



Book Review

With this issue we are launching a new feature. Executive Vice President Eric Martin reviews the book "Keep Your Glow On" by Wendy Brewer

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FLA's February Mayport Meeting

Mayport Naval Station is home to two lighthouses -- the historic 1853 St. Johns River Lighthouse and the 1954 Mayport Lighthouse, Florida's youngest

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Lighthouse Congress Report

Read about the important FLA work that went on at the October meeting

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**FEBRUARY 10-11, 2012
THE MAYPORT MEETING**

The Florida Lighthouse Association winter meeting will be held on Naval Station Mayport, the third largest naval concentration in the United States. Naval Station Mayport is home to 19 ships, 4 helicopter squadrons, over 14,000 military personnel, over 1,400 civilian employees and **TWO LIGHTHOUSES**. While one of the lighthouses is active the other one has been DARK since 1929.

On Friday the FLA board meeting will be at the Wingate by Wyndham starting at 6:00 PM followed by a Social Hour starting at 7:30 PM. The Social Hour will include wine, sodas, finger food and a chance to get reacquainted with old friends and make new friends. There will be a table for check-in outside of the meeting room at the Wingate where you can get your name tag; the table will be manned at 6:30 PM on Friday.

Saturday's meeting will start at 9:00 AM on Naval Station Mayport at the Ocean Breeze Conference Center. All attendees are requested to arrive at the main gate **BEFORE** 8:30 AM to facilitate entry to base; someone will be at the gate to assist in identifying attendees. The keynote speaker will be Kenneth R. Smith, AIA, one of the foremost architectural experts on historical building restoration in the country.

Lunch will be buffet style and include Marinated Charbroiled Chicken Breast, and Seafood Newburg served in Puff Pastry. There will also be Vegetable Lasagna for those desiring a vegetarian meal. After lunch we will board buses for our trip to both lighthouses, we will not be able to enter the old lighthouse but we should be able to look inside through an open window. There may be access into the new lighthouse.

See pages #4&5 for more details.

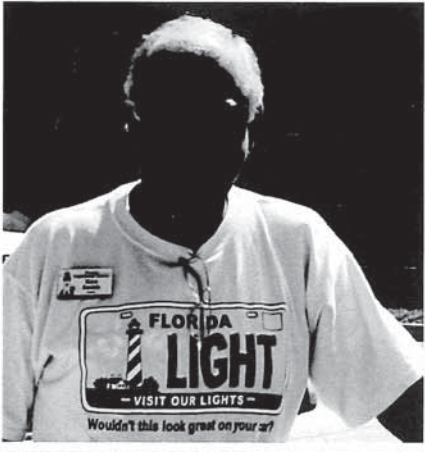


St. Johns River Lighthouse
Lit January 1, 1859



The 1954 Mayport Light

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It was a thrill to stand in front of the Congress meeting and watch the action as Al King, VP Grants, handed check after check to various preservation groups. You can see the details in another section of this newsletter -- but the best word that describes my

feelings as I looked back at the group is "humble." I was totally humbled by being able to award **\$103,000** for genuine bricks 'n' mortar preservation and education projects. It was also humbling to realize that almost all the local preservation groups that make up our FLA lighthouse membership group will take those funds and use them to match with other funds and other donations. That \$103,000 is large -- but by the time it is done that number will grow exponentially to hundreds of thousands of dollars. **THAT IS GOOD STEWARDSHIP!**

The funds come from two places. Most comes from the Specialty License Plate income -- that is our Gene Oakes Lighthouse Fund, but it is increasingly important to know that a great deal comes from you -- from membership dues, from product sales, from meeting income -- but mostly it comes from our members that believe in our mission and give -- that is our Tom Taylor Keepers Grant Fund. Many give a little, and a few give a lot, but each of you that give allow us to do more -- and the work needed to be done is vast.

We are now starting to receive grant requests for 2012. So far, we have not turned down any request and I hope it will always be that way. Will you please join me in giving to this important work? Any gift you give, small or large, is tax deductible and any gift given in December is credited to your 2011 taxes.

See you at Mayport in February.

**Keep the light shining,
Ken Smith, President FLA**



FLA President Ken Smith with Bill Roberts at the Lighthouse Congress meeting, October 23, 2011

THE LOSS OF A FRIEND

We lighthouse preservationists in Florida have lost a true legend. I am sad to share that Bill Roberts passed away November 18th. Bill's father and grandfather were keepers at Cape St. George Lighthouse.

