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Hillsboro Lighthouse Preservation Society

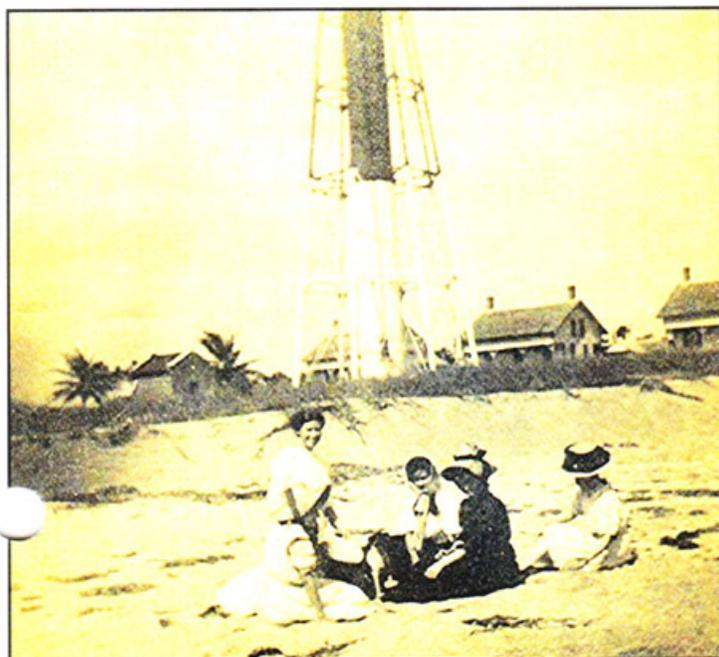
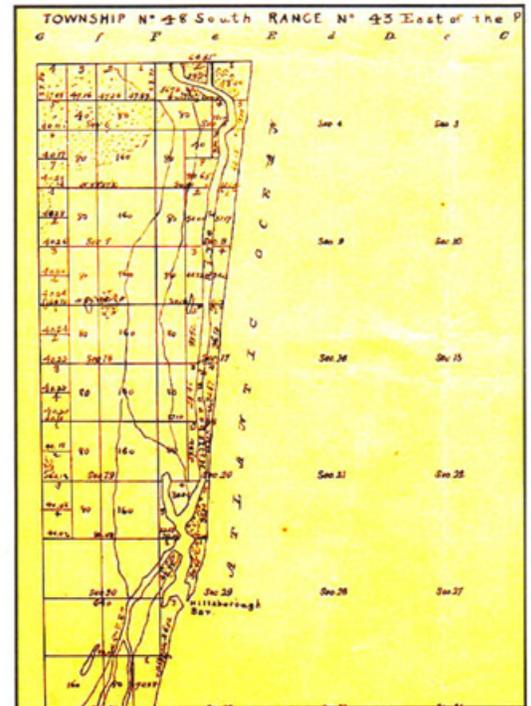
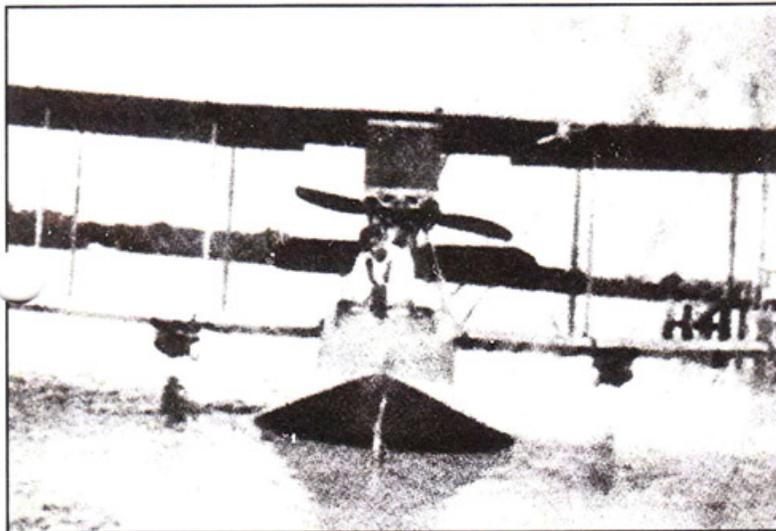
Big Diamond

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100 Years of History at the Lighthouse



1961-64 Childhood Memories of Hillsboro Lighthouse Keeper, Donald Frederick Thurston's Children

Vicki Anderson and her brother, Donald Frederick Thurston II, both wrote regrets of not being able to come to the November 10th Keeper Reunion with their parents Donald and Hermalene Thurston. Both of the Thurston "children" painted beautiful pictures of their life at Hillsboro Light Station. Here are just some of their stories:

