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Presidents Message

Dear Fellow Association Members,

As I sat here staring at a blank computer screen, I began to reflect on why I like working with our association. It began with the desire to see and climb lighthouses. But it has become much more than that. I see now what others before me saw – the same thing that many of you see. How can we ensure that future generations experience our enjoyment of these beautiful structures?

And that leads us to the bottom line for our association. Preserving and restoring our magnificent beacons is what we are all about.

We celebrate recent restoration successes at Amelia Island and Anclote Key. We follow with great interest and support the current work regarding the keeper’s quarters at Hillsboro Inlet. We have given our support to the pending transfer of the St Marks light. We look expectantly to the promise of new efforts at Mayport and Cape St. George.

We have many lights that require a lot of restoration work. But even our restored structures require constant attention. The work of restoration and preservation doesn’t end when one of our beacons has been put back to its former status.

Preservation and Restoration work is not easy. If it were, we would have no need of groups dedicated to that purpose. Restoration planning, funds gathering, grant writing, relationship building, partnering, negotiating, publicizing, managing projects, adjusting, work days. These are just a few of the elements of preservation. It takes many talents and much dedication. Every project is not a home run. It takes lots of singles and doubles. But if we keep hitting the ball, we push in enough runs to be a consistent winner. Small victories add up to be major successes.

And the result is worth the effort. History is preserved for our children. Architectural ingenuity is preserved for our admiration and study. Functional artistry is preserved for our inspiration. Romanticism is preserved to fire our imagination.

I thank you for your dedication to our purpose and for the effort you put forward to help us reach our goals. We do not represent any one light. We represent all the lights. As each light experiences success, we all win because we all learn just a little bit more about what it takes. We learn new methods and opportunities. And, we gain a little more encouragement from the experience.

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**2nd QUARTERLY MEETING OF
THE FLORIDA LIGHTHOUSE ASSOCIATION, INC.
April 26, 2005**

Date: April 16, 2005
Time: 1:55 p.m.
Place: Anclote Key, Tarpon Springs, Florida

The Saturday event started with two boats taking the members out to see and climb the Anclote Key Lighthouse between 8:30 am and 11:30 a.m. Twenty of the fifty passengers on each boat were selected by lottery to climb the lighthouse. Lunch and the general membership meeting followed at Nicko's Mullet Boat.

President Gene Oakes, called the meeting to order at 1:55 p.m. After greeting all members and visitors, Gene introduced our host, Ms. Linda Seabol. Ms. Seabol of the Friends of Anclote introduced the officers of their local organization welcomed everyone to their lighthouse. She then introduced Capt. Neptun of the Coast Guard who thanked all the groups for what they do for our Lighthouses. Hib Casselberry was asked to give the Invocation.

Former President Wayne Hawes introduced Dan Spinella, Disney engineer, for the day's program. Dan was one of two men that designed the new replica acrylic lens for the Anclote lighthouse. He talked about the lens and how it was made.

After the presentation, Officer and Committee Reports were given:

Linda Kalpin, Secretary, was absent. Hib Casselberry made the motion and Eric Martin seconded it to waive the reading of the Minutes for January 2005.

Treasurer George Diller was in California and sent the Treasurer's Report to Gene to be read at the meeting; however, it was requested that George give an explanation of uses for the current balance at the next meeting. Highlights of the Treasurer Report was provided by Gene using the report that George had submitted.

Diana Smith, Membership provided the current figures for membership.

Charlie and Lottie Knox, Fundraising, presented the Bill Trotter framed print raffle as well as the FLA golf shirts and saveourlights.com golf shirts.

Gayle and Dennis Stemas, Program chairpersons, reviewed the proposed plans for the 3rd Quarterly Meeting to be held at St. Marks on July 16th. Arrangements to stay at the Radisson in Tallahassee were discussed. Also, the Mayport lighthouse may be scheduled for October 8th if we can get on the base and we will do the Amelia lighthouse also if possible. Plans to visit the Canaveral lighthouse on January 21, cruise January 22-26 were also shared.

Photography – David Hanko. David Hanko announced the second photo contest to be hosted by the FLA. Entries must be received by September 15, 2005, you must be a member and pay \$5 entry fee for a maximum of three prints. Prints are not to be larger than 8x10 with a limit of three prints per membership.

Beverly Oakes talked about pictures for Tim Orr's Florida's Fabulous Lighthouses book. Anyone interested in submitting a photo to be considered for inclusion in the book had a deadline of April 30, 2005 to enter it.

Tim VeArd, Webmaster. Each light can maintain their own information about their lighthouse using the website. He urged them to use it and keep their data current

Diane Levy, Education. Diane advised all that Elementary History fair winners were recently awarded a "Tom Taylor" book and their school library also received a copy.

Eric Martin. Please see Page x for Eric's report.

Gene Oakes, President.

