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Presidents Message

Hello again.

Where has 2003 disappeared to? It seems that I'm so busy that all my good intentions have gone by the wayside. Well 2004 is around the corner and we can make the best of what lies ahead! So here is to the start of a NEW Florida Lighthouse Association year.

I would like to say a BIG thanks to David & Alice D'Amicol for a job well done as our VP of Meetings and welcome Dennis & Gayle Stemac who are stepping into this position for the very first time. I ask that you give Dennis & Gayle your wholehearted support this coming year.

Well a lot of you folks asked for a change of pace and something different for one of our meetings. The board listened and Alice D'Amicol suggested we try going to a new location for our January 2004 meeting. So here we go to Mount Dora to visit an absolutely beautiful little central Florida town with an adorable little lighthouse. This little town is VERY proud of their lighthouse down on the lake. I encourage everyone to join us in Mount Dora for a wonderful experience. We have made arrangements with the historical Lakeside Inn as our host location for our meeting on January 24, 2004. This wonderful resort is on the National Historic Register and is just the best setting overlooking the lake.

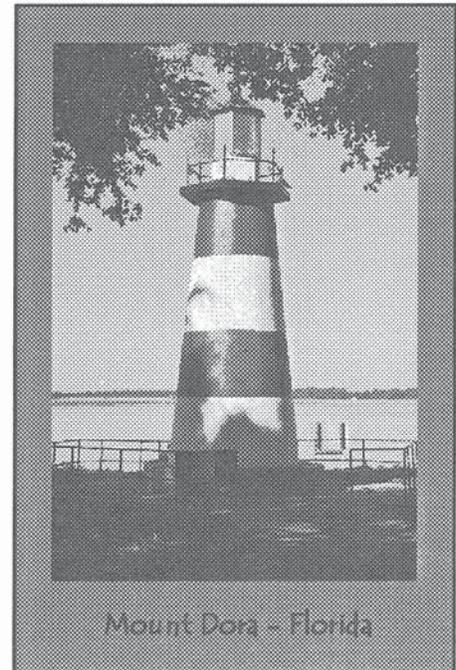
We are also privileged to have Dr. Kevin M. McCarthy from the University of Florida as our guest speaker. I have had the opportunity to hear Dr. McCarthy speak and you will not want to miss this.

I asked for some feed back about doing a Florida Lighthouse Challenge similar to New Jersey and the response has been great. I will be following up with the various lighthouse groups to start working on this project. If someone would like to assist in the coordination of this event, please contact me as soon as possible.

One last BIG thank you to George Diller for a wonderful weekend at Cape Canaveral. It was an outstanding weekend.

See you all in Mount Dora.

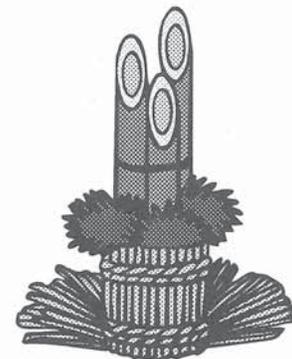
Wayne Hawes
 President



Mount Dora - Florida

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This is your LAST newsletter, unless you have renewed your FLA membership.
 Please see page 3 for details on FLA membership plans and rates.

Report from Cape Canaveral

The turnout at the October quarterly meeting held in Titusville was a large success, and those of you who were there know what an exceptional treat it was to hear Dr. Sonny Witt speak to the FLA about the history of the lighthouse at Cape Canaveral. His lively personality and extensive knowledge of the area first occupied by the Ais Indians through the history of the Burnham family, first lighthouse keepers, to the present was a special trip down a very historical lane.

