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## FLORIDA LIGHTHOUSE ASSOCIATION

**Book Review**

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**FLA's June Jupiter Meeting**

*This will be another great meeting as we enjoy the recent preservation project done at Jupiter Inlet.*

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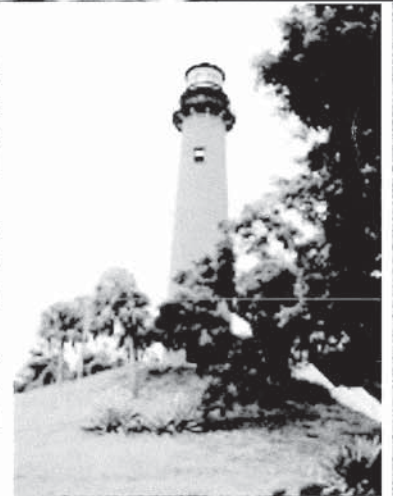
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### JUNE 15-16, 2012 -- JUPITER INLET MEETING

Lt. George Meade designed the lighthouse in 1854. Built at the top of a 48 foot natural parabolic dune, the first lighting was on July 10, 1860. At 108 feet it is the 14th tallest lighthouse in Florida; however, because of the hill the focal plane is 146 feet, making it the 6th highest. Jupiter Lighthouse is a double wall brick structure; the steps are the same size all the way to the top. There are scuttles at the base enabling us to see the dual wall construction.

Our event will begin with the Board Meeting at the Lighthouse Museum on Friday at 6:00 pm. Immediately following at 7:00 pm will be a social hour under the Banyan tree at the base of the Lighthouse, hosted by the Loxahatchee River Historical Society. A special treat will be a Night Climb of the Lighthouse.

On Saturday sleep a little late -- the meeting will start at 10:00 am at the Jupiter Community Center, located 1 1/2 miles West of the Lighthouse. Sonny's Bar-B-Q will cater lunch with beef, pulled pork, chicken, BBQ beans, cole slaw, macaroni and cheese, cornbread and drinks. The program will continue after lunch.



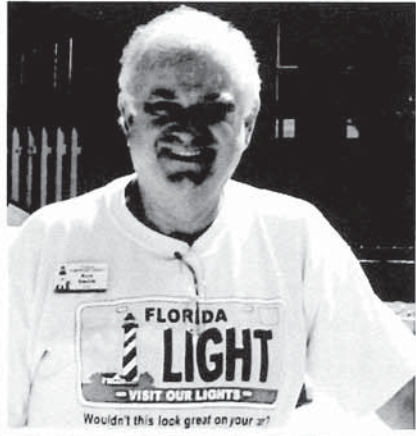
### APRIL 21-22, 2012 -- PANHANDLE LIGHTHOUSE CHALLENGE APRIL 21, 2012 -- FLORIDA LIGHTHOUSE DAY

No matter where you are, enjoy the special activities of all of Florida lighthouses on Florida Lighthouse Day. If you are in the neighborhood TAKE THE CHALLENGE of visiting the five Panhandle lighthouses during that weekend. From West to East, visit Pensacola Lighthouse, Cape San Blas Lighthouse, Cape St. George Lighthouse, Crooked River Lighthouse and St. Mark's Lighthouse. Participants will receive a souvenir at each lighthouse and a special souvenir for climbing or visiting all five. The entire route is 260 miles, if you climb it is a total of 538 steps, tickets are \$10 (pay at the first lighthouse you visit).





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There is so much going on in Florida lighthouse preservation and it is exciting to see FLA in the middle of it. Look at the picture of the new walkway at Cape Canaveral on page 8. This was done collaboratively with the Cape Canaveral Lighthouse

Foundation, the US Air Force and a Gene Oakes Lighthouse Grant from FLA. Then look at the exciting pictures of the “rescue” of the original Washhouse that was part of the Crooked River Lighthouse. Hats off to Joan Matey, the museum curator, for discovering and verifying the building and then negotiating with the current owner who donated it. This was a collaboration of the City of Carrabelle, the Carrabelle Lighthouse Association and two Gene Oakes Lighthouse Grants from FLA. The building was successfully moved “home” on April 2nd. See the pictures on page 6.