Gene announced the formation of a new State of Washington Lighthouse Association with Elinor DeWire heading it up. Gene further announced that the FLA Board had voted a reciprocal membership exchange.

net millions for our Florida lighthouses. We've helped our lighthouses as well as others – now we need your help to further the FLA's goal of restoring and making all Florida's lighthouses accessible to the public. Can't match the challenge – any amount will make a difference.

Your participation in this challenge can be sent to:
Florida Lighthouse Association
81 Lighthouse Ave.
St. Augustine, Florida 32080.

The following individuals and organizations have contributed to the FLA Florida Specialty License Plate Fund:

Lighthouse & Historic Building
Preservation

Olin & Sandy Britt
Joyce Burk
Robert E. Shirar

Betty Lowe Phelps
William Trushel

FLA Florida Specialty License Plate Fund.

President's Letter – continued:

As a state group made up of local support groups, our role is to nurture, encourage and assist. The well-established local groups take the young, inexperienced groups under their wing and guide them along the sometimes-difficult trail. Makes me think of the bluebirds in my back yard teaching their chicks to fly.

We are looking forward to a great meeting at St. Marks in July. Our program will be focused on restoration and will be a great opportunity to expand our knowledge. In addition, we will get a very rare opportunity to climb a majestic beauty.

See you at St. Marks – Gene O.

From the Jun 15, 2000 issue of *The Star*

A Glimpse of The Sunken Lighthouse!

By Herman Jones

We watched with subdued excitement as our depth recorder printed the silhouette of a large pyramid-shaped object rising from a depth of twenty feet to within a few feet of the surface. Being a half mile from Cape San Blas, I found it hard to believe that just over a hundred years ago a proud lighthouse stood here surrounded by pine forests and a family or two of lightkeepers. Without a doubt, this cape has suffered from more erosion than any other shore in America.

We had been here several times before, but each trip was doomed because the chocolate-colored Gulf had prevented us from diving. Today, with tides and currents in our favor, the water was an eerie translucent green; clean enough to dive but not enough to make it enjoyable. We gazed apprehensively over the side at the large dark shadow just below the surface.

The steel skeleton tower that warns mariners today of the treacherous shoals is the fourth tower to be erected on the Cape. It was preceded by three impressive brick towers that now lie far offshore. The first lighthouse was built in 1847 and stood four years. A new light was begun and was completed in 1856; just in time for the "Great Storm of '56" to topple it.

Read the rest of the story on the FLA website, www.floralighthouses.org!

Gene reminded all that Florida Lighthouse Day is the 3rd Saturday in September. Current plans are to celebrate the day by asking all organizations to make available their lighthouse and have them open if possible on that day.

FLA will take a more active role in grant writing by holding classes to assist member lighthouse associations in submitting their grant applications.

A challenge was put forth by the TBHLCC president, Wayne Hawes to other lighthouse associations and individuals. Wayne presented the Association with a \$1,000 check from the TBHLCC for the lighthouse license plate fund. Wayne noted that we only need 199 more such donations!!

Gene then presented the 2004 President's Award posthumously to Tom Taylor. Tom Taylor, a founder and former President of the FLA, was recognized for the passion, knowledge and energy he gave to lighthouse preservation. This is a special

award that is not presented every year and is given to someone who has earned special recognition. The award was accepted by Tom's sister, Ms. Kay Taylor. This award reads "The Florida Lighthouse Association presents the 2004 Presidents Award to Thomas W. Taylor for outstanding service on behalf of Lighthouse Preservation".

Gene further announced that the Board of Commissioners, in the business meeting conducted earlier, voted unanimously to change the name of the President's Award to the Tom Taylor Award. From this day forward, it shall be known as such.

There being no old or new business to discuss, and with the Reports having been given, the group proceeded to raffle and auction. The proceeds were given to Charlie Knox to be submitted to George Diller, Treasurer.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:15pm.

Specialty License Plate Challenge

LITTLE LIGHT TRYING TO MAKE A BIG LIGHT

*Submitted by
Dennis and Gayle Stemas, Treasurers
Tampa Bay Harbour Lights Collectors Club*

We in the *Tampa Bay Harbour Lights Collectors Club* are just a little group – a little light as you might call it – trying to make a big difference. We are small but we are PASSIONATE about what we do and our love for lighthouses. We raise money and we make small differences but we also make big differences. One of our prouder moments happened two years ago when 50 of us took a two week lighthouse-seeking venture to the West Coast. One of our stops was the Point Sur lighthouse in California. They were in the process of a massive restoration / preservation effort and we were IMPRESSED – they really had a direction and were making tremendous strides in achieving their goals. The work they were doing really showed. One of their fundraising efforts involved selling prisms for the lantern room floor to replace those stolen and vandalized over the years. The prisms cost \$1,000. – We were IMPRESSED !!

