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U-Make Mentorship Award Recipient

One of our new members, Leah Foster, has won the U Make mentorship, a 2 year scholarship to attend U-Make in March of 2024/25. Leah was the winner of the novice kite build at the Scott E Spencer Memorial Wildwood competition this year.

For those of you not familiar with U-Make (Upper-Midwest Area Kitemaking Event), it is a 3 day series of Kite workshops and classes held at Northern Illinois University near Chicago. The instructors are a number of important names in the kiting world. One of the instructors is our own Ben Huggett. Leah said, "I'm so excited and honored to have been selected to attend U-Make. Thank you so much to Larry and Nancy Krablin for nominating me for this opportunity!"

Leah is new to SJKF, but is not new to kiting. She has attended Wildwood Kite festival since before she could walk. She flew indoors with Paul Berard as young as 5 years old. She has made mini kites with Glenn Davidson through several years. She is an avid power kite flyer since the age of 10. And has helped Kevin Sewell and others bring down their Roks on several occasions. She has been a member of AKA for several years. She flies most often in the Wildwood and Cape May areas. Her favorite kite is a medium Rok that she bought, but is working on making several new kites of her own!

Leah is a sophomore attending Garnet Valley High School. She is also active in Girl Scouts, the school play productions and helped form the high school birding club. She has been elected to be a delegate for the Southeastern Girl Scout council. And also has been selected as propmaster for the stage crew of the play.



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Flying Pig Volunteer Award

7th Annual Presidential Volunteer of the Year Award, the Flying Pig for 2023



Now on to the fun part of being President, the presentation of this year's Presidential Volunteer of the year award!!

Cinda and Kevin Shannon are this year's award winners. They are long time kite flyers and makers an have been SJKF Members for about 9 years. Since then, they have supported the

SJKF Club at the events they attend and have volunteered on numerous occasions to share their knowledge.

Kevin Shannon has designed and produced many flying things, kites, art pieces and line laundry. Lately they has found it easier to purchase things.

Kevin and Cinda volunteer willingly, not voluntold, to lead a couple of SJKF Winter Workshops. They were well prepared and led excellent workshops that people really enjoyed and learned new skills.

I would like to thank them for everything they have done for SJKF, help, food, giving and buying kites!!!

Please congratulate the couple who we always see together, Cinda and Kevin Shannon, our 2023 Presidential Volunteer of the Year!!

Michael F Dallmer President of South Jersey Kite Flyers

It is a BOY!!!

Last December Erin Edeiken had a boy named is Roman and he's amazing. From Erin, "I can't wait to introduce him to the joy of kite flying!"

For those of you who don't know Erin, Erin is the daughter of Steve Edeiken of whom the Edeiken Award given by the AKA eah year is given. Steve passed away in a tragic kiting accident in September of 1983.

Photo by: Erin Edeiken/erin.edeiken@gmail.com





Presidential Ponderings Duck Droppings

By Mike Dallmer



Hello Fellow Kite Flyers, I am so sorry that this issue is so late, this shoulder is slowing everything up but I'm trying. Went to LBI and did NOT fly or touch one kite line as my right arm is still not usable, hopefully soon.

As of today 10-10-24 I am only aloud on my computer for an hour and even that is stretching

it!! Anyway, thanks to everyone who has taken up my slack and filled in for me on everything, especially Cel and Ben for all they did to make the Anniversary Bash a hit, I spent most of it sleeping.

I really want to thank everyone who stepped up during my recovery to do things I would normally do. 4 people I would really like to call out, Cel, my right hand in everything especially now, Mike Jr who has repeatedly reminded me not to do things and to be careful, Ben who almost single handedly took over the Auction and Donna, who is always there to lend a hand. All you guys and girls ROCK!!!

State of SJKF, as of August 31, 2023, we have \$12,293.13. in our Treasury. We also had 94 members on that date. The Treasury is going to take a hit on the purchase of the EZUPs. At the Anniversary Bash our Auction brought in over \$7,000 which isn't included in that total but we also spent around \$5,000 total for our two custom EZUPs. SJKF is in great shape both financially and membership wise, thank you!