Other ongoing work is made possible by Gene Oakes and Tom Taylor Grants to other local groups including Pensacola, Cape St. George, Cape San Blas, Cedar Keys, Boca Grande and Gasparilla Island Rear Range Lighthouses. Add to this the Tom Taylor Keepers Grant to the Panhandle Lighthouse Challenge and it is easy to say -- YOU MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

How do we -- how do YOU make a difference? It is through your financial giving, no matter how small or great, that allows us as a group to make that difference -- to help us achieve our goal of preserving, restoring and protecting the thirty remaining historic lighthouses of Florida. If we lose one then we all lose. Every preservation effort is something we all can be proud of.

Will you help? Every gift to FLA is an investment in these efforts. Invest in helping to preserve these important historic assets today. See the back cover for more details.

See you at Jupiter --  
Ken Smith, President

## THE CENTURY MAGAZINE

June 1893 - William Hinn writes of his honeymoon cruise to Florida  
“Caught On A Lee Shore” -- Selected excerpts

We were now about to undertake the longest and most dangerous run on the southeast coast of Florida; for we had between fifty and sixty miles to go, with no available harbor.

Until midnight all went well. We had passed Hillsboro Inlet, and were some twenty miles to the northward of it, when suddenly the wind increased, and hauled farther ahead, with passing showers of light rain . . . we reefed the mainsail and held on. At 3 a.m., having then passed Lake Worth Inlet, and being within ten miles of Jupiter, we ran into a heavy swell setting from the northeast, and at once knew that Jupiter Bar was impassable.

About four o'clock we caught sight of **Jupiter Light**, the bright flash of which sent a ray of hope into our hearts, for it seemed like an old friend, and told us we should soon be within reach of assistance.

At last, a dim light appeared. . . the buildings of the United States life-saving station. I ordered Skipper to hoist the ensign, “union down.”

We saw the United States ensign flying in answer to our signal, and the life-boat on the beach with the crew about her. They made a gallant effort to launch her, but the breakers proved too heavy, and to our great disappointment the boat swamped.

Toward noon there was a decided lull, and we saw the crew gather around the boat, and run her down the beach. It was about as anxious a five minutes as ever I spent, for when they got near the water's edge they were hidden from our sight by the heavy rollers . . . then, tossed high on the crest of a great sea, appeared the boat with her gallant crew.

The feeling of relief was intense; our dangerous position was forgotten, and soon Captain Carlin and his boys were within hail. They approached cautiously, and the bowmen, laying in their oars, flung a grapnel to us, which was quickly made fast; then, hauling up alongside, Carlin and two of the crew sprang on board. A warm grasp of the hand, and then to business. “Carlin, you must take my wife and the steward ashore, for they can't swim. Lend us an anchor and cable and a couple of cork life-jackets, and I think we can hold on. We want, if possible, to save the boat and gear.”



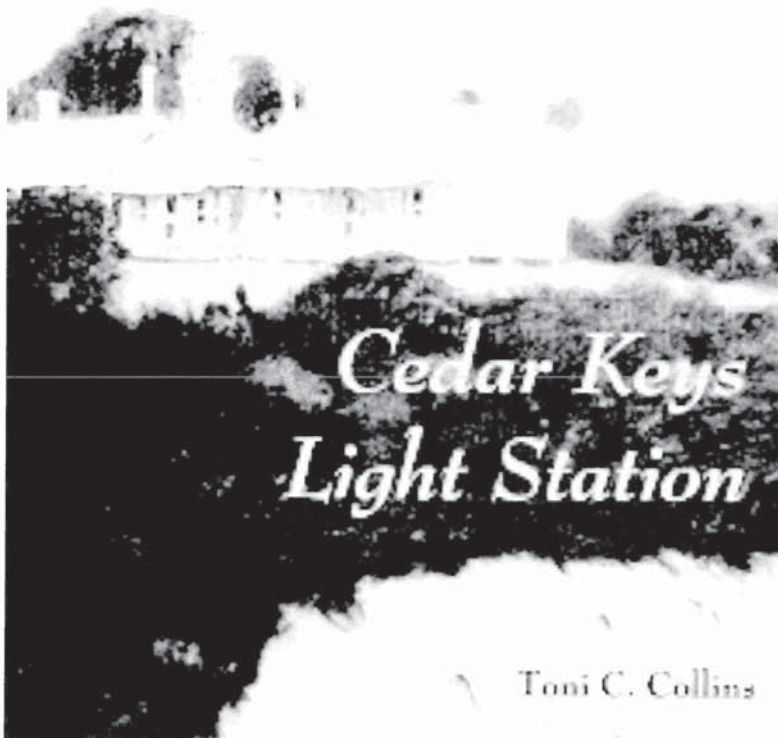
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# LIGHTHOUSE BOOK REVIEW

