

the FLA FLASH

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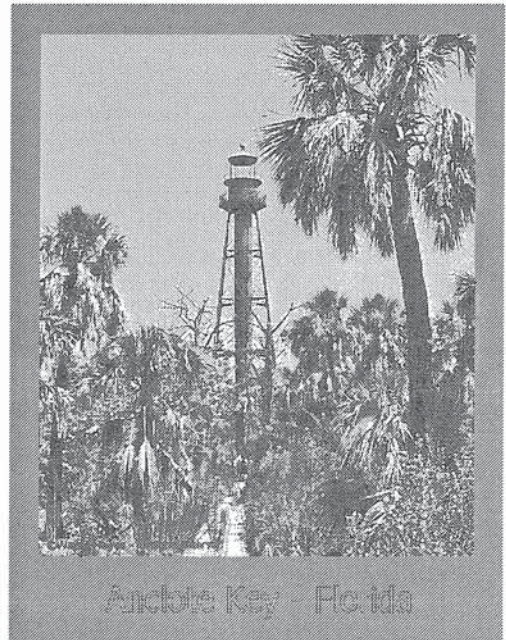
Presidents Message

Hello everyone. Well, here in the Tampa Bay area all is well and by the time you read this Anclote Keys Lighthouse will be guiding mariners safely to harbor. We are so excited about seeing the light shine once again. It has been nineteen long years with darkness but a new day has dawned.

Governor Jeb Bush proclaimed September 13th Florida Lighthouse Day (see Page 2) in conjunction with the Re-lighting of Anclote Keys Lighthouse. I asked at the last meeting about trying to get the second or third Saturday of September to be Florida Lighthouse Day annually. Then we could do something like New Jersey does with their Annual Lighthouse challenge. All of these lighthouses participate in a weekend where everyone tries to visit as many lighthouses as possible. I thought that we could use our four districts as the challenge. You could pick a district and try to see all in that area over the weekend. What do all of you think about such an undertaking? I need feedback from ALL lighthouses and members.

See you at Cape Canaveral

Wayne Hawes



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Membership Dues Are Due

All FLA memberships expire on September 30. Check the address label on this issue of the FLASH.

If it says RENEW 9/30/03, please send a check for your membership dues made out to:

Florida Lighthouse Assn. to Linda Koestel, FLA Membership, 1072 Grizzly Ct., Apopka, FL 32712

Current members, please note changes in your address, phone number, or email address. New members please send me your current information. As our organization grows, it is sometimes necessary for us to restrict our meetings and/or trips to MEMBERS ONLY. Keep your membership up-to-date.

Membership year is October 1st through September 30th. Membership Levels and Dues are:

Circle of Light \$1,000 – Watch Room \$250 – Commissioner \$100 – Inspector \$50

Keeper (Family) \$35 – Assistant Keeper \$25.00



JEB BUSH
GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA

Florida Lighthouse Day

WHEREAS, the Anclote Key Lighthouse, a proud and historic structure, was authorized by President Grover Cleveland in 1887; and

WHEREAS, she shined her light for many years, providing guidance to and protection in a safe harbor, and served seafaring commerce, as well, in and around Tarpon Springs, until 1984; and

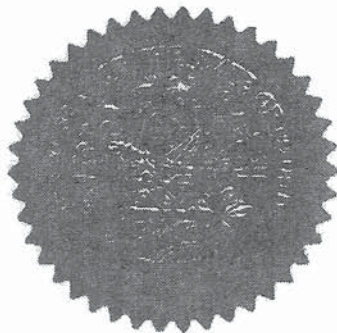
WHEREAS, there has been a determined and united effort for the past decade by many citizens and organizations to raise awareness and funding to restore this lighthouse and "re-light the light;" and

WHEREAS, September is the anniversary month of her commission, and with her reconstruction and renovation, now is an appropriate time to celebrate her "re-lighting" to once again cast her bright beam across the Gulf waters to the mouth of the Anclote River; and

WHEREAS, this celebration provides an excellent opportunity to recognize all Florida lighthouses and acknowledge their contributions;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jeb Bush, Governor of the State of Florida, do hereby extend greetings and best wishes to all observing Florida Lighthouse Day, September 13, 2003.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I
have hereunto set my hand
and caused the Great Seal of
the State of Florida to be affixed
at Tallahassee, the Capital, this
20th day of August in the year
of our Lord two thousand three.**




GOVERNOR

FLORIDA LIGHTHOUSE ASSOCIATION, INC.
MEMBER MEETING MINUTES
Cedar Key – The Lion’s Club
August 2nd, 2003

1. CALL TO ORDER. President Wayne Hawes called the member meeting to order at 10:35 a.m.

2. INTRODUCTIONS. Secretary BonnieJean Exum welcomed FLA members and guests to Cedar Key. BonnieJean introduced Pam Darty of the Cedar Keys National Wildlife Refuge.

