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FLORIDA LIGHTHOUSE ASSOCIATION

A Message from the President

President Ken Smith brings a challenge as we look toward the needs of our lighthouse preservation efforts for 2013-14

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Amelia Island Lighthouse Meeting

January 24 & 25, 2013 - Lighthouse Open for Climbing



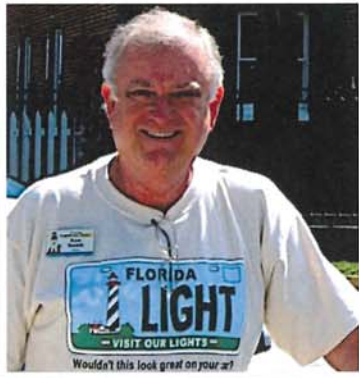
The Amelia Island Lighthouse Meeting will feature as our special guest and keynote speaker Arlyn Danielson, US Coast Guard Curator. Arlyn is pictured here with Florida Lighthouse Association President Ken Smith. Ken visited the Coast Guard Archives recently and named Arlyn "Florida Lighthouse Keeper for the Day." Arlyn will be sharing about her important work as guardian of the valuable history of the Coast Guard and the predecessor organizations including the Revenue Cutter Service, the US Life-Saving Service and the US Lighthouse Service.



FLA Sets Records for Giving and Grants

2012-13 was a record year for fund-raising and also for Grants being awarded to local lighthouse preservation groups. This year Grants were given to Fowey Rocks (emergency repairs), Cape Canaveral (architectural drawings), Cape San Blas (relocation), Hillsboro (door replacement), Jupiter Inlet (emergency roof repair), Fowey Rocks (more emergency repair) and Egmont Key (lens pedestal restoration) -- over \$100,000. In the past three years we have given over \$250,000 to help support local lighthouse preservation, protection, restoration and education efforts. 15 lighthouses have received grants. We do this through the generous contributions of faithful members and friends. See the pictures and stories on page 6 showing grants being awarded at the recent Hillsboro Lighthouse Congress in October and consider helping make the difference in lighthouse preservation in Florida by making a contribution today.

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At the end of our Hillsboro meeting last month I sat down next to Hib Casselberry, charter member of our organization and long-time advocate for lighthouse preservation efforts in Florida. We had just given “big checks” out to three

local lighthouse preservation groups. Total, \$35,420. One for emergency repairs, one for a preservation effort and the third for necessary repair to a dock to allow access to one of our 30 remaining historic Florida lighthouses. I asked, “Hib, when you started the Florida Lighthouse Association 17 years ago, did you ever think we would be here doing this?” Hib smiled and didn’t say anything. I think he was just enjoying the moment, the realization of a dream that 26 folks had to build an organization that COULD raise funds like this and help local preservation groups. YOU are the realization of that dream. Since we created our two grants programs three years ago, the Gene Oakes Lighthouse Fund and the Tom Taylor Keepers Fund have give away over a quarter million dollars. These funds have been used to help restore lighthouses, rescue historic buildings, paint, repair, educate, promote. We have helped fund two lighthouse challenge weekends. Grants have been used to multiply the money by organizations as they used these funds as matching funds for other grants. In three years fifteen of our lighthouses have received grants. This is significant.

I got an e-mail from one of our members a few days ago. She wrote, “I’m glad to be a member of this organization & to know our money is working, to preserve lighthouses. I wish I could do more . . .” I feel this same way, don’t you? It is a pleasure to be part of FLA, to be part of an organization that is making a difference.

Our Development Committee met in August and set a goal to raise \$50,000 this year to help support our preservation, protection and restoration efforts. These funds will come from you and me, our members, and others that believe in our cause. The Development Committee started by committing to give, and 100% signed up for that commitment. They then asked all of our Board members to commit to the campaign -- and all of our Board has made this commitment, to give above and beyond membership dues. We then asked members at the October Hillsboro Lighthouse Congress to join our challenge. Many of you did. In fact, we are already in record territory -- we have had members commit to give over \$42,000 in the next year. Some have given \$100, others \$250, others \$1,000, others \$100 per month and others have given more.

We are so close to our \$50,000 goal. We all need to help. Will you make a commitment to give to FLA’s fund in the next year? Will you consider giving a one-time gift or, better yet, a monthly gift?

We know that the requests for grants next year will set records -- these requests will probably total over \$100,000. The only way we can provide for these needs is with all of our continued commitment.

Will you join me in making a commitment to this cause, the important preservation efforts we support?