What a great way to make money and allow someone to become a part of the history of your lighthouse forever. During the last leg of our trip, we voted to donate a portion of our profits from the trip and buy one of those prisms – and that's exactly what we did. Our small group now has a place in the history of the Point Sur lighthouse. That donation has since been matched by other groups. Now we're looking to make a place in the history of something even closer to our hearts – **Florida's lighthouses**. During the last meeting of the *Florida Lighthouse Association* (FLA) at Anclote Key in April, our president, Wayne Hawes, issued a challenge to every person, every group, and every organization by donating \$1,000. from our limited treasury monies to the FLA for the Florida License Plate Project. Our group feels strongly that obtaining a Florida lighthouse license plate is the answer to the big question of how to fund the various needs of each of Florida's lighthouses. We've done our part – the rest is up to you. Now – match or exceed our challenge. We only need 195 of you to make it happen. If 195 of you step up to the plate, we will have the funding to get our license plate and it will

2004 President's Award to Tom Taylor

When any group of people undertake an endeavor, there always seems to be someone who gets recognized for having a little more passion than everyone else. And they get recognized for having a little more knowledge and they get recognized for having a little more energy. We all know a person like that. We know one in our Church, in our School and in our Social Activities. There's someone that just has that little extra. And we give them that recognition.

Then we have seen them get more involved. And they begin to earn our respect - respect for their knowledge, respect for their passion and respect for their energy. They are respected for how much they put into what they are doing.

And then they go further than that. You know people like that. They begin to be admired for their knowledge, for their energy and for their passion. And they become admired for what they are doing.

And then they go into it so far that they become identified with that endeavor. When you think of the person, you think of the endeavor. When you think of the endeavor, you think of the person. They become one. I say all that to say this

It is my pleasure today to present the 2004 Presidents Award to such a person. The way the Presidents Award works is that the President gets to choose the recipient. I like that part. However, it is done with the advice and consent of The Board of Commissioners. They get to make recommendations and give advice, but it is the President's choice with their approval.

This is a special award. We don't do it every year. We do it when it is deserved. When you give this award, you give it to someone who has earned special recognition similar to what I described earlier.

Unfortunately the recipient for the 2004 award is not here today to receive it, so I will ask Ms. Kay Taylor to come forward to represent our recipient.

When you think of Tom Taylor, you think about lighthouse preservation. When you think about lighthouse preservation, you think about Tom Taylor.



Kay, it is my pleasure to present the 2004 Presidents Award posthumously to Tom Taylor, former President of The Florida Lighthouse Association. Tom is widely recognized, respected and admired for his contributions to the cause of Lighthouse Preservation.

This award reads "The Florida Lighthouse Association presents the 2004 Presidents Award to Thomas W. Taylor for outstanding service on behalf of Lighthouse Preservation".

We miss Tom and this award acknowledges that his work earned for him the progression from recognition to respect to admiration in this association.

I also would like to inform the group that this is the last year we will present this award.

It is my pleasure to announce to you today that the Board of Commissioners, in business meeting assembled, voted unanimously to change the name of this award from the Presidents Award to the Tom Taylor Award. From this day forward, it shall be known as such.

FLORIDA LIGHTHOUSE ASSOCIATION - QUARTERLY MEETING

St. Marks Lighthouse - *July 16, 2005*

CLIMB THE WOODEN STEPS

Many of us have visited St. Marks Lighthouse in the past and admired the stately lighthouse as we roamed and explored its tranquil location. It is rarely open for climbing, so most of us have never had that privilege. **TIMES HAVE CHANGED!** Thanks to the Coast Guard, St. Marks Lighthouse will be open for us during our next meeting on July 16. This is a unique opportunity in that St. Marks is the only lighthouse in Florida with wooden stairs. The stairs are connected to a large wooden pole that stands in the center of the tower and close examination shows that the stairs are attached by nails. The current tower is the third St. Marks Lighthouse, being rebuilt following the Civil War. The tower was then heightened to its present focal plane of 82 feet and received a new fifth-order Fresnel lens. The tower was automated in 1960. In 2000, the Coast Guard spent \$150,000 to repair and stabilize the lighthouse. The fifth-order lens is still in place but the 2,000 candlepower flashing light is now produced by a modern solar-powered 250mm optic attached to the gallery railing.

Due to its remote location far removed from modern amenities, our lodging and meeting / luncheon will be hosted by the Radisson Hotel Tallahassee. Our meeting will begin with registration at 8:30am immediately followed by the third quarter meeting of the FLA starting promptly at 9am. Seating space is limited so register early. Our guest speakers will be Mr. Ken Smith and Mr. Fred Gaske. Mr. Smith is a Jacksonville architect who has managed extensive restoration work on lighthouses and historic buildings. His company has designed restorations for St. Augustine, Ponce Inlet, Fowey Rock, Anclote Key, Amelia Island, Sapelo Island, and Tybee Island Lighthouses. His company, in conjunction with Bender and Assoc. Architects, performed the survey of all Florida's lighthouses including St. Marks for the Department of Historic Resources in 2000. Mr. Fred Gaske is the Director of the Florida Division of Historical Resources and serves as the State Historical Preservation Officer. This office provides many thousands of dollars in the form of grants to restoration projects. He will discuss how the

Division of Historical Resources has assisted (and can continue to assist) in the preservation of Florida's historic lighthouses.

