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You are Cordially Invited by the Hillsboro Lighthouse Preservation Society to the General Meeting, Dinner, Program & Election of the Board • Friday, February 29, 2008
See details and RSVP reservation form on Page 3 in this issue.

2008 Schedule of Events For HLPS

Check HLPS' Website, www.HillsboroLighthouse.org for any updates.

First Tier of the Year

- ◆ January 24 Board of Directors Meeting
- ◆ February "Big Diamond" publication
- ◆ February 29 General Membership Dinner
- ◆ March 22 Hillsboro Lighthouse Tour
- ◆ April 10 Standing Committee Meeting & Reports

Second Tier of the Year

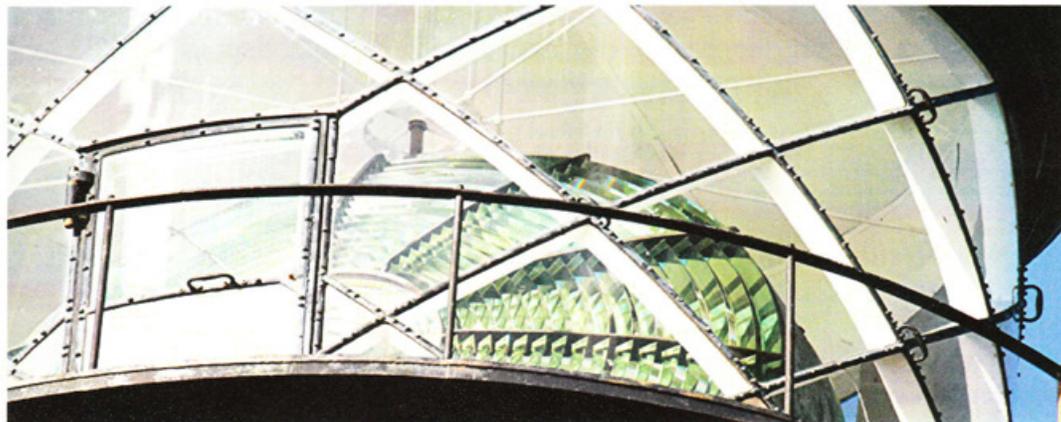
- ◆ May 29 Board of Directors Meeting
- ◆ June "Big Diamond" publication
- ◆ July 12 Hillsboro Lighthouse Tour
- ◆ July 30 Standing Committee Meeting & Reports
- ◆ August No Events Scheduled (Vacation)

Third Tier of the Year

- ◆ September "Big Diamond" publication
- ◆ October 25 Hillsboro Lighthouse Tour
- ◆ November 20 Board of Directors Meeting
- ◆ December 4 Standing Committee Meeting & Reports



First lit March 7, 1907



Today the strongest beam from a lighthouse in the world.

HLPS ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2007

By Hib Casselberry, HLPS Historian

HLPS started 2007 with a Centennial publication of a first ever 12 page "Big Diamond" newsletter in January with new pictures and stories of the past. It announced the upcoming Centennial lighthouse tour on February 24th and the Centennial Birthday Celebration on Wednesday afternoon, March 7th at Pompano's Hillsboro Inlet Park. Because of the dedication of the beautiful Bell Monument by Art Makenian at the Birthday Celebration, the general public who stroll through this lovely park can now read the names of past Keepers of this light and names of those seven men who saved the lens in the years 1999-2000, reflecting on the accomplishments as they lift their eyes and gaze on our beautiful light.

After two devastating hurricane seasons in 2005 & '06, Hurricane Wilma was the worst in 40 years at our lighthouse. The Lighthouse Station was heavily damaged including the tower, cottages and the grounds. The Coast Guard did a major renovation to the cottages and the grounds. The renovations went through the summer months which prevented HLPS for having tours during that period of renovation.

In late August, HLPS put together another "Big Diamond" announcing Saturday, September 15th as "Florida Lighthouse Day", proclaimed by the Governor. That same morning the Coast Guard held "Arborist Day at the Lighthouse Station lead by Commander James Pruett and his wife, she being the Station's Facility Manager. On October 20th we had another Lighthouse Tour. Also in October, HLPS nominated Art Makenian as our new President. This will be confirmed by HLPS's General Membership Meeting and buffet dinner scheduled for Friday evening, 29th February, 2008.