By Eric Martin

Executive Vice President - Florida Lighthouse Association  
President - Florida Keys Reef Lights Association



## Cedar Keys Light Station

By Toni C. Collins

Toni lives in the area of Cedar Keys and is familiar with the area and its' people. This certainly was helpful in gathering information for the book that has not been recorded previously or was not available to the public, and most likely would have been lost.

I smiled at the dedication "This book is dedicated to anyone who has climbed the stairs of a light tower to view the world through the eyes of a light keeper." Well, having climbed the lighthouse at Cedar Keys Light Station (Seahorse Key) and many others, this would apply to me and all my lighthouse friends.

One of the chapters I enjoyed the most was on the Civil War. Even though Florida was important to the war effort, due to the fact that no major land battle was fought, many times the other events are overlooked. In a talk with Collins she noted the long length of this chapter. In my opinion it is well worth it.

One of the things I did NOT like about the book is the maps and pictures were too small, in my opinion. In some places there was even room to have a larger image. This may be the publisher's decision or perhaps they were trying to keep the cost down, however, if it goes to a second printing I think it would be an improvement if all were printed bigger.



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## Jupiter Inlet Lighthouses June 15-16, 2012

**MEETING LOCATION**

**Friday Evening Social:** Jupiter Lighthouse, 500 Captain Armours Way, Jupiter, FL

**Saturday Meeting:** Jupiter Community Center, 200 Military Trail, Jupiter, FL

**SCHEDULE**

**7:00 FRIDAY Night ~Social Hour (Registration @ 6:30)**

**10 AM to 2 PM Saturday -- Meeting and Program**

Wayne R. Myers, The Wayne Group, restoration specialist who contracted the recent work on the Jupiter Lighthouse, will be our keynote speaker

Other speakers include representatives from the Jupiter Inlet Lighthouse and Museum and House of Refuge Museum, Stuart, Florida

**12:00 Lunch**

**After the Meeting, Jupiter Inlet Lighthouse and Museum tours**



Ten Houses of Refuge were built along the East coast of Florida by the United States Life-Saving Service between 1876 and 1885. The houses, built of Florida pine, were manned by civilian contractors who lived in the houses with their families. The family lived on the main floor and a dormitory was in the attic with cots for ship-wrecked sailors with dried and salted provisions for 20 men for 10 days. The Gilbert Bar House of Refuge, located in Stuart, FL, 25 miles north of Jupiter, is the last one remaining.



**Wayne Myers, historic restoration contractor, to be Keynote Speaker**



The Wayne Group did the recent extensive restoration and brick work for Jupiter Inlet Lighthouse. This included paint removal, masonry and metal repair and application of various coatings. In recognition and gratitude of outstanding contributions and excellence in historic preservation, The Wayne Group, Inc., was awarded the prestigious Lighthouse Inspector's Blue Star Award.



In May 2008, the Lighthouse and surrounding land was designated a federal Outstanding Natural Area, the first on the U.S. East Coast, and received ARRA funds for a refurbishment project. Recent work includes stripping and painting the inside and outside bricks, refurbishing of the oil house and keeper's shed and extensive grounds work, including construction of a deck that shows where the original keepers house was originally built.