The luncheon will be held after the meeting followed by the drive out to St. Marks National Wildlife Refuge. You will need to purchase a daily pass for \$4./per vehicle. Upon entering the National Refuge, the park system has a unique shop / learning facility well worth the time to visit. Our group will be met at the lighthouse at approximately 3pm by the Coast Guard and staff of the St. Marks National Wildlife Refuge - Refuge Manager James Burnett, Ranger David Moody and Ranger Andrew Edel. Due to the time of year and driving distance, light refreshments will be served in the keeper's dwelling. The Coast Guard will open the tower and we will have the privilege of going back into the past and climbing the wooden stairs to the top. The only limitation in this climb will be the outside of the lantern room. The hand rails and life lines are worn, thereby posing a safety hazard to all. We will be able to see the Fresnel lens and view the current lighting system from inside. Ranger Edel is currently working on several presentations including a living history with the "troops" that were stationed at Ft. Williams, next to the Refuge, during the Civil War. Hopefully this presentation as well as a Power Point presentation will be completed in time for our meeting.

The cost for this meeting including luncheon, facility rental, light refreshments, and a donation to the lighthouse will be \$25. per person.

Meeting Agenda

- 8:30 Meeting Registration
- 9:00 Third Quarterly meeting of the Florida Lighthouse Association
- 12:00 Lunch
- 2:00 Departure per private vehicle for St. Marks Lighthouse
- 3:00 Tower open for viewing and climbing
Light refreshments in the Keeper's dwelling

Hotels

Radisson Hotel Tallahassee

415 North Monroe Street
Tallahassee, Fl. 32301
Phone: 850-224-6000

Preferred rate of \$75. plus tax per night. Please mention the FLA when registering to secure the discounted rate. Additional nights are available at

this rate upon request. Reservations must be made by June 25, 2005 to guarantee the rate.

Other hotels in the area:

Best Western
Comfort Inn
Hampton Inn
Holiday Inn
Courtyard by Marriott
La Quinta Inn

A Note from the Anclote Meeting -

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April 18, 2005

Gene Oakes
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Dear Gene,

I would like to personally thank you and the members of your organization for the gracious invitation to attend your April meeting.

I have certainly enjoyed the opportunity to work with the various groups working to preserve Lighthouses throughout Florida and the nation. I recently had an opportunity to provide blueprints to a group in New Jersey to assist with a restoration they are undertaking. I am often impressed and frankly sometimes amazed by the level of dedication shown by preservationists. When I was first approached by the Gulf Islands Alliance, now the Friends of Anclote I was somewhat skeptical in regards to what they would be able to accomplish. Well, they certainly showed me didn't they! Rest assured, that when groups tell me about their plans and dreams for a structure now, I listen. I'm glad that my unit and I have had the chance to lend a hand, albeit a small one, to many organizations. How could we not want to help? The enthusiasm displayed by every group I've encountered is infectious, and I'm left wanting to help even more. As I often tell my people, these structures are as much a part of our history as Coast Guard men and woman as they are to the community's fortunate enough to have one of these beacons.

Please share my heartfelt thanks with your membership; they have my respect and admiration. I look forward to working with you and all of the dedicated groups in western Florida. Do not hesitate to contact me for anything; I'm always willing to assist.

Sincerely,

R. J. STORLE

The Florida Lighthouse Reports

A. Amelia Island. No New Report.

B. St. Johns. No New Report.

C. St. Augustine. No New Report.

D. Ponce Inlet. A new exhibit at the Ponce de Leon Inlet Light Station, traces the history of lighthouse illumination from primitive bonfire signals to the modern marine beacons, used by the U.S. Coast Guard today. The exhibit also features numerous lighthouse illumination artifacts, as well as reproduction 4th and 6th Order Fresnel Lenses. But, the highlights of the exhibit are two original, 1st Order Fresnel Lenses. One was in the Cape Canaveral Lighthouse from 1876 until 1993, and the other was in the Ponce Inlet tower from 1887 until it was replaced by a 3rd Order Fresnel Lens in 1933.

This 1933 lens was recently restored, and was reinstalled in the tower last year. In celebration of this event, a special program called, "Climb With the Keepers" has been started. Visitors can climb with the "1930s keepers" and go inside the Lantern Room, of the 2nd tallest lighthouse in the U.S.. The next program is on September 7, 2005. For more information, visit www.ponceinlet.org.