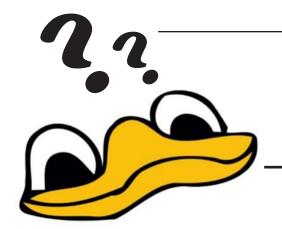
SJKF EZUP: Both have arrived and after 2 reprintings are acceptable to all on the committee. They are beautiful and so far, we have gotten nothing but compliments. We have also acquired 2 sets Deluxe Weight Bags - 45 lb. 4 Pack to hold them down. These weight bags were

tested at LBI and they did their job remarkedly well. One of the things no one considered was that the images can also be seen on the inside of the EZUPs (see below)

Sixteenth Annual Elliot's Legacy Kite Fly for the Lung Cancer Research Foundation was in late August and SJKF was paid \$1,000 for our kite flying. Flying Kites were Ron Klopp, Paul Keeler, Chris May, Jodi and Myself. Handing out kites and helping them fly were Cel and Donna.



29th Annual SJKF Anniversary Bash and Auction was well attended with 34 members attending and hopefully having a blast!! Plenty of food was available, auction was fabulous with those present getting some great deals and those proxy bids taking valuable items as well. Like I said earlier, over \$7,000 was added to our treasury, making everyone happy.



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By Mike Dallmer

The 38th Annual Oland and Bernice Turner International Invitational Open Peanut Butter Cookie and Kite Fly is already in the preparation stage and is going to take place in Seaside Park, NJ again this year at the Gazebo in the southern end of the Parking Lot adjacent to the Sawmill. The date is November 5 and it starts at high noon. Remember this is a fun event and bribes are greatly appreciated though they don't always work.



Election: Ballots have been mailed out and many have already been returned, thanks for voting!! If you haven't voted already, you still have time as the deadline to return the Ballots is December 3rd,

2023. If you did not receive the ballots, please let me know.'

Holiday Party: See the flyer in this issue of WindWriters!! The deadline for your reservation is November 26, 2023. This year, as always, there will be plenty of good food, good friends and activities to keep you busy along with a few surprises!!

WindWriters: will now be published 4 times a year in the months of January, April, July and October. This was voted on at the Anniversary Bash in September. Why, it is getting harder to get contributors to write articles and my ramblings/writings, you have got to be tired of reading what I have to say!!

Renew: Check your membership cards or Ballot, Holiday Party envelopes. If you need to renew a membership application was included in that S-mailing!

If you have or hear of an event that is not listed on our calendar, please let me know so it may be added.

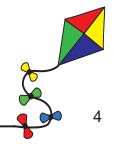
Check us out on Facebook, South Jersey Kite Flyers and on the web at sjkf.org



Finally, thank you, thank you, and thank you!! For being a Member and making my job fulfilling by leading a great bunch of people!









So after another LBI kite festival, I am fully rested and thinking about all the wonderful moments that happened.

Family and friends came from across the country and from across the Atlantic to be in LBI. It was quite of group of kite makers, kite flyers and kite wranglers that came together to enjoy a special week together.

The moment I'll think of most often is a particular stack of kites that a first glance seemed really out of place. This happened on Sunday and was a big mouse chasing Sonic the hedgehog chasing a small mouse. These displays are my favorite because they are spontaneous and would most likely never be repeated.

So what happens is that our grandson starts asking for the Sonic kite as soon as he hits LBI soil. Not my favorite kite but too much family pressure to leave it at home.

The fun starts when my 29 year old daughter announces that her friend since high school is visiting and has never been to a kite festival. Coincidentally also tells her about a semi-traumatic experience that happened to her earlier in the week about having to kill her first mouse in her house. A plan is now hatched.

My daughter and I, having the same sense of humor, quickly come to the conclusion that she will help set up the stack of kites and make selections from our mouse kite collection. We head to field with our bag that is full of mice kites, a Sonic kite and a pilot. After watching another friend of hers start digging a hole (like he was dedicating a new building at Rutgers), we quickly took shovel away from him and continued setting up the line.

