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## Cape Florida Lighthouse

January 19, 2008

There will be only one way to describe the activities of this meeting: "jam-packed"! For starters, we will visit and climb the Cape Florida Lighthouse and explore the lighthouse compound including the restored keepers' quarters and cookhouse. This in itself certainly makes for a very exciting day to all of us who love lighthouses. **But, there is more!!** We will also have the rare opportunity to board a dive boat at No Name Harbor in Bill Baggs State Park and cruise out to the Fowey Rocks Lighthouse. Our hope is that the seas will be calm and the sky will be blue with a brilliant sun so we can relax and enjoy the cruise and take some outstanding photos of the northernmost of the reef lights. **But, there is more!!** On Saturday evening after the sun has stepped aside to the beauty of a nearly full moon, the Friends of Cape Florida has extended an invitation to our members to join them to visit and climb the lighthouse at night. This is a "Members Only" fundraising event for the Friends of Cape Florida and they are encouraging anyone who is interested in participating in this event to consider joining their group. Membership for a single person is \$15. Should someone prefer not to join but still wishes to climb at night, a donation will be accepted. To learn more about joining, email their President, Sarah Ballinger, at [biscaynebeacon@mindspring.com](mailto:biscaynebeacon@mindspring.com).

The day certainly has the makings for an outstanding event, but space is limited and preregistration for all the events is mandatory, so act soon if you are planning on attending.

*The Cape Florida Lighthouse is South Florida's oldest structure, originally being built in 1825. One of the significant events in the history of the lighthouse includes being attacked and severely burned by Indian warriors during the Second Seminole War in 1836. The keeper was injured, miraculously survived and was rescued by the crew of a Navy schooner. His assistant was killed. Two years after Florida achieved statehood, the tower was rebuilt on the site and relit in 1847. The tower was extended by Lt. George Gordon Meade and a second-order Fresnel lens was added in 1855. In August 1861, Confederate sympathizers removed and smashed the central prism so it could not be used to aid the Union. Today the lighthouse is owned and operated by the state of Florida. The tower underwent a \$1,348,000.00 restoration to its 1855 condition in 1996 and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. When visiting, you will see a 109 foot whitewashed conical brick tower with a black lantern. It currently has a 250-mm optic with a flashing white every five seconds that is a private aid to navigation. The brickwork is 85 feet in height and the center of the Original 2<sup>nd</sup> order Fresnel lens was 95 feet above the ground.*

*The Fowey Rocks Lighthouse is one of six iron-pile lighthouses known as the Reef Lights. It is located within Biscayne National Park approximately six miles south of Cape Florida. In 1875, the Lighthouse Board decided to discontinue the lighthouse on Cape Florida and to mark the reef on the southeast of the cape with a case iron screwpile tower with integral keepers' quarters. Fowey Rocks Light was first lit in 1878. Originally the lighthouse had a first-order revolving Fresnel lens. Today, it has a solar powered Vega VRB-25 rotating optic with a flashing white every 10 seconds. It remains a picturesque structure featuring a brown octagonal pyramidal skeletal tower with green trim and shutters.*

Our meeting will be held at the Holiday Inn, University of Miami, 1350 South Dixie Highway in Coral Gables. The all inclusive cost of the meeting is \$42. Registration for the visit to the Cape Florida Lighthouse will be included in the standard meeting registration form. Your entrance fees will be waived. However, there is a causeway toll of \$1.50. (SunPass is not accepted.) Also included on that form is a SEPARATE LINE for registering for the night time climb at the lighthouse on Saturday evening. Please indicate the number of people planning on attending this special event. The Park will be closed at this time, so anyone not preregistered will not be admitted to the park. Your night climb fees will also be waived. (Continued on page 3)

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There are many different activities and events planned in conjunction with this meeting,  
Please read carefully so you are registered and able to participate in the events you are interested in attending.  
There are two reservation forms enclosed, also available on-line.





## *Stan's Beacon: Comments from the President*

Since issuing the strategic plan with a clear direction, mission and goals in June 2006, we have had a laser-lock focus on the key goals and some remarkable successes. This is a thrill to be serving at this exciting time in our history. We are optimistic about the *hopes and aspirations* for the future.

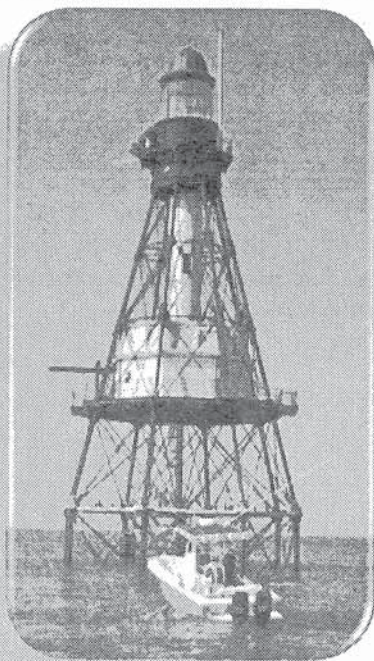
1. Achieve specialty lighthouse license plate for sustained funding for lighthouses.  
The Gene Oakes Memorial License fund surged from \$13,488 in early 2006 to above \$60,000. The application, submitted October 22, 2007, included a four-page marketing and financial plan, artwork for the specialty tag, \$60,000 fee and results of a \$14,000 survey that had to show 30,000 Floridians would be willing to buy the new plate. Obtaining a specialty license in Florida has become very difficult to do with a broad array of roadblocks, including a need for legislation.
2. Forge strategic alliances and partnerships to develop a combined powerhouse.  
We participated in *VISIT FLORIDA®*, Florida Trust and *Florida Association of Museums* conferences and forums to help meet the strategic goal of building alliances for a stronger influence, voice and leveraging of our resources.
3. Develop a comprehensive and effective funding, other than the license plate, of state funding, corporate sponsorship, and legacy gifting.  
Florida had a first ever with Governor Charley Crist's lighthouse budget initiative, followed by first ever Lighthouse Legislature Grant Awards at Cape St. George, Crooked River, Anclote Key Lighthouses of \$1 million; plus money for Amelia Lighthouse. *Thank you Governor Crist, Senator Mike Fasano, Representative Will Kendrick and others.*
4. Increase and broaden membership: Build a better sense of membership.  
We have boosted membership interest with a number of initiatives including eNews, the largest FLASH issue ever (*Christi Sessions*), a web site with continuous improvement by *Stan Beckstrom*, new meeting firsts of biggest meeting ever, night climbs, school bus ride and other wrinkles to add fun and fund raising by *Gayle and Dennis Stemac*, renewal cards mailed with good results (*Dede Smith*), auctions (*Rip Puls*) and merchandise sales at meetings and displays at *VISIT FLORIDA®* Visitor Centers (*Charley and Lottie Knox*)
5. Support Local Lighthouse organizations: "We exist to help all the Florida lighthouses."  
Florida Lighthouse Day September 15, 2007 was the largest celebration ever with 12 lighthouses open with special events; including kickoffs of rebuilding St. George and restoring Crooked River. Fourteen FLA officers, commissioners and out of town members attended ceremonies at Cape St. George, Crooked River and St. Marks in support of ceremonies there and others attended at celebrations elsewhere; in addition to members from local organizations.
6. Develop strong public and children education programs and speakers.  
We have had a wealth of valuable and positive FLA publicity with many articles, across the state. FLA awarded a Florida History Fair certificate (*Anne Stewart*). FLA4KIDS, a new website is underway. It will include a course for grade school students to learn power point while also learning about Florida lighthouses.
7. Have Fun!

