

Joe's Corner

Happy Spring lighthouse enthusiasts! I hope you fared well over the winter. We are excited to get out to the lighthouse soon to inspect the extent of the deterioration after the winter. Several individuals have been curious about the "white" appearance of the lighthouse red roof. If you look closely at the picture you will see who is responsible! It has washed out some over the winter but still looks quite white. Several of us attended seminars this winter on how best to utilize computer search engines at the Ashtabula Library to find available and appropriate grants for the restoration of the building. We are focusing, at present, on the windows and paint. As I said last year, we are an aging group that will need "new and strong" blood to continue the work. Please consider encouraging younger members of your family or friends to volunteer with the manual work that is necessary, out at the light and putting the floatation dock in place. Join us this summer at the Fish Fry and we hope to see you at the next meeting at May. Your continued support is so necessary and so appreciated.



Thank you
Joe Santiana, President

Note from our V.P.

Spring is here. It is that time again to turn our thoughts to the lighthouse. Chipping and painting, window replacements and replacing the walls inside the lighthouse that were removed many years ago, are some of the projects that will help to restore the structure.

What we need, of course, is man power and finances. If you, our members, are willing to donate some of your time to help, or know of other organizations that are willing to donate time and man power, we could reach our goal much quicker.

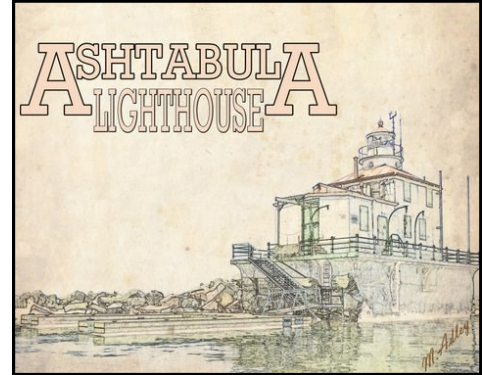
On the financial side, it takes money to buy the materials. Our fundraisers basically keep the year to year expenses paid. We apply for every grant that we can. But that is time consuming. And we are competing with other organizations for the limited amount of funds available. If you, our members, know of any grants that ALRPS does not know about, please contact us.

ALRPS also has lighthouse merchandise for sale. Desk calendars, wine glasses, coasters, hats, shirts, patches, pins and other items are available.

Finally, ALRPS always needs help at our fundraising events. Watch your emails for info on these events.
Mark Patterson

The Beacon

Ashtabula Lighthouse
Preservation and Restoration Society
April 2017



April Membership Campaign

Our yearly membership campaign is now in full swing. Your continued support would be most appreciated. As costs keep rising, we remain on the lookout for new funding opportunities. However, your membership dues help with the cost of insurance, communication and maintenance of our workboat and floatation docking system as well as funding needed repairs out at the light. Our membership levels have not changed. We also request that you invite your family and friends to join us as we work to restore this historic landmark. Please return your dues in the envelope provided at your earliest convenience.

Thank you for your support!

Lighthouse Fish Fry

Mark your calendars! This year's Fish Fry will be held on Saturday, July 15th from 2-7 at Lakeshore Park Main Pavilion. Price of the dinners remains the same (\$10.00). We will be offering either fried fish or shrimp. Last year we sold 280 tickets. Let's try to make it 300 this year! Please think about donating an item or gift certificate for our great Chinese Auction. Thanks so much to Bev Newbold for providing such great entertainment last year. We so appreciate your support! Also many thanks to Carol Cunningham for the use of her trailer and staff. They made all the difference!



Just some of our beautiful gift baskets for our Chinese auction last year.

From our Historian

There is not a lot of new news to tell concerning the history of our lighthouse. I continue to look for anything of historical value to our organization. Equipment lists, duty rosters, pictures, post cards anything at all will be a great help in telling our story.

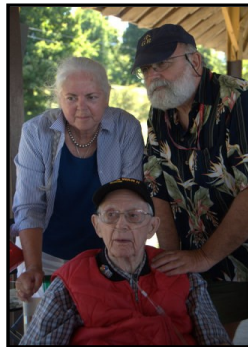
I will be working with the Wine & Walleye Festival this year to create a narrative about the history of the City, the Port, the Lighthouse and other subjects of interest which will be delivered to those who go out on the charter boat that the festival committee has hired to do rides around the harbor and the lighthouse. If you have any interesting tidbits that I might use, please pass them along.

In other news... I was invited to join a county organization called the Ashtabula County Foundation Council over the winter. There I will be representing our organization as well as another charity group that I am involved with. The Council was formed by several of the local foundations and 501C3 organizations as a means to assist each other with learning grant writing, best practices, recruitment and other mutually beneficial topics. We are also making ourselves available for newer organizations, foundations and 501C3's to use as a resource to get started and learn, that which we have had to learn, the hard way.

Please remember that we have our annual Fish Fry coming up in July and we will be starting our 2017 Membership Drive soon. We need more people who care about our local lighthouse and its history and can donate time, labor and fellowship to our organization. Please help us out where you can! Earl B. Tucker

In Memoriam

Earlier this year, we lost our oldest Lighthouse Society member, Dixon Greenwood. Dixon was 99 years old when he left this life for a better one. Over the years, he served on many committees in a variety of organizations such as the United Way, Catholic Charities, Knights of Columbus and the Amateur Radio Club of Ashtabula. He was a scoutmaster for many years and was employed for 32 years at the Metals Division of Union Carbide Corporation as supervisor of operations and safety engineer. Dixon was active in the Ashtabula County Safety Council which established the Dixon Greenwood Award. This award is presented annually to a qualified individual or company who best contributes to the mission of health and safety in their company. Dixon always had a ready smile and a willing hand. He, along with his son Gerald contributed generously to the mission of the society.



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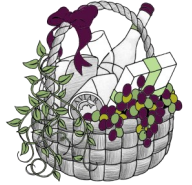
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Our next Lighthouse Society meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 17th at 6:45 PM at the Ashtabula Public Library, 4335 Park Ave. in the meeting room. Please join us as we organize for the summer's events and share fund raising ideas. Your input is always welcome. Your participation is most necessary.

Gift Raffle Baskets

Our raffle winners were drawn this year at our annual Christmas Potluck dinner at the Ashtabula VFW Hall. These two baskets included many lovely items including wine and either a night's stay at the Geneva State Park Lodge or a weekend stay at a condo on Lake Erie. We are very grateful to Donna McGrath for donating the use of her condo for a weekend. Our two winners this year were Debra McMillan from Austinburg and Jennifer Brown from Jefferson. Congratulations to both winners and many thanks to all of you who sold tickets for this well received fund raiser.



Notes from the Secretary:

Do we have your email address? Are you receiving notifications of upcoming events and meetings? If not, please drop me a line and provide your email address. Also, if you are receiving notifications by postcard or email and wish to be removed from our mailing list, let me know that as well. If you would like additional newsletters, donation envelopes, Society informational brochures please contact me and I'll provide you with them. Perhaps you have friends or family that might be interested in joining us. We are in need of digital pictures for our 2018 Desk Calendars. If you have one of the