She selects the large 4 meter mouse first and then we send Sonic into position next. Before completing our task, a voice suggests that another smaller mouse in front of Sonic was needed to bookend the hedgehog and serve as an added reminder for my daughter's friend......We are now done.

Perfection...a stack of kites that only makes sense to us.



As the day winds down my daughter and her friend were walking the beach looking at all the great displays. Upon reaching their line, they overhear a spectator say aloud, that the all the kites are nice "but I don't get Sonic with the mice"

She raises her hands in triumph as she knows me well.... Dad is going to love this.





Sewing Thread Lubricator

By Mike Dallmer

I was recently asked if there was anything that would help prevent skipped stitches and a gummed-up needle while sewing through double faced tape (Seamstick). Yes, there is a few things that can be done:

- 1) Position the tape carefully so you don't sew through the tape, I know easier said than done.
- 2) Try using a different types of tape, I have found, thanks Rich Cairncross, that "Micro Dot Glue Runner works great because it puts down less glue. These are available from most craft store or Amazon Amazon.com:

 AdTech 05709 Crafter's Dot Glue Runner Refill, 0.31-Inch x 315-Inch, 2-Pack: Arts, Crafts & Sewing



3) An actual Thread Lubricator will also help prevent the build up of glue and skipping stitches. You can purchase one built already for you. Amazon.com: GoldStar Tool Magnetic Lubricator Box - Cylindrical Shape, Sewing Thread Lubricating Box with Magnetic Base: Arts, Crafts & Sewing or you can set something up to lubricate the thread that you create yourself. You will need to put something called Sewers Aid into these, this is what actually helps Amazon.com: Sewers Aid 1/2 Ounce: Industrial & Scientific (I use this



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4) Swifty Thread Lubricator is something that I found on the web but I don't think it is any longer available however it can be easily duplicated by getting a small plastic box, use something to make a smooth hole in each end, then fill it with cotton. Once built add Sewer's Thread to the cotton and away you go.

Special Note: Amazon is only listed as a starting point for your search. Both the Sewer's Aid and Micro Dot Glue Runner should be readily available at any craft store.



Calendar Updated as of 10-17-2023

10/14/2023 **Growden Day Kite Fly** at the Growden Historic Manson (where Ben Franklin supposedly fly the kite experiment). Location: 932 Durham Pl, Bensalem, PA 19020; 10am – 3pm. We will be building kites with the children.

11/5/2023 **The 38th Olan and Bernice Turner International Invitational Open Peanut Butter Cookie Kite Fly and Bake Off**, will be held on the Boardwalk in Seaside Park, NJ. Contact Cel <u>cdallmer@verizon.net</u> or Mike Dallmer <u>mikedallmer@verizon.net</u> 215-722-4092 Remember, bribes are accepted.

11/19/2023 (3rd Sunday) **SJKF Zoom Meeting**, meeting starts at 7pm. Same link and password (kite) as before: https://drexel.zoom.us/j/88624784369?pwd=Yy80UUJmbXZIblZnSmhtbUNyUFBRQT09

11/24/2023 – 11/25/2023 **Hangin' with Santa and Kites With Lights** Nags Head, NC Contact Kitty Hawk Kites for info. 877-FLY-THIS or marketing@kittyhawk.com

12/3/2023 **SJKF Holiday Party.** Randi's Restaurant and Bar, from noon till 3 pm. Location, Grant Plaza II, 1619 Grant Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19115, phone: (215) 677-7723 Contact Cel Dallmer <u>cdallmer@verizon.net</u> or 215-722-4092 Same place as the last few years.

1/15/2024 Article Submission Deadline for the next issue of WindWriters. Send to Debra Bowlby djbowlby@me.com or Mike Dallmer mikedallmer@verizon.net

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2/16/2024 -2/19/2024 Maryland Kite Society Winter Retreat. Turf Valley resort in Ellicott City, Maryland. For more information contact Jon Burkhardt takokichi@comcast.net www.mdkites.org (tentative)

2/24/2024 **SJKF Winter Workshop**: Subject to be determined. Time is 10:00am -4pm in room B. Location: 389 Wolfert Station Road, Mullica Hill, NJ 08062. Mike

Dallmer <u>mikedallmer@verizon.net</u> or (215) 722-4092

3/17/2024 (3rd Sunday) **SJKF Zoom Meeting**, meeting starts at 7pm. Same link and password (kite) as before: https://drexel.zoom.us/j/88624784369?pwd=Yy80UUJmbXZIblZnSmhtbUNyUFBRQT09

3/30/2024 **Blossom Kite Festival** at the Washington Monument Grounds in Washington D.C. 10am - 4:30 pm Rain date: 4/2/23 <u>Blossom Kite Festival at the National Cherry Blossom Festival</u> (Subject to Change).