In other notable successes, first ever inventory for listing assets (*Charley Knox*), new officer position approved (VP-Grants), upgraded financial reporting (*John Kennedy*). Thank you to those shown above, plus *Eric Martin, Hib Casselberry, Sharon Puls, Dianne Levi, Gordon Levi, Ray Stewart, Paul Bradley, Ken Smith, Beverly Oakes, Neil Hurley, Al King and others.* Your opinion matters to us. We care about what you think. [FLApresident@gmail.com](mailto:FLApresident@gmail.com).





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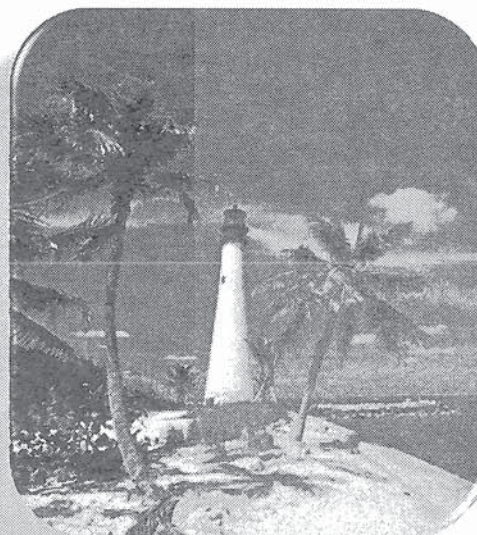


The cruise to the Fowey Rocks Lighthouse is OPTIONAL and carries an additional charge of \$15.pp. **PLEASE WRITE A SEPARATE PAYMENT CHECK FOR THIS OPTIONAL TRIP.**

There will be 2 cruises out to the lighthouse each accommodating 49 people for a total of 98. The first cruise will leave the dock at 8:30am and the second cruise will depart at 10am. Please arrive at the dock 15 minutes before your departure time. In order to

participate in the cruise you must be: 1) a current member of the FLA or a guest of a current member, 2) registered to attend the meeting, and 3) preregistered for the trip. We do expect a high demand for this cruise, so we will be maintaining a "Waiting List" after the 98 places have been filled. Please include a self-addressed, stamp envelope with your payment for the cruise. Several days before the meeting date, we will return your envelope. If you are going on the cruise, you will receive a ticket for either the 8:30 or 10:00 departure. If we cannot accommodate your request, your cruise check will be returned at that time. Anyone signing up for the trip and then being unable to attend is asked to please email us at (lightedbeacon@gmail.com). We will remove your name from the list and allow another person to fill your seat as well as returning your check for the cruise portion of the meeting. Those not advising us in advance that they are unable to attend will not have their payment for the cruise refunded. Upon arriving at the Park, those who are departing at 8:30 are

asked to proceed directly to No Name Harbor. All others need to go to the Cape Florida Lighthouse for your tour. Those on the 10am cruise can proceed to No Name Harbor after their lighthouse tour. Those on the 8:30 cruise can tour the lighthouse compound upon their return. Please plan to leave the park by 11:30am and proceed to the Holiday Inn for the luncheon and meeting. We are privileged to have as our guest speaker Professor John C. Van Leer. He has been a resident of Key Biscayne or Lake Belmar Canal for the past 35 years. Dr. Van Leer was one of the first graduates from the joint program at MIT and WHOL. Currently, he is a faculty member at the Rosenstiel School of Marine & Atmospheric Science where he teaches Physical Oceanography and the University of Miami where he teaches Marine Sciences at the Coral Gables Campus. He has developed new instruments and methods to measure upper ocean dynamics and bottom boundary layer structure. Dr. Van Leer has worked in the Fram Strait and Arctic Ocean on three expeditions. He continues to work in research and vessel design. He has been an avid cruising catamaran sailor during this period and a student of local history plus alternate energy and future trends with the Urban Environment League.



## Cape Florida Lighthouse / Fowey Rocks Lighthouse

January 19, 2008

### Meeting Agenda

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| 8:00 am    | Meeting Registration at <u>both</u> No Name Harbor<br>And Cape Florida lighthouse |
| 8:30 am    | First cruise departure to Fowey Rocks   |
| 10:00 am   | Second cruise departure to Fowey Rocks  |
| 8:30-11:30 | Tour of Cape Florida Lighthouse   |
| 12:00 pm   | Luncheon at the Holiday Inn, Univ. of Miami                                       |
| 2:00 pm    | First Quarter 2008 Meeting of the FLA begins                                      |

### Preferred Hotel

Holiday Inn – University of Miami  
1350 South Dixie Highway (US1)  
Coral Gables, Fl. 33146  
Phone: 305-667-5611

We have secured a discounted rate of \$139 for Friday or Saturday night, January 18 and 19. Complimentary parking is available. A restaurant and lounge are on the premises and other dining options are within walking distance. Reservations received after 12/19/07 will be accepted on a space available basis only.



# Florida Lighthouse Association, Inc.

Member Meeting Minutes • Jupiter Inlet Lighthouse • October 13, 2007

**Call to order:** President Stan Farnham called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

Stan said to save meeting time; "State of the FLA" report is on the back of the agenda and copies of the Publix Initiative, License Plate Process and Grant Procedure Form are available.

**Invocation:** Hib Casselberry led the group in prayer.

**Welcome:** Stan welcomed everyone to the meeting. He announced members attending their first meeting are wearing yellow ribbons. Stan asked members to welcome new comers to the meeting.

Stan introduced Jamie Stuve who recognized and thanked Stan and Dottie Beckstrom. Jamie spoke about the



Loxahatchee River Historical Society and introduced Roger Buckwalter (pictured left), Chairman of the Loxahatchee River Historical Society, who gave a warm welcome to the members of the FLA.

**New Members:** Stan had new members introduce themselves; Donald & Julie Schwartz, Pam Turner and Diane & Robert Shepherd. Stan asked those attending their first meeting to stand, and they were welcomed with a round of applause.

**FLA 365 Club:** Stan explained the guidelines of the club and awarded new members a certificate:



John & Kathy Kennedy, Betty Phelps, Joan Hudinburg and John Sampson (not in attendance), pictured with Eric Martin (left) and Stan Farnham (right).

**\$1,000 Challenge:** Stan announced one member donated \$15,000 to cover the cost of the survey.

Stan reported the survey performed by Cherry Communications, was complete. The survey had a positive result.



Stan recognized the largest group in attendance, the Casselberry family. (pictured left)

Stan read excerpts from two letters sent to him by FLA members, Janet Garcia; Hawaii and John Canetta; Carrabelle, FL.

Stan introduced George Evans (pictured right). George was awarded a gift and thanked for the many letters he sent to legislators in support of the FLA.



Stan recognized members who have attended thirteen consecutive meetings and twelve of thirteen.