From Donald: "I am sending a DVD that was made from old 8mm film my father had shot while we were living there. The footage of Beaver and our other puppy Rebel is of special importance to me. When we were transferred to Northern Michigan, we had to leave the dogs behind, which you can imagine as a six year old boy how upsetting that was. We were assured by the crew that they would be cared for. My sister and I never forgot the dogs, and in 1973 on our way with our parents to a new duty station in Puerto Rico, my father decided to stop by the lighthouse for a visit as we were flying to San Juan out of Miami. To great surprise, Beaver was still alive. As we were meeting the Officer in Charge and his family, Beaver came running up right to my sister. He had been her puppy. He had recently been bitten by a possum, I believe, and his face was all swollen. He was very lively for his age and all that he had endured. It was such a thrill to get to pet him one more time, to see that he had done ok and had so much love and care from all the families and crew over the years. Thank you to all of them. I would imagine that he meant as much to them and they had enjoyed his spirit as much as we did. No one had known until that visit how Beaver had come to the station. We were told that even the (Hillsboro) Club members had helped in Beaver's welfare after being struck by a car. We were saddened of the news that Beaver had died sometime after our visit, but what a great feeling to know that a monument would be placed on the grounds to honor him. We hope in the near future we will get to visit the lighthouse again and say hello to Beaver, The Station Mascot."

From Vickie: "When remembering my days as a young girl playing in the ocean with my little brother Donald and our two dogs Rebel and Beaver, I am lost for a moment... Feeling in my mind the warm air, the smells, the ocean, and the never ending excitement of living at the now famous Lighthouse...is a memory I will always hold on to.. The fantastic crystals in the lighthouse that my father would clean I will always remember... that was the first time I learned about lights in a prism...Fishing off the dock, seeing sharks swimming, watching the schools of porpoises jumping, seeing water funnels coming up out of the water with great speed and grace, my gosh who can ever forget the days at the lighthouse. I know we all hold our different memories of living at this magical spot and that is exactly how I describe it... everyday was a surprise, pure magic...from visits from the boy scouts (several hundred who took over our precious beach, filling it with Palm tree huts) and of course my father's crew that assisted the young scouts that build them...My brother was invited to stay overnight with the scouts, and I think I was invited for a wiener roast. I was such a little tom boy, I could not understand that girls were not allowed!!! My mother and father would take us out on the coral reefs to explore the living life among the reef, they would walk it cutting their feet and my brother and I would be pulled in a little boat, running our hands in the water as they pulled. It was like living as the Robinson Crusoe Family. We were always using our imagination for fun. No commuter games were needed during these days for fun. The lighthouse was a never ending play land for children. The crew and our father built a sling that we could ride at the top of the hill and ride all the way down until we collided with the ocean. (... Yippeeeeeee so much fun...and we invited the 3rd and 4th grade class to come and ride the slide... What a party... I hope the children there remember it as well as I do... Donnie and myself spent many hours climbing palm trees, picking coconuts and swinging like little monkeys. Of course, there were some memories that are not pleasant that I will never forget... the Cuban Crisis... wearing dog tags to school in case something were to happen to us, our bodies might be identified... seeing the many people who were trying to escape Castro's control, seeing people who were burned, children with sad eyes, scared and confused, my brother and I standing at the top of the hill watching and not understanding. However, seeing my father, his crew and even my mother helping these people out of their boats will always bring tears to my eyes...as I remember the tears that fell from their eyes. We as Americans forget what we have that so many others will risk their lives to obtain...Our service men give this to the Americans, and God Bless Our Guardians and Soldiers."

Keeper, Donald F. Thurston and his wife, Hermalene are living in Murray, KY. Donald Thurston II and his family now live in Florissant, MO. Vickie Thurston Anderson lives with her family in Nashville, TN.



By the Lighthouse is Ben Stone, Jr.
with dogs Buster and Trouble (1939)



George Stone left, Jimmy Miller, George Isler, Ben Stone, Jr. going off to Scout camp and Fred Stone.



George Stone and Eugene Santo feed Joe the alligator..