**Historic restoration projects include:**

- American Political Science Association restoration  
Washington, DC
- P St. Condominiums excavation and underpinning  
Washington, DC
- Bentley Building concrete and masonry restoration  
Washington, DC
- Bishops House at the National Cathedral stone restoration  
Washington, DC
- Capital Memorial Church brick restoration  
Washington, DC
- Maryland State House masonry and hand rail restoration  
Annapolis, MD
- Mathematical Association of America complete restoration  
Washington, DC
- Saudi Arabian Embassy new masonry openings  
Washington, DC
- Kumon Math and Reading Center complete build-out  
Rockville, MD
- Colden Acres Estate stonework  
Rockville, MD
- Florida Atlantic University cast in place concrete repair  
Fort Lauderdale, FL

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### Crooked River Lighthouse Historic Washhouse Comes Home

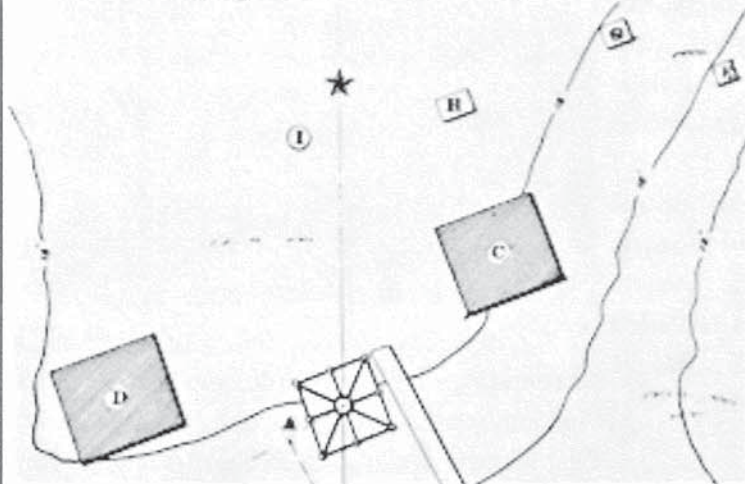
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CROOKED RIVER

LIGHT STATION.

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Buildings Surveyed 1892 by H. Barber.



The original plans for the lighthouse show the washhouse was behind the keepers house on the right.

Joan Matey, Carrabelle Lighthouse Association curator, and Ken Smith, FLA president, at the washhouse, located a few miles down the highway where it was moved years ago. Joan had discovered it while doing research on all the old lighthouse buildings. It had been used as a storage shed for years and even a fisherman's getaway at one point.



Left -- a metal awning had been added at some point and had to be removed.

Above -- inside the old washhouse had been used for many things over the years. This had to be cleaned up before the move.