Stan detailed the next steps in submitting for the approval of the specialty license plate. He announced since January 2006 the license plate fund has grown from \$13,488 to more than \$56,000. \$7,000 has been paid on the survey; the remaining \$7,000 will be sent October 15. The lead sponsors in the house and senate are Representative Proctor and Senator Fasano.

#### Events:

**Florida Lighthouse Day:** Events were celebrated at 10 lighthouses.

**Cedar Key Open House:** Oct. 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**New Jersey Challenge next weekend:** (10/21-22)

**Egmont Key Discover the Island Tours:** Nov. 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup>

**Cape San Blas Gift Shop Opening:** Nov. 10<sup>th</sup>.

**Villages Lighthouse Group:** Speech and accept donation Feb. 11<sup>th</sup>.

**Boca Grande speech in March 2008.**

**Nominations:** Rip Puls, chair of the nominating committee, announced that all officers, district commissions and committee chair had agreed to continue in their positions. The board had approved the slate nomination at the board meeting the night before. The nominations are as follows:

President: Stan Farnham; Ex. VP: Eric Marin; Sec.: Christi Sessions; Ast. Sec.: Sharon Puls; Treasurer: John Kennedy; VP's Meetings: Gayle & Dennis Stemas; VP Membership: Dede Smith; VP's Merchandise: Charley & Lottie Knox; VP Webmaster: Stan Beckstrom; Historian: Neil Hurley; District Commissions: 1. Hib Casselberry, 2. Ray Stewart, 3. Rip Puls, 4. Dianne Levi

**Motion:** George Evans made a motion to accept the nominations as read, seconded by Doris Underwood. All members voted in favor.

**Guest Speaker:** Stan introduced Judge Nelson E. Bailey (pictured right). Judge Bailey spoke to the FLA members about the history of Florida and told stories of his 18 rides across the state by horseback.



**Break:** The members took a fifteen minute break.

**Recognition for FLA:** Stan showed the members a Certificate of Appreciation from Crooked River and a Golden Trowel from Cape St. George, presented to the FLA.

**Donation:** Stan recognized Doris Underwood, who during the break, donated \$1,000 to the license plate fund.



Stan explained the plate approval process.

#### Officers Reports:

**Secretary:** Christi Sessions stated the previous meeting minutes were distributed in writing, available in the FLASH and on-line. No additions or corrections were noted. The minutes were accepted as written.

**Treasurer:** John Kennedy provided a breakdown on the last quarter's income and expenses.

Key figures reported thru Sept. 31, 2007:

Operating balance: \$66,149.

License Plate Fund: over \$56,000,

\$7000 has been paid toward the survey, and \$7000 will be paid on Monday.

**Ex. VP:** Eric Martin announced the Grant Procedure Form has been approved by the board.

Stan showed the members a post card which lists the five compelling reasons to support the FLA Specialty License Plate. The card can be sent to the governor, representatives, tax collectors and others to help gain support for approval of the plate. Stan then stated, Ray & Barbara Hamel spoke to the tax collector, Hollingsworth, in St. Johns Co., who agreed to disseminate information to all other county tax collector's, in support of our plate.

**VP of Membership:** Dede Smith announced we have 223 paid memberships including 15 new memberships since the last meeting.

**VP of Fundraising:** Charley Knox, although unable to sell merchandise at the meeting, has the new Cape St. George ornament, both size pelicans and Neil Hurley's book in his car, if anyone is interested in purchasing them.



Stan awarded Jamie Stuve (pictured left) a Certificate of Appreciation for hosting our meeting.

**VP of Meetings:** Gayle Stemac told members to look under their chairs for a blue tag, those with tags would receive a prize. Gayle provided details for the day's events. She announced the Challenge had been moved to 2009. In January Cape Florida will include a boat ride to Fowey Rocks for a limited number of people. Two payments will be required for anyone interested in the boat trip. There will be waiting list in case anyone cancels. April will be in Tallahassee at St. Marks. Crooked River and Cape St. George will do a combined meeting in October 08. Gayle stated she is working on a possible Reef Lights trip.

Stan acknowledged three executive directors: Ed Gunn, Ponce Inlet Lighthouse; Jamie Stuve, Jupiter Inlet Lighthouse and Sharon McKenzie, Boca Grande Lighthouse. He also acknowledged two presidents of local organizations: Sandie Mallett, Egmont Key and Sarah Ballinger, Cape Florida.

**VP of IT, Webmaster:** Stan Beckstrom stated he added information to aid people while visiting Jupiter. He encourages others to supply information when meetings are held in their area. He announced the website has increased its viewership with over 40,000 visitors in 18 months. He asked for people with comments, corrections or question to use the Webmaster link on the bottom of the webpage to contact him.

**Ed Gunn, Executive Director of Ponce Inlet Lighthouse,** addressed the FLA members with issues they are facing at the lighthouse. The town council and staff appear determined to change the comprehensive plan language to allow large scale development on the waterfront. This would allow dry boat stack storage directly across from the lighthouse. Ed provided a draft letter and contact information for the town council and town manager. He asked members to send letters to discourage this change.

#### Committee Reports:

**Graphics:** Paul Bradley briefly spoke to the members.

**Education:** Anne Stewart thanked those who submitted suggestions on lighthouse topics for the Florida History Contest. Thirty suggestions were submitted. Sara Townsend's project, which had been on display at St. Marks Lighthouse, has been returned to Pensacola.

**Project Lights:** Stan reported that Kathy Fleming is involved with the governor's office and the opportunity to add more funds and lighthouses in future budgets.

**Archives:** Gordon Levi spoke about the 51 photos donated to the FLA. Gordon proposed to the board to donate, sell and auction the photos to benefit the association.

Ken Smith shared an article from the June 1893 Century magazine which talks about the Jupiter Lighthouse.

**Lighthouse Reports:** See the "Lighthouse Reports" section for those that submitted information.

#### Level A Report:

**Cape St. George-** Eric Martin announced the pilings should go in beginning in Nov. once the foundation is set they will start laying the bricks, most of which are from the original tower.

**Jupiter-** Jamie Stuve gave some background on the bill to declare the area "An Outstanding National Area". A total of 126 acres, owned and operated by numerous agencies, will be considered a national monument; the only one east of the Mississippi. Jamie stated they may seek support from our members and she encouraged members to write letters on behalf of Ponce Inlet Lighthouse.