Please read carefully – new rules

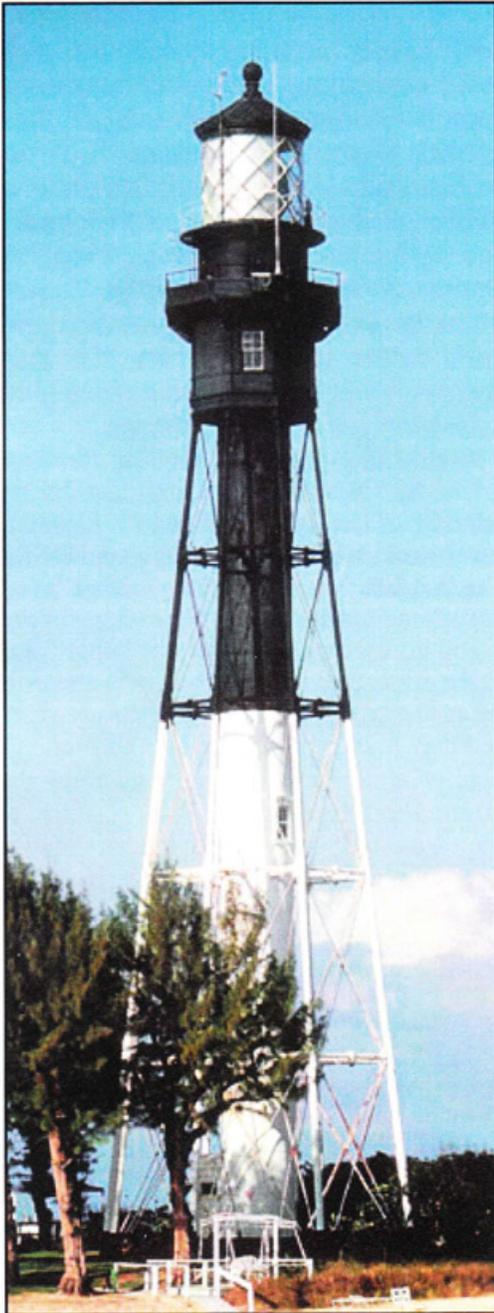
Centennial Tour Saturday, Feb. 24th

Circle February 24th on your calendar for this year's winter tour at the lighthouse. Because of security at both the US Coast Guard and Hillsboro Club's properties, we will be traveling to the lighthouse via chartered bus. Come to our usual spot, the City of Pompano Beach Parking Lot just a block north of Atlantic Blvd. on N. Riverside Drive. There is a parking fee. A HLPS table will be set up there and friendly members will be accepting new memberships, checking you in and giving you a wrist band before you board the big passenger bus for a pleasant ride up to the lighthouse with narration by Dr. Ray McAllister. Dr. Ray is a delightful gentleman who will tell you of some of the special treats awaiting you at the lighthouse.

The bus will be shuttling from the parking lot, first at 9:30 A.M. followed by trips out to the light at 10:30, 11:30, and the last trip to the lighthouse at 12:30 noon. All tour participants must be off the Coast Guard Station by the time the last bus leaves for the parking lot at 2:00 P.M. No reservations are accepted. No backpacks are allowed on the bus and no food or drinks except bottled water. You will need the water because no food or water will be available on the property. These new restrictions seem harsh to all of us, but they must be followed for **this** tour.

You will probably want to climb the tower and enjoy the spectacular view from the Observation Deck. Back at ground level, Sheldon Voss will be available to share stories his mother used to tell him about her life at the light station back in the 1920's as a daughter of Lighthouse Keeper, Thomas Knight. Sheldon's great uncle was one of the Barefoot Mailman (as those barefoot troopers were called) who walked up and down the beach from Palm Beach to the Miami River six days a week with a precious mail pouch to deliver news to the sparsely populated outposts from 1885 to the time a road was established some eight years later. Each mailman would pass the beach where our Lighthouse Station now stands. The stone statue at the Station is in memory of Ed Hamilton, the mailman who mysteriously lost his life right here at Hillsboro Inlet. Sheldon can tell you more about the Barefoot Mailman. We hope for sunshine, light breezes blowing and a little crispness in the air. Back at the parking lot, Joyce Hager, our Gift Shop Manager, will have items from our Gift Shop Collection for sale.

Centennial Celebration



Wednesday March 7 For the Hillsboro Inlet Tower

By Hib Casselberry

The kerosene vapor lamp at Hillsboro Inlet Tower was officially lit as an Aid to Navigation on March 7, 1907, at dusk. Keeper Captain Alfred A. Berghell and his two Assistant Keepers, Henry A. Keys and Robert N. Thompson managed the day-to-day operation of this isolated lighthouse station. They and their families lived in the three 1-1/2 story dwellings each with their own kitchen about 15 feet north of the dwelling with a breezeway between. Each had their own outhouse behind the storage buildings.

On Wednesday afternoon, March 7, 2007, The Hillsboro Lighthouse Preservation Society in conjunction with the U.S. Coast Guard 7th District, Broward County and local municipalities will celebrate this special centennial anniversary of “**Big Diamond**”. Proclamations from State of Florida, Broward County and local cities will be on display.

The location for this affair will be at Pompano Beach’s beautiful “Hillsboro Inlet Park” just south of Hillsboro Inlet on Florida Highway A1A at 2700 North Ocean Blvd., Pompano Beach, FL 33062. Both the small open-sided pavilion and the show-mobile have been reserved.