You can help in one of several ways. You can make a one-time gift or sign up for monthly giving through our Web site, www.floridalighthouses.org and click the “Donate Now” button on the right side. You can write a check and mail it in. Or you can let us know that you intend to make your donation in the next year by going to page 7 and mailing in that form.

Here’s another idea -- how about giving an FLA membership for a Christmas gift?

Thank you for helping to keep the lights shining -- thank you for helping make a difference.

Ken Smith, FLA President

HOTELS

**Hampton Inn
at the Beach**

2549 Sadler Rd.
Fernandina Beach, FL 32034
(904) 321-1111
\$89 for double bed or king
Reserve by December 23



Amelia Hotel

1997 South Fletcher Ave.
Fernandina Beach, FL 32034
(904) 206-5600
\$89 for double bed or king
Reserve by December 23



**Residence Inn
by Marriott**

2301 Sadler Rd.
Fernandina Beach, FL 32034
(904) 277-2440
\$99 for studio king suite
Reserve by December 24



**Comfort Suites
Ocean View
Amelia Island**

2801 Atlantic Ave.
Fernandina Beach, FL 32034
(904) 261-0193
\$72 king suite, \$76 two queen, \$81 king ocean
view suite
Reserve by December 24



**Amelia Island
Lighthouse
Meeting
January 24-25,
2014**

**Keynote
Speaker
Arlyn
Dannielson,
Coast Guard
Curator**

Register on line at
www.floralighthouses.org

MEETING LOCATION

Atlantic Auditorium
2500 Atlantic Ave., Fernandina Beach, FL

**Cost is \$55 for Florida Lighthouse Association members
\$90 each for non-members (family) or \$80 non-member
(individual), includes one-year membership*
Deadline for registrations is January 15th. If by mail must be
received before the 15th!**

Friday January 24, 2014

6:00 - 7:30 PM FLA Board Meeting
7:30 - 9:30 PM Social Hour (Hors'dovres, wine and soda)

Saturday January 25, 2014

9:00 AM - Noon FLA Membership Meeting
12:00 - 1:00 PM Lunch & Raffle/Auction
1:00 - 4:00 PM Tour lighthouse and grounds

*Due to insurance requirements everyone must be a member of FLA to climb the lighthouse. The non-member price includes a 1-year membership to FLA.

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Amelia Island Lighthouse Meeting

January 24-25, 2014

EVENT RESERVATION

Reservation Deadline January 15, 2014

NAME OF PARTICIPANT (please print):

1) _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

Email: _____ Telephone (Please list cell phone in case I need to get in touch with you during the event): _____

NAME OF PARTICIPANT (please print):

2) _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

Email: _____ Telephone (Please list cell phone in case I need to get in touch with you during the event): _____

January Event

Total number of FLA Members _____ X \$55pp = _____

Total number of Non-members _____ X \$90pp family = _____

Individual non-member 1 X \$80pp = _____

TOTAL = _____

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.
- 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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Hillsboro Inlet Lighthouse Congress - October 11 & 12



The Barefoot Mailman (Ben Ellis, upper left photo) opened our meeting with a special delivery -- our own Fresnel lens, FLASH. Dan Dodge (second photo from the left), town Mayor, welcomed us to Hillsboro Beach, the Hillsboro Club and the lighthouse. Art Makenian, President of Hillsboro Lighthouse Preservation Society (third photo from left), was our host and honored speaker. Art brought us up to date on Society news and work. Hib Casselberry shared details of the construction and history of Hillsboro Lighthouse.



Nina Berkheiser (our consultant) and Cynthia Touchton (FLA member and Financial Planner) are pictured receiving "thank you" plaques from FLA president, Ken Smith. Many members have asked about estate and financial planning. They brought us up to date on current rules and how we each can best plan for the future. FLA depends on generous donations from members and friends to help carry on our work of preserving, protecting and restoring Florida's 30 remaining historic lighthouses. Thank you Nina and Cynthia for giving us great ideas.

Arlene Oehler and Delores Harden presented a video showing the now finished Cooked River Lighthouse Wash House. This is one of the most significant joint ventures we've ever been part of with three grants from FLA, participation from the City of Carrabelle and work from the Carrabelle Lighthouse Assn.



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Grant Report - Hillsboro Inlet Lighthouse Congress



Ginny Davis (VP Grants), Ken Smith (FLA Pres.), LCDR Brian Huff (USCG) and Ron Ecker (District Commissioner) with \$10,000 grant check for Anclote Key dock restoration.