**Adjournment:** President Stan Farnham adjourned the meeting at 11:57 a.m. for lunch.

Christi Sessions, Secretary



# FABULOUS FLORIDA LIGHTHOUSE DAY FIRSTS



Rep. Will Kendrick, Dennis Barnell & Stan Farnham

*Florida Lighthouse Day 2007 set a slew of records and firsts.*

*Governor Charlie Crist not only proclaimed September 15, 2007 Florida Lighthouse Day, but earlier submitted a first-time ever budget initiative for lighthouse restoration, which shows his strong support for Florida Lighthouses and maritime heritage.*

*More lighthouses than ever before celebrated the day with events at more than a dozen lighthouses! Only six of the remaining 30 historic lighthouses are normally open to the public. Of the 30 historic lighthouses, 26 are more than 100 years old and seven are more than 150 years old! And at 21 of the lighthouses, the light still shines every night.*

*Cape St. George Lighthouse Association kick started their reconstruction of the lighthouse, which collapsed in October 2005, with a brick laying ceremony. Carrabelle Lighthouse Association River celebrated the beginning of restoration at the Crooked River lighthouse. Both organizations benefitted from first-ever special lighthouse legislative grants from the Governor's initiative and leadership from Representative Will Kendrick, Senator Mike Fasano and others.*



FLA Group at dinner

*Another first on this day of shining the light on Florida's lighthouse treasures: a large group of officers and FLA members traveled to the events at Cape St. George, Crooked River and St. Marks. They included the president, executive vice president, three vice presidents and the commissioner for the district: Stan and Mary Farnham, Eric and Susan Martin and daughter, Gayle and Dennis Stemas, Charley Knox, Stan and Dottie Beckstrom, Gordon and Dianne Lexi; plus members Harry and Jean Pettit, and Jerry and Pat Biggs.*



Representative Will Kendrick & Arlene Oehler

*Farnham, FLA President was among the speakers. He spoke briefly at the ceremony that drew more than 200 visitors to St. George Island. He noted the FLA officers came to the event to support and honor the efforts. He introduced the out of town FLA members present and then said, "This local organization with the leadership of Dennis Barnell, Jim and Terry Kemp and others sets the standard in Florida lighthouse restoration by which others will be measured." Dennis Barnell presented FLA with a gold trowel commemorating the event and FLA support.*

*The night before the celebration, the officer team stayed at the historic St. George Inn, stuffed envelopes for a mailing to members, and then had dinner with the local officers at a local restaurant.*

*At the Carrabelle Ceremony, Barbara Revell, past president and long-time activist, presented FLA with a Certificate of Appreciation. Arlene Oehler, current president, and the other officers including historian John Canetta welcomed visitors and dignitaries, including Representative Will Kendrick. Oehler said, "What exciting times for Florida lighthouses!"*

*The events received wide spread media coverage, another first for FLA. Coverage included an extensive article in the Panama City News Herald, September 30.*

*At St. Marks Andy Edel in uniform greeted a record turnout. Gayle and Dennis Stemas provided an FLA display. As the team concluded the Lighthouse Day tour, Gayle Stemas said: "The one word to describe those who attended is 'supportive.'"*



Stan Farnham & Barbara Revell

*The Florida lighthouses, like bright diamonds on a necklace, string the coastline from Amelia Island to Pensacola. The six publicly open lighthouses attract nearly a half million visitors a year. They take in more than \$45 million in admissions and gift shop sales funds, and pump millions more into local communities. They honor the past by preserving history.*

*Farnham said: "If we don't value our rich history and ancestors, we leave out a big part of who we are. FLA helps with sharing these iconic structures with others and future generations to learn from more than 180 years of maritime history. Europe saves its castles; here we want to save our lights. Imagine if all were restored and open!" People like lighthouses. Some like to photograph them. Some like to climb them. Some enjoy the historical stories. Some paint them. Visitors did all those things on the special day. Samuel Drake Adams wrote: "There's nothing that moves the imagination like a lighthouse."*



Dottie Beckstrom, Dennis Stemas, Andy Edel, Stan Beckstrom & Charley Knox

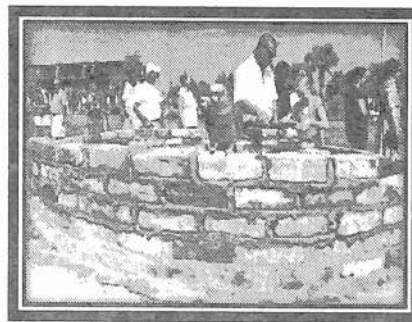


Here are some other highlights of events with more information about them in the Lighthouse Reports in this issue:

- ☼ St. Augustine Lighthouse and Museum had extensive activities, exhibits, demonstrations and old-fashioned lawn games to celebrate.
- ☼ Ponce Inlet Lighthouse had family oriented activities, demonstrations, and kid's crafts. New lighthouse exhibits and live entertainment were included with regular admission.
- ☼ Jupiter Lighthouse celebrated Florida Lighthouse Day with half off admission price and a free copy of *Loxahatchee Lament* for every visitor.
- ☼ Cape Florida Lighthouse, in Bill Baggs State Park, celebrated two events with Florida Lighthouse Day and the International Coastal Cleanup. Along with park staff, volunteers from the Friends of Cape Florida, Inc. headed by President Sarah Ballinger, provided guided tours of the lighthouse, and keeper's home.
- ☼ Key West Lighthouse gave one-half off admissions and showed a new video about the history of the Key West Lighthouse in the Keeper's Quarters. A new Children's Activity room had hands-on projects for young visitors.
- ☼ Boca Grande Lighthouse had special guided tours, children's activities and cake and beverages, reports Sharon McKenzie, executive director.
- ☼ St. Marks Lighthouse in St. Marks Refuge had an open house with a big turnout. Andy Edel, dressed in lighthouse uniform, greeted visitors.
- ☼ Egmont Lighthouse Alliance welcomed visitors to Egmont Key and to the U.S. Coast Guard Lighthouse Museum on the island. More than 200 people listened to Light keeper Richard Johnson explain the history of the Egmont Light. Visitors enjoyed cookies and lemonade provide by the Alliance members.
- ☼ Anclote Lighthouse. A rainy day did not spoil the event with boats taking visitors to the island to climb the lighthouse.
- ☼ Hillsboro Lighthouse. This was also Arborist Day Clean Up at Lighthouse so visitors celebrated two events. Key HLFPS members Jack Burrie, Hib Casselberry, Joyce Hager, Paul Bradley, who are also FLA members worked to make it as success but gave kudos to Commander James Pruett and his wife, Trish. See Lighthouse Reports for details.
- ☼ Cedar Key, which is only open one weekend a year, celebrated Florida Lighthouse Day a month later. David and Alice D'Amicol helped Ranger Pam Darty from Friday until late Sunday on the event to help make it a success.



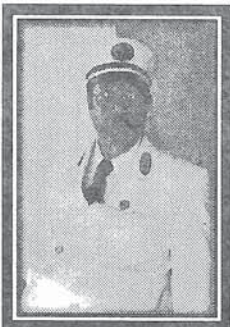
Keepers and visitors at Ponce Inlet Lighthouse



Bricks laid at Cape St. George (with the help of a little bird)



Pam Darty and David D'Amicol at the top of Cedar Key Lighthouse



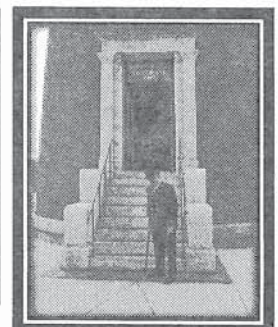
Andy Edel in Keepers Uniform at St. Marks Lighthouse



Attendees at Cape St. George Ceremony



Ceremonial Check presentation at Cape St. George



Keeper at Ponce deLeon Inlet Lighthouse



## FLORIDA LIGHTHOUSE REPORTS OCTOBER 2007

### Pensacola:

The Pensacola Lighthouse Association still waits for the Coast Guard decision to allow the Pensacola Lighthouse Association to conduct public tours of the tower. The Last public tour of the Command Display Center located in the Keepers' Quarters for the season was October 28<sup>th</sup>. Despite the tower not being open, the lighthouse still drew 100 or so each Sunday in the season with 165 on one Sunday. PLA needs to raise money for liability insurance.