The meeting attendees also had the rare opportunity to experience the awesome talents of artist Tony Ryals. Tony has a rare birth defect that caused his arms and legs to be useless and, in spite of this, he went on to learn how to paint by mouth. Tony created a painting of the Cape Canaveral Lighthouse while the FLA meeting was conducted, and then later generously donated the painting to the FLA for auction. Geneva Hopkins was the lucky bidder of this amazing painting, and the meeting attendees had the opportunity to purchase one of the paintings created by Tony as well. You can see and learn more about Tony's special talent by visiting his website at www.artbymouth.com. Special thanks to Dave and Alice D'Amicol for inviting Tony to our meeting!



Artist Tony Ryals &
FLA member Geneva Hopkins

Kathy Fleming, Commissioner, St. Augustine Lighthouse, has been spearheading efforts to assist with the transfer of lighthouses to foundations or local government entities, and hosted a seminar November 11 - 14, 2003 regarding sponsorship of lighthouses. The FLA is looking forward to hearing further about the highlights resulting from the seminar.

Hib Casselberry and Dianne Levi, Co-Chairmen of the FLA Education Committee, are in the process of preparing for the 2003-2004 history fair. Please keep posted for updates on this event.

Lastly, as President Wayne Hawes announced at the meeting in October, I agreed to follow up on the completion of the application to the State of Florida for the license plate tag to assist the FLA in getting this longstanding project to the point of presentation to the State for its consideration. More "red tape" is before us in that the state department which handles the application package for review must have it 90-days prior to the next legislative session, which is March 2004, and the FLA is not in a position

at this time to present the completed package by this December 1st, 2003 deadline. The next legislative session for the license tag issue is March 2005 as these matters are presented only at "regular" sessions, and not "special" legislative sessions. This means the FLA has from now until December 1, 2004 to complete the application package. Therefore, this matter is back before the FLA Board of Commissioners for its further consideration.

Looking forward to Mount Dora in January and hope to see you there!

Linda K. Patel

Membership Notice

This is your last newsletter..... unless you have renewed your membership. All FLA memberships expire on September 30. Check the address label on this issue of the FLASH. If it says RENEW 9/30/03, you need to send a check for your membership dues made out to Florida Lighthouse Assn. To

Linda Koestel
FLA Membership
1072 Grizzly Ct.
Apopka, FL 32712-3059.

If you are currently a member and your address, phone number, or email address has not changed, all I need is your check. Otherwise, please send me your current information. As our organization grows, it is sometimes necessary for us to restrict our meetings and/or trips to MEMBERS ONLY. Keep your membership up-to-date.

NOTE: Prorated dues listed on a membership brochure, application form, or on our website are for new MEMBERS ONLY.

Membership year is October 1st through September 30th.

Dues are:

Assistant Keeper (individual only) \$25

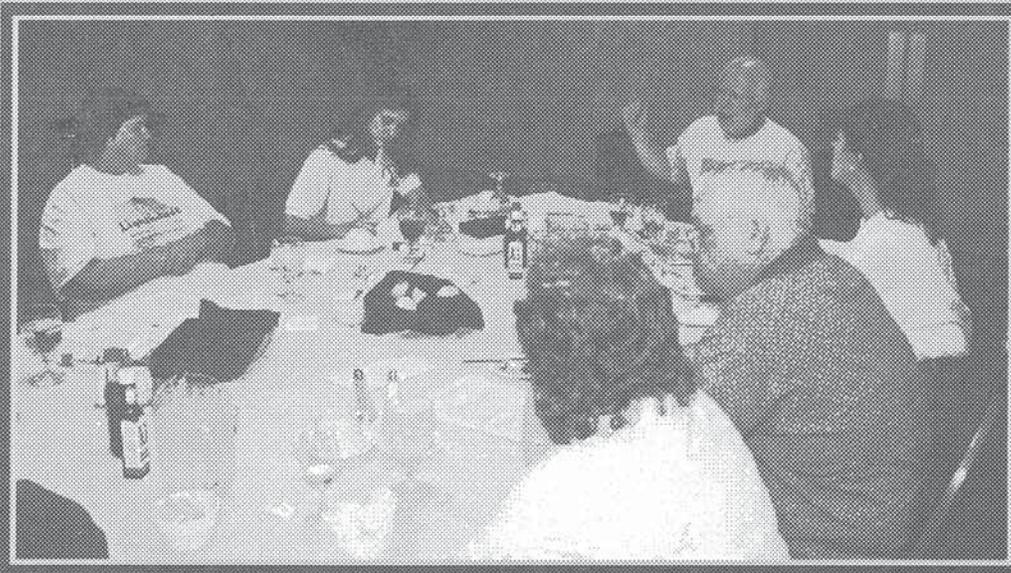
Keeper (family) \$35

Inspector \$50

Commissioner \$100

Watchroom \$250

Circle of Light \$1,000



FLA Board Meeting
Cape Canaveral - October 2003

FLA President Wayne Hawes makes a point during the FLA Board of Directors, during the October board meeting in Cape Canaveral.

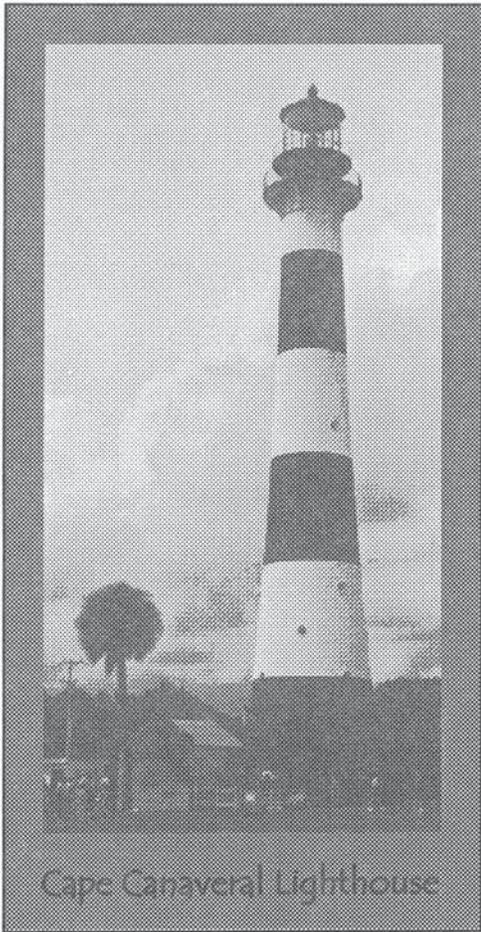
FLORIDA LIGHTHOUSE ASSOCIATION, INC.
MEMBER MEETING MINUTES
Cape Canaveral Lighthouse
October 11, 2003

CALL TO ORDER. No report this issue. Here are some pictures from the event.

Some of the FLA membership, ready for dinner.