When the **St. George Lighthouse Association** pondered rebuilding the lighthouse Bill became head cheerleader encouraging the work. He and wife Verner frequently came to check on the progress of the reconstruction. He often sharing stories of his childhood days at the lighthouse. He was a mesmerizing storyteller who captivated the crowd at the laying of the first brick ceremony.

He donated many artifacts to the **St. George Lighthouse Keepers Museum**, the tools and family memorabilia now named the **Roberts Family Collection**. He also was author of "**Lighthouses and Living as a Lighthouse Keeper**" a collection of stories including his now famous goat cart rides. The book is available at the museum and on Amazon.

Bill, at age 88, came to the Lighthouse Congress meeting and donated two aprons that his mother had sewn on the old Damascus sewing machine now in the museum.

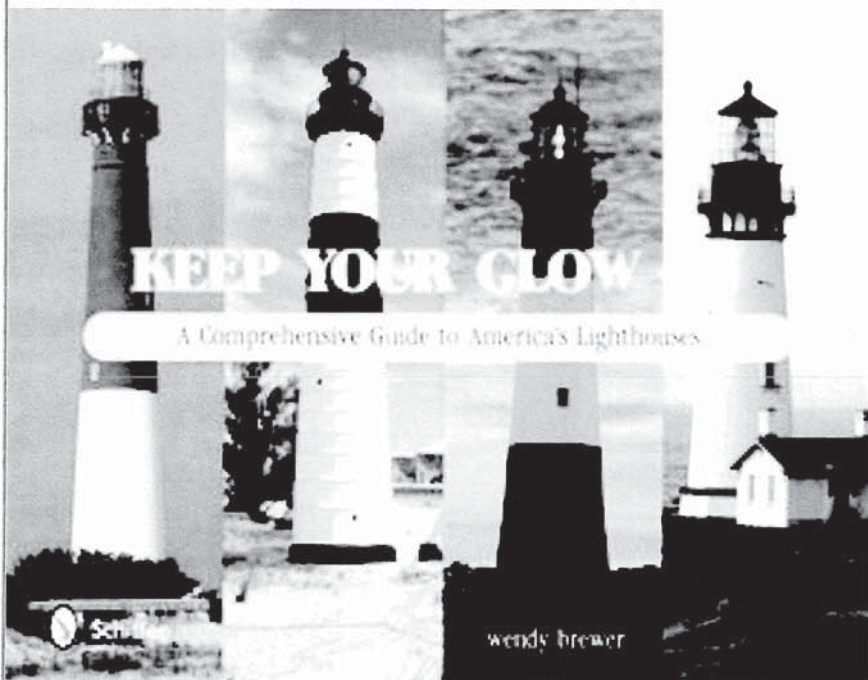
Bill, thank you for all you have done to help keep the lights shining. You will be missed.

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LIGHTHOUSE BOOK REVIEW

By Eric Martin

Executive Vice President - Florida Lighthouse Association
President - Florida Keys Reef Lights Association



Keep Your Glow On By Wendy Brewer

Available at Amazon.com and Barnesandnoble.com

Wendy did a wonderful thing when she retired, she packed up her things in storage and went on an 18 month road trip. She had already gotten the lighthouse bug and decided to photograph all the ones she could. Her trip was only cut short due to health issues. Within 3 months she was diagnosed with breast cancer and began treatments. During this time of treatment and recovery she wrote "Keep Your Glow On."

The sub-title of this book is, "A Comprehensive Guide to America's Lighthouses". I have seen titles like that before that fell short, but not this time. I first noticed the pictures as I thumbed through and looked to see who had taken them and was surprised to find it was the author. The pictures are wonderful.

Second, I started to check the facts and content. Clearly Wendy has done her homework and knows the subject matter well. In the chapter entitled, "Just the Facts," the author has included websites for many of the lighthouses and lightships listed, along with facts such as height, focal plane, location, year lit, etc.. As a bonus some major aids to navigation are listed like Tennessee Reef in Florida.

My favorite chapter is "Recycling Lighthouses." This is the chapter that talks about restoring lighthouses. In addition Wendy gives a list of ten things people can do to help and encourages the reader to do so.

So this book fits in several categories; a beginners guide, a reference book, a coffee table book. This book will be part of my library.