### St. Joseph Point:

Danny Raffield happily reported the completion of a new roof for the lighthouse. He said: "The other roof had served well but with the many hurricanes that have blown by us in the last 25 years, time took its toll, no longer would a little patching suffice. I do want to note that our roof color has changed now it is back to a slate look." This house had two different color roofs during its lighthouse service, dark slate and a light red color. The house looks great and now only needs its lantern room to be complete, which he said they were working on with a progress report soon.

### Cape San Blas:

Work continues on the lighthouse with plans to open it in the spring for tours. The official ribbon cutting and opening of the Sleeping Beauty Gift Shop, November 10, was a major milestone. Contributions have been received for the museum that will be housed on the second floor of the gift shop with plans to open in the spring with the lighthouse.



### Cape St. George Light:

Nearly 200 supporters attended a Historic Brick-Laying Ceremony to kick-off reconstruction of the lighthouse on Florida Lighthouse Day. St. George Lighthouse Association President Dennis Barnell said tower reconstruction, last rebuilt in 1852, should be completed around year end. Representative Will Kendrick presented the Lighthouse Association with a "ceremonial" check for the \$350,000 Special Appropriations Grant and presented Franklin County Commission Chairman Russell Crofton a check for \$175,000 for a Parks Grant for enhancement of St. George Lighthouse Park. Representative Jimmy Patronis also attended. The 23 descendants of former Lighthouse Keepers were special guests. Bill Roberts, son and grandson of Lighthouse Keepers, delighted the audience with stories about his life growing up at the lighthouse.

A small Visitor Center and Lighthouse Museum was built in Lighthouse Park. SGLA seeks old photographs of the lighthouse and memorabilia for museum display.

### St. Marks:

The U.S. Coast Guard has hired a contractor to remove the lead-contaminated soils around the St. Marks lighthouse and replace them with clean soils. An archeologist will also be on site the entire time, in case artifacts are found! Once permits are received, the contractor hopes to begin soil removal immediately (possibly by the end of October). So, maybe we will have good news by the next newsletter!



### Crooked River:

Restoration work started on September 4, 2007. Those who attended the Open House on Florida Lighthouse Day saw areas of the Lighthouse that had been pressure washed and sand blasted preparatory for painting. Priming and repainting of the iron and steel lighthouse are moving along. The restoration, which will include navigation light, is on schedule to be completed by December 8, for the "Holiday on the Harbor" celebration in Carrabelle. The lighthouse is scheduled to have its light turned on at 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, December 8, to kick off the Holiday on the Harbor celebration in Carrabelle. This will be the first time it has been on since decommissioning August 22, 1995. The Lighthouse Park and Keeper's House Museum planning is underway.



### Cedar Key:

Cedar Keys National Wild Life Refuge and University of Florida Marine Laboratory at Seahorse Key welcomed guests to the island October 20th and 21st. The Marine Laboratory was open. Pam Darty is the ranger. Dave D'Amicol, dressed in coast guard uniform, and Alice D'Amicol of FLA gave tours of the lighthouse and the two cemeteries on the grounds; one for lighthouse keepers and their families, the other for soldiers from both sides of the Civil War. Dave bought flags for each of the grave sites, which made it impressive. Alice controlled the tower climbing with only four at a time because of close quarters. Boats ran from Cedar Key to the lighthouse on Sea Horse Key both days for a nominal





fee. This event coincided with the Cedar Key Seafood Festival. The lighthouse is open only one weekend of the year so it is a special event! Alice D'Amicol tried something new for a fund raiser by taking photos of climbers and then printing the picture and putting it in a folder she designed; selling them for \$10. They collected more than \$257 which shows the idea to be a big hit. More than 200 attended including FLA Secretary Christi Sessions representing the fla officer team and tim Roberts.

Alice said: "After doing this for 7 years, we still look forward to spending the weekend there. We get to see the beautiful sunsets and island beauty."

Some repair is needed at the lighthouse. One of the tower windows is cracked. The foundation must be settling as there are running cracks around some of the door frames in the original section of the lighthouse

#### **Egmont Key:**

On Florida lighthouse day, the Egmont Key Alliance hosted several guests at the Coast Guard's Lighthouse Museum. More than 200 people listened to FLA Light keeper Richard Johnson explain the history of the Egmont Light. Visitors enjoyed cookies and lemonade provide by the Alliance members. On Saturday, October 20, the Alliance members were on the island for the monthly workday. They prepared the areas for the fundraiser, Discover the Island, scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, November 10 & 11.

#### **Anclote Key:**

Friends of Anclote Key Lighthouse hosted a successful Open House on Florida Lighthouse Day, Sept.15th. After a rainy beginning, the boaters began to arrive. People were able to climb the lighthouse and for many, this was their first opportunity. The ferry service has begun so we are hopeful to get more people involved with our efforts.

#### **Sanibel Island:**

Dennis Simon has been named the new Museum Coordinator for the Sanibel Historical Museum and Village, Inc. which is now a non-profit organization. The City of Sanibel has been leasing the two light keeper's quarters, but plans are underway to turn over the buildings and the light tower to the city which then plans to turn the property over hopefully to the museum or to another non-profit. The Coast Guard will continue to maintain the beacon. This should take place within the next fiscal year which ends September 30, 2008. The museum hours are Wed.-Sat: 10am-4pm.

#### **Boca Grande:**

The Barrier Island Parks System (BIPS) has received a partial grant to help construct a 1200 square foot

multi-purpose building for rotating exhibits. A large number of local antiques; photographs from 1938 have been donated to the museum and will be on display for two months beginning in January. The BIPS website is in the process of being updated. The lighthouse will again be decorated for Christmas and will have a program beginning at 6:30 pm on December 6. The FLORIDA MONTHLY MAGAZINE presented an award to Boca Grande as the Best Looking Lighthouse in Florida based on a readers vote.

#### **Cape Florida:**

Cape Florida not only celebrated Florida Lighthouse Day, but the International Coastal Cleanup brought environmentalists and history and architecture buffs to the park to do beach cleanup. Volunteers from the Friends of Cape Florida, Inc. provided guided tours of the lighthouse, and keeper's home. President Sarah Ballinger led the tours. Secretary Margie Prieto and Cynthia Stewart answered questions at the keeper's home. The park welcomed 80 Girl Scouts from local chapters for a nature program and lighthouse tour. Scout leader Jackie Kellog announced that 80 girls were awarded the Florida Lighthouse Day Merit Badge. a graduate engineering student worked on a paper on how the lighthouse structure and foundation were so strong. Friends' treasurer and volunteer naturalist Ken Llewellyn pointed out native plant species and highlighted the change of habitat between the Atlantic Ocean and Biscayne Bay. Amy Leonard, President of the Dade Chapter of Florida Native Plants Society, also spoke.