E. Cape Canaveral. No New Report.

F. Jupiter. No New Report.

G. Hillsboro Inlet. Please see Page 9.

H. Cape Florida. No New Report.

I. Reef Lights. No New Reports.

Key West Light – No New Report.

Loggerhead Key Light – No New Report.

Tennessee Reef – No New Report.

Molasses Reef Light "10" – No New Report.

Northwest Passage Lighthouse & Tortugas Harbor – No New Report.

Rebecca Shoals Lighthouse – No New Report.

Dry Tortugas Lighthouse – No New Report.

Dry Tortugas Anchorage Light and Fort Jefferson, Garden Key No New Report.

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. No New Report.

O. Anclote Key. No New Report.

P. Cedar Keys. No New Report.

Q. St. Marks. Bill H. R. 372 for the transfer of the lighthouse to the National Wildlife Refuge at St. Marks has finally passed in the Congressional Committees of the 109th Congress. The bill must now be placed on the agenda of the House of Representatives. Hopefully it can be addressed and voted on before Congress's summer recess in August.

R. Crooked River. (from Barbara Revell) – Carrabelle Lighthouse Association (CLA) Inc. elected new officers in March. The new President is Mary Katzer, who comes with great enthusiasm and energy! She has been interested in lighthouses since she was a child growing up near Lake Michigan in Milwaukee, WI. She lived a number of years in Ft. Lauderdale and was a co-founder of the still operating Ocean Watch. Last year Mary moved to Carrabelle and has been active in CLA since. On Saturday, April 2, 2005 there was a dedication ceremony of a wonderful replica of Crooked River Lighthouse which has been installed in the Welcome Park (just east of Carrabelle). This was a joint effort between CLA and the Sea Oats Garden Club. Also

participating in the event was the Chamber of Commerce. The replica was built by former CLA President, Ron Treutel. This replica was entered in the Carrabelle's Parade of Lights in December and won first place. The replica is now permanently installed in the park and a wonderful addition to the City of Carrabelle. Now there are two Crooked River Lighthouses in Carrabelle...one at each end of the City! CLA will be participating in Carrabelle's annual Riverfront Festival on April 23 and 24th.

(from Dianne Levi) – Barbara was too modest to mention the road from Rt. 98 to the Crooked River Lighthouse has been named Barbara Revell Lane and a street sign installed at the corner of the lighthouse road and Rt. 98. The lighthouse site has been cleaned up and trees taken down to make the lighthouse much more visible from Rt. 98.

S. Cape San Blas. The second Keeper's house built in 1917 is in its final stages of restoration. (photos below) The work should be completed in 4

to 6 weeks and the house looks wonderful. As with all restoration & preservation projects, additional money is always needed. If you wish to contribute to this project, please send your contribution to the St. Joseph Historical Society, Inc., P. O. Box 231 – Port St. Joe, FL 32457.

T. Cape St. George. We are still waiting to see if the legislators are going to give us a \$25,000 appropriation to have Ken Smith do a cost and feasibility study. Until then no one will entertain the idea of giving us any serious money. We should know in a few weeks. In the mean time we are trying to raise money from memberships and decals. Our next adventure will be T-shirts and then Photo prints.

U. Saint Joseph's Point. Danny Raffield sends greetings to FLA and hopes his work will allow him to attend a meeting soon. His great hope for this year is to get the lantern gallery atop the Saint Joseph Lighthouse. Danny appreciates

the hard that FLA continues to do. Without FLA's efforts Florida's lighthouses would suffer much!

V. Pensacola. The lighthouse opened for private group tours the middle of April for the first time since Hurricane Ivan struck the area. On May 1st the Lighthouse and Command Display Center located in the Keepers' Quarters opened for the public tours. The public tours will be each Sunday from noon to 4 p.m. through October 30th.

On May 6th a Change of Command for the U. S. Coast Guard Aids to Navigation Team Pensacola was held on the grounds of the lighthouse. Chief William A. Gordon was relieved by Chief David Justice, who will now be Officer in Charge of the lighthouse. Chief Justice was previously stationed at USCG ANT Panama City, so is familiar with the lighthouses along the Panhandle of Florida.



Seeing is believing! The transformation of "Sleeping Beauty" the tilted, dilapidated keepers quarters on the beach, where the waves of the Gulf of Mexico were lapping on the side, to an inland move that left her sitting precariously on cribbing, is resplendent as her metamorphosis nears completion. Furnishing of the inside will begin soon and we look forward to restoring it to period time.