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Mayport and St. Johns River Lighthouses**February 10-11, 2012****HOTELS****Wingate by Wyndham**

4791 Windsor Commons Ct.
 Jacksonville, FL 32224
 904-421-7000
 \$65.00 per night
 (must call Hotel for this rate)

**Holiday Inn Express**

1101 Beach Blvd.
 Jacksonville Beach, FL 32250
 904-435-3000
 \$80.00 per night
 (must call Hotel for this rate)

MEETING LOCATION

Friday Evening Social: Wingate by Wyndham (4791 Windsor Commons Ct., Jacksonville, FL 32224)

Saturday Meeting: Ocean Breeze Conference Center, Naval Station Mayport

SCHEDULE

7:30 FRIDAY Night ~Social Hour (Registration @ 6:30)

8:00 to 8:30 SATURDAY ~ Enter Naval Station Main Gate

You must have a photo ID - registrants must submit their birthdate with their registration

9 AM Meeting and Program

Kenneth R. Smith, AIA, Lighthouse Architect, keynote speaker

12:30 Lunch

After Lunch Mayport Lighthouses Tour

Visit both lighthouses, we will not be able to enter the old lighthouse but we should be able to look inside through an open window. We are working on getting access into the new lighthouse.

Kenneth Smith, AIA to be Keynote Speaker



Lighthouse projects include:

St. Augustine repointing of brick 1990
 St. Augustine Lighthouse, Phase V 1991
 St. Augustine Lighthouse, Phase VI 1993
 St. Augustine Lighthouse, Phase VII 1994
 Fowey Rocks restoration and repair 1997
 Tybee Island Lighthouse restoration 1999
 Sapelo Island Lighthouse restoration 1998
 Ponce DeLeon Inlet Lighthouse restoration 2001
 Florida Lighthouse Study 2002
 St. Marks Lighthouse assessment and design 2002
 Anclote Key Lighthouse restoration 2003
 Amelia Island Lighthouse, Phase 1 2004
 Amelia Island Lighthouse, Phase II 2008
 St. Augustine Lighthouse repainting 2009
 Crooked River Lighthouse restoration 2009
 St. George Lighthouse reconstruction 2009
 St. Simons Island Lighthouse restoration 2010

Kenneth R. Smith, AIA is one of America's foremost historical architects. His expertise in Lighthouse preservation is legendary. We are scheduling more time for Ken to speak than we usually allow but even with that we will want more.

At right, Ken on top of Anclote Key Lighthouse during the 2003 restoration.



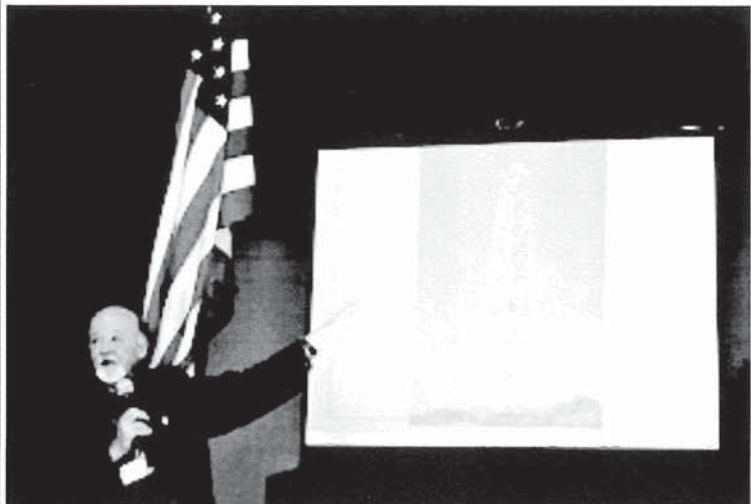
Awards and Honors:

Jacksonville Chapter of American Institute of Architects – Award for Excellence in Architecture, 1994
 Florida Trust for Historic Preservation – Award for Outstanding Achievement, 1995
 Florida Association of the American Institute of Architects – Award for Excellence in Architecture, 1996
 Historic Savannah Foundation Preservation Award, 1999
 Jacksonville Chapter American Institute of Architects Honor Award for Excellence in Architecture, 1999
 Georgia Trust for Historic Preservation, Governor's Award, 1999
 Georgia Trust for Historic Preservation Award for Excellence in Restoration, 2000
 Jacksonville Chapter American Institute of Architects, Honor Award for Excellence, 2002
 Florida Trust for Historic Preservation – Award for Outstanding Achievement, 2002
 Florida Association of the American Institute of Architects, Merit Award for Architecture, 2004
 Florida Trust for Historic Preservation – Award for Outstanding Achievement, 2004
 Jacksonville Chapter American Institute of Architects, Honor Award for Excellence, 2005
 Florida Trust for Historic Preservation – Award for Outstanding Achievement, 2008
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The Lighthouse Congress Meeting

October 21-23, 2011



PBS TV producer Mike Rowan told of what it took to produced the award-winning documentary, "Lighthouses of the Gulf Coast: Sand Island to St. Marks."