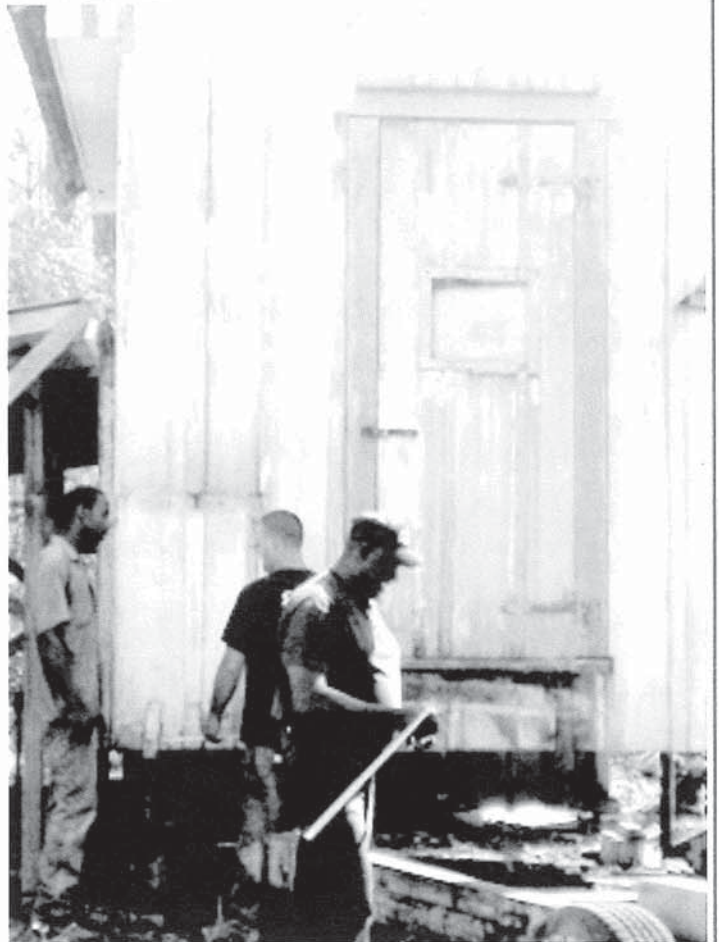


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The movers undercut the foundation and carefully lifted the washhouse onto the specially constructed trailer.



The workers make their last checks and measurements before starting the trek up the highway to the lighthouse. This rescue was made possible because of your generous contributions to FLA allowing us to help fund these important efforts.



The washhouse is about to "hit the road." Traffic was stopped as the movers moved the building slowly along US Hwy 98.



Ready to roll. It is much larger than it appears. The washhouse is 16 feet tall, much taller than average power lines.



In place, back "home," the washhouse will be lowered onto the foundation provided by the City of Carrabelle.



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## Cape Canaveral Walkway Project Complete Thanks to FLA Grant

Florida Lighthouse Association Vice President Ron Ecker (center) presents the actual check to members of the Cape Canaveral Lighthouse Foundation. This Gene Oakes Lighthouse Grant was used to recreate a historically correct walkway from the parking lot to the lighthouse.

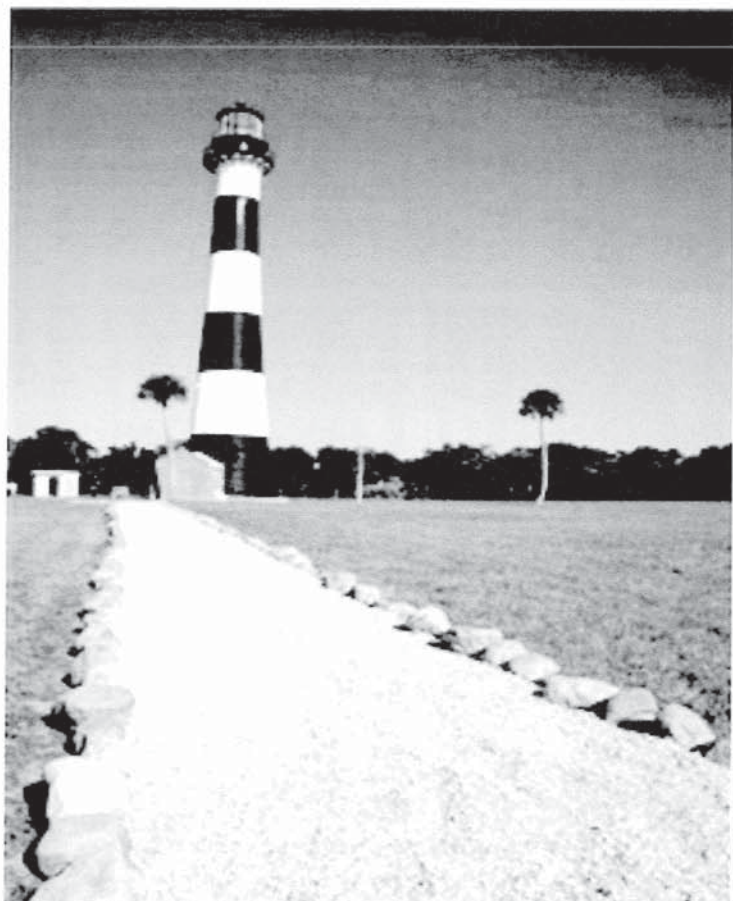
This was a collaborative effort between the Cape Canaveral Lighthouse Foundation, the US Air Force and the Florida Lighthouse Association.