Parking will be directed by the Broward County Sheriff’s Department with HLPS volunteers. It will be located along N. Riverside Drive, west of Highway A1A.

Before the major event, our area story tellers and local musical talents (including the Coast Guard Auxiliary Bagpipers) will entertain the early arrivals starting about 4:00 PM. Local service groups will have their “vendor-mobiles” for the purchase of food and drinks. The major attraction will be the U.S. Coast Guard together with the area dignitaries. Other activities include the Lighthouse lamp lighting at dusk, followed by birthday cake, a short display of

fireworks and Coast Guard closing ceremony about 7:30 PM. An area popular music group will perform on the stage for another hour or so, The park closes at 9:00 PM. Check our website for updated information. It is www.HillsboroLighthouse.org

Hillsboro Keepers' Reunion at CAP's Place

By Marie Motz, USCG-Aux. & Hib Casselberry

In 2006 the Hillsboro Inlet Lighthouse Station celebrated its 100-year anniversary. It ended with a new celebration on Friday night, November 10th, by a dinner at Cap's Place where members of the Keeper Families were honored for their service beginning 100 years ago this year, 2007. The 50 who attended included descendants of the keepers, some HLPS Board members and USCG Auxiliary who enjoyed the festivities. Sharon Rhoades presentation a PowerPoint show of photographs sent by former keeper families and Martha Casselberry read two letters from Keepers that were not able to attend.

The next day, on November 11th, the lighthouse was open for tours. This is only scheduled 3 or 4 times a year, but this time there was something very special. Many family members who are direct descendants of original lighthouse keepers at this Station enjoyed the day and shared memories of unique experiences only a person growing up at the Hillsboro Lighthouse Station could know.

As we ate lunch together, the granddaughter of a keeper recalled that as a child, she and her brothers would have the biggest treat when the bridge opened. They were allowed to climb to the top and dive into the Inlet. Living at the Lighthouse involved plenty of work as well, including climbing the stairs lighting the way by lamp light as their fathers or brothers brought cans of kerosene to light the light. It was a real treat to hear these first-hand accounts.



The Keeper Stone Family



The Keeper Night Family



The Keeper Bennett

Historical Events of Hillsboro Inlet Lighthouse Station

by Art Makenian, USCG Auxiliary

- 1901 Congress recognizes a need for a lighthouse at Hillsboro inlet at a cost not to exceed \$90,000.
- 1901-? Site first selected was south of the Inlet, but proved to have unsatisfactory ground .
- 1902 June 28, a Congressional Act approves an initial appropriation of \$45,000.
- 1903 March 3, a second act approves for an additional \$25,000.
- 1903 November 9, Department of Commerce and Labor purchases 3 acres of swamp land from El Field and Mary Osborn for \$320.
- 1905 March 3, a third and final act appropriates \$20,000 for the completion of the lighthouse.
- 1905 Russel Wheel and Foundry Company of Detroit, Michigan is awarded a contract by the Secretary of Commerce to built a skeletal type cast iron lighthouse 147 feet tall.
- 1905 Barbier Benard et Turenne of Paris, France is awarded a contract for a Henry Lepaute 9 feet second order byvalve lens rated at 550,000 cp with a mercury float turning mechanism for a cost of \$7,250.
- 1905 G.W. Brown Construction Co. of West Palm Beach, Florida is awarded a contract for construction of five buildings which included three keepers houses, a barracks and an oil shed for a cost of \$21,500.
- 1906 J. H. Gardner of New Orleans, Louisiana is awarded a contract for clearing of the land and laying of a concrete foundation plus re-assembly and erection of the lighthouse tower for a cost of \$16,792.
- 1907 Major Macquirth, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers 8th Engineering District, passes the inspection of the entire facility and authorizes the lighthouse to be placed into service.
- 1907 March 7, Hillsboro Lighthouse is placed into service for U.S.L.H.E. Board. Capt. A. A. Burghell is appointed as the first lighthouse keeper.
- 1910 Congress abolishes the Lighthouse Board (USLHE) and creates the Bureau of Lighthouses (USLHS) and is retained under the same Department of Commerce.
- 1914 Through 1918 the Hillsboro Light Station houses the Coast Guard beach patrol and signalmen personnel.
- 1924 Bridge crosses Hillsboro Inlet completing the Beach Road (A1A) and ends the isolation of the lighthouse from the mainland.
- 1925 Lighthouse converted from kerosene to DC electric power. Four 250 watt bulbs raises light intensity to 1,000,000 candle power projecting the beam to 18 nautical miles.
- 1926 September 17, massive hurricane devastates the entire area damaging all standing buildings and trees except the lighthouse. No human casualties reported.
- 1930 Heavy granite breakwater installed from the base of the lighthouse extending 260 feet to the ocean and 18 feet wide stabilizing land points.
- 1932 Lighthouse reconverted from DC to AC electrical power with new three 250 watt bulbs retaining same light intensity to 1,000,000 cp.
- 1938 Oil House demolished and lighthouse personnel reduced to two keepers.
- 1939 July 7, President F.D. Roosevelt consolidates the Bureau of Lighthouses (USLHS) with the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) under the jurisdiction of the Treasury Department.
- 1941 to 1945 World War II period the light is turned off.
- 1942 U.S. Navy builds a concrete room equipped with an emergency generator and radio beacon communications equipment and a 120 feet tall antenna tower erected along side the new room.
- 1943 Coast Guard engineering and maintenance personnel discover major corrosion damages on the ten-