FLA Active on behalf of Hillsboro Inlet**THE FLORIDA LIGHTHOUSE ASSOCIATION, INC.**

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A RESOLUTION

Whereas it is the goal of The Florida Lighthouse Association, Inc. to preserve and restore any and all historic structures associated with and relative to present and former Aids to Navigation in the State of Florida; and

Whereas it is the goal of our member, the Hillsboro Lighthouse Preservation Society, Inc., to preserve and restore one of the original 1-1/2 story Keeper's Quarters that was built at the Hillsboro Inlet Light Station in 1906; and

Whereas it is the stated intention of the Hillsboro Club to replace this historic Keeper's cottage, which had been moved to the Hillsboro Club in the 1930s, with a modern two-story structure in the same foot print for use by club members; and

Whereas the Hillsboro Club has offered to transfer ownership of the cottage to the Hillsboro Lighthouse Preservation Society; and

Whereas this cottage is one of the 12 oldest buildings in Broward County and one of the oldest in the Town of Hillsboro Beach; and

Whereas there are several advantages to saving the cottage;

- This historic structure can become a maritime museum and an education classroom with scheduled access by school children, local residents, and visitors.
- It can be a neighborhood and community meeting place for small groups.
- The 1906 cottage can be independently certified as a Historic Building.

Therefore, the Florida Lighthouse Association does covenant with the Hillsboro Lighthouse Preservation Society, Inc. to show support of their intent to accept the deed of the historic 3rd Keeper's Quarters and to show support of their intent to preserve and restore same with the aid and assistance of a community partnership.

Adopted by unanimous vote of the Board of Commissioners of The Florida Lighthouse Association, Inc. in business meeting assembled on the 15th day of April 2005.

By My Hand,

Lowell E. Oakes
 President, The Florida Lighthouse Association, Inc.

Newsworthy Lighthouse Notes

Link to Sanibel Lighthouse Lost

FLA received a note that informed us that Ms. Mae Edson England of LaBelle Florida passed away on March 7, 2005. She was the widow of William R. England Jr., the last Coast Guard Lighthouse Keeper at Sanibel Island. Bob England had died in March of 2000.

They lived at the Sanibel Lighthouse from 1946 to 1949.

Their daughter, Margaret and her brother, Bill, are Lighthouse Keeper Family members of the FLA.

FLORIDA HISTORY FAIR – 2005

FLA's sponsorship of awards at the county and state level is an extremely important role of the organization and touches so many young lives. Although the hurricanes which struck Florida last year greatly decreased the participation by many school districts throughout Florida, the students who did participate were as enthusiastic as



ever. The national theme for 2005 was "Communication in History: The Key to Understanding." Escambia County History Fair is the largest program in the state and the award ceremony was held February 26th at the National Museum of Naval Aviation in Pensacola. Dianne Levi, representing the Education Committee of FLA presented certificates and copies of Tom Taylor's book "Florida Lighthouse Trail" to Andrew Robertson and Jonathon Gardipee (photo above) for their outstanding elementary group exhibit entitled "Lighthouses: Beacons of Communications". Andrew and Jonathon are 5th grade students at Lipscomb

Elementary School, Pensacola. They also won first place in the Elementary School group exhibit category and were one of the Best of Show winners, so their exhibit will be displayed at the T. T. Wentworth State Museum in Pensacola. Outstanding young students!!! Dianne also presented a copy of the "Florida Lighthouse Trail" book for the Lipscomb Elementary School Library.

Saturday, May 7th the state History Fair Award Ceremony was held at Tallahassee's Leon High School. Barbara Revell presented the Lighthouse Heritage Award sponsored by the Florida Lighthouse Association to Courtney Randolph & Katherine Foster for their Junior Group Exhibit entitled "Florida Lighthouses: Communicating Safety and Peril." Courtney and Katherine each received a \$50 Savings Bond and a copy of Tom Taylor's book "Florida Lighthouse Trail" from FLA. Courtney and Katherine are 7th grade students at American Heritage School in Broward County. Their school library will also receive a copy of the "Florida Lighthouse Trail" book. The students wish to thank Hib Casselberry for providing them with a copy of a 1918 Light List, which was a wonderful addition to their project. Barbara was impressed by the State History Fair Awards Ceremony, the bright young faces, hardworking teachers and dedicated parents. The 2006 theme for the History Fair will be "Taking a Stand in History." Please encourage your area schools to participate in the History Fair as well as encouraging research about lighthouses and their keepers.

Dianne Levi

FLA Raffle for Bill Trotter's Saint Augustine Framed Print

Your FLA is raffling a beautiful framed print of the "Saint Augustine Lighthouse and Keepers Home" painted by the renowned painter Bill Trotter. A color copy of the print is on the FLA Web Page.

Chances are for sale at the price of \$5.00 per chance. We are going to keep selling chances until we have \$1,000.00 worth of chances sold, and then we will pick a winner.

Please take the opportunity to purchase a chance of this beautiful framed print. You might not only win

the print, but you will be supporting our "SaveOurLights" campaign.

