



# The Beacon

Ashtabula Lighthouse Restoration and Preservation Society  
April 2009

## Donation of 20,000 lbs Concrete Mix is a moving experience.

Joe Santiana, Lloyd Bogue and Mike Adley, along with several friends and lighthouse enthusiasts, shuttled a truck load of a high performance super-plasticized **ProSpec** concrete mix that was donated by **Bonsal America**, by boat to the Lighthouse late last summer.

Debbie Santiana had contacted the company last spring and suggested that the Ashtabula Lighthouse could provide the company with a great advertising opportunity to promote the use of their new **ProSpec Metro Mix** as the best way to repair the badly weathered concrete at the lighthouse. The trick was getting the concrete mix to the lighthouse in order for the work to be completed before weather conditions made it impossible. Through their hard work and ingenuity the mission was accomplished and here are the results.



## Membership Campaign

Our annual membership campaign is currently underway. Your financial support is most important as we restore the lighthouse. We are pursuing state, local and federal grant monies. However, your membership shows the commitment this community has to restore this treasured landmark. Our goal is to create a museum for all to visit, that will preserve the history of our harbor and lighthouse. Please enclose the membership form, with your donation, at your earliest convenience.

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## Floating "U" Dock System Delivered

The Ashtabula Lighthouse Restoration Society largest investment to date has been the purchase of a massive custom designed "U" shaped floating dock system from Kropf Marine. This Con-O-Lift dock is designed for use in the Great Lakes where the marine environments are very dynamic and the floating dock structure is subjected to constant movement and strong wave action.

Our Custom Dock System was delivered late last fall and will be installed at the Lighthouse in May. This floatation dock will provide a safer and easier way of accessing the historic structure as we work to restore it and for future visitors.

## July Fish Fry

Once again, society members are organizing a Fish Fry to be held at Lake Shore Park on July 18<sup>th</sup>. Menu will include breaded fish, baked potato/ French fries, cole slaw, roll, and beverage. The possibility of offering shrimp baskets is also being explored. Cost of a meal will be \$8.00 /\$5.00 child. The committee is planning entertainment. Dinners will be available between the hours of 3:00 P.M. and 7:00 P.M. A raffle and lighthouse items will be available. We are looking for volunteers to help during the afternoon and to sell tickets. Your participation would be most appreciated. Please contact Debbie at 440-224-0750 if you are able to help.

## Grants Awarded and Donations Received

Since July of 2008, the society was awarded grants from the Ashtabula Foundation, the Morrison Foundation and Wal-Mart. We are much honored to have been selected, especially during these hard financial times. We wish to thank Sherwin Williams for their gathering of paint chips from the lighthouse and analyzing them. We appreciate American Alert for the donation of a security system, Ziegler Heating for the donation of a generator which will provide all the electricity necessary at the lighthouse and Nordic Air and Premix for their contributions. We also wish to thank Applebee's Restaurant in Ashtabula for conducting a "Dining to Donate" benefit for the lighthouse society. When presented with their special coupon, 15% of each bill was donated to the society. Another such benefit will be held in the fall.

*Now, more than ever, your contributions are most important. Please join in our mission and spread the word about the society. A restored lighthouse, open to the public with guided tours will bring tourists and much needed revenue to our area. That's a cause we all can get behind! Remember, board members are available to speak to your organization.*

**Next Lighthouse Society Meeting**  
**Wed. April 22, 2009**  
**Old Coast Guard Station**  
**(East side of Lift Bridge) 7:00 P.M.**  
**Please Attend**