President Ken Smith presents Mike Rowan the official "Thank You" plaque featuring Paul Bradley drawings of Cape San Blas, Crooked River and St. George Island lighthouses.



The colors were presented by the Port St. Joe High School NJROTC.



Soloist Ann Comforter performed "God Bless America."



Our Light Keeper for the day was Daniel Raffield. Daniel's father, Danny, has restored the St. Josephs Point Lighthouse



We were officially welcomed by honorable Mel C. Magidson, the mayor of Port St. Joe.



Charlotte Pierce, president of the St. Joseph Historical Society, and others told of the preservation and restoration efforts at Cape San Blas Lighthouse.



Before and after restoration of "Sleeping Beauty," one of the original keeper's houses at Cape San Blas Lighthouse

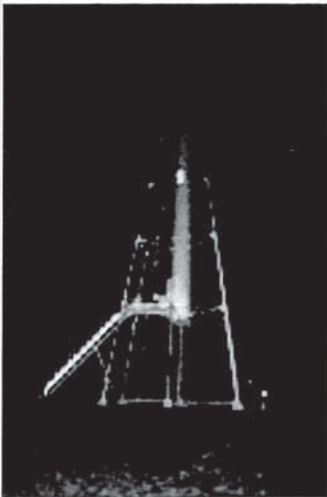
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Left -- Keynote presenters Daniel Raffield and Wayne Odel receiving official plaques from Ken.



Right -- lunch was a low country boil.



Cape San Blas Lighthouse after dark. Participants had the opportunity to do a night climb of either Cape San Blas, Crooked River or St. George Lighthouses.

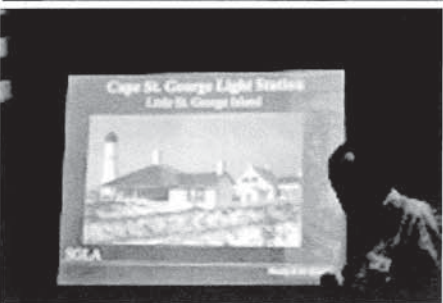
Leslie Cos, president of Carrabelle Lighthouse Association gave details of the restoration and preservation work at Crooked River Lighthouse.



Terry Kemp, Dennis Barnell and Jerry Murphy tell of the development of the St. George Lighthouse Museum.



Jon Hill, director of Pensacola Lighthouse and Museum, tells of the recent preservation work at the keeper's house.



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**TO PRESERVE, PROTECT AND RESTORE
PUTTING OUR MONEY WHERE OUR MOUTH IS
\$103, 337.00**



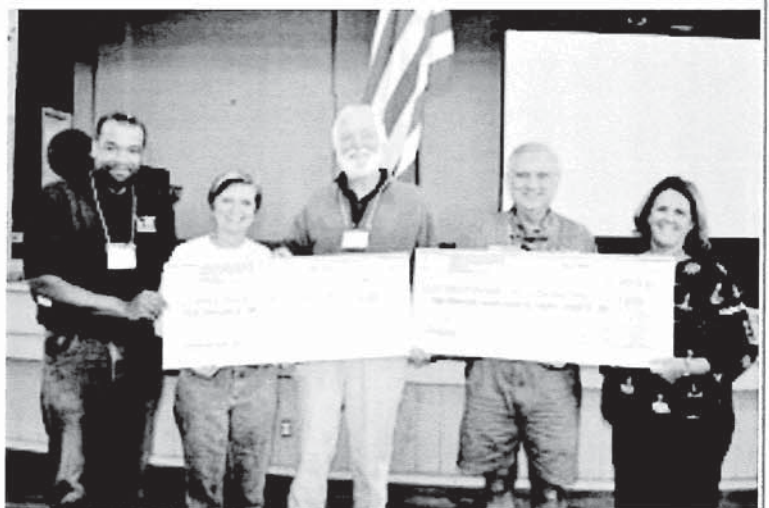
Al King, VP Grants (left), Ken Smith, President (second from left) and Wanda Mayo, District IV Commissioner (right) present \$5,000.00 Gene Oakes Lighthouse Fund Grant check to members of the St. Joseph Historical Society. The grant will be used to do maintenance and painting of one of the historic keepers houses.