3. MINUTES. Secretary BonnieJean Exum was in attendance; minutes were deferred. BonnieJean reminded members that the Member Meeting Minutes were on the website.

4. REPORTS.

A. Treasure’s Report. Treasurer George Diller was not in attendance; Treasurer’s Report was skipped.

B. Vice President’s Report. Vice President Kathy Fleming, from the St. Augustine Lighthouse, was unable to attend. President Wayne Hawes notified board members that the St. Augustine Lighthouse would be hosting a Lighthouse Seminar November 11th - 14th, 2003. All lighthouse representatives and general lighthouse enthusiasts are invited. The seminar will be held to help promote interest and education on the lighthouses in Florida and to help lighthouse groups apply for lighthouse transfers from the Coast Guard; key people with the Lighthouse Preservation Act of 2003 will be present. Email Kathy Fleming of the St. Augustine Lighthouse (firstlighthouse@hotmail.com) for more information.

Also, if anyone knows of a company, corporation, or individual that might be willing to donate money to the FLA, please email Kathy Fleming and she and her staff will write to the company/corporation to solicit them for donations.

C. Membership Report. Vice President for Membership, Linda Koestel, notified the board that the association had 375 paid and unpaid memberships at this time. The memberships result in 556 individuals.

D. Meetings And Special Events.

1) The 4th Quarterly FLA meeting will be held on October 11th, 2003 in Cape Canaveral. Members will be able to climb to the 4th level of the lighthouse. Tony Ryals, a quadriplegic artist that paints by mouth will be at the meeting selling his one-of-a-kind original paintings. Tony Ryals will be donating a painting of the Cape Canaveral Lighthouse (with shuttle in the background) for Auction during the meeting. *Members can get more information on this meeting in the FLASH newsletter and on the FLA website.*

2) The board was still working on the meetings for 2004. So far the following lighthouses have been suggested: Ponce Inlet, Key West, Pensacola, Egmont Key, and St. Marks. The floorboard also suggested having a “fun” meeting at Mount Dora (located north of Orlando). This faux lighthouse is located in the middle of the state and would be easy for all members to attend. (Alice D’Amicol asked present members to decide – all present members agreed to a meeting in Mount Dora.) The board will look into having the 1st Quarterly Meeting of 2004 there.

The June Dry Tortugas Trip was cancelled the day of the trip due to engine failure on the boat taking the passengers out to the key. (The trip was rescheduled for November, but did not meet with a good response from members.) The trip will be rescheduled around the Key West meeting, if the FLA decides to have a meeting in Key West.

3) Alice D’Amicol notified members the following special events were happening around the state: September 13th – Anclote Key Re-light the Light Celebration; October 4th & 5th – Egmont Key “Discover the Island” Open House; October 18th & 19th – Cedar Keys Lighthouse Open House; October 25th – Hillsboro Inlet Open House. *Members can get more information on these events on the FLA website.*

4) President Wayne Hawes notified board members that he received a letter from the Governor of Florida stating that September 13th, 2003 will be considered "Florida Lighthouse Day!" This was in view of the Re-light the Light Celebration for the Anclote Key Lighthouse. Wayne hopes that they will consider making this date an annual event; he will contact the Governor's office and request the second Saturday of each year be considered "Florida Lighthouse Day". Wayne would also like to see the Lighthouses of Florida open up a Florida Lighthouse Challenge to visitors that would award them for visiting the Lighthouses of Florida to coincide with the Annual Florida Lighthouse Day.

E. Website Report. Tim VeArd, the FLA Website Manager, notified board members of the following items:

- 1) The www.floralighthouses.org domain name has been renewed for another 10 years. The website has been experiencing high traffic - 1/3 of website visitors are from out-of-state.
- 2) The "Lite News" section has been changed on the website, if no lighthouse report is available, the email and address of the lighthouse representative is displayed and visitors are suggested to contact the representative for a report. Tim hopes to promote communication between the lighthouses, FLA, and the website visitors.
- 3) Tim will be working with Membership Vice President Linda Koestel to get an online membership database up and running. With the membership database on the website a "Members Only" section can be created. To log on this section, the person would have to be a current (paid) member of the association. Also, members can receive information on meetings and special events instantly by email.
- 4) Tim asked members to continue to email pictures they have taken of the Florida Lighthouses. Email to tim@veard.com