The year 2007 ended with parades and the winning of a plaque for best themed boat from the Pompano Beach Chamber of Commerce. The C. of C. Awards Party on 16th January, '08 was well attended. The plaque was received by Jack Burrie, HLPS Secretary and Parade Committee Chairman, with boat owner, Ben & Jeannie Ellis along with Joyce Hager, Kay McGinn and Hib Casselberry celebrating this award. Other HLPS members were there, too.

2007 Pompano Beach Holiday Boat Parade

By Jack Burrie

On December 16th, the Hillsboro Lighthouse Preservation Society joined the City of Pompano Beach in celebrating their 100th Birthday at the 45th Annual Pompano Beach Holiday Boat Parade aboard the 30' SeaRay "Sunbirds" with Art Makenian's 9 ft. lighthouse replica on the bow. Captain Ben Ellis and Jennie Ellis were joined in this year's boat parade by HLPS members Linda Peck, Joyce Hager & Jack Burrie.

The Pompano Beach Chamber of Commerce and the Boat Parade Committee presented the "Centennial Theme Award" to the HLPS parade entry at the Cove Restaurant and Marina on January 16th. HLPS members Suzan & Arne Baekkelund received 2nd Place in the Shore Décor Competition in their first attempt at decorating for the Holiday Boat Parade. Congratulations to all who worked so hard on this wonderful community event.

2007 Pompano Beach Yuletide on Atlantic Parade

By Jack Burrie

For the 4th year, HLPS participated in Pompano Beach's YuleTide on Atlantic Parade on December 6th. The Society's float consisted of Art Makenian's 9' Hillsboro Lighthouse replica in the bed of a decorated pickup truck. HLPS member Bill Slager rode shotgun and members Jack Burrie & Linda Peck followed on foot, ringing bells, with Jim Peck cavorting in his ornamented scooter and wishing everyone a happy holiday.



2007 Boat Parade Plaque.



"Sunbirds" HLPS Boat.

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to the
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Friday, February 29, 2008**

6:00 PM - 9:00 PM at Gullupi's Restaurant, Pompano Beach Municipal Golf Course
1103 N. Federal Hwy. Pompano Beach, FL 33060
Hors D'oeuvres, Cash Bar, Buffet Dinner, Door Prizes, Raffle
Installation of Officers
Raffle of Art Work , Paintings, Prints, Photographs, Books & Nautical Items.

If you are a Current Paid Up Member, a Past Member Renewing, or
a Prospective HLPS Member joining, each are eligible to vote.
Other people interested in HLPS may come, but are not able to vote.

Dinner is \$35.00 per person including gratuity and tax.
Before February 22nd, please RSVP with your check & form.
Make out your check to HLPS and mail them to
HLPS, P.O. Box 610326, Pompano Beach, FL 33061.
(Note: New Mailing Address.) Photo copy & mail form copy.

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RSVP for Dinner Fri. 29 Feb.: No. People: ___ at \$35./each = Total for Dinner:\$ _____
Mark one: I/We are: Current Paid, Renewing Membership,
Applying for HLPS Membership, Prospective, Looking or Visiting
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HLPS MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM & RENEWAL FORM PLEASE PRINT

Please enroll me (us) in the Hillsboro Lighthouse Preservation Society.

Enclosed is a check or money order for the level of membership

I (we) have selected in the column on the right. PLEASE PRINT

Name: _____

Family (How many? _____ Phone: (_____) _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: ___ Zip: _____

Business Name: _____

E-mail: _____

CHECK TYPE OF MEMBERSHIP

- Individual, \$25.00 annual
- Family, \$35.00 annual
- Business, \$50.00 annual
- Lifetime, \$500.00 or more

H.L.P.S. is a non-profit corporation, thus tax deductible. #501 (C)(3).

If you are a current HLPS member, pass this on to a friend.