Left to right, Janey Powell, CCLF Treasurer, Ginny Blaetz, CCLF Volunteer, Ron Ecker, Ginny David, CCLF Board Secretary and Peggy Army, CCLF Keepers' Closet Manager.

These important preservation projects are made possible by the generous gifts of our members. For help and information on Philanthropic Giving please contact FLA president Ken Smith at [President@FloridaLighthouses.org](mailto:President@FloridaLighthouses.org)



Restoration efforts are often an exercise in historical research and modern building compliance. The Cape Canaveral Lighthouse Foundation used photos like the one below left as part of their research in their effort to faithfully recreate an historically accurate walkway. CCLF used native stone and shell which also were compliant with US Air Force requirements. FLA is proud to be part of this project through the Gene Oakes Lighthouse Grant program.





## The Mayport Meeting -- February 10-11, 2012



Our Friday night program featured Rick Cain, Deputy Director of St. Augustine Lighthouse and Museum, shared of the recent restoration work done on the keepers house. This work was partially funded by a grant from the FLA Gene Oakes Lighthouse Grant fund.



The Winslow Lewis Society is made up of those people that had the vision to give to help start our grants programs.



Our featured speaker was Harvey Lillywhite, professor of biology, director of the Seahorse Key marine Laboratory, University of Florida and FLA member. His presentation was titled, "Of Birds, Snakes and Lighthouses: A Walk Through Time at Seahorse Key." It was a riveting discussion of his experiences studying wildlife on Seahorse Key.

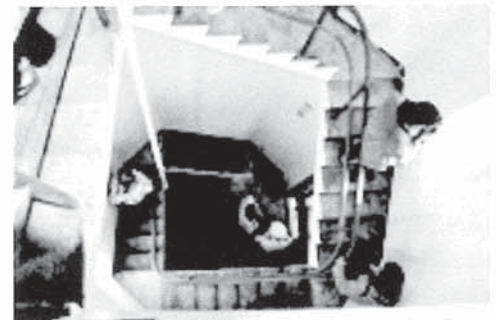


Ken Smith meets Ken Smith -- Ken, the president of FLA on the left, talks with our keynote speaker, Ken, the historical architect on the right. Ken, the architect, was our keynote speaker. He told of his work in restoration efforts of lighthouses and other historical structures, including many Florida lighthouses.

John Cronin, President of The Villages Lighthouse Club was our official host. The Villages Lighthouse Club has as special interest in the 1859 Mayport Lighthouse -- it is on their official golf shirts (see John's shirt). They dedicate their own fund raising efforts to benefit preservation efforts of that lighthouse.



The Navy provided a ladder for us to look into the 1859 lighthouse.



The Coast Guard Auxiliary opened the 1954 lighthouse for us, giving us a rare opportunity to climb the unique Art Deco structure. The lighthouse had been recently painted and was beautiful.



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## Donors Make a Difference

### A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO FLA'S DONORS

The Florida Lighthouse Association's (FLA) mission is to safeguard Florida's remaining lighthouses for future generations by supporting community based restoration, preservation and education efforts. These donors help make that possible!

#### **LUMEN SOCIETY ~ recognizes donors who make gifts of \$250 or more**

\$250 can pay for two classrooms from transportation and program costs for a local school to have a field trip to a lighthouse and learn about Florida maritime history and the importance of preservation.

Nina P. Berkheiser  
Ken and Dede Smith

#### **BEACON SOCIETY ~ recognizes donors who make gifts of \$500 or more**

\$500 can rebuild five historic iron steps in a lighthouse tower.

Barbara and Ray Hamel  
Alfred King, III  
Gordon and Dianne Levi

Beverly Oakes

Maureen and Tom Workman

During the transition year of 2012 FLA 365 Club members who made a gift in 2011 will be recognized as Beacon Society Members

#### **PRISM SOCIETY ~ recognizes donors who make gifts of \$1,000 or more**

\$1,000 can purchase enough specialized marine paint to allow a volunteer to completely cover an historic building or provide a day of ground penetrating radar to aid archeologists in their discovery of artifacts located on lighthouse grounds.