sion rods and turnbuckle of the lighthouse. Damaged parts are replaced and repaired during the war.

1966 The three ac 250 watt light bulbs system removed and replaced with new two 1000 watt xenon bulb system thus increasing the light intensity to 5,500,000 cp (candlepower) projecting to 28 nm. Hillsboro Lighthouse becomes the third most powerful lighthouse in the world.

1974 The lighthouse is fully automated by a photocell switch turning lightbulb on and off. The lens rotates non-stop to prevent sunbeam damage to properties.

1974 The keepers' houses are renovated and are now used as guest quarters for senior Coast Guard officers. Only one Coast Guardsman remains on board to maintain the lighthouse and grounds.

1978 National Park Service places Hillsboro Lighthouse on the National Register of Historic Places.

1986 Major structural repairs were performed on internal and external plates and diagonal tension rods and associated hardware. All corroded railings replaced.

1992 Rotation imbalance forces the classic lens to be turned off and replaced by a 190 mm rotating lantern reducing light beam to 8 nautical miles.

1994 Traces of mercury contamination found throughout the watch and service room stairways forces Coast Guard environmental engineering to remove 400 pounds of mercury from the original turning mechanism.

1995 April 25 Chemical Waste Management Inc. of Pompano Beach, Florida removed and disposed of 400 pounds of mercury and cleaned the reservoirs for \$32,500.

1995 Worth Contracting of Jacksonville, Florida is awarded to clean all mercury contaminants and all lead-base paint from the lighthouse by sandblasting and repainting it with epoxy base paint for \$98,000.

1996 Parsons Engineering of Fairfax, Virginia is awarded a contract for an engineering study to recommend to the Coast Guard the future destiny of the lighthouse. Parsons recommends removal of the classic lens and replacing it with a Vega 25 rotating beacon good for 10 nautical miles.

1996 Public awareness of Parsons' recommendation to the Coast Guard prompts the creation of Hillsboro Lighthouse Preservation Society to oppose the removal of the classic lens and its mechanism.

1997 Collins Engineering of Chicago, Illinois is awarded a contract to design a new ball bearing mechanism to replace the mercury float, remove and replace the existing electrical wiring and renovate the Service Room to its original configuration.

1998 Worth Contracting of Jacksonville, Florida, the low bidder, is awarded the contract for \$143,000 to fulfill the work scope and paint the external lower half of the lighthouse structure and replace front door. The contractor completed project without replacing the new ball bearing installation.

1998 November 6, Coast Guard Auxiliary volunteers are assigned to take over the installation of the new bearing and restoration of the entire mechanism of Barbier Benard et Turenne installation.

1999 January 28 The classic lens is back in operation after seven years being in the dark. The light beam shines to its original 5,500,000 candlepower projecting to 28 nautical miles.

1999 February 28 Newly designed and manufactured bearing fails and Coast Guard reinstalls the Vega 25 beacon.

1999. April 7 Coast Guard Civil Engineering Unit allows for David Butler HLPS and Arthur Makenian USCG Aux. both engineers, to present a feasible design for a new bearing for consideration to use and install.

2000 January, per Butler and Makenian recommendation, the Coast Guard places a purchase order to the Torrington Company of South Carolina for a one piece pre-engineered bearing for a cost of \$19,538.

2000 August 18, the classic lens and a newly improved drive mechanism is back on line and Hillsboro Inlet Light is now on normal operation, the most powerful beam from a lighthouse in the world!

2007 The Centennial Celebration celebrating 100 years of our Lighthouse.

The 1904 World's Fair & The Connection With Hillsboro Lighthouse

By Martha Casselberry

We have always known there was some kind of connection between our lighthouse and the all-time greatest World's Fair of 1904. Some have said the tower itself was erected or displayed there. That for sure is false. We know that the tower was built in Detroit, Michigan in 1906, constructed by the Russell Wheel & Foundry Company. We have a copy of that fact in a wonderful picture reproduced in the May 2006 newsletter. It shows the complete tower, minus the lantern room and lens, in a huge courtyard between two of the foundry buildings. Four proud gentlemen, possibly the general contractor and the owner of the foundry in dress suits and two Lighthouse Service representatives in uniforms, are standing next to the steps, with more workers on the sidelines as a horse-drawn cart passes by.