NEW MEMBERS & RENEWALS SINCE H.L.P.S.'s Sept. '07 NEWSLETTER

Ade, Richard C.	Eisele, Dr. Andrew C.	LaMarca, Angelo	Rowley, Charles & Mary
Anderson, Brent & Martha	Elitzak, Howard	Lighthouse Insurance Res. *	Russack, Jeanne
Anschuetz, Eric & Dannell	Falk, Martin	Lippincott, John & Mary Jane	Saathoff, Bob & Barbara
Aschinger, Larry	Fecteau, Paul	Llanes, Gladys	Salisbury, John & Dorie
Ashford, Stacy & Geannie	Feltus, Ruth V.	McBride, Nancy	Sanecki, Kim
Bacon, Rick	Ferreri, Don	McDonald, Rob & Shannon	Shoman, Ed & Wendy
Barr, John & Jody	Furey, Tina	McKenzie, R./ Barbara Bartz	Skirdlant, Ronald
Batchelder, Linda	Gibson, Don & Arlene	McLaughlin, Stacy & Don Hartman	Slider, Helen
Bender, Don & Janet	Gold Coast Amateur Radio Club *	Middleton, Robert & Becky	Stremlo, Gail / R. Cistrelli
Bisching, Bernard & Marilyn	Gosnell, Mary	Milford, Greg & Chris	Sullivan, Ervin
Boyd, Jeff	Grotke, Richard & Linda	Miller, Harold & Dorothy	Sutton, Jeanne
Brent, Bonnie / Tad Yoder	Gruneisen, Donald & Lois	Mitchem, Ron	Tiritilli, Joseph & Didi
Brewer, Cal & Lucy	Hager, Mary C.	Moccia, Ralph & Roberta L.	Tisdale, Mary Kelly
Buchner, James	Hamilton, Phil & Susanne	Morris, Denise	Tracey, Charles
Buntrock, Marvin	Hanfland, L./ Stanley Albin	Mott, Joe & Carol Ann	Turgeon, Charlie & T. Burghy
Burgess, Arthur & Gelsomina	Hertner, Tom & Claudette	Mulka, Mike & Frances	Villa. Harvey & Alyce
Clark, Brian & Deanne	Hinson, Lamar & Barbara	Mukkon, Katy & Chris	Vivencio, Tom & Joycde
Clifton, Russell	Hohman, James & Audrey	Newcombe, Jerry	Walz, Denise
Cogan, Kenneth & Allyce	Holton, Will & Edna	Norman, Graham & Marcia V.	Wentworth, Jeff & Stephanie
Collins, Steve & Ginnie Hebb	Wouch, Robert & Faith	Norton, Elaine	Wm. A. Webb & Assoc. *
Comeau, Norman & Jeri	Howard, Theodore	O'Connell, Bob & Terry	White, Joanne & Ruth
Cooper, Lawrence & Penny	JenCo Plumbing *	Ostaneck, Marisa	Wilder, Martha
Craig, James & Bobbie	Johnson, Daniel & Margaret	Peck, Jim & Linda	Wikkiam, Rhys
Cub Scout Pack #222 *	Kehan, Phil	Perrelli, Rosemarie	Winchell, Larry & Eileen
Curtis, Terri & John Luna	Kinghorn, Bonnie	Redd, Carol	Wilson, Frank & family
Dailey, Jack & Beth	Kirbert, John & Ellen	Regruth, Joe & Kathy	Wilson, Max & Elizabeth
Dehaan, Howard & Verna *	Kirby, Ellen B.	Rettstadt, Rich	Winter, Frances
Devendorf, Dan & Anne	Kingsley, David	Richter family	Wolf, Robert & Barbara
Diller, George	Kiriloff, William & Michele	Robb, Barbara	Worley, William III
Dixon, Maurice	Knapp, Sara	Roberts, Susan / Margaret	Yarbrough, Larry & Annette
Desjean, Robert & Cathie	Knight, Bob	Snider	
Dunn, Ken	Koehle, Rudy & Karen	Rodormer, George & Doris	* = Business Membership
Earley, Ramana	Lahr, Jim & Linda	Rogers, David & Bernice	** = LIFE MEMBERS
Eaton, E.L.			

DONATIONS: Mr. & Mrs George McCullar, funds for Education projects

Mr. & Mrs. Lynn Timmerman, a 1943 edition of Theodore Pratt's book, "The Barefoot Mailman"

THANK YOU, VOLUNTEER HELPERS (September 2007 Newsletter)

September Newsletter Mailing: Hib & Martha Casselberry and Kim Zeman.

Sept. 15th Morning Arborist Day Clean Up at Lighthouse: Chairman, Commander James Pruett and his wife, Trish. Help from: Cub Scout Troop #441 & others from Weston area, Coast Guard active members, Coast Guard Auxiliary members, Amateur Radio groups broadcasting from our keepers cottage and the lighthouse tower (Broward ARC, Gold Coast ARA, & South Florida DXA) and 12 HLPS members. Special Thanks to Deerfield Beach Historical Society and Deerfield Builders Supply.