#### **Hillsboro:**

The USCG has spent money and effort this year removing Australian pine trees, for new sod, shrubs and trees, and renovating the 102 year old keepers' cottages. Work progresses on the tower entryway and the toilet facility to ADA standards. Congratulations to Commander James Pruett and his wife, Tricia, the Hillsboro Inlet Light Station Facility Manager, a team successfully steering these many projects to completion. They have done a great job with the help of the nearby communities, the scouts, Coast Guard Auxiliary and Hillsboro Lighthouse Preservation Society. New projects include replacing the Coast Guard boat dock, the Centennial brick walkway & patio plus an antique Victorian drinking fountain. Funds have been set aside by HLPS to help with these future projects.

Florida Lighthouse day was also arborist day with cleanup Help from: Cub Scout Troop #441 from Weston, Coast Guard active members, Coast Guard Auxiliary members, Amateur Radio groups



broadcasting from our keeper's cottage and the lighthouse tower (Broward ARC, Gold Coast ARA, & South Florida DXA) and 12 HLPS members. Special Thanks to Deerfield Beach Historical Society and, Deerfield Builders Supply.

The afternoon Arborist Day at Emma Lou Olson Civic Center included Outside Antique Auto show with 15 cars arranged by Jerry Bowman and Inside refreshments provided by HLPS member, Linda Peck, Program setup by Jack Burrie & Hib Casselberry, Gift Shop by Joyce Hager, Displays by Florida Lighthouse Assn., Paul Bradley (Lighthouse Graphics), Harvey Villa (Hillsboro Lighthouse model & photographs), Coast Guard Auxiliary, Amateur Radio Club, and Merritt Boat & Engine Works. Speakers were Allen Merritt, Bud Garner and Coast Guard Commander James Pruett.

#### **Jupiter:**

Jupiter town officials and U.S. Rep. Tim Mahoney have asked a congressional panel to protect the lighthouse by designating it an "outstanding natural area." The designation would safeguard the lighthouse and its surrounding 126 acres from development and could attract federal grants to support new activities and programs. If approved, the Jupiter Inlet Lighthouse would be the second in the country with such a designation. The other is in Yaquina Head, Oregon. "It puts it in the same category as national monuments," said Jamie Stuve, executive director of the Loxahatchee River Historical Society, which manages the lighthouse and its museum and conducts educational tours and programs. "It saves this little jewel of a property and keeps it in a wilderness context."

Jupiter Mayor Karen Golonka told the congressional panel: "Every community has its own special place, the essence of the community that provides meaning and identity to its people. It may be an area that, in times of distress or celebration serves as a special community gathering spot. The Jupiter Inlet and Lighthouse has been and continues to be such a place for the people of Jupiter."

#### **Ponce Inlet:**

The Ponce de Leon Inlet Lighthouse celebrated its 120th Anniversary November 3, 2007, with interactive programs, educational workshops, guided tours, and special interest booths staffed by personnel from other local museums and historic sites. The Ponce Inlet Lighthouse Preservation Association unveiled its latest educational outreach program in September. Modeled after the historic

wooden library boxes once circulated throughout the United States Light House Establishment, the Ponce Inlet Lighthouse Traveling Library Program provides Volusia County schools with reproduction U.S.L.H.E. library boxes containing a wide assortment of teacher resources including lesson plans, DVDs, artwork, children's activities, and a lighthouse themed student library. The boxes are delivered by lighthouse staff and volunteer docents dressed in period lighthouse keeper uniforms. The lighthouse provides the program to local schools free of charge to promote student interest and appreciation for lighthouse history and our unique maritime heritage.

#### **St. Augustine:**

The St. Augustine Lighthouse offered free admission in October to all St. Johns County Residents and hosted the exhibit, "Tricking Fish", from the James Bell Ford Museum in Minneapolis, MN. The St. Augustine Lighthouse plans to study a National Historic Area Designation of the nation's oldest continually occupied port city to recognize our continuous maritime heritage. The Lighthouse is working with advice from Senator Mel Martinez and local partners to develop a maritime sites and activities list and to discuss the benefits. St. Augustine, founded in 1565 by the Spanish, has operated as a port continually since then. Although many other cities and landing sites are significant and share a Spanish past, no other port city in the nation has operated as long continuously and with such a rich, multi-cultural heritage. The initiative is in keeping with the recommendations of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation to Preserve America. This benefits the cultural, tourism, business and preservation communities. We welcome interested participants state wide.

The St. Augustine Lighthouse is also collecting the stories of local shrimping and boat building families and other maritime families as we begin to reveal life in our coastal community.

Kathleen Hill joined as Director of Education. Her first program, Family Fun Day, had 150 participants for a day of activities and learning at a new exhibit. She came from Rochester, MI with extensive museum education and experience.

The Lighthouse Archaeological Maritime program continues on the First Coast Maritime Archaeological Project, which will survey the waters and coastal areas of the Nation's oldest port to best manage, save and share our maritime heritage and submerged cultural resources.





## A FLORIDA CRACKER MEETING

*It sounded like a gunshot!* The meeting hadn't started yet. Board members were busy preparing for the meeting. Some members had arrived and were milling around and talking. The murmur in the hall had actually been broken by the crack of a cow whip. This was how we first noticed our speaker, Judge Nelson



Bailey, preparing for his presentation. He stood there

with his trademark long beard, dressed in jeans, a straw hat and a vest. Along with his cow whip, he had a saddle and a rifle. *Everybody stopped, looked, and listened.* No one had ever been this close to a real Florida Cracker before. When it came time for his presentation, the hall was silent. You could hear a pin drop as Judge Bailey told the history of Florida's Spanish heritage entwined with tales of Crackers, cows, dogs, and horses.

The meeting was full of surprises. A short time later, everyone in the room was asked to get up from their seats and look for a piece of blue tape that had been placed under one chair at most tables. Everyone finding a piece of tape was given a Jupiter Lighthouse poster by photographer Loraine Masencup. Loraine is a FLA member and was in attendance at the meeting, so she graciously signed each poster.

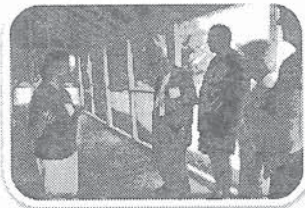


After an informative meeting and updates on the status of our quest for a specialty license plate, we enjoyed a buffet lunch catered by *Flash in the Pan Catering* of Hobe Sound. The overwhelming consensus in the room was that this indeed was one of our best lunches ever. Even members who are chefs commented about the luncheon – and the desserts.

Members and their guests scattered in three directions for the afternoon.

Some visited the lighthouse first with an introduction and history by author

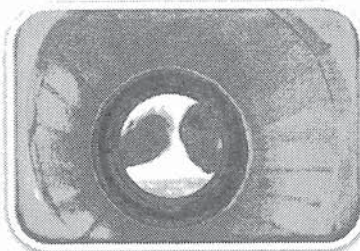
James Snyder. The windows were open to allow a breeze to cool the tower, so the climb to the top was comfortable and the view from the gallery breath taking. Others visited the museum and gift shop and enjoyed the array of outstanding exhibits in



the museum, a short movie on the history of the lighthouse, and a fine choice of items to purchase as well as a gift bag to take home. The third group toured the Dubois Pioneer Home across the inlet. The house was staffed with very knowledgeable volunteers as well



as a descendant of the Dubois family. A quilt showing the Dubois family tree drew lots of attention because of its intricacy as well as lots of questions. A short walk from the house provided an outstanding photo opportunity of the lighthouse. Our members were given a rotation schedule, so everyone was able to enjoy all 3 of these fabulous opportunities.