3/29/2024 57th Annual Great Delaware Kite Festival at Cape Henlopen State Park on Good Friday, in 2024 Registration starts at 10 am and entrance fees apply for cars to enter Cape Henlopen State Park which will be collected at the entrance to the park - \$5 per car for Delaware license tags and \$10 per car for out-of-state. For more information, call the park office at 302-645-8983. To participate in festival contests, contact the Lewes Chamber of Commerce at 302-645-8073 2022 Great Delaware Kite Festival | Lewes Chamber of Commerce (tentative)

3/31/2024 Easter

4/13/24 **Mullica Hill Library Give Back Workshop** Time is 2pm-3pm Location 389 Wolfert Station Road, Mullica Hill, NJ 08062. This is the give back program we do each year. Contact Mike Dallmer <u>mikedallmer@verizon.net</u> or (215) 722-4092 for more information.

4/13/24 **2**nd **SJKF Workshop of 2024**, subject to be determined. Time is 10:00am -4pm in room B. Location: 389 Wolfert Station Road, Mullica Hill, NJ 08062. Mike Dallmer <u>mikedallmer@verizon.net</u> or (215) 722-4092 for more information

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4/26 - 4/28/2024 **Maryland International Kite Expo** contact the Kite Loft at (410) 289-7855 or info@kiteloft.com



5/12/2024 Mother's Day

5/19/2024 (3rd Sunday) **SJKF Zoom Meeting**, meeting starts at 7pm. Same link and password (kite) as before: https://drexel.zoom.us/j/88624784369?pwd=Yy80UUJmbXZIblZnSmhtbUNyUFBRQT09

5/24/2024 – 5/27/2024 Wildwood International Kite Festival Contact Sky Festival Productions 732-822-4884 or bpelton@skyfestivals.com The must do event with the fabulous wide-open beach to fly on. Also, the world famous SJKF Friday Night Social!!!! (tentative)

6/16/2024 **Father's Day**

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7/14/2024 (2nd Sunday) **SJKF Zoom Meeting**, meeting starts at 7pm. Same link and password (kite) as before: https://drexel.zoom.us/j/88624784369?pwd=Yy80UUJmbXZIblZnSmhtbUNyUFBRQT09

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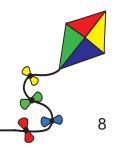
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Thank You SJKF!

As the LBI Kite Workshop coordinator, I would like to thank all of you who voted to help support this kite/banner building workshop that I have had the pleasure of organizing and coordinating for the last 7 years. Your donation helped bring in this year's kite maker and artist Ron Gibian from Visalia, CA. This class was sold out within 3 days, a record breaker!

Thank you to all who participated and had the privledge of Ron's instruction and build of this year's banner!

Sincerely,
Debra Bowlby
LBI Workshop Coordinator



Radnor Library Kite Build

–By Mike Dallmer, S

9/16/2023(Saturday) Radnor Library Kite Build

On September 16, 2023, South Jersey Kite Flyers recently had a chance to help Carrie Sturgill, Librarian of Radnor Library. We have been doing this kite build for Carrie for several years. However, this year due to budget constraints, there were not enough funds to have their kite built.

At the September SJKF Club meeting, we discussed this unfortunate situation and the club voted to do the kite build and cover the costs of the kite build for them. SJKF built 37 of the 50 kites that were allotted.

I'd like to thank the following club members who helped cover for me while I was recovering: Cel Dallmer, Donna

McGee, Chris May, Tina and Paul Keeler.