We can imagine that everything about the tower had been checked out and it would soon be dismantled like an Erector Set and shipped to the Hillsboro Inlet site.

Now we have some proof that our beautiful Fresnel lens WAS on display at this "Great St. Louis Exposition", in honor of the 100th anniversary of the Louisiana Purchase. Geannie Ashford and Lucy Brewer wrote to us from Decatur and Hartsille, Alabama saying they planned to visit here with several relatives to see the lighthouse because their great grandfather had seen the Hillsboro Lighthouse lens at the 1904 Fair and spoke of it so often. Thomas Jefferson Russell had enjoyed the Fair so much that he returned for a second visit, bringing his 16 year old daughter and her 16 year old cousin to see the wonders of the "modern world". The lens must have been an impressive sight, sitting on a slow turning pedestal and lit inside by one of Thomas Edison's light bulbs. Edison himself presided over the Palace of Electricity and Machinery. Many buildings, including Festival Hall, which had a larger dome than St Peter's Basilica, were illuminated by millions of lights. And yet, Mr. Russell remembered the Hillsboro Lighthouse lens.

The Fair also established "fast food". Up until that time it was considered very rude to eat away from a dining table. Hot dogs, ice cream cones, hamburgers, cotton candy, popcorn and peanut butter on sliced bread were all introduced to millions who had never heard of such food. Yet, Mr. Russell was amazed by our lighthouse lens. Other popular exhibits featured the use of electricity for cooking, the phonograph for listening and moving pictures for seeing. Yet, Mr. Russell remembered the Hillsboro Inlet lens. Thanks to his enthusiasm and his descendants' hope of seeing our lovely lens, we know more about our lighthouse connection to the greatest of all World Fairs.