This meeting offered some very unique and interesting experiences that will be difficult to surpass. Our next meeting in January offering the rare opportunity to climb the Cape Florida lighthouse at night as well as visit the Fowey Rocks Lighthouse may just fill the bill.





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## CHANGE OF COMMAND



FIFTEEN FLA MEMBERS ATTENDED THE AIDS TO NAVIGATION CHANGE OF COMMAND CEREMONY AUGUST 10 AT THE U.S. COAST GUARD FACILITY IN ST. PETERSBURG.

CHIEF ROBERT WOOTEN (PICTURED LEFT) TOOK OVER COMMAND FROM CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER CHRIS BROWN, WHO IS GOING TO U.S. COAST GUARD HEADQUARTERS IN WASHINGTON, D.C.

THE 17-MEMBER AIDS TO NAVIGATION TEAM CHIEF WOOTEN HEADS, HAS RESPONSIBILITY FOR 1,400 AIDS TO NAVIGATION, 145 BUOYS AND FIVE LIGHTHOUSES ALONG 370 MILES OF FLORIDA WEST COASTLINE.

BOTH COMMANDER PALMER IN HIS ADDRESS AND CHIEF BROWN IN HIS REMARKS INCLUDED COMPLIMENTARY COMMENTS ABOUT FLA SUPPORT; AND RECOGNIZED FLA MEMBERS PRESENT.

FLA MEMBERS PRESENT INCLUDED: JOHN AND KATHY KENNEDY, DENNIS STEMAC, RIP AND SHARON PULS, RICHARD JOHNSON, CINDI PARA, SANDIE MALLET, SHARON MCKENZIE, LINDA AND KEN SEABOL, MIKE AND NETTIE HANCOCK AND STAN AND MARY FARNHAM.

## LEGACY GIFTING

Have you considered FLA in your will? You can support the mission for generations to come by making a bequest or designating FLA as a beneficiary of a life insurance policy. You may also honor a recently departed friend or loved one with a memorial gift to FLA. Your legacy will live on for the benefit of our children and future generations to learn and enjoy.

## Reef Relief Relationship

A top three goal of FLA is to forge alliances and partnerships. FLA's Board of Directors recently approved a reciprocal membership with Reef Relief, an environmental organization headquartered in Key West.

Reef Relief, a global nonprofit membership organization, dedicates its efforts to preserving and protecting Living Coral Reef Ecosystems. Six of Florida's remaining 30 historic lighthouses are positioned on coral reefs so the relationship makes common sense.

Reef Relief celebrated its 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary April 16 at Top of La Concha in Key West. Betty Phelps, who is both an FLA and Reef Relief member, and who grew up in the Florida Keys, attended the gala event.

Retiring Executive Director, Dee Von Quirolo cited accomplishments and awards. The current president is Paul G. Johnson. Founder and Director of Marine Projects Craig Quirolo presented his *State of the Reef Report*, which can be viewed online at [www.reefrelief.org](http://www.reefrelief.org).





## FLASHING BACK: Leo Haskins; Memories of Duty at a Lighthouse

The young "Coastie" sat in a boat bobbing in the waves at the base of the Fowey Rocks Lighthouse in spring 1952. The Fowey Rocks Lighthouse would be his first duty station during the Korean War and when lighthouses were still manned. He sat there not knowing what to expect when he saw a gang plank with a rope ladder. He was told to grab the rope ladder on the up swell and climb up. His duffle bag would follow. And this started the lighthouse career of one of FLA's newest members, Leo Haskins.

Imagine the thrill January 19, 2008 when he visits, along with Florida Lighthouse Association members, his first station nearly 56 years after serving there

After graduating high school in 1951, and lacking money for college, he enlisted in the Coast Guard. Family and friends reminded him his great Uncle Henry B. Haskins was a WWII retired USCG Commander, so he should consider the Coast Guard. Uncle Henry had headed up the United States Lighthouse Service (USLHS) in South Florida.

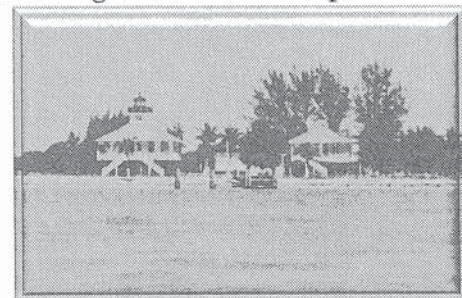
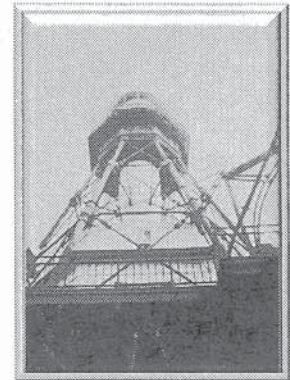


Now Leo Haskins had just finished boot camp at Cape May, NJ and was assigned to the 7<sup>th</sup> Coast Guard District in Coconut Grove. Once on board the Fowey Rocks Lighthouse, Haskins quickly integrated into the routines. The Coast Guard staffed the Lighthouse with four men; one of whom was always on shore leave; the other three remained at the lighthouse. That meant that each seaman was on duty for 3 weeks, the off for 1 week. Each man worked an 8-hour shift. Their responsibilities were the light itself and the radio. The radio beam always needed to lock with the other reef lights before transmission. Haskins served at Fowey Rocks for one year, and then requested a transfer. The following year, he served six months on a buoy tender, "White Sumac", and another six months on a Coast Guard Cutter "Nemesis".

"My next duty station, the Boca Grande Lighthouse, was my favorite," Haskins said. He served there for one year. At that time, no bridge connected the mainland to Gasparilla Island; the only access was by boat or the railroad. At the Boca Grande Light station, the keeper and his family occupied the primary building holding the lighthouse. The family consisted of Chief Boson Mate, Lesley Wiggin, his wife and their four children all of whom were born at a different lighthouse. Haskins and three other seamen lived in the adjacent building. The lighthouse used the same staffing pattern as Fowey Rocks. In addition to maintaining the light and the radio, the staff also maintained all the aids to navigation on the Peace River and supervised the entrance and exit of tankers as they entered the port. When not on duty, Haskins spent time fishing and cooking. Duties were rotated. Leo Haskins liked to cook so he volunteered to take everybody's turn in the kitchen.

By 1954, the war was over and Leo was discharged. When asked about his time in the Coast Guard, Haskins says "It was a really great time. It couldn't have been better." Leo and his wife, Dora, now live in Miami. Recently, he was reunited with the Wiggin children and maintains a relationship with them. Leo tells us not to be surprised if one day we see one of these lighthouse kids at one of our meetings.