F. Education Report.

- 1) Hib Casselberry, Chairman of Education, was not present. Dianne Levi notified members that the FLA donated \$300.00 to be distributed to students that use a Florida lighthouse as the subject of their history submission in the State History Fair. There were no lighthouse submittals for 2002-2003. Diane

told members that the board had agreed to allow the awards to be given to anyone that enters an exhibit, performance, historical paper, or documentary project on a lighthouse (not restricted to a FL Lighthouse). The board feels that this will help promote education in lighthouses and the possibility of more entries. The award money would stay at \$300.00 per year, which purchases 12 - \$50.00 savings bonds (costing \$25.00 each). The theme for the History Fair next year will be Exploration, Encounter, and Exchange in History.

- 2) Hib Casselberry suggested that the board set up a "Lending Library" (educational videos and boards) for each individual FL lighthouse to lend to schools and other groups. The board decided to allow each lighthouse to create their own individual education information. Instead the board talked about creating a slideshow/power point and lighthouse presentation that any FLA member can borrow and use during a presentation at a school or other organization. The board will look into creating the slideshow or power point presentation.

G. Newsletter Report. President Wayne Hawes apologized to members for the last two quarterly newsletters that were unable to be published and sent out due to problems. Two FLA members have since stepped forward and will be taking over the publishing of the FLASH newsletter. They are Linda Patel (AGatorMom2002@yahoo.com) and Rick Mau (rmau@att.net). Lighthouse Representatives can email their reports and articles to be placed in the newsletter. Wayne also states that they hope to get the last two newsletters out to members.

H. Nominating Committee. President Wayne Hawes notified members that Gene Oaks has been elected Chairman of the Nominating Committee. Barbara Revell will help Gene as needed on the Nominating Committee. All positions on the board, except the President and Vice President, are to be voted on each year. Anyone with a nomination suggestion should email Gene at gene.oakes@mindspring.com

5. LIGHTHOUSE REPORTS. Please see Page x.

6. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS.

A. Pam Darty of the Cedar Keys Wildlife Refuge gave a speech on the current status of the keys surrounding Cedar Key, including preservation of

land, wildlife and their natural habitat.

B. FLA Secretary BonnieJean Exum gave a speech on the historical significance of Cedar Key and the Seahorse Key Lighthouse as an important trans-state port for Florida in the 1800's and it's rapid decline.

7. ADJOURNMENT. The member meeting was adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

Submitted by:
BonnieJean Exum, Secretary of the Florida
Lighthouse Association

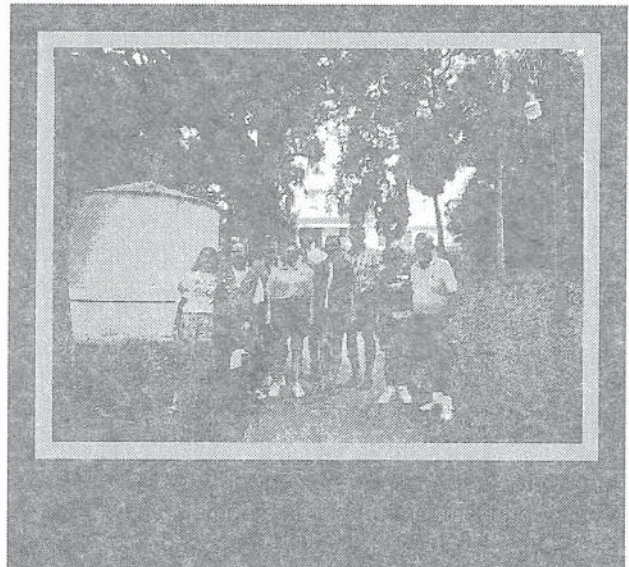
Secretary's Note

Hello my fellow FLA Members and Lighthouse Lovers! I would like to start out by thanking everyone that was able to attend the Cedar Keys Meeting on August 2nd. Thank you for checking out the website and sending in your registrations. For those of you that were unable to attend, I am sorry that the newsletter was not ready in time to send to you so you could send in your registrations. We missed you and wished you could have been there. For all those that took the boat trip out to Seahorse Key, I hope you enjoyed visiting "my little lighthouse" as much as I always do. The lighthouse sparkled with its new coat of paint and repairs that were done by the University of Florida that uses the lighthouse as its dormitory during their studies on the key. And though the mosquitoes were out in high numbers, not one saltwater moccasin was seen during our tours of the graveyards.