Al and Ken present this check for \$9,380.00 to the Cape Canaveral Lighthouse Foundation. This Gene Oakes Lighthouse Fund Grant will be used to rebuild an important sidewalk between the parking area and the lighthouse compound.



Al, Ken and Wanda present two checks to members of the Pensacola Lighthouse Association. This includes \$7,272.00 for a matching grant for historic carriage house repurposing and \$20,000 for tower restoration work. Both these grants were part of the Gene Oakes Lighthouse Fund program. These funds come from the dedicated income of "Visit Our Lights" specialty license plate sales.

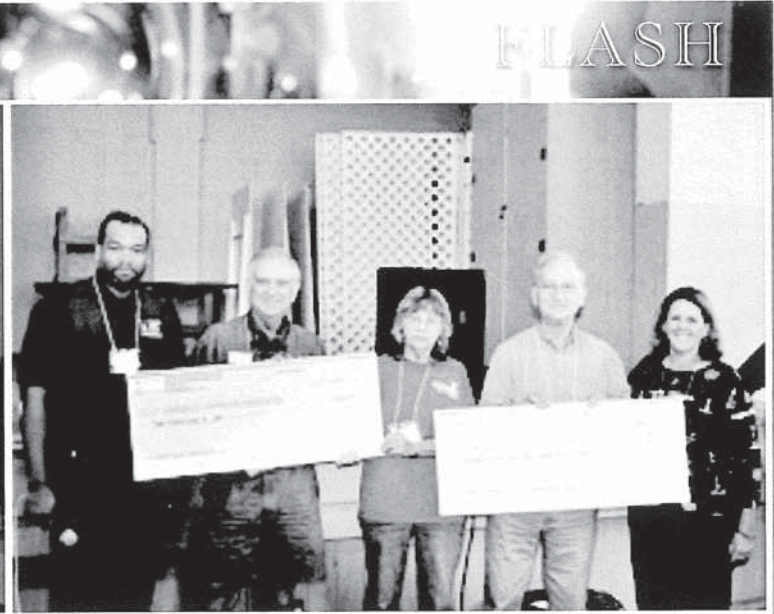


Al, Ken and Wanda present these two checks. One check is a Tom Taylor Keepers Grant for \$5,000.00 to be used as matching funds for the development of a multi-media display in the St. George Lighthouse Keepers Museum. The second check is also from the Tom Taylor Keepers Grant Fund for \$2,727.00 for promotion of the 2012 Forgotten Coast Lighthouse Challenge. Tom Taylor Keepers Grants come from general operating funds of FLA and depend on generous donations from our member.

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Al, Ken and Ron Ecker, District III Commissioner (right), present checks for Barrier Islands Park Society. A \$16,077.00 Gene Oakes Lighthouse Grant will be used for resurface and repainting of the Boca Grande Light. \$1,850.00 is a Gene Oakes Lighthouse Grant for crushed shell for soil stabilization at the Gasparilla Rear Range Light in conjunction with US Coast Guard restoration work. \$2,130.00 is a Tom Taylor Keepers Grant for a State historic sign for the Gasparilla Read Range Light.



Al, Ken and Wanda present checks to members of the Carrabelle Lighthouse Association. A \$16,100.00 Gene Oakes Lighthouse fund Grant check is part of the combined efforts to rescue and restore the historic Crooked River Wash House that was sold and moved two miles away many years ago. The City of Carrabelle and the Association are contributing to the project. A \$2,000.00 Tom Taylor Keepers Grant Fund check will be used for interpretive signage.



Al, Ken and Ron present a Gene Oakes Lighthouse Grant check for \$15,393.00 to members of the Cedar Keys Lighthouse Association. These are matching funds with the University of Florida Facilities Department also giving \$15,393.00 for much needed building maintenance and cistern reconstruction.



Above, Ken and Joan are at the foundation/concrete pad that the City of Carrabelle has donated to the Crooked River Lighthouse. The historic Wash House will be moved to this location.



