



Press Release

Hammonton, NJ (February 19, 2012).The Historical Society of Hammonton invites the public to a community program to be held Thursday, March 1st , 8:00 PM at the Frog Rock Golf and Country Club. Programs are free, provided as a service to the community. There is no requirement to be a member of HSH to attend. The program is videoed and a copy is placed in our archives so that now or future generations will be provided with a snapshot of Hammonton's past.

The topic for the evening is "The History of Hammonton's Weather: A Tribute to Jack Ordille". Speaking on behalf of Jack, who passed away in November of 2010, will be his wife, Denise Ordille.

Jack was a lifelong resident of Hammonton. During his early years, weather was his passion and he maintained weather logs as a hobby. Throughout his years at Hammonton Elementary and High Schools, Jack led "Hammonton Weather Central" where he provided daily weather reports to the student body over the loudspeaker.

After high school, Jack pursued his passion by taking meteorology-related courses at Stockton College. Around that time, he also began working in the investment field as a Certified Fund Specialist. Knowing that he did not want to move far from Hammonton and that weather jobs in the Hammonton area were scarce, he made the decision to have weather to remain a hobby rather than a profession.

He continued to maintain weather logs and take online college level meteorology courses. In May of 2003, Jack became an official Skywarn Weather Spotter and Cooperative Climate Observer for the National Weather Service. The Hammonton weather station had a long history, starting in the 1930's with W. Hubbard Parkhurst. Jack was proud and honored to maintain a station with such a long history.

In 2007, Jack turned his passion into a career, launching Storm Vista, LLC. It became a resource to individuals and companies with significant economic risk due to the weather. Storm Vista's clients are meteorologists, private forecasters, utilities, hedge funds, big banks, investment companies, large food companies, and weather hobbyists.

Since Jack's passing, Denise has taken over and maintained the CO-OP station. In addition, Jack's legacy is carried on as Storm Vista continues under Denise's ownership, with Commodity Weather Group of Bethesda, MD managing the day to day operations.

Denise is also a lifelong area resident. Denise grew up in Waterford and graduated from St. Joseph High School in 1989. She and Jack married and settled in Hammonton in September of 2001.

Additionally, Denise has been employed with Unvers Workplace Solutions since March of 2001 and as a ballet teacher at Dance Magic since September of 2000.

Denise will be joined by Keith Arnesen , Staff Meteorologist at Rutgers University whose responsibility's include agricultural weather advisory's , supplying climate data and teaching approximately 200 students per semester. He will be sharing interesting information he has discovered about Hammonton's weather.

Join us Thursday night March 1st. Enjoy the evening with friends, HSH members and our speakers.

Refreshments will be served

About The Historical Society of Hammonton

The Historical Society of Hammonton was established to provide for generations to come a living collection relating to the rich and unique social, political, economic and cultural heritage of the Town of Hammonton, New Jersey. The mission of the society is to increase awareness of history relating to Hammonton, New Jersey environs and to establish public access to that history by collecting, conserving, studying, interpreting and promoting the history to the widest audience.

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