I would like to thank the following people that made the meeting and trip possible. From the Cedar Key Wildlife Refuge: Ken Litzenberger for allowing us in the lighthouse, Pam "the Bat Lady" Darty for her educational and heartfelt speech on the working of the refuge and the wildlife they protect, and Mike Mitchell for meeting our group at the lighthouse. From The Lady Pirate: Paula Jean and Jackie and their boat captains for taking us out to the lighthouse. To Freddy and his crew from Ann's Other Place for the delicious lunch served after the meeting. And to the Lions Club for allowing us to rent the hall, for Island Gallery and Rustic Woods for donating items for our raffle/auction, and for all the locals that attended our meeting and put up with my millions of questions during my visits.

It seems the more I visit the lighthouse and the Town of Cedar Keys, the more I love the place and want to return. Cedar Keys is a laid back town with friendly people. I have talked to many of the locals and enjoy listening to their tales, folklore, and

history. This area was once a very important seaport and destination on the trans-state railroad. The transport ships no longer sail through Cedar Keys, their lighthouse has been decommissioned and the railroad tracks have long been pulled up, the area now relies heavily on tourism, charter fishing, and oyster farms. I saw a plague in Cedar Keys that easily summed everything up – "A quaint little drinking town with a fishing problem." For those of you that didn't make it to our meeting or haven't been to the lighthouse, your next opportunity to visit the lighthouse will be October 18th and 19th during Cedar Keys Seafood Festival. So, ya'll come on down and enjoy a warm October day amongst the trees, the fishing boats and the wonderful people of Cedar Keys.



A special thank you to Rick Mau and Linda Patel for taking over the very important task of putting the newsletter together and submitting it for publication. Thank you also to Barbara McClure for the years of service she did while publishing the newsletter.

The Florida Lighthouse Reports

5. LIGHTHOUSE REPORTS.

A. Amelia Island. No New Report.

B. St. Johns. No New Report.

C. St. Augustine. The St. Augustine Lighthouse is planning a Lighthouse Seminar November 11th – 14th, 2003; lighthouse representatives and the general public are invited. *Read Vice President's Report for more information. Members can also get more information on this event on the Calendar of Events on the FLA website.*

D. Ponce Inlet. The original first-order Fresnel lens has been completed and is now on display in the lens building. The restoration of the third order lens is still ongoing, but will be re-installed in the tower as soon as it is finished.

E. Cape Canaveral. The restoration contract for the Oil House has been signed. The Air Force is currently talking with International Chimney regarding the repainting of the lighthouse. The 4th quarterly FLA meeting will be held at the lighthouse. *Members can get more information on this event on the FLA website.*

F. Jupiter. No New Report.

G. Hillsboro Inlet. On June 14th, a drizzly day, over 200 people were shuttled to the lighthouse by chartered bus for a tour. The U.S. Postal Service has commemorated the

Hillsboro Inlet Lighthouse by using it as one of five Southeastern Lighthouses on this year's stamps. A special stamp cancellation event was held on June 16th on the south side of the inlet. 125 people arrived to celebrate the commemoration. County and Postal Service dignitaries then went to the lighthouse property to break ground for the installation of the Barefoot Mailman Statue. Both events brought in over \$5,000 in sales. The lighthouse will be open again for climbing for members of the Hillsboro Lighthouse Preservation Society (HLPS) on October 25th, 2003. Visitors will have a rare opportunity to tour one of the keeper cottages at that time. (Membership to the society is \$25.00 per individual or \$35.00 per family). The dock is still unsafe, so the society is currently trying to get permission to drive through the private club to get to the lighthouse. Check out their website for more information:
www.hillsborolighthouse.org

There will also be a Barefoot Mailman Festival held August 31st and September 1st, 2003. There will be contests, games, and events to commemorate the Life and Duty of the Barefoot Mailmen of the area. The HLPS will also be participating in the County Nautical Flea market on November 15th and 16th, 2003. *Members can get more information on this event on the FLA website.*

H. Cape Florida. No New Report.

I. Reef Lights. American Shoals has received a full facelift. The rust has been removed from the tower and repainted. It's believed that Sand Key and Fowey Rocks Reef Lights may be next.

The Florida Keys Reef Light Foundation (FKRLF) was hoping to open a museum to promote education and interest in the reef lights, but the plans were vetoed by the City of Marathon. The FKRLF is now looking to open the museum on Key Largo or anywhere someone might have office space available to open a small reef light museum. FKRLF President Tom Taylor has been writing newsletter articles and has been speaking on the radio to try to promote interest in the reef lights.

Richard Shultz, of the FKRLF, notified members that the FKRLF was struggling due to its low membership and was asking for finance help – from the FLA membership and board. If things didn't turn around soon for the FKRLF, then he was afraid they would have to close the association. President Wayne Hawes stated that he would bring the request up to the board and would address it again during the next meeting.

