at: challenge@cheslights.org. We will include as many recipes as possible and look forward to receiving your favorites. Currently, we are looking for recipes in all food categories. We are hoping to include many recipes for “regional” dishes, i.e. ones that utilize local ingredients, or ones that represent traditional fare for areas around the Chesapeake; but any and all family favorites are welcome. We need to receive any submissions by July 1, at the latest - but the earlier the better - so crack open that recipe file and decide which one(s) you would like to send along. To “stir up” a little excitement, anyone submitting a recipe will automatically be entered into a raffle to win a \$50.00 Shell gas card!

“Team Cookbook” consists of Board members Karen and Dave Rosage; Paula and Lauren Liebrecht; Tony and Alma Pasek; Kaye Gonterman; our graphics designer Maria Alvarez-Lundie, whose idea it was to publish a cookbook and whose talent will be utilized in designing the publication; and photographer and Chapter member Bill Conway, who will be donating his talents and beautiful artwork to the project. As a Chesapeake Chapter original publication, expectations for this cookbook will be high and the team will deliver. With ample recipes to please any palate and stunning photography of the lighthouses throughout, what’s not to love? This cookbook is sure to be a treasured keepsake and handy reference to any food connoisseur and/or lighthouse enthusiast!

We plan to have the cookbook ready for early sale to our general membership in the September 2012 timeframe. The cookbook will then make its “Challenge” debut at the next Maryland Lighthouse Challenge event scheduled for September 21-22, 2013. Proceeds from the sale of the cookbooks will go directly into the Challenge “pot” – to help fund future Challenges.

Stay tuned...We will be sending updates on the project and advance order forms by way of the website, e-news, and in the next newsletter. As added incentive for members to purchase their cookbooks early, anyone pre-ordering will be entered into another raffle to receive a \$50.00 Shell gas card!

Until the next update, happy “lighthousing” and *bon appetit!*