

## **JDMLF HISTORY & ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

- \* Formed and incorporated in 2005. Received 501(c)3 status in early 2006.**
- \* Held the 1st Great Imitator Masquerade in 2006.**
- \* Website launched in 2006, updated periodically with more than 213,708 hits through 2012.**
- \* Presented a major town-wide educational seminar in Jackson in 2006.**
- \* Appeared at 57 outreaches between 2006 to 2012, and spoke with 13,650 people.**
- \* Invited to and presented a Campfire Program at Bass River State Park.**
- \* Joined the Jackson Chamber of Commerce in October 2008.**
- \* Developed and published a rack information card for distribution to interested parties including Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, County Parks, Bass River State Park in New Jersey, for the military at Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, and some libraries.**
- \* Awarded our first research grant in 2008 for a two-year study concerning the *Geographical Distribution and Prevalence of Selected Borrelia, Erlichia and Rickettsia Infections in Ambloomma americanum (Acari: Ixodidae) in New Jersey* by Terry L. Schulze, Ph.D. It was published and was uploaded on our website in late 2011.**
  
- In 2009, developed and printed our tick ID card for the first time, for distribution at outreaches and other venues.**
  - \* Formal presentations were made at the Bergen County Boy Scout Leaders Roundtable and the Jackson Township Seniors Who Care Club (2009).**
  - \* Sponsored two viewings, open to the public, of the award winning documentary film “*Under Our Skin*”.**
  - \* So far in 2013: Appeared at 5 outreaches and spoke with 3,465 people and we are not finished yet.**
  - \* Awarded in 2012. An educational grant to assist in training more Lyme-Literate physicians to ILADS educational Foundation and a research grant to Dr. Richard Ostfeld of the Cary Institute to assist in the completion of a three year project in the tick ecology/prevention field.**
- \* Redesigned and republished our rack cards and tick ID cards in 2012.**

**\* Awarded in 2013. An educational grant to ILADS Education Foundation for continuing the funding of the John Drulle Lectureship at the yearly ILADS conference. At this conference doctors, medical professionals and researchers gather to learn about newest research in tick borne diseases. Dr. Drulle's Lectureship will showcase a professional with the latest cutting edge research topic.**

**\* Another education grant was awarded in 2013 to the Tick Resource Center, University of Rhode Island to become a partner in prevention education and research. Dr. Thomas Mather is the director of the center. With this grant we were given a landing page on the resource center website which avails us to all their great educational material on prevention and ticks. If you go to our website, [www.jdmlf.org](http://www.jdmlf.org) and go to our Lyme Disease page you will find a link to this very informative resource.**

**\* In July, 2013 we upgraded to a new website with all the same information and more. Please check it out.**

**\* In 2014, we are looking to further fund the John Drulle Lectureship, ILADS Physician Training Program, and to award another scientific grant.**

**The previous accomplishments could not have been done without the combined dedication, assistance, and support of the Board of Directors, Officers, volunteers and donors of the "John Fund". We truly thank everyone for their efforts and look forward to continuing our awareness and prevention efforts in the future. Please keep up your support.**