Celebrate Our Centennial

Tour the Lighthouse February 24

New Members , Since October

- Anderson, Brent & Martha
 Anderson, Nancy
 Angelico, Thomas & GERALYN
 Ashbrook, Robert
 Attis, Steve & Midge
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 Bailey, Kevin
 Barr, John & Jody
 Bauce, Fred & Phylis
 Behan, Lynn
 Bell, Robert
 Bernhardt, Linda
 Berti, Mildred
 Bisching, Bernard & Marilyn
 Blanco, Ed & Omaira
 Bleier, Amanda
 Bohan, Gregory
 Boo, Donald / Frances Welsh
 Borges, William & Lynn
 Boutin, George & Barbara
 Buck, Richard
 Bunemann, Richard
 Buntrock, Marvin
 Burgess, Arthur & Gelsomina
 Camp, Sarah
 Carbonara, Amato & Leanne
 Centofanti, Victor
 Clermont, Richard & Janice
 Collins, Marlen
 Comeau, Norm & Jeri
 Cook, J.
 Copeland, Stephen
 Corcoran, Colette
 Coyle, Tania
 Cortale, Joseph
 Crippen, Thomas & Carolyn
 Crow, Susan
 Czocher, Jim & Joyce
 Daher, John & Joy
 Deckelmann, Kristina
 Deimel, Dorothy
 Diller, George
 Dinverno, James & Vicki
 Dixon, Maurice
 Dockswell, Barry & Robbie
 Drews, B. P.
 Dunne, Karen
 Eaton, Les
 Eckert, Patti
 Eisele, Andrew
 Fanning, Dennis & Linda
 Farrar, Robert
- Fauss, David & Melissa Pigott
 Field, Ben & Danielle
 Fogelman, Brian & Stephanie
 Foss, Alice
 Fulp, Bob & Lisa
 Gibson, Don & Arlene
 Girl Scout Troop #435 *
 Girl Scout Troop #823
 Giroux, Bill & Cathy
 Glynn, Ann-Marie
 Hardy, Diane
 Helf, Jim & Ann
 Harrington, Donald & Judy
 Harvey, Ron & Rhonda
 Hernet, Steven & Carol
 Hertner, Thomas & Claudette
 Hilty, Barbara
 Horn, Lewis & Jerrel
 Howard, Theodore, Jr.
 Iuen, Marvin & Alice
 Jenco Plumbing Service *
 Jenkins, John & Becky
 Jensen, Gordon * Ginger
 Johnson, Daniel & Margaret
 Johnson, Sharmaine
 Jones, Ronald & Cindy
 Koogler, Judith
 Kramer, Mitchell & Paula
 Kranz, Robert & Cindy
 Krupa/Kirschner, Patrice
 LaBonte, Liza
 Lahr, Jim & Linda
 LaMarca, Angelo
 LaPrade, Walter & Deborah
 LaRose, Toby
 Lee, David & Ruth
 Lee, Leonard & Bonnie
 Lighthouse Yachts *
 M. Glenn Curran, III
 Lihamontes, Al & Ann
 Lloyd, Robert
 Longstreth, William/ Margie
 Madden, W. Reed & Judy
 Maffei, George & Janice
 Magrane, Brian & Lisa
 Manjone, Joe
 Masi, Rita
 Mayo, Dennis
 McCallum, James
 McCullar, Doyle & Irma
 McFarland, Don & Jenny
 McNab, Robert & Margery
- Mills, Douglas
 Mitchem, Ron
 Morris, Robert & Denise
 Mulcahy, Scott & Fran
 Murphy, Diane
 Murray, M.
 Muzi, Lou & Karen
 Nawalanic, John & Sharon
 Neil, Joe & Carol
 Nicholson, Keith
 Nigro, Lawrence
 Norton, Elaine
 O'Donnell, James & Grace
 O'Donovan, Jerry & Judy
 Oliver, Gordon & Susan
 Ostheim, Ken
 Pallone, Christine E
 Pearce, David & Nancy
 Pearson, Larry
 Peck, Jennifer Knight
 Pelton, Ann
 Peluso, Annette
 Pralgo, Jennifer
 Price, Eileen
 Purcell, Earl.J.
 Queen, Frank
 Rarick, Royce
 Rasmussen, Randy & Elyse
 Rogers, David & Bernice
 Rumpfeldt, Matt
 Sanders, Mr. & Mrs. Gene
 Sanecki, Kim
 Schassberger, Gordon
 Schall, Walter
 Schiller, Carey
 Schoelzel, Thomas & Diana
 Shaw, Diana
 Slider, Helen
 Smith, Thomas & Elizabeth
 St.Clergy, J. D.
 Stake, Robert & Joan
 Starr, Oren & Michelle Stan
 Stillwell, Barbara
 Stolar, Kenneth
 Stone, Robert & Karen
 Swartzwelder, Jason & Tricia
 Tafuri, Mr. & Mrs. Tom
 Terlizzi, James & Jennie
 Tiedeman, Marian
 Tiritilli, Joseph & Didi
 Tracey, Charles
 Trent, Richard
- Twyford, Judy
 Urbiztondo, Virgin
 Valenti, Michael & Peggy
 Vaughan, Doris
 Vellis, K.
 Watkins, Mark
 Webber, JohnWebber, Joyce
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 Williams, Lee & Karen
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 Williams, Rhys L.
 Weingarten, Darlene
 White, Joanne & Ruth
 Wolf, Barbara
 Ward, Diep,
 Woodmansee, Juliette
 Worley, III, William
 Wright Jamie
 Yates, Jennifer
 Zadel, Ed

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Thank you.

Gift Shop News

Joyce Hager runs the On Line Gift Shop for HLPS. For the February 24th tour, Joyce will have tables set up next to our Welcome Table at the Pompano Beach City Parking Lot in the 100 block of N. Riverside Drive . You can check out her supplies there whether you plan to ride to the lighthouse or not. You can also visit the Gift Shop at www.HillsboroLighthouse.org Click onto "Gift Shop" on the bar near the top. Below are selected pictures of some of the merchandise. Personal checks or cash only, as we do not accept credit cards.



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Note Cards



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T- Shirts



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T- Shirts



Patch



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VOLUNTEER HELPERS H.L.P.S.

Newsletter Mailing: Hib & Martha Casselberry, Laurie Kunkel,

Nov. 10th "Hillsboro Lighthouse Keepers' Reunion": Jack Burrie, Hib & Martha Casselberry, Joyce Hager, Ronald, Sharon & Chris Rhoades David Shing.

Nov 11th Tour at the Sands Harbor Dock: Martha Casselberry, Ben Ellis, Laurie Kunkel. **At the Lighthouse: USCG-ANT.** Wick Bennet, Pete Dillon, & Karl Mulleady, **USCG-Aux. Flotilla 3-7:** Liz Clark, Dave Friend, Jane Mueller, Joan Ranuert, Isaac Trejo. & **Flotilla 3-4:** Scott Cleary. **HLPS Members:** Suzan Baekkelund, Michael Bornstein, Jack Burrie, Hib Casselberry, Mike & Joyce Hager, Nancy LaMarca, Rita Masi, Ray McAllister, Linda Peck, Sharon & Chris Rhoades, David Shing, & Sheldon Voss.