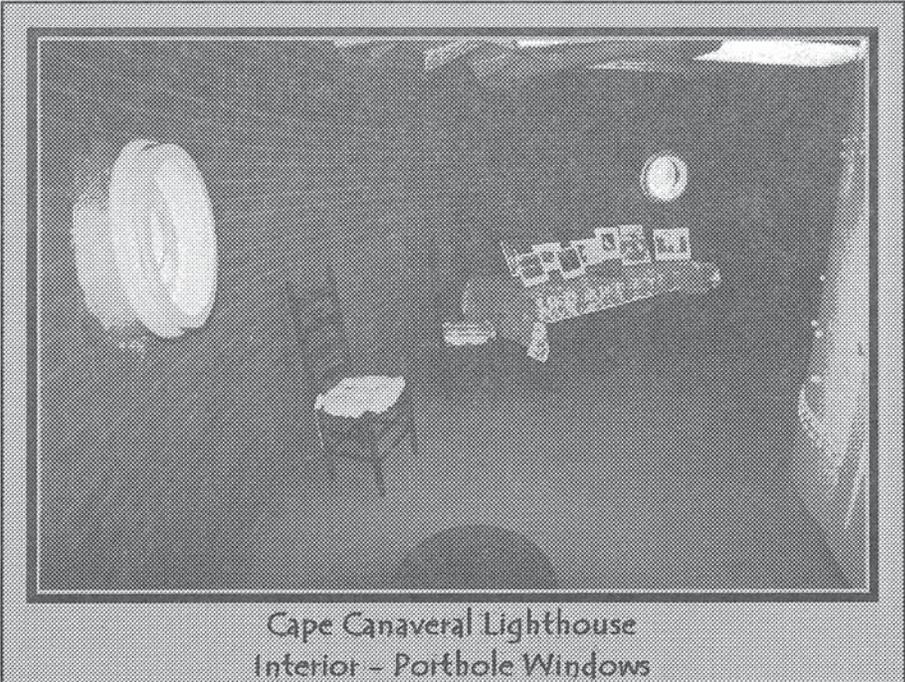


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Cape Canaveral Lighthouse

The unique 'Porthole' windows, from inside the tower.



Cape Canaveral Lighthouse
Interior - Porthole Windows

FLORIDA LIGHTHOUSE ASSOCIATION QUARTERLY MEETING

Mt. Dora Lighthouse, Mt. Dora, Fl.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 24, 2004

The first Quarterly Meeting of the Florida Lighthouse Association for 2004 will be at Mt. Dora. This is the "first-ever" meeting at a faux lighthouse in a very historic and charming setting so be prepared for a unique experience. The meeting and luncheon will be held at the Historic Lakeside Inn and that is the suggested location for lodging as they are giving us a significantly reduced rate of \$119. The cost of the meeting and luncheon is \$17.50 and you will need to make a menu selection on the registration form. There are a number of leisure activities for the afternoon at your discretion. (Listed below) In addition, we will be taking reservations for an optional nature cruise around Lake Dora and the Dora Canal. This cruise will have limited seating and be available on a first come-first serve basis for an additional \$20. Please indicate this preference also on the registration form.

9:15 a.m. Registration for Membership Meeting

10:00 a.m. Quarterly Meeting with guest speaker, Dr. Kevin M. McCarthy

12:00 - 1:00 p.m. Lunch

1:15 p.m. Gather at the Mt. Dora Lighthouse (0.4 mile walk)

2:00 p.m. An optional lake cruise or other leisure activities of choice

LODGING INFORMATION

Host hotel and preferred accommodation:

Lakeside Inn - rate \$119.(normal rate \$199.)

100 North Alexander Street

Mount Dora, Fl. 32757

800-556-5016 or 352-383-4101

lakeside-inn.com

Hampton Inn - rate approx. \$89.

19700 U.S. Hwy 441

Mount Dora, Fl. 32757

352-383-4267

Hilton.com

Comfort Inn - rate approx. \$85-121

16630 U.S. Hwy 441

Mount Dora, Fl. 32757

352-383-8499

choicehotels.com

There are also several Bed & Breakfast accommodations in the downtown area.

= Happy Holidays =

SATURDAY AFTERNOON OPTIONS

- **Downtown shopping**
(within walking distance)
- **Narrated historical and scenic trolley tour**
(1 hour long, \$8.50 per person, runs from Lakeside Inn every hour)
- **Optional Nature cruise around Lake Dora and Dora Canal**
see lots of wildlife, approx. 2 hours long, \$20 per person, leaves from Lakeside Inn dock or nearby location depending on cruise company. Runs rain or shine at 2:00 p.m., will need to have reservation prior to arrival. (See Registration form)
A Champagne Sunset cruise is available aboard The Captain Doolittle for \$20+tax. If interested, call 1-866-269-6584 for reservations.
- **Lakeside Inn Recreational Rentals**
bikes \$8.00/hour - canoes \$10.00/hour - paddle Boats \$10.00/hour
boat and jet ski rentals also available
- **Renninger's Antiques and Flea Market**
(every Saturday and Sunday, not an Extravaganza weekend, but flea market is open 9:00 – 5:00)
- **Historic train tour**
(one hour trip to Tavares, leaving at 2:00 p.m. and 3:30 p.m., \$9.00 each)
- **Nature Walk around Palm Island**
(located next to lighthouse, boardwalk around lake allows wildlife viewing)