J. Key West. No New Report.

K. Sanibel Island. No New Report.

L. Port Boca Grande. No New Report.

M. Boca Grande Rear Range Light. No New Report.

N. Egmont Key. Erosion is still a problem on the key, talks are being held to find out what can be done. The Egmont Key Alliance (EKA) will be hosting its next "Discover the Island" Open House on October 4th & 5th, 2003. The tower will be open for visitors to admire, but will not be open for climbing. *Members can get more information on this event on the Calendar of Events on the FLA website.*

O. Anclote Key. International Chimney is almost done with the restoration and the tower is looking great. The Gulf Islands Alliance and the Tampa Bay Harbour Lights Collectors Club will be hosting a "Re-Lite the Light" Ceremony on September 13th, 2003. There will be a paddleboat tour out to the lighthouse on the Starlight Princess (\$35.00 per person). Visitors will be able to climb the lighthouse and will be served lunch on the paddleboat. There will also be an evening celebration at Sunset Park in Tarpon Spring (event will be \$5.00 at the gate). The Anclote Key Lighthouse will be lit for all to see during the event (Letter from the Coast Guard giving

permission to relight the light as an active aid to navigation is in hand). Bill Younger of Harbour Lights and lighthouse author Eleanor DeWire will attend the celebrations. *Members can get more information on this event on the Calendar of Events on the FLA website.*

P. Cedar Keys. The University of Florida has completed work to the lighthouse. They have replaced the rotted outside siding and stairs, improved the indoor plumbing and anchored the stairwell to the lighthouse tower. Members will be able to see this lighthouse first hand after the meeting. Next Open House to the lighthouse will be October 18th and October 19th.

Q. St. Marks. No New Report.

R. Crooked River. The Carrabelle Lighthouse Association celebrated its four-year anniversary on July 12th. The association has a new president, who also happens to be a charter boat captain in the Carrabelle area. The association is looking to build a wooden building on the lighthouse grounds to greet visitors and sell lighthouse items. The association is using the money the FLA gave to them, from the annual lighthouse appeal, to purchase items for fund raising.

S. Cape San Blas. No New Report.

T. Cape St. George. No New Report.

U. St. Joseph. No New Report.

V. Pensacola. PO1 W. Ashley Gordon became the new Coast Guard OIC of ANT Pensacola and the lighthouse on May 31st. He has many ideas for improvements at the lighthouse but immediate concern is the safety of visitors to the lighthouse. They have averaged over 300 people per Sunday in the four hours of operation. The lighthouse is currently open for tours on Sundays from 12:00 noon until 4:00 p.m. until October 26th, when they hold their annual Haunted Lighthouse Tour. Visitors without military ID's must use the back gate onto the Navy Base (off of Blue Angel Parkway).

The Travel Channel, that filmed a program at the Pensacola lighthouse the first week of April has decided to change the name of the program from "Ghostlights" to "Haunted Lighthouses of America". Dianne Levi will keep members informed as to when the program will be shown in October on the Travel Channel.

Newsworthy Lighthouse Notes

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

September 12, 2003

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UPCOMING EVENT CHANGES

Jupiter, FL: The Loxahatchee River Historical Society operates the Jupiter Inlet Lighthouse, DuBois Pioneer Home and the Loxahatchee River Historical Museum. The events listed below have been changed either in time or price, which have been noted in parenthesis.

Sunday, September 21, 5 - 6 pm (TIME CHANGED)

Storm of 1928 Lighthouse Commemoration. Free. The Loxahatchee River Historical Society will host a ceremony in commemoration of the hurricane that struck Palm Beach County on September 16, 1928 and killed thousands of people. During that killer storm, one of the worst United States' natural disasters on record, the Jupiter Inlet Lighthouse swayed seven inches at the top, but survived the massive assault. Speakers scheduled include: Roger Buckwalter, retired editor of the Jupiter Courier; Mike Lyons, WPBF Channel 25 Meteorologist; Dr. C. Patrick Shaffer, Senior Pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Tequesta; Deacon Calvin Newton at the Mt. Carmel Church in Jupiter; and musical guest Robin Plitt of Palm Springs.

Saturday, October 25, 5:30 - 8:00 pm (TIME AND COST CHANGE)

Twilight at the Light - Jupiter Inlet Lighthouse. Experience a rare evening of music, appetizers, libations, elegant prizes and the magic of the Lighthouse at night. The festivities culminate a

membership drive where each new member earns a chance to win an exclusive \$1,000 raffle prize courtesy of PGA National Golf & Tennis Resort. Drawing at the event. Spectacular Silent Auction will also be featured. Climbing allowed from 4:30 to 6:00 pm only. Admission is open to the public, but tickets are limited. \$25 per person.