Hillsboro Club. Provider of tables, chairs, tea, lemonade, water, cups, ice, and box lunches for workers at the Lighthouse:

Sands Harbor Hotel & Marina: Use of dock, tables, chairs.

Dec. 7th '06 Pompano Beach Atlantic Blvd Parade: Jack Burrie, Jim, Linda & Mark Peck and Bill Slager with his truck and Art Makenian's 9-ft. Lighthouse. replica installed by Black Rhino Shutters. The music equipment was provided anonymously.

Dec. 17th '06: Pompano Beach Boat Parade: Bob & Nancy Lee with their sailboat "Lee-Way" and Art Makenian's 9-ft. Lighthouse model. Capt. Jim Card, Jack Burrie, Joyce Hager. Those who helped to decorate and/or take down the lights & equipment were Jack Burrie, Dan Devendorf, Jerry Edelman, Joyce Hager and Hib Casselberry. The music equipment was provided anonymously.

Those who have given very substantial monetary gifts for special projects, past and present to the Hillsboro Inlet Lighthouse:

Edward Dietrich, Deerfield Builders Supply
Miriam H. Hood (deceased)
George & Muriel McCullar
Frederick & Susan Stone
Capt..Larry & Annette Yarborough, USCG Retired

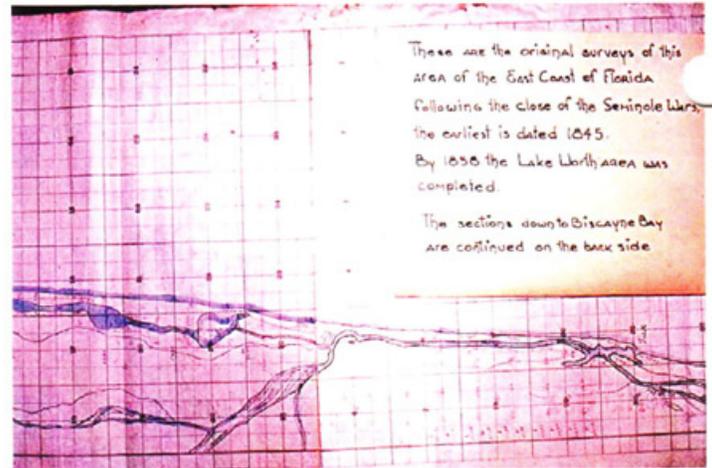
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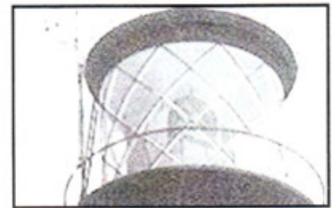
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Thomas & Arlene Loesel
Dr. & Mrs. William Leone
Scott & Kristian Martin
Chuck & Greta Sussman
Cynthia Knight Vickery

In Memory Miriam Hood

Miriam Hood, a founding member and the chief benefactor of our organization died on November 6, 2006, at age 99. HLPS and Pompano Beach as a whole owe Miriam a debt of gratitude. Besides serving continuously on the HLPS Board, Miriam was also a founding member of Pompano Beach Historical Society where she served as President from 1985-87. She helped create a fund for the building of the amphitheater as an addition to the Pompano Beach Recreation Center, obtained the furnishings for the Kester Cottages at the Historical Society and was instrumental in funding the restoration of Pompano's first fire engine.



Note in 1910 there are no roads . Transportation was by boat only. The captain's wives would make sea grape jelly and jam for trading with farmers and hunters in Deerfield Community. One of the families would row up the Hillsboro River for this transaction. Round trip would take about 5 hours and would often include a stop at the general store for a special purchase.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

1. Additional Tour Guides at the lighthouse.
2. Public Relations Person: (Compose news releases & contact newspapers, magazines, radio, & TV stations).
3. Membership Chairman & assistant: (Maintain a computer list of members, enter names once a week, print labels and reports when needed).
- * 4. Newsletter editor.
- * 5. Newsletter folding, insert renewals, labeling, apply stamps, & mail (1 or 2 groups of 4).
6. Paper File Clerk: (Sort & file papers into existing folders & cabinets).
7. Photographic File Clerk: (Sort & file photographs, negatives into file boxes).
8. Video & PowerPoint Group: Collecting, editing, etc. for Educational tools.
9. Volunteer Coordinator.

**Unless some members come forward for # 4 and #5,
this will be the final Newsletter of "Big Diamond"**

WISH LIST for HLPS

- A. Air conditioned office & storage space (200 sq. ft. or more).
- B. 100 GB (or larger) external hard drive for HLPS data exclusively.
(HLPS has currently data on several private hard drives.)
- C. A computer for HLPS use & storage of data.
- D. A printer & a scanner.
- E. PowerPoint equipment for presentations to schools, clubs, service groups.

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