If you cannot attend the next quarterly meeting at Saint Marks Lighthouse, you can still purchase chances through the mail. You can send a check made out to the FLA in the amount of \$5.00 per chance to Charley Knox, 561 SW Whitetail Circle, Lake City, FL 32024. Please include a self addressed stamped envelope. He will return your ticket(s) and an acknowledgement/receipt for your donation

News from Fund Raising

At the next meeting, your VP for Sales/Fund Raising will have a brand new coffee mug for sale. This mug will feature the "SaveOurLights" License Plate logo on the (right hand) front, with "Florida Lighthouse Association" on the (right hand) back. It is an eleven (11) ounce white mug. The mug will go on

sale for \$10.00 a piece. All proceeds from the sale of this mug will go to the "SaveOurLights" campaign.

We are also looking into starting a series of Christmas Tree ornaments featuring Florida lighthouses. We are planning to have the first one available to sell at the annual meeting in October.

Central Florida Fair Report

We manned the booth all 11 days, 4:00pm to 10:00PM Monday to Friday and 10:00 AM to 10:00PM Saturdays and 11:00 AM to 10:00 PM Sunday.

The raffle and donations raised \$211 and the Fair gave us \$200 for keeping the booth manned the required hours. We gave out about 40 membership applications. In addition we gave out pamphlets from many Florida Lighthouses. We also educated the people who stopped by the booth. Many were

surprised that Florida had 30 lighthouses, most thought 2 or 3 were it.

Thanks to both the volunteers and the lighthouse groups that gave raffle prizes or sent pamphlets or both. Also thanks to Lighthouse Digest for donating 4 boxes of magazine to hand out free to the public. The people really enjoyed it.

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Keeping the Lights for Kids

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Many of us grew to love lighthouses as children, cherishing a favorite shore side vacation spot and its tall lighthouse, or touched by a special storybook tale of a lighthouse. Hildegard Hoyt Swift's *The Little Red Lighthouse and the Great Gray Bridge* was one

of my childhood books. So was Julia Sauer's *The Light at Tern Rock*. Though lighthouses were far from my home on a farm in western Maryland, those stories took me to the water and the world of ships and bridges.

In October 2004, I spent two weeks visiting schools in Florida, sharing my love for lighthouses with students and letting them join me in celebrating the debut of my new book, *Florida Lighthouses for Kids*. It's a tidy little tome that provides just enough facts and fun to encourage more learning, perhaps even a lifelong interest. Pineapple Press of Sarasota published the book and scheduled me for a book tour two weeks after its expected arrival from the printer in Singapore.

A lot of my own inner child went into *Florida Lighthouses for Kids*. I hope it is the first of many state lighthouse books I'll write for youngsters. This article is also a plea for FLA to expand and beef up its youth education mission. We're off to a good start, but we can do much more. Teachers, in particular, are asking for our help. Nothing we do with kids is wasted time. They are our future members and future preservationists. If we teach them now how to cherish and care for lighthouses, they'll accept the task willingly and lovingly in years to come.

I can attest to their enthusiasm and readiness. My two week school tour put me in contact with more than 2,000 kids. They drew pictures for me and made thank-you notes with beaming lighthouses on their covers. They listened to my stories and then wrote their own, plus poems and cartoons and jokes. They made lighthouses out of boxes, paper cups, Kool-Aid cans, paper towel tubes, and flowerpots. One child made me a lighthouse pin. These are gifts I cherish, because they say, "You taught me to be passionate about something and to share it with others."

There were funny moments too, and tender ones. Kids can be brutally honest but also amazingly sincere. They laughed when I tripped over the projector cord at one elementary school, then rushed from their seats to pick me up off the floor. "Are you okay, lighthouse lady? Should we get the school nurse...call an ambulance" I laughed at myself and told them I hoped the same thing didn't happen to Cape St. George Lighthouse. At another elementary school, a class sang me a song they had

made up about lighthouses. "May you stand forever tall, may your bright light guide us all," they crooned in lilting child voices. Good thing I brought tissues.

As I write this today (May 13, 2005), I am engrossed in a new project. A few months ago, I founded the WLA (Washington Lightkeepers Association) and became its charter president. It will serve as a unifying entity in my state, bringing together lighthouse groups, museums, businesses, families, individuals, and government agencies to care for our lighthouses and perpetuate their history and lore. And, of course, it will have a grand youth initiative called Keeper Kids. It's been a busy few months since the group's inception, but I am happiest when doing lighthouse work, especially with kids. Not surprisingly, it was a student who coined my well-known handle, "Lighthouse Queen."

FLA has inspired me and served as a model for my new group. My conversations with FLA members and officers and their generous help in all areas of nonprofit work has reached across the nation to the Evergreen State. There are many platitudes I could offer here, but I must thank a few people for their help—Kathy Fleming, Gene Oakes, Hib Casselberry, Paul Bradley, Wayne Hawes, and all those wonderful TBHLCC people who take me out on the town whenever I come to Tampa. Thank-you also to the many FLA members who have become members of WLA. Reciprocity is a valuable and noble thing. I hope you'll come west and join some of our activities over the coming years. We'll do likewise and visit you.