Egmont Alliance members Barbara Samuel, Janica Johnson and Teri Long, Ken Smith (FLA Pres.), LCDR Brian Huff (USCG) and Ginny Davis (VP Grants), with \$2,500 grant check for Egmont Key lens pedestal restoration.



Ginny Davis (VP Grants), Ken Smith (FLA Pres.), LCDR Brian Huff (USCG) and Steve Koepke (Jupiter Inlet Lighthouse and Museum), with \$22,920 grant check for Jupiter Lighthouse emergency roof repair.

One grant from our Gene Oakes Lighthouse Grant Fund (used for bricks-and-mortar restoration projects) and two grants from our Tom Taylor Keepers Grant Fund (used for other projects, including educational and general projects) were awarded at this meeting. Money for these grant funds come from the sale of the "Visit Our Lights" specialty license plates and donations from members and friends of the Florida Lighthouse Association. This is our core work -- to help provide financially for the preservation, protection and restoration of Florida's 30 remaining historic lighthouses. This work is done by faithful members and staff of local societies and organizations. Much of this funding comes through donations and membership of our Lumen, Beacon, Prism, Fresnel and Tower Societies. At the Hillsboro meeting, Society members met Saturday evening for a sunset cruise through the Inlet to watch the sun set behind the lighthouse and watch the light turn on. Will you help? Join one of our Societies by giving a one-time gift or committing to monthly giving to the important work the Florida Lighthouse Association does.

FLA Societies Sunset Cruise at Hillsboro Lighthouse

FLA's work is made possible because of gifts from these Society members and other donors: Stan & Dottie Beckstrom, Nina Berkheiser, Ed & Dorothy Butler, Hib & Martha Casselberry, Ruth Erlandson, Al King, Craig & Gayla Kittendorf, Linda Koestel, Ron & Susan Kosciulek, Olivia Larkins, Teri Long, Willard & Olivia Magness, Ron & Joan Ouellett, Harry & Jean Pettit, Betty Lowe Phelps, Alan & Dora Lee Rosendorf, Richard Sanchez, Ken & Dede Smith, Cynthia Touchton, Chris & Sharon Belcher, Charles & Ginny Davis, Ron & Chris Ecker, Wanda Mayo, Robert & Beverly Marrilees, Beverly Oakes & Tommy Hasty, Doris Underwood, Anonymous and others.

To join one of our Societies click "Donate Now" on www.FloridaLighthouses.org or use the form on the facing page.



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HELP SAVE OUR LIGHTHOUSES CAMPAIGN

PLEASE PRINT AND MAIL THIS FORM TO FLA OR EMAIL IT TO INFO@FLORIDLIGHTHOUSES.ORG

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FLA members and donors made it possible for FLA to give \$103,377 in grants to local lighthouse preservation groups during the last fiscal year! ***This year requests for grants exceed the funds available!***

Please make any changes/corrections to your address on the reverse (address) side of this page.

Name: _____

List my/our name on FLA's donor recognition list as: _____

Email: _____

This is important - FLA uses email for e newsletters, meeting information, membership confirmations and gift receipts.

Preferred Phone: (_____) _____

Yes, I/We want to make a philanthropic gift to help save our lighthouses for future generations.

Enclosed is my/our gift of \$ _____ Checks should be made payable to FLA

I/we pledge at total of \$ _____

◇ I/we will **mail** gifts to fulfill our pledge to FLA:

Before Dec 30, 2013

Monthly

Quarterly (Dec, March, June, Sept)

◇ I/we will make **credit card payments** to fulfill our pledge as follows:

Before Dec 30, 2013

Quarterly (Dec, March, June, Sept)

Monthly ~ We will go to FLA's website to set up our monthly credit card payments

Please also provide me/us with information on:

Wills, trust and estate gift arrangements

Stocks, Bonds and Mutual Funds,

Savings Bonds

Paid-up Life Insurance

IRA distributions

FLA is a 501(c) 3 nonprofit organization, funded by philanthropic gifts and memberships from individuals. FLA does not receive government funding! Florida's "Visit Our Lights" license plate sales provide additional funding for preservation and restoration grants to local lighthouses.

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Lighthouses played a critical role in Florida's history; making it possible to explore, settle and develop Florida by using its 1350 miles of coastline (second only to Alaska in states with longest coastline). Only 30 lighthouses remain today. A 2002 study done by the State of Florida estimates that it will take almost \$20 million dollars to preserve these towers.

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Here is how YOU can help preserve and protect Florida's lighthouses!

Your gift saves Florida Lighthouses!

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