As a result of that kindness, we got this in return:

THANK YOU

Carrie Sturgill Carrie memorial Radnor Library

Dear Mike, Cel, and the whole SJKF club, Thank you again for the overwhelmingly generous donation of 50 Kites for our workshop. It was great to have the help of Donna, Tina, Paul, and Chris, as well. I love our long-time partnership and I'm full of gratitude for your gift in support of the Library!

Long Beach Island International Kite Festival

Children's Kite Making and New SJKF EZUPs

By Mike Dallmer



At the LBI Kite Festival SJKF had the opportunity to showcase our new EZUPs at the Children's kite making!! After numerous versions, Chris May finally had a pair of tops that the committee members were happy with and on Saturday at the event SJKF (Cel,

Donna and Nancy) set up next to the Bayside parking lot in Brant Beach to build kites



with children. Looking over the area, it was decided to put up the new EZUPs to make it look more inviting, I think they worked!! Between Saturday (30 kites) and Sunday (40 kites in the



Oceanside Gazebo in Brant beach) our fabulous kite making heroes were able to make 70 kites and sell

about 20 windspirits. There wasn't too much foot traffic at either location.



Thank you to those who made kites and to those who decorated the area to make it look great (Ben, Donna, Nancy, Larry and myself).

What do you do during down time at a kite festival?

At the LBI Kite Festival we had a little down time at the house we were staying at and as advised by Ben , most of us brought seam rippers!! We spent hours seam ripping the defective EZUP tops that will be used in future projects, walls and possibly banners. What fun!!! Oh, a few of us found time to check Facebook to see what was happening in the world!



–By Mike Dallmer, Sr.





2023 SJKF Holiday Party, December 3, 2023

SJKF is going to the same location as last year, Randi's Restaurant and Bar, Grant Plaza II, 1619 Grant Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19115, phone: (215) 677-7723 http://www.randisrestaurantandbar.com/index.htm.

The party will start at noon on Sunday December 3rd and will continue until 3pm. We will be dining from their Sunday Brunch Buffet which includes: Pick & Peel Shrimp, Smoked Salmon/Lox and Tuna Salads, Spring Mix Salad, Pasta Salad, Roasted Red Peppers, Artichoke Salad, Chicken Salad, Tomato Salad with Red Wine Vinegar, Pasta Salad and Mushroom Salad, Fresh Fruit, Assorted Bagels with Butter, Cream Cheese, Assorted Danish and Pastries, Hot Buffet Side, Omelets Served from their Kitchen, Pancakes, Scrambled Eggs, Sausage & Bacon, Fish Dish, Chicken Dish, Meat Dish, Pasta Dish. Beverages included are Soda, Coffee, Tea, Iced Tea, Juices and Mimosas





The cost this year will be the same as last few years, \$15.00 for members and \$20.00 for non-members. Children 12 – 3 years old \$5.00, under 3 free will be free.

Reservations are required and payment must be received by Monday, November 26, 2023. There will be **NO EXCEPTIONS**. Please send payments to Cecilia Dallmer, 306 Friendship St, Phila., Pa 19111. If you have guestions, please email Cel Dallmer at cdallmer@verizon.net or call 215-722-4092

Extra Activities: Theme baskets will again be made this year.

This year's game will be KITE BINGO again.

Directions: From I95 North and South, take the Academy Road exit. Follow signs for Academy Road keep left at the fork and merge onto Academy Rd (0.8 mile), turn lleft on Willits Rd (1.4 mile), continue onto Welsh Rd (1.3 mile), turn rught onto Bustleton Ave (465 ft), turn left onto Grant Ave (0.2 mile). Enterance to Randi's Restaurant and Bar in on right, head to rear of shopping center near movie theater, Randi's is in the left-hand corner.

If you are coming from New Jersey, go over the Betsy Ross Bridge or the Walt Whitman Bridge and take I-95 North. Follow the directions appearing in paragraph 1

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RSVP FORM:

Please return all RSVPs with a check made out to: South Jersey Kite Flyers by November 26, 2023 and mail/send to:

Cel Dallmer 306 Friendship St. Phila., Pa 19111

Reservations are required along with payment to insure your seat, *no exceptions*.

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