October 31 - Scary Night at the Light has been canceled due to homeland security. (EVENT CANCELED)

Sunday, November 16, 4:30 - 5:30 pm (DATE CHANGE)

Pathway to History Brick Installation Ceremony at the Jupiter Inlet Lighthouse. Ceremony for those that purchased bricks in this phase. The path is a brick walkway from the steps at the base of the Lighthouse toward the Visitor's Center. This project helps raise funds for the restoration of the facility while allowing donors to honor others to be remembered for years to come.

Saturday, February 14, 6 - 8 pm (TIME CHANGE)

"Toasts at the Top," at the Lighthouse at sunset. In February of 1898, Harry DuBois and his blind date, Susan Sanders, climbed the 105 steps to the top of the Jupiter Inlet Lighthouse where he romantically asked for her hand in marriage. This Valentine's Day, seven couples will have the rare opportunity to share a romantic moment at the top of the Lighthouse just as Harry and Susan did over 100 years ago. Availability is on a first-come, first deposit basis of \$50 each at: 6:00 PM, 6:20 PM, 6:40 PM, 7:00 PM, 7:20 PM, 7:40 PM, and 8:00 PM. Each couple will receive one long stem red rose, a digital image of the moment, a box of chocolates, and two glasses of champagne.

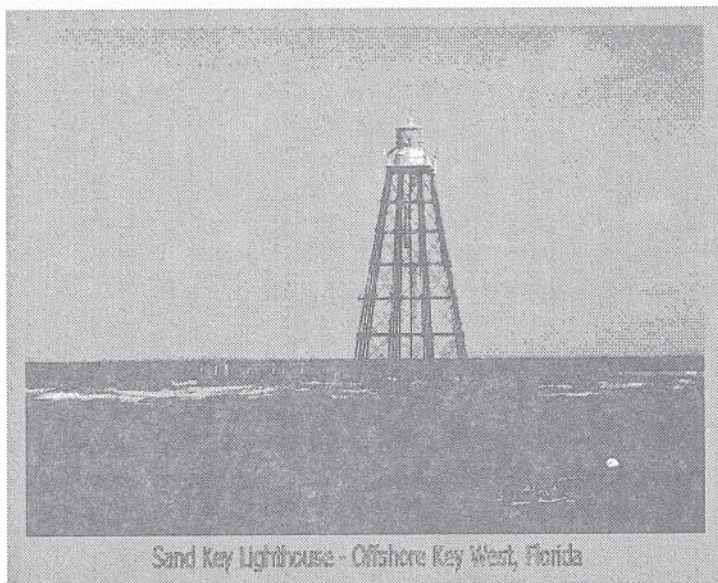
This project has been financed in part with Historical Museums Grants-in-Aid Program assistance provided by the Bureau of Historical Museums, Division of Historical Resources, Florida Department of State, Glenda Hood, Secretary of State.

Hours & Admission: The Museum is open to the public Tues.-Fri., from 10 am-5 pm, Sat.-Sun., from 12 pm-5 pm. See the exhibit, "House of Light: A New Perspective - Photographs by Palm Beach Post Photographer Bill Ingram" until September 14. Admission is \$3 per person until September 24. Starting Sept. 25, admission is \$5 for adults, \$4 for seniors, \$3 for children. The Lighthouse is open, Sat.-Wed., from 10 am-4 pm. The last tour leaves at 3:15 pm. Admission is \$6 for all visitors. The DuBois Pioneer Home is open Wed. & Sun, 1 pm - 4 pm. Admission is \$2 for all visitors. Closed in September. Become a Member of the Society Today!