Miscellaneous Information

Picnic shelters are available near the lighthouse (in the event of rain)
Large shelter at Gilbert Park (across the street from the lighthouse)
Small shelter at Palm Island (next to lighthouse)

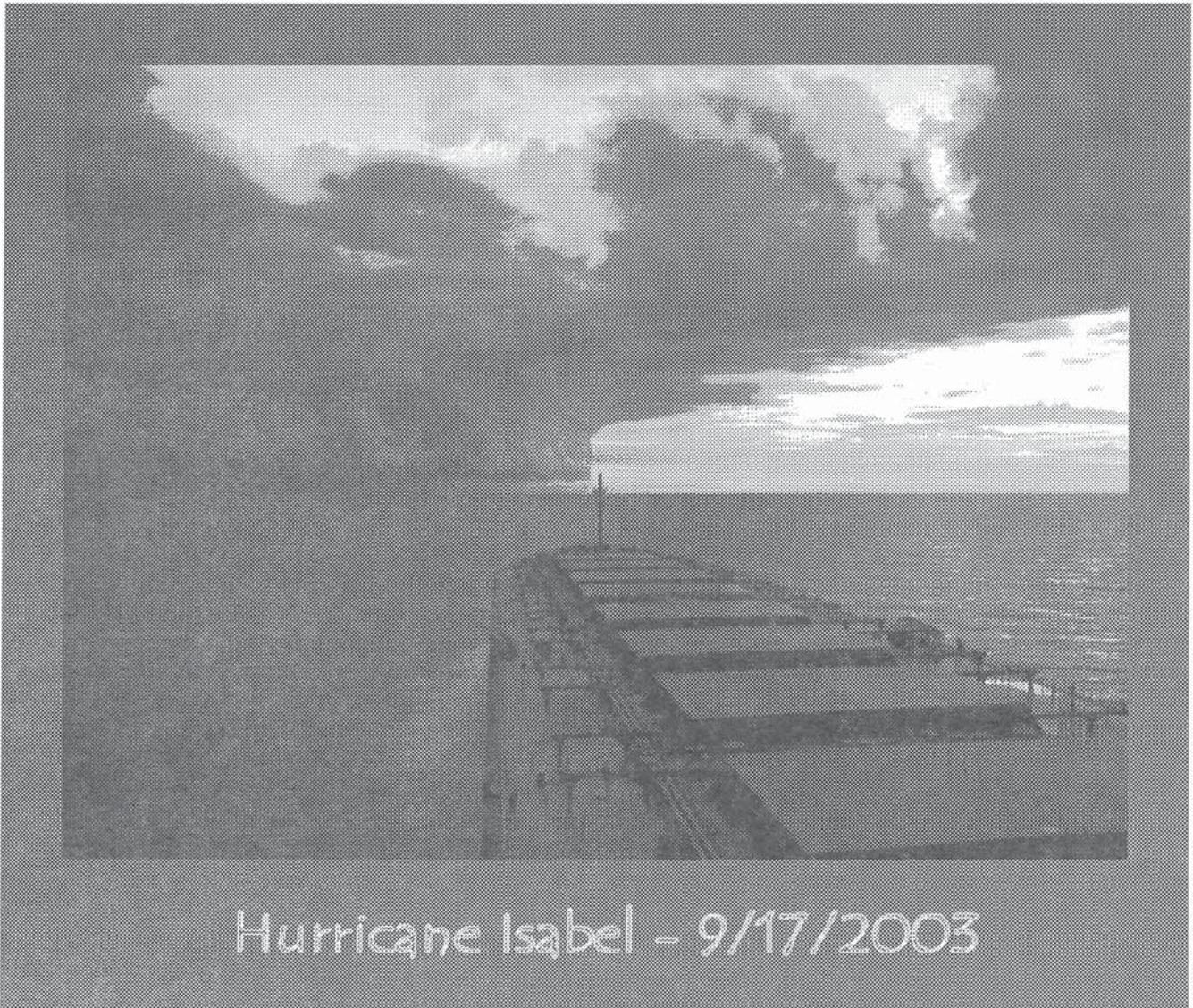
An excellent spot for Saturday night dinner is Dixie Crossroads. It is not within walking distance, but is only about a 5-10 minute drive. Excellent seafood, large restaurant with plenty of big tables. There are also plenty of restaurants that are downtown and within walking distance. Eduardo's is a good Mexican restaurant/bar and The Gables restaurant is a good all around choice.