I would be remiss if I didn't thank the late Tom Taylor. He gave so much to lighthouse education and worked with me on many projects involving students. There are many honorary angels in our respective groups. Tom is a very special one.

(Autographed copies of *Florida Lighthouses for Kids* are available for \$12, postage included, from Elinor DeWire, P.O. Box 1022, Seabeck, WA 98380. Information on WLA is available at www.WashingtonLightkeepers.com or washingtonlights@earthlink.net)

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Working to preserve Florida's Lighthouses

Welcome to our new members!

Vivki Guth, Steve Miller, Elaine & Paul Sessions, Mary Katzer, The Hillsboro Club, Susan & Donald Crowe, Shirley Wildermuth, Donna Marie Cruickshank, Tammy Moore, Oren Starr

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

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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

Note: All memberships are renewed October 1st of each year.

Please enroll me (us) as a member of the Florida Lighthouse Association.

Circle type of membership: INDIVIDUAL FAMILY CORPORATE
If a Family Membership: How many total are in your immediate family, including yourself, spouse and children under 18 years of age who reside with you? _____

Membership Level:	Assistant Keeper	\$25.00	Individual Membership Only
	Keeper	\$35.00	Individual or Family Membership
	Inspector	\$50.00	Individual or Family Membership
	Commissioner	\$100.00	Individual or Family Membership
	Watch Room	\$250.00	Individual or Family Membership
	Circle of Lights	\$1000.00	Individual or Family Membership
	Delegate	\$50.00	Affiliate Citizens Support Organization, Lighthouse Owner or Lighthouse Operator

Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Business (or Cell) Phone: _____

Fax: _____ E-Mail Address: _____

I (We) enclose for membership the amount of: \$ _____

We also enclose the following additional
Contribution towards lighthouse preservation: \$ _____

Total of check enclosed: \$ _____

Special Interests: _____

Please mail your check to:

Diana Smith
Florida Lighthouse Association
VP for Membership
3720 Ibis Drive
Orlando, Florida 32803

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Membership Level		Benefits
Assistant Keeper	Individual	Newsletter and Voting Privileges
Keeper	Individual and Family	One pass for one free annual visit to each of the participating Lighthouses, Newsletter and Voting Privileges
Inspector	Individual and Family	Two passes for one free annual visit to each of the participating lighthouses, Newsletter and Voting Privileges
Commissioner	Individual and Family	Five passes for one free annual visit to each of the participating lighthouses, Newsletter and Voting Privileges
Watch Room	Individual and Family	Five passes for one free annual visit to each of the participating lighthouses, Newsletter and Voting Privileges
Circle of Lights	Individual and Family	Five passes for one free annual visit to each of the participating lighthouses, Newsletter and Voting Privileges

All memberships expire September 30th of each year.
New Memberships paid at a reduced fee expire the following September.
New Memberships paid at the Full Year level expire in September of the following year.
Subsequent Annual renewals will be billed at the Full Year level.

New Membership Fee Schedule

If you join during	Jul – Sep	Oct – Dec*	Jan – Mar*	Apr – Jun*
Dues are for	Full Year	(3/4 Year)	(1/2 Year)	(1/4 Year)
Assistant Keeper	\$25	\$19	\$13	\$7
Keeper	\$35	\$27	\$18	\$9
Inspector	\$50	\$38	\$25	\$13
Commissioner	\$100	\$75	\$50	\$25
Watch Room	\$250	\$188	\$125	\$63
Circle of Lights	\$1,000	\$750	\$500	\$250
* This payment schedule applies to NEW memberships, first year only				

The Internal Revenue Service has approved the Florida Lighthouse Association for 501(c)3 tax-exempt status. Donors may deduct contributions as provided in section 170 of the Internal Revenue Code. Bequests, legacies, devises, transfers, or gifts to the FLA or for our use are deductible for federal estate and gift tax purposes if they meet the applicable provisions of sections 2055, 2106, and 2522 of the Code.

St. Marks LIGHTHOUSE

July 16, 2005

EVENT RESERVATION

Reservation Deadline: July 2, 2005

NAMES OF ALL PARTICIPANTS (please print):

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

Email: _____

CHOICE OF LUNCH SELECTION:

(Sandwiches include potato chips. All include beverage, dessert, tax and gratuity)

1) Roast Beef Sandwich total # _____

2) Chicken Breast Sandwich w/onion, total # _____
Mushrooms and Swiss cheese

3) Pita Pocket with Italian dressing total # _____

4) Julienne Salad total # _____

Total number of persons _____ X \$25.pp = _____

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Dennis and Gayle Stemac
10847 Duck Hook Ct.
San Antonio, FLORIDA 33576

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- All reservations received **after** the deadline **will be returned**.
- For reservation confirmation, please include a self-addressed stamped envelope with your payment.