

The Beacon

Ashtabula Lighthouse Restoration and Preservation Society

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Christmas Comes Early

As many of you know, we have received two grants in recent months. Our grant application for website development was approved by the Ashtabula County Online Consortium. This grant provided the Society with 75% of the monies necessary to get our site up and running. The site is not yet finished but is able to be accessed through the Internet at www.ashtabulalighthouse.com (Make sure your audio is on when accessing the site!) We were also awarded a grant from the Ashtabula Foundation. We received \$8500 that will go towards the restoration of the lighthouse. With this additional money we are now able to apply to the Coast Guard for the lease of the lighthouse. As many of you read in the Christmas day edition of the *Star Beacon*, we received a generous donation/membership from Dr. and Mrs. John Cogan. Dr. Cogan is a professor in Minnesota but grew up in Ashtabula. He and his wife are very excited about our project and hope to contribute more in the future. We are also very grateful to Carl Feather of the *Star Beacon* for the article that appeared in the paper. His interview with Joe Santiana, our vice-president was very informative and enticed several individuals to become members of our society.

Cross Your Fingers!

We have officially applied to the U.S. Coast Guard to lease the lighthouse and to the GSA for possible ownership. We believe we have met all of the requirements stipulated by the Coast Guard. At this point, the Coast Guard has reviewed our papers and forwarded them to the National Historic Society for review.

Summer Lighthouse Festival 2003???

If you have any interest in volunteering, please contact Carol Cunningham at 440-224-1554

IMMEDIATELY!

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 letters, please call him at 440-224-0750 to give him your email address.

Help Wanted Ads

The society will be in need of the following items/persons hopefully by this summer. Please let us know as soon as possible if you are able to help!

1. Large generator
2. Engineer to design walkway/steps/floating dock
3. Windows
4. Doors
5. Power washer
6. Sandblaster
7. Volunteers to install/glaze windows
8. Donations of paint
9. Welding work

Membership Drive

For most of us, our yearly membership to the Society will expire in March. We would like to challenge each existing member, not only rejoin, but also to bring two new memberships to the Lighthouse Society. We are also looking for corporate support. Any suggestions or help would be most appreciated.

We still have polo and t-shirts as well as caps and caps with the Lighthouse logo, still available!

NEW ITEM-SWEATSHIRTS WITH EMBROIDED LOGO

Please join us at our next meeting February 12th at 7:00 P.M. at Walt's Diner on Bridge St.-your input is important!!