The Mt. Dora & Lake Eustis Railway is now running a dinner train, The Orange Blossom Dinner Train, on Friday and Saturday nights. It is a 2 ½ hour train ride that includes a four course meal. It departs at 7:00 p.m. and costs \$37.50. Reservations will need to be made on your own if interested. Call: 352-383-8878.

The Mount Dora lighthouse was built in 1986 by the City of Mount Dora Public Works department. Private funds were used to build it.



Newsworthy Lighthouse Notes



This photo of Hurricane Isabel, supplied by Hib Casselberry, was taken by an unknown photographer off the coast of North Carolina on September 17, 2003. It gives a meaning to the term 'eye wall' when you hear the people on the Weather Channel describe the storm.

Florida Lighthouse Notes -

JUPITER INLET

WINTER FAMILY HISTORY CAMP

Jupiter, FL: Adventures await families at the Loxahatchee River Historical Society's "Winter History Family Camp" on Saturday, December 28 or Sunday, December 29, from 9 am to 4 pm. Families have a fun opportunity to increase their awareness of local history through a series of hands-on presentations and exciting activities in archaeology, anthropology, and history. This unique educational program encourages families to share and develop a love of lighthouses, natural history, and community heritage.

The Society offers a choice of either one-day session for thirty campers each day. Each session starts at 9 AM and runs until 4 PM. Both sessions begin at the Jupiter Inlet Lighthouse (located in Lighthouse Park, South Beach Road & US Hwy 1). The morning session starts with a special private tour of the Lighthouse, lessons on pirate life, Jolly Rogers, schooners, caching treasure and map making. Campers will enjoy complimentary lunch by the Jupiter Inlet waters. The afternoon session takes place at the Loxahatchee River Historical Museum (805 North US Highway 1) with activities exploring early Jeaga and Hobe Indian life, Florida's natural flora and fauna, and pioneer life.

Cost is \$20 per camper for either session and is due at the time of registration and is non-refundable. All children must be at least 8 years old and be accompanied by an adult. Registration fee includes lunch and admission to the Loxahatchee River Historical Museum and the Jupiter Inlet Lighthouse. Campers will need to provide their own transportation and please wear comfortable outdoor clothing.

Winter Family History Camp Director is Steve Kruspe, who has been overseeing the Society's Camp programs the past four years said "we created the Winter Family Camp because so many parents of our summer campers wanted to participate." Kruspe has been Deerfield High School's Teacher-of-the-Year five times in the past eight years.

For more information or to register, please call the Society at 561/747-6639. Space is limited.

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This project has been financed in part with Historical Museums Grants-in-Aid Program assistance provided by Glenda Hood, Secretary of State at the Bureau of Historical Museums, Division of Historical Resources, Florida Department of State.