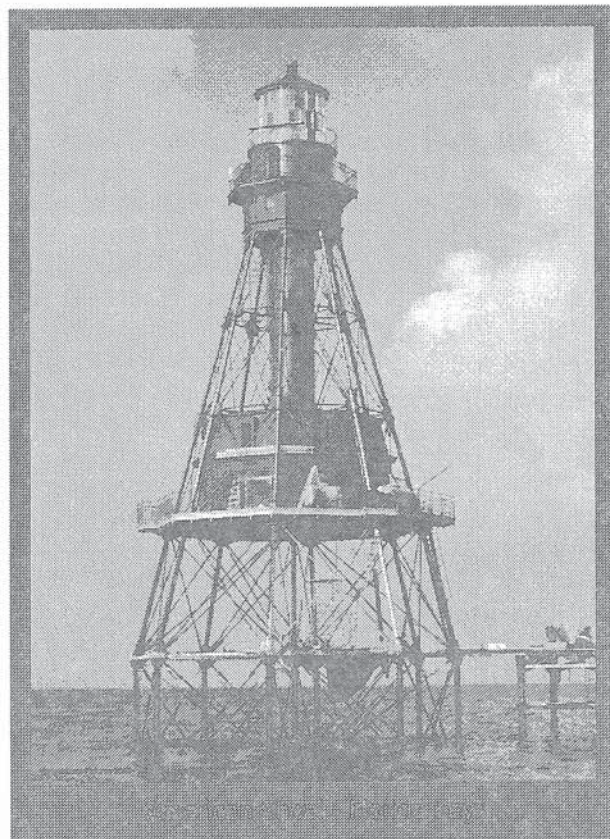
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The Loxahatchee River Historical Society, located in Jupiter, Florida, is a unique cultural and educational institution, which operates the Jupiter Inlet Lighthouse, DuBois Pioneer Home, and the Loxahatchee River Historical Museum.

Sand Key



Sand Key Lighthouse - Offshore Key West, Florida



American Shoal

Photos from the
FLA Key West trip,
June 2003.

CAPE CANAVERAL LIGHTHOUSE

Did You Know? by Linda K. Patel

The next quarterly meeting of the FLA is to be held at the Cape Canaveral Lighthouse on Saturday, October 11, 2003. Please see the meeting insert in this edition of the *FLA Flash*. You will be able to arrange to take a tour of the lighthouse when you send in your reservation for lunch for an additional \$10.00. To whet your taste buds for the tour, the following is taken from Neil Hurley's website, who published the following in the *Historic Lighthouse Publishers*. It truly will be a privilege to be able to tour the Cape Canaveral Lighthouse and hope you will be able to take advantage of doing so after the meeting.

Cape Canaveral Lighthouse Tour by Neil Hurley.

Since Cape Canaveral lighthouse is not generally open to the public, and I've been privileged to be able to go inside, here's a short tour of the lighthouse, most of which was photographed in May, 1996 right after the lighthouse received a major overhaul. I'm in the process of converting my scanned photos into color, so please bear with me if any of the pictures are in black and white.

Cape Canaveral Lighthouse stands off by itself, with only a roofless oil house nearby. The tower is painted with alternating black and white stripes.

At the base of the lighthouse is a concrete plaque that commemorates the erection and re-erection of the lighthouse.

Looking up from the base of the lighthouse, you are quickly impressed at the size of the structure. The windows are actually portholes,



with a decorative rope pattern in the ironwork on the outside. A large radar antenna was

attached to the lantern gallery until 1996 when it was removed.

There are two ways into the lighthouse. At ground level, a door opens into what is now the generator room. Farther inside you can see the door to the central spiral stairway.

The main entrance to the lighthouse is up these stairs. The triangular object at the top of the stairs is a davit, which can be used to hoist supplies. Above the main door is this decorative ironwork.

The main entrance has two sets of double doors with trapdoor inside. The inner doors are quite old. On several of the lower levels, large trap doors are still functional. They could be opened to move supplies within the lighthouse.

The lighthouse's spiral staircase that is located in the central core of the lighthouse. Doors open into the central core at each level. The floors here have wooden decking, most of which is still in good condition.

Farther up the tower is a door on the spiral stairway. It is ingeniously made so that if you bolt it from the upper side, there is no way anyone can force their way to the top of the tower. This door appears on the original engineering drawings, so it was a part of the original 1858 design. The only original piece of furniture in the lighthouse is a cabinet just below the watch room.

You can see all of Neil's articles and accompanying photos at <http://users.erols.com/lthouse/home.htm>

Cape Canaveral is usually not open to the public and events leading up to our meeting day may prevent our scheduled visit. But if the plan holds, this will be a wonderful opportunity to get 'up close' to a unique lighthouse and treasure of the Florida coast. Will we see YOU there?

Alice D'Amicol in the Harbour Lights *Lighthouse Legacy*!

Yes, that is FLA's own Alice D'Amicol on the crossword puzzle page of the *Lighthouse Legacy*, the quarterly publication of the Harbour Lights Collector's Society. Alice teamed up

with Harbour Lights to publish a crossword puzzle from the book *Florida Lighthouse Trails*. The puzzle is accompanied by a small photo of the Harbour Lights replica of Old St. Augustine.

Good work Alice!

