

## Meet your BLTA Board~

**Interested in learning more about the leaders of the Barnegat Light Taxpayer's Association?** We may be your neighbor! We got involved so we could help inform the membership about specific issues that may affect our taxes, as well as general information helpful in enhancing the quality of life within our beautiful shore community. We care about Barnegat Light as much as you do! Join us at our summer meetings and see how you can be involved as well.

**Rich Brodman** is currently the President of the BLTA, having been appointed to this position by the Board in the spring of 2022. Along with his duties of president, he continues to be involved with our membership drive, securing speakers for our general meetings, and planning our Wine and Cheese social event. Rich lives on East 10th Street with his wife, Bonnie, and they have been summer residents since 1984; permanent residents since 2015. Rich is a semi-retired physician who has been working with several health insurance companies to help reign in opiate prescribing physicians.

**Tony Dandola** is in his first year as a trustee with the BLTA and the board appointed him Vice-president when Rich Brodman was appointed to the role of President in the spring of 2022. In 2020, Tony and his wife, Susan, moved from Bernardsville to West 9th Street in Barnegat Light. Tony is an attorney and former U.S. Treasury Department official. Currently, he is active in real estate investing and private mortgage financing.

**Bill Chernelich**, trustee and Treasurer for the BLTA, is a retired CPA from West Trenton, NJ. In 2015, after decades of seasonal renting on LBI, he and his wife Jane built a house in Barnegat Light on W 27th St. and enjoy having their big family share the summers with them. Bill became a trustee in 2016 and was re-elected to a third two-year term as Treasurer in September 2020. Bill also serves as Treasurer of the Iron Mike Foundation which supports Catholic schools in Trenton and serves on the finance committee of Mount Carmel Guild of Trenton which provides a food pantry and nursing assistance to families in need.

**Betsy Aras** is in her third year as a BLTA Trustee, helping administratively with the website and Constant Contact emails. She lives on W. 6th Street with her husband, Ed, who is a volunteer fireman with the BLVFC. Summer residents since 2015, they became full time residents of Barnegat Light in spring 2019, moving down from Little Silver in Monmouth County. Betsy is also a member of the BLVFC Ladies' Auxiliary, currently serving as their president for 2022. When not traveling for adventure or to visit grandchildren, they are thoroughly enjoying their retirement in Barnegat Light. Betsy is a retired church administrator.

**Jack Byrnes** is beginning his third year as a BLTA board member helping with budgets and financial issues. He is the secretary of the Board, responsible for recording the minutes. He has lived on 17th Street with his wife, Anne, for the past twelve years. Jack is a retired investment banker and CEO of a hospital receivables management company.

**Wendy Baker** is serving her first year as a BLTA trustee. She will be assisting on the Newsletter and volunteers with the Little Free Library Box. Wendy is a retired Middle School Principal from Ohio but has summered on LBI her entire life. She and her husband, John bought their home on 19th Street in 1997 and moved here full time in 2008.

**Mary Ann Crutchlow** has been a BLTA trustee for several years, organizing the layout, printing, and mailing of the newsletter, as well as helping with the *Little Free Library Box* located at the Post Office. She spent 20 years in educational technology, working with adults and children. Volunteering in her local library has given her particular pleasure, as has her volunteer work as a school group guide at the Barnes Foundation in Philadelphia. Helping with grandchildren has been a focus year-round for several years. She lives on 20th street with husband, Bill, from May to October, and spends the rest of the year in Penn Valley, PA.

**Phil Kahn** is in his fifth year as a BLTA Trustee and his duties focus on membership. He is a lawyer in private practice. Phil and his wife, Diane, live in Barnegat Light year-round on West 25th Street.

**Kay McDonnell** is in her third year as a BLTA Trustee and chairs the Membership Management Solution Committee. She's a full-time Barnegat Light resident, living on 10th Street; serves as Treasurer for the Barnegat

Light Historical Society and is a docent at the Barnegat Light Museum. Kay recently retired having worked as the Associate Dean and Chief Information Officer at the University of Pennsylvania Carey Law School.

**Patty Francfort** is a committee person with the BLTA. She has been a part-time Barnegat Light resident for over six years. Patty has an undergraduate degree from Rutgers and an MBA from FDU. She loves Barnegat Light and hopes to make a difference on the BLTA.

**Tom Zesk** is a retired CPA and a committee member (Wine and Cheese Event). He was a BLTA Trustee for four years, serving as Secretary and working on the website and Facebook Group. Tom and his wife, Lorrie, split their time between their West 4th St house in Barnegat Light and their home in Morristown NJ.