Ken signs the check as Joan Matthey, curator of the Crooked River Lighthouse Museum, watches

Right, Ken and Joan at the historic Wash House. This was sold many years ago when the lighthouse was automated. The Carrabelle Lighthouse Association has negotiated with the owner to replace this with a steel shed allowing the building to be returned to the lighthouse for restoration. Moving and restoration will occur thanks for an FLA Gene Oakes Lighthouse Grant.





The Board of Commissioners has established the Winslow Lewis Society to recognize those whose generous contributions helped create the Specialty License Plate law and fund. The Specialty License Plate income is used for grants to historic Florida lighthouse preservation efforts. Thank you to those FLA members that had the vision for this.

FLA's work at preserving, protecting and restoring Florida's 30 historic lighthouses is important. Please go to the FLA web site to learn more and consider making a donation to help further our mission.

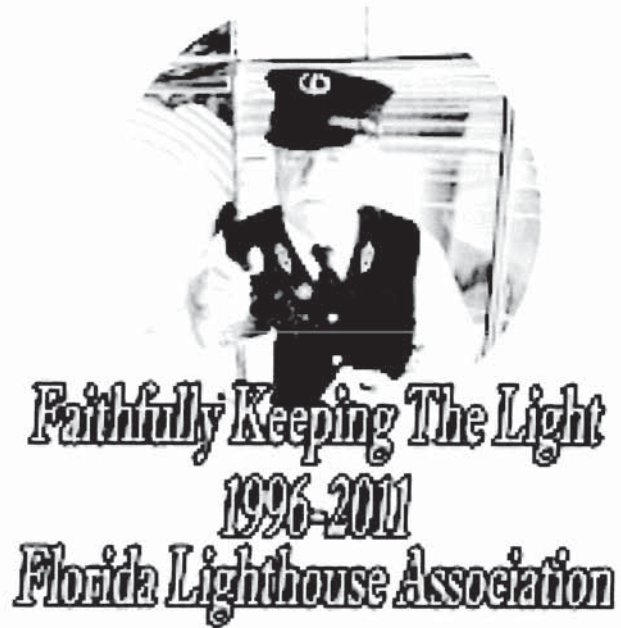
Go to www.FloridaLighthouses.org and click on the "Donate Now" tab to become part of this important work.



Daniel Raffield, Mary Dorsey, Prism Society member, and FLA president Ken Smith on the widow makers walk of St. Joseph Sound Lighthouse



As part of the Lighthouse Congress Meeting special events were held at the St. Joseph Sound Lighthouse for members of the Beacon, Prism and Fresnel Societies. Here, Prism Society members enjoyed being inside the lantern room.



Florida Lighthouse Association is a non-profit group of citizen activists dedicated to the preservation of the 30 remaining historic lighthouses that line our state's 1200 mile coast line.

As a 501(c)(3) charitable organization, all donations are tax deductible.



MAYPORT LIGHTHOUSES

February 11, 2012

EVENT RESERVATION

Reservation Deadline Jan 27, 2012

NAME OF PARTICIPANT (please print):

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ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

Email: _____ Telephone: _____

Vegetarian Meal YES _____

NAME OF PARTICIPANT (please print):

2) _____ DOB _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

Email: _____ Telephone: _____

Vegetarian Meal YES _____

LUNCHEON

Luncheon buffet will include Tossed Green Salad, Marinated Charbroiled Chicken Breast, Seafood Newburg served in Puff Pastry, Vegetable Lasagna, Rice Pilaf, Assorted Rolls, Coffee, Iced tea, and water.

I want to join the Florida Lighthouse Association (check one)

Single Membership \$25 _____

Family Membership \$35 _____

Corporate Membership \$100 _____

Social Hour and Meetings

Total number of persons _____ X \$50pp = _____

Non- members _____ X \$65 pp = _____

TOTAL = _____

Number Planning on Attending the Friday Night Social Hour _____

Please make your check payable to the FLORIDA LIGHTHOUSE ASSOCIATION. Mail this form and your payment to:
Ron Ecker, PO Box 372153, Satellite Beach, FL. 32937

The FLA has a no-refund policy in effect. Receipt of payment confirms reservation.

An e-mail will be sent for reservation confirmation; if you do not have an e-mail I will mail you a confirmation.

All reservations received **after** the deadline will be returned.

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- 2081 NE 27th Street
Lighthouse Point, FL 33064
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