Anonymous

Wanda Mayo

John W Sampson

#### **FRESNEL SOCIETY ~ recognizes donors who make gifts of \$5,000 or more**

\$5,000 can help a volunteer preservationist strip and repaint a historic building.

#### **TOWER SOCIETY ~ recognizes donors who make gifts of \$10,000 or more**

\$10,000 will enable a trained volunteer to completely restore an antique lens system or provide a roof for an historic out building such as an oil house, or wash room  
Anonymous

#### **FLA recognizes donors who make cumulative gifts of \$25,000 or more, in perpetuity**

##### **PHAROS SOCIETY COMMEMORATIVE ROLL OF HONOR ~**

\$25,000 can rescue and completely restore an out building on an historic lighthouse grounds

\$50,000 can completely restore the inside iron work of an historic lantern room or can restore a 150 year old Fresnel lens

Anonymous

#### **FLA recognizes donors who include a charitable gift in their estate plan**

##### **LIGHT KEEPERS LEGACY SOCIETY**

\$100,000 can completely restore all the historic ironwork in a brick lighthouse tower or fund a years worth of archaeological or historic research by a graduate student team.

\$1,000,000 restore a lighthouse because that is what it costs to completely restore one of the towers.

#### **FLA recognizes our founding donors in perpetuity**

##### **WINSLOW LEWIS FOUNDERS SOCIETY**

Founding donors made it possible for FLA to obtain the Florida specialty license plate "Visit Our Lights." This was a very significant step toward securing sustainable funding for lighthouse restoration efforts. Revenue from the sale of specialty plates continues to provide restoration grants to Florida's Lighthouses.

In recognition of their leadership support these donors will be recognized "Winslow Lewis Founders Society" in perpetuity:

Stan and Dottie Beckstrom, John and Maureen Cronin, Mary C Dorsey, George W Evans. Stan and Mary Farnham, Barbara and Ray Hamel, Anonymous, Jessie Olivia Larkins, Gene and Beverly Oakes, Harry E. and Jean W. Pettit, Betty Lou Phelps, John W Sampson, Maureen and Tom Workman



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# JUPITER LIGHTHOUSE

## June 15-16, 2012

### EVENT RESERVATION

Reservation Deadline June 1, 2012 by mail, June 6, 2012 on-line

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ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

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Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Vegetarian Meal YES \_\_\_\_\_

### LUNCHEON

Lunch is by Sonny's Bar-B-Q featuring beef, pulled pork, chicken, BBQ beans, cole slaw, macaroni and cheese, cornbread and drinks..

I want to join the Florida Lighthouse Association (check one)

Single Membership \$25 \_\_\_\_\_

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### Social Hour and Meetings

Total number of persons \_\_\_\_\_ X \$50pp = \_\_\_\_\_

Non- members \_\_\_\_\_ X \$65 pp = \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL = \_\_\_\_\_

Number Planning on Attending the Friday Night Social Hour \_\_\_\_\_

Please make your check payable to the FLORIDA LIGHTHOUSE ASSOCIATION. Mail this form and your payment to:

Ron Ecker, PO Box 372153, Satellite Beach, FL. 32937

The FLA has a no-refund policy in effect. Receipt of payment confirms reservation.

An e-mail will be sent for reservation confirmation; if you do not have an e-mail I will mail you a confirmation.

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**Help Save Florida's Lighthouses!**

FLA's mission is to safeguard Florida's remaining lighthouses for future generations by supporting community based restoration, preservation and education efforts. Only 30 lighthouses remain today. **The most recent State of Florida study estimates that it will take almost \$20 million dollars to preserve these towers.** Florida Lighthouse Association members and donors made it possible for FLA to give local lighthouse preservation groups \$103,377 in grants last year!

**Yes, I/We want to make a philanthropic gift to help save lighthouses for future generations.**

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