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their Handicapped Citizens Drive, and \$2,000 for the seminarians; \$1,000 in various donations, \$500 for the Pro Life Bus, \$1,000 for an altar rug, plus \$200 for a priest named Fr. Joju, for a total of \$7,700 in giving. By June 19, they had met close to half their goal.

The funds from the Handicapped Citizen Drive went to The Arc of Cape May County. They were also able to contribute \$1,148.18 to Autism New Jersey.

"All the money we collect we give to charities. We use a little to survive," Rippman

said. At a previous meeting, there were 27 in attendance. Rippman admitted being a little concerned about their numbers. He has been the Grand Knight for two years, and he said before he came on board there was an active membership, but then the council was not recruiting new members. He said they needed to get the word out.

"Someone talked me into joining," Rippman said. "It's a good organization, but we need more people involved."

The council got a recruitment campaign going and numbers have risen a bit. Rippman said the basic corps

of the K of C are the ushers. "We have quite a few ushers who are also members," Rippman said. Asked why he thinks men don't join the Knights, Rippman said, "I would think it's time," or specifically the lack of time to commit to the organization.

"From time to time we have lecture talks in church about what we do," he said.

Rippman said the council is fortunate to be in Cape May, where their fundraising tends to be easier than in some communities.

"This town is very generous," he said. "People in town really support us."

Rippman said during the St. Patrick's Day Campaign he received a lot of gift certificates from merchants in town.

The Knights of Columbus are also dedicated to promoting the faith. They erected a manger with a nativity scene in front of the church for the Christmas season, which was the centerpiece of their "Light Up for Christ" ceremony.

The purpose of the "Light Up for Christ", according to a statement prepared by former mayor Jerry Inderwies, is to keep Christ in Christmas and preserve the true meaning of Christmas. In his statement,

delivered at the ceremony, Inderwies announced a plan by the Knights of Columbus to construct a shrine dedicated to Pope John Paul II to be located at the Pope John Paul Cultural Center in Washington, D.C.

"We get a lot of people to show up," Rippman said. "The other night there was a mass, but there were a lot of people waiting outside for 'Light Up for Christ'."

He said there was a small reception after the ceremony where they served light refreshments, which gave them another opportunity to recruit members.

"We will continue to try to

get younger people involved," Rippman said.

A recruitment brochure promotes membership based on faith as its foundation plus their commitment to community, service to family and youth, fellowship and taking a pro-life stand.

There are over 1.7 million Catholic men and their families in over 13,000 councils throughout the United States, Canada, the Philippines, Mexico, Dominican Republic, Guam, Guatemala and Panama.

Cheer

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for the recruits. He said they were immediately on board.

"They said, 'We'll make that happen,' and it was great. They took that and ran with it," Kelly said.

He said the on-base Child Development Center made cards for the recruits and Coast Guard personnel as well. According to Kelly, the base received around 500 cards and letters from across the nation. Public Affairs Officer Donnie Brzuska said it was astounding to see all the cards and letters coming on to the base.

"It's amazing that someone would take the time out of their busy holiday schedule to send a Christmas card or letter to a complete stranger," he said. "It really means a lot to everyone."

Kelly said the base was

"spreading the wealth" among the recruits, active duty members, and the five cutters that are moving out at different times to go on patrol. They all received letters and cards to keep with them and enjoy during their Christmas away from home.

"They all form a very tight bond among themselves, and become somewhat insular and don't really realize, necessarily, that there's other folks out there who care about what they're doing; and not only care about what they're doing, but want to thank them," Kelly said. "Providing that to a brand new recruit who is getting a stocking from home or maybe someone who donated, and having kids write cards - it truly fills them with a sense of pride."

He said these cards and stockings may be small, but

huge in significance because of the impact they have on the recruits and active duty members.

As for the stocking project done by the Jersey Cape Military Spouses Club, Gibbons said they found most of the recruits' parents online using social media like Facebook. The parents and family members they found were more than happy to donate using PayPal and the club also received donations from non-relatives of Coast Guard recruits. She said the donations would be used for the scholarships the club is giving to local high school students and military spouses who want to further their education.