Now, you ask, how is it that Leo found the FLA and has joined us in our efforts to preserve not only Fowey Rocks and Boca Grande, but all Florida's lighthouses. In April, 2007, Leo and Dora Haskins attended a Rotary Club meeting in the Miami area. They met Ray Stewart, FLA District Two Commissioner. Ray told Leo about the FLA and gave him a membership application. Leo joined and he and Dora attended their first meeting at the Hillsboro Lighthouse. Lighthouses are in Leo's blood, so we certainly hope to see him and Dora often.

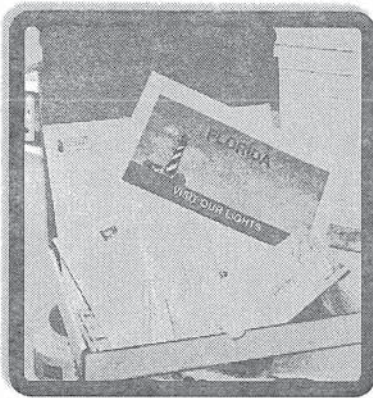




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5. All the license plate funds, other than license promotion, go to the local lighthouse organizations that support the remaining 29 historic Florida lighthouses, some of these treasures more than 180 years old.



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***In summary, license plate funds will provide a sustained funding to build on FLA's lighthouse preservation success so Florida's historic lighthouses can shine a shimmering light on the rich cultural heritage for the enjoyment and education of future generations.***

As FLASH went to press, the legislative sponsors had drafted bills to introduce in the House and Senate. Once the bill are introduced would be a good time to send the card to your state senator and representative and ask for their support of a Florida Lighthouse specialty license plate to support Florida's remaining historic lighthouses.



Stan & Dottie Beckstrom with the plate design



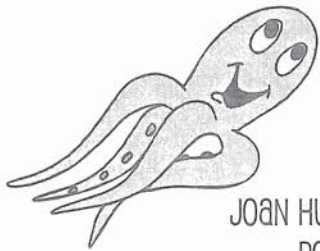
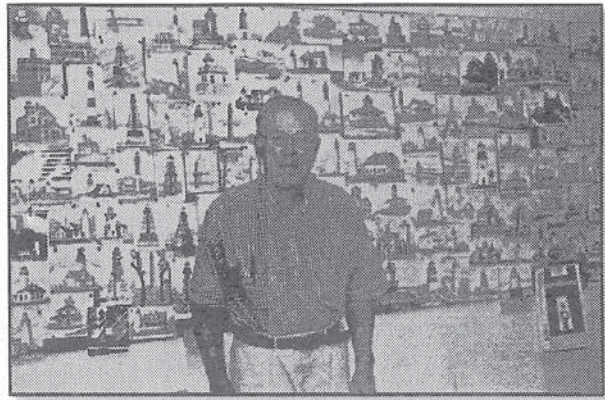
## Paul Bradley, Jr Exhibits Drawings at Jupiter Lighthouse Meeting

Paul Bradley, known for his exquisite pen and ink lighthouse drawings, displayed some of his many lighthouse artworks at the Jupiter lighthouse meeting, October 13. Fittingly the centerpiece of the art show, a large drawing of the Jupiter Lighthouse, stood positioned near the speaker's podium.

Bradley, one of the 26 founders of the Florida Lighthouse Association, continues to be active as chairman of the Graphics Committee. As committee chairman he not only shares his drawings but his knowledge of other lighthouse associations with FLA members. "It's a shame so many structures are lost," he said in commenting on lighthouses that once had "nice-looking keepers homes attached."

An architect, Bradley took up the hobby of pen and ink drawings in the 1970s. He illustrated the Florida Lighthouse Trail, the book edited by Tom Taylor and first published in 2000. His drawings have appeared in national publications. At age 85 he still goes into his office/studio in Oakland Park. He and his wife Barbara, live in Wilton Manors.

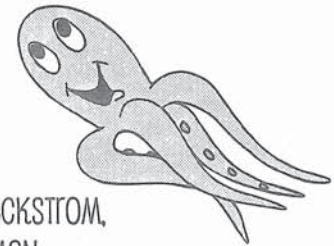
Recently Bradley donated drawings of all the remaining Florida lighthouses, and some that have been lost, to FLA for the Web site. These have been added to [www.floralighthouses.org](http://www.floralighthouses.org) which "enhance our site and add valuable content," Web Master Stan Beckstrom said.



## FLA 365 CLUB

NEW MEMBERS OF THE FLA 365 CLUB are:

JOHN & KATHY KENNEDY, BETTY PHELPS, JOHN SAMPSON,  
JOAN HUDIBURG, J. OLIVIA LARKINS, WANDA FORRESTER, STAN & DOTTIE BECKSTROM,  
PONCE INLET LIGHTHOUSE - ED GUNN, AND MAUREEN & TOM WORKMAN



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When we supplied the Governor's office a priority list a year ago, here was the ranking for the top ten:

1. Cape St. George 2. Crooked River 3. Egmont Key 4. Sand Key 5. Carysfort  
6. Fowey Rocks 7. Alligator 8. Sombrero 9. American Shoal 10. Dry Tortugas  
Now that the No. 1 and 2 on the list are being restored / rebuilt, what are your top "endangered" Florida lighthouses? Send us your list after reviewing the 29 remaining ones. Just send an email to [FLApresident@gmail.com](mailto:FLApresident@gmail.com). Thank you for your opinion.

## WELCOME TO



CHARLEY AND LOTTIE KNOX SPENT VOLUNTEER TIME AT THE VISIT FLORIDA® WELCOME CENTER ON I-95. LOTTIE HANDED OUT FLA BROCHURES, PENS AND MAGNETS OCTOBER 26. BOTH CHARLEY AND LOTTIE PLAN TO BE AT THE CENTER NOVEMBER 30 TO GREET VISITORS TO FLORIDA. THEIR EFFORT IS PART OF FLA'S STRATEGIC GOAL OF FORGING PARTNERS WITH KEY ORGANIZATIONS IN A WIN-WIN OF LEVERAGING RESOURCES. PARTNERS INCLUDE NOT ONLY VISIT FLORIDA®, BUT FLORIDA TRUST, FLORIDA ASSOCIATION OF MUSEUMS AND OTHER LIGHTHOUSE ORGANIZATIONS.

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### *Welcome to our new members!*

Mike & Linda Colby, Steven Kover, Daniel & Arlene Levinson, Susanne McDaniel, Kelly & Jon Bergstrom, Sandie Mallett, Robert & Diane Shepherd, Beverly Neurock, Fran & Phil Cordes, Joseph & Katherine Keleher and Frank & Gayle Johnson.

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### The Mission of The Florida Lighthouse Association

The Florida Lighthouse Association is a nonprofit group of citizen activists dedicated to the preservation of the 30 remaining historic lighthouses that line our state's 1200 mile coastline. Once central to the economic growth and settlement of our nation, many of Florida's lighthouses face uncertain futures.

Our mission is to preserve, restore, protect and defend Florida's lighthouse towers, along with their material culture, buildings, artifacts and records to assure that the magic of Florida's lighthouses and lighthouse keepers will be available for the enjoyment and understanding of future generations.

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