

The Beacon

Ashtabula Lighthouse Restoration and Preservation Society

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It's Official !

We received word from the Coast Guard on Thursday that we have been granted a lease to our lighthouse. The lease will remain in the hands of the society for the next twenty years at the cost of \$1.00 per year. We can now begin the restoration process! The society is in need of a watercraft to transport personnel and materials out to the site. Please contact any member of the Board if you are able to donate the use of a small fishing boat. We are also in need of a high-pressure washer, windows, doors, sandblaster, welding work, an engineer to design walkway/steps/floating dock and, of course, volunteers to help. We are also soliciting ideas for fresh water storage at the site.

Lightkeeper Found!

We have been in contact with another past Ashtabula Lighthouse keeper. Noel "Buck" Price was stationed at our lighthouse from 1953-1954. We have asked him to be our guest speaker at a special society meeting on **Sunday, April 27, 2003 at 1:30 P.M.** in the Marine Museum on Walnut Blvd. We are hoping for a good crowd to hear Mr. Price's tales concerning his adventures as a keeper. Please join us as we welcome him back to our city. There will be a free-will offering to benefit the society and Marine Museum.

Lighthouse Summerfest 2003

The festival will be held this year on **June 21st -22nd at Lakeshore Park**. There will be a variety of entertainment during the festival with lots of food, crafts, and speakers. This event promises to be fun for the entire family. Don't miss it! If you have any interest in volunteering, please contact Carol Cunningham at 440-224-1554 **IMMEDIATELY!**

Check us out at:
www.ashtabulalighthouse.com

Email Addresses

We would really appreciate receiving your **CORRECT** email addresses. Joe Santiana often sends out notices via the Internet to members. Some of the addresses we currently have are not exactly correct. If you have not been receiving Joe's emails, please call him at 440-224-0750 and give him your email address.

Photographs Wanted

Our historian, Bob Frisbie is requesting that anyone with old photos of our lighthouse contact him. All photos will be returned as copies are made. Amy Winger is also conducting a search of past lighthouse keepers. If you have any information you can contact her at 440-599-1858.

Membership Drive

Our membership drive is continuing. Although many members have renewed, we still need new active members. As we begin the restoration process this summer, our expenses will be quickly mounting. Please take a minute to fill out the form you received last month and send in your renewal. Don't forget to pass along the additional form sent to a friend.

Correction

The application form that was mailed to you last month was printed incorrectly. The Lamplighter level of membership is **\$100.00**. It was inadvertently printed as \$35.00. We are sorry for any inconvenience.

Merchandise Available

We have polo and t-shirts, as well as cups and caps with the Lighthouse logo, still available. **NEW ITEM-SWEATSHIRTS WITH EMBROIDED LOGO!**

Please join us at our next **General Meeting on April 9, 2003 at 7:00 P.M. in Walt's Diner on Bridge St.-your input is important!!**