Sept. 15th Afternoon Arborist Day at Emma Lou Olson Civic Center: Outside Antique Auto show with 15 cars arranged by Jerry Bowman & Pompano Beach Centennial Celebration booth. Inside: refreshments provided by HLPS member, Linda Peck. Program setup by Jack Burrie & Hib Casselberry. Gift Shop by Joyce Hager. Displays by Florida Lighthouse Assn., Paul Bradley (Lighthouse Graphics), Harvey Villa (Hillsboro Lighthouse model & photographs), Coast Guard Auxiliary, Amateur Radio Clubs, and Merritt Boat & Engine Works. Speakers were Allen Merritt, Bud Garner and Coast Guard Commander James Pruett. Via powerpoint presentation were Dr. Ray McAllister and Rear Admiral Harvey Johnson giving a bit of history on this lighthouse.

Oct. 20th Tour at the City Parking Lot: Bill Collins and Drew Wise from Florida Public Archaeology Network; Dick Petronio, Jackie Smith and Diane Tamiso from Pompano Beach Centennial Committee; HLPS Members: Suzan Baekkelund, Jack Burrie, Hib & Martha Casselberry, Diane Hardy, Art Makenian, Linda Peck, Bill Slager. **At the Lighthouse:** USCG-ANT.: Wick T. Bennett, Fritzel Delgado and Peter Dillon. Coast Guard Auxiliary, Flotilla #34: Howard Blair, Scott Cleary, Samuel & Marie Duda and Antonio Viana. (Also helped, but not at the sites were Captains Gwen Leys and Elizabeth M. Clark). HLPS Members: Marty Falk from Gold Coast Amateur Radio Club; Suzan Baekkelund, Jack Burrie, Hib Casselberry, Ben & Jeannie Ellis, Mike & Joyce Hager, Rita Masi, Linda Peck, Rosemarie Perrelli and Kim Sanecki. **Sands Harbor Hotel & Marina:** Use of tables and chairs at the parking lot.

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President's Letter

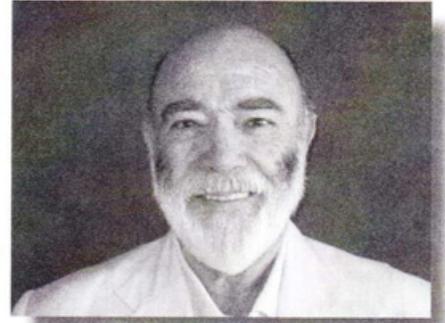
This will be my first article as the president of HLPS and also the first in the Big Diamond publication. Let me start this letter by wishing you all a very healthy and a happy New Year.

Last year, HLPS Members celebrated two major milestones. First, the 100th anniversary of the Lighthouse. Second, the Tenth anniversary of HLPS. Hib Casselberry, our Centennial Chair, single handedly organized an outstanding event on March the Seventh at Hillsboro Inlet Park with the participation of USCG and the City of Pompano Beach that will go down as a local historical event. Even the Lighthouse Station got a face lift by the removal of the Australian pine trees, thus improving the landscape sight.

A philanthropic organization such as HLPS requires the team work of local Board of Directors. We have been most fortunate to have such individuals who chose to contribute their valuable time to preserve this lighthouse for us and for the future generations to come. Our new Board has decided to organize only Three Lighthouse Tours this year and increase it to Four Tours next year when all the access conditions become more favorable.

Our relationship with the U.S. Coast Guard has improved due to the presence of CDR Pruett who now coordinates all HLPS vs. USCG affairs with the District Seven offices. Three of our Board members attended the Coast Guard Foundation fund raising dinner at Doral Country Club. It should be worth mentioning that in addition to an outstanding reception, our Hillsboro Lighthouse was mentioned by the Commandant in his speech.

Please mark your calendars for Friday, February 29th, for our HLPS General Membership Meeting which will take place at Gallupi's Restaurant, Pompano Beach Municipal Golf Course. I will be looking forward to seeing you and your friends at the meeting.