From Hib Casselberry, another link to Keeper's history passes. Capt. Roy Elwood Lowe, Sr., age 77, of Lakeport, died Sunday, Aug. 31, 2003, at Raulerson Hospital in Okeechobee. Born Aug. 3, 1926, in Key West, Mr. Lowe had served in the United States Navy during World War II. He was a sport fishing captain and commercial lobster fisherman for over 45 years in Marathon, retiring to Lakeport in 1993. Roy E. Lowe, Sr. was a son of Captain Lowe who

was one of the keepers or assistants at Sanibel Island, Dry Tortugas, and other Florida Key lights. The Lowe family still feels affection for lighthouses, as evidenced by Mr. Lowe's obituary; "In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Florida Keys Reef Lights Foundation, Inc., 6099 Overseas Highway, Lot 49W. Marathon, FL 33050 or First United Methodist Church of Bartow, 445 S. Broadway Ave., Bartow, FL 33830"



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*FL. LH. Challenge
see all the lights in FL*

*Central FL Jan Orlando
end of Feb-Mar?
to Havana*

*Jan 24 Mt. Nova FLA name
Lakeside Inn*

4-24 Pensacola LH Point Rest.

7-? Key West

10-9 Ponce Inlet

9-13 FL LH day

*Aug. 1, 2004 Cedar Key
150th Annv.*

Ron

Working to preserve Florida's Lighthouses

Welcome to our new members!

Stan & Dottie Beckstrom, John J. Cronin, Amanda Janeczek, Thomas & Jeanette Keller, Roy, Kayline & Family Lowe, Dana M. Mandler, William & Judith Newblom

NOTICE!

Membership renewals and dues are due in September. See the details on Page 1.

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FLA ANNUAL MEETING TO BE HELD AT CAPE CANAVERAL LIGHTHOUSE

The next meeting of the Florida Lighthouse Association will be our 2003 annual meeting to be held on Saturday, October 11, 2003 in Titusville at the Holiday Inn Riverfront Kennedy Space Center. Our host for the meeting is the Cape Canaveral Lighthouse Foundation and the U.S. Air Force 45th Space Wing. The featured speaker will be Dr. Sonny Witt, deputy commander of Cape Canaveral Air Force Station. The agenda is as follows:

- 8:30 a.m. Registration/displays/lighthouse merchandise
- 9:30 a.m. Business meeting
- 10:45 a.m. Program on the Cape Canaveral Lighthouse and future plans
- 12 Noon Lunch buffet
- 12:45 p.m. Board buses for Cape Canaveral Air Force Station
- 1:30 p.m. Tour lighthouse and near-by historical sites on Cape Canaveral
- 4:15 p.m. Depart Cape Canaveral Air Force Station
- 5:00 p.m. Arrive Holiday Inn in Titusville

The original living quarters contained within the lighthouse will be open as will the oil house on which restoration is about to begin. (Due to some safety issues at present, the lighthouse cannot be climbed to the top.) The "Keeper's Closet" gift shop within the lighthouse has numerous things for sale that are associated with the lighthouse and proceeds from items sold benefit the Cape Canaveral Lighthouse Foundation. The tour that is part of this event will include historical sites associated with the lighthouse, early life on the Cape, and early historical launch sites. There will also be a stop at the Air Force Space Museum.

The cost for the meeting, the luncheon, and visit to the lighthouse with a tour of historical sites is \$25. If you do not go to Cape Canaveral Air Force Station and want to attend only the annual meeting events at the Holiday Inn including the business meeting, program and luncheon, the cost is \$15.

The Holiday Inn Riverfront Kennedy Space Center is located on U.S. 1 in Titusville by the Indian River at 4951 South Washington Avenue. The rooms for our meeting are at a rate of \$70 per night and include a continental breakfast. Rooms have been recently renovated and have a big screen TV. Rooms with a king-size bed also have sofas. For reservations, call 321-269-2121 and tell them you are attending the Florida Lighthouse Association meeting on Oct. 11. You may request a poolside/atrium room or riverside room based on availability.

We encourage you to stay at the Holiday Inn as they are a Florida Lighthouse Association corporate member and are making their meeting rooms and other facilities available to us at discounted rates.

For those staying until Sunday, information will be available about the Kennedy Space Center Visitor Complex and NASA Tours.

**REGISTRATION FORM
FLORIDA LIGHTHOUSE ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2003**

_____ Number attending the annual meeting and going to the lighthouse (\$25).

_____ Number attending the annual meeting/luncheon only (\$15).

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY/STATE/ZIPCODE: _____

TELEPHONE: _____

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U.S. CITIZEN: _____ Yes _____ No

Make your check payable to the “**Florida Lighthouse Association**” and mail with your completed registration form to:

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