Gibbons said the items put in the stockings, along with the cards, were mostly hygiene products like toothpaste, toothbrushes, floss,



Photo by Tiffany Fredrickson
Above, Christmas stockings laid out on a table ready to be filled and handed out to the recruits at the Coast Guard Training Center in Cape May.

and deodorant - but also a small candy bar and a gift card to the base exchange. She said most of the gifts were donated by Dr. Kelly

Tallio's dental office in Rio Grande, the Philadelphia Council Navy League and the American Red Cross. Tallio is a U.S. Navy veteran.

When members of the club went to the base on Christmas Eve, however, Gibbons said it wasn't the stockings and cards the recruits enjoyed most - it was the hugs they received from the military spouses.

"When we gave them the stockings, a lot of them couldn't hold back their tears," she said. "One company even brought us into a huddle for a prayer, like a football team."

Gibbons said this was the inaugural year for the Jersey Cape Military Spouses Club making stockings and the group doesn't plan to stop.

"All the recruits asked us to never stop doing this," she said. "It was the highlight of their time on base I think."

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As for the consumption license, the commissioners introduced an ordinance to change the service hours of liquor in a restaurant back to 10 p.m., after amending it to midnight. In November, the board extended the hours to midnight to gain more interest in the license, but a group of petitioners rallied together

to have the 10 p.m. service time cut-off reestablished.

The borough clerk, however, did not certify the petition as submitted. The five-member petitioners committee said they would resubmit the petition in the correct manner. The petition was due to be submitted yesterday.

Petitioners committee member Bud McDonough said they were resubmitting

the petition with the intent of pulling it if the hours are restored with the adoption of the ordinance.

"This is an attempt to work the matter out legislatively," Corrado said of the introduced ordinance.

The commissioners have been discussing the latest attempt to sell the liquor licenses since the late summer. The issue was shelved

after the licenses didn't sell over two years ago when the consumption and distribution licenses were offered with minimum bids of \$650,000 and \$750,000, respectively.

The borough, which has historically been a dry town, was given the right under state law to sell the two licenses and opted to do it for tax relief to residents.

Food

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participating in the food drive since 2008 and until recently, it was a huge success.

"We're in tough times and we figured people were helping out their own fam-

ily members," he said. "But, people have to eat."

He said if anyone would like to make a donation, they can call the fire company and leave a message for their items to be picked up.

"Out of 20 guys, someone

has to be close," he said. "We'll gladly come pick up the stuff if you don't want to drive down here to drop it off."

The food drive bin is always in front of the firehouse on Broadway in West Cape May

to make drop offs. If one would like to make a donation or have their items picked up by the fire company, call 884-3436.

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PORTSMOUTH, Va. — The Coast Guard is requesting to hear from mariners, maritime industries, commercial fisherman, recreational boaters and other port and waterway users that operate off the Atlantic Coast.

In an effort to ensure everyone affected is represented in the process, the Coast Guard announced in the Federal Register a notice of study and reopening of comments entitled "Port Access Route Study: The Atlantic Coast from Maine to Florida" to evaluate the applicability and need for potential modifications to current vessel routing measures off the Atlantic Coast from Maine to Florida.

The notice of study addresses the need to enhance navigational safety by examining existing shipping routes and waterway uses in an effort to reconcile rights of navigation with other potential waterway uses, such as the leasing of outer continental shelf blocks for the construction of renewable energy facilities. The recommendations of the study may lead to future rulemaking and international agreements.

The original notice of study and comment period was opened in May 2011 and resulted in 26 comments. After reviewing the comments, the Coast Guard has determined that it needed to reopen the comment period to seek more information to ensure the study is comprehensive in its data collection and analysis.

For detailed questions the Coast Guard is seeking answers to in this study, please read the notice of study.

The Coast Guard encourages the public to participate in this study by submitting comments and related materials by Jan. 31, 2012, at <http://www.regulations.gov>, docket number USCG-2011-035. For more information and alternate forms of submission, please visit <http://www.uscg.mil/lantarea/ACPARS/default.asp>. All

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