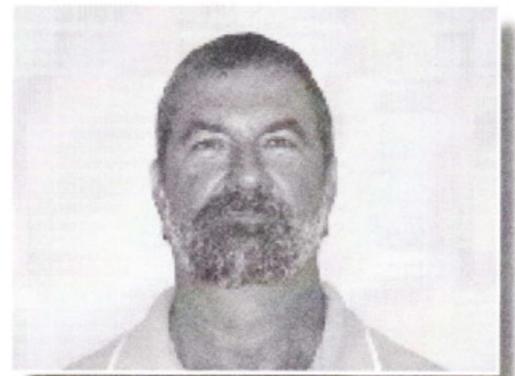
Art Makenian

Ed Dietrich, New Director of HLPS

Ed Dietrich is a native Floridian and a graduate of Pompano Beach Senior High School. He has served as a director and president of both the Deerfield Beach Kiwanis Club and the Deerfield Beach Historical Society and as a director of the Greater Deerfield Beach Chamber of Commerce.

Ed is a graduate of Davidson College and served as a commissioned officer in the United States Coast Guard (R). He is co-owner and President of Deerfield Builders Supply (Deerfield Beach) and DBS Design Centers (St. Myers, Sarasota, & Tampa). He has served as President of the Florida Lumber and Building Materials Association, the Florida Wood Council, and President and Chairman of the Board of the LMC Insurance Company of Bermuda, Ltd.

Ed and his wife Pat live on the family farm in Boca Raton. He enjoys music, horticulture, and lighthouses.



OH, WHAT A DAY! ARBORIST DAY

Commander James Pruett of the U.S. Coast Guard Seventh District in Miami has been instrumental in arranging for the recent repairs to the Hillsboro Lighthouse property. His wife, Trish, was chosen to be the property manager of the Lighthouse Station - to have a small office space on the property, watch for security violations, to water and care for the newly planted Gumbo Limbo trees that were planted during the early summer as well as water any good grass on the property during that time of drought. Her list of security duties kept increasing as the cottages were literally externally stripped down to "bare bones" to get rid of veneers of metal and many layers of lead paint on the original wood frames.

The cottage exteriors were finally beautifully restored by early September and now something needed to be done with plants and more trees. The Pruetts came up with the idea of an ARBORIST DAY. It would be hard work, but could be a fun activity if lots of people offered to get involved. We used the front cover of September's Big Diamond to advertize the event. HLPS members, CG Auxiliary members, even active CG members not on assignment on September 15th registered to help, to bring along shovels, rakes, hedge trimmers, sod cutters and any other tools that might be needed to plant more trees, plant hundreds of hedge plants, and lay plenty of pallets of new sod. Even Boy Scout Troops called CDR. Pruitt and came with their parents.

The day was beautiful, but hot and sunny. Everyone arrived about 8:00 A.M. and pitched right in. By 9:00 A.M. a person was passing out water bottles. That continued the rest of the morning and no one was overcome by lack of water. By 11:30 the jobs were completed and anyone who wanted to had climbed the tower or gone to a cottage porch to watch the three Amateur Radio Clubs who were broadcasting world-wide from that location.

WOW! What a little sprucing up can do for any property! The only mess was two huge dumpsters of discarded trimmings that would soon be hauled away. The Coast Guard began serving a luscious barbeque dinner on the ground. Perhaps it was the best any of us ever attended because we had been burning calories all morning. We left the Station with tired and aching bones, but a feeling of great satisfaction in a job well done. There was a second venue in the afternoon at Emma Lou Olson Civic Center. Jerry Bowman arranged an AACA Antique Automobile Show in front of the auditorium listing the early keepers who might have been driving each particular vintage car. Inside the largest auditorium were displays by Florida Lighthouse Association, local Coast Guard Auxiliaries, Amateur Radio Clubs, Merritt Boat & Engine Works, Paul Bradley's lovely pen and ink lighthouse drawings and Harvey Villa's Hillsboro Lighthouse model and photographs. Speakers for the afternoon were Allen Merritt, Bud Garner and CDR. Pruett. Via powerpoint presentation were Dr. Ray McAllister and Rear Admiral Harvey Johnson giving a bit of history on this lighthouse.

There were over 150 people who worked to make the day a success. Our only wish is that more people could have attended the afternoon event.

2007 Arborist Day



Sod Laying Arborist Day September 15th.



More Sod Laying Arborist Day September 15th.



Volunteers Arborist Day September 15th.



Ed Dietrich & Friends Arborist Day September 15th.

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Amateur radio broadcasting special event.



Centennial celebration at Inlet Park.

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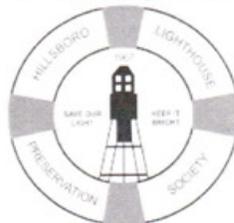
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