Hours & Admission: The Loxahatchee River Historical Society operates the DuBois Pioneer Home, Jupiter Inlet Lighthouse, and the Loxahatchee River Historical Museum. The Museum is open to the public Tues.-Fri., from 10 am-5 pm, Sat.-Sun., from 12 pm-5 pm. Admission is \$5 for adults; \$4 for seniors; \$3 for children 6-18 years old, and free for children under 6 years old. The Lighthouse is open, Sat.-Wed., from 10 am-4 pm. The last tour leaves at 3:15 pm. Admission is \$6 for all visitors. The DuBois Pioneer Home is open Wednesday and Sunday, 1 pm-4 pm. Admission is \$2 each. Become a Member of the Society and admission is free to all three sites!

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CEDAR KEY LIGHTHOUSE

This <http://cedarkeynews.com/Feature/983.html> link is to a CedarKeyNews.com article featuring National Wildlife Refuge Week and the Cedar Key lighthouse.

Florida Lighthouse Notes -

VOYAGE TO BOCA CHITA/FOWEY ROCKS, FEBRUARY 21, 2004

The **Florida Keys Reef Lights Foundation** will have a very special Annual Meeting on Saturday, February 21, 2004. The group will be chartering a boat out of Biscayne National Park, south of Miami, to voyage out to Boca Chita Key. On this special island, the Annual Meeting will be held, a picnic lunch will be enjoyed, and the National Park Service will open up to us the unique and beautiful "faux" **lighthouse of Boca Chita**. In the early afternoon, we will voyage around **Fowey Rocks**

Lighthouse and return to Biscayne National Park by 3:00 PM. Later in the afternoon, we are invited by the **Museum of Southern Florida History** in Miami for a special previewing opportunity of their new lighthouse exhibit which officially opens to the public on February 26th. Also on display is the magnificent 1855 first-order lens from the Carysfort Reef Lighthouse. For registration forms and details, contact **Tom Taylor** at **tom_fla@hotmail.com** or **(305) 743-7541**. Registration deadline for this magnificent voyage is **January 10th**, so act NOW to reserve your spot. Space is VERY limited.

HILLSBORO INLET LIGHTHOUSE

Hillsboro Inlet Lighthouse's Winter Tour will be either Saturday, January 31st or February 7th, from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM, subject to the 7th District Coast Guard approval. Please check HLPS's Website, www.HillsboroLighthouse.org. We will have additional features at this tour which will be announced on our website soon. Meanwhile we are getting up the Holiday Season lights after Thanksgiving.

The Lighthouse Tour on October 25th had over 300

people attending between 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM, which included going through one of the Keeper's Dwelling, the first time the Coast Guard has allowed us to do so. We also had the dedication of the restored "Barefoot Mailman" 7 foot tall stone statue on high ground where boaters can see this historic distinguished gentleman as they go in and out of the Inlet.

Florida Lighthouse License Plate



This <http://www.floridapl8s.com/archive.html> link takes you to an archived article at a web site that focuses on Florida license plates. The FLA effort to obtain a Florida Lighthouse plate is mentioned on the page. But also on the page, you can see the part of the reason for the long delay. The sheer number of plates already issued, and sought after.

This http://www.miami.com/mld/miamiherald/news/local/states/florida/counties/broward_county/6439741.htm link takes you to a Miami Herald article featuring one of FLAs members, Paul Bradley. The article, dated Sunday August 03, 2003 details the way that Paul's art and interest in lighthouses developed.

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**Working to preserve Florida's
Lighthouses**

**Welcome to our new
members!**

Derith Bennett, Cape Canaveral Lighthouse Foundation,
John Casselberry, Nancy Dorow, Genny Fulmer, Kenneth
Laborde, Shirley H. Roberts, Rev. Robert & Mary Rodgers,
Ronald & Jo Schiebler, Marilyn & Gene Simpson, Elizabeth
M. Wilson, Laurie L. Wilson, Frank Albritton & Alison
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NOTICE!

**Membership renewals and dues were due in
September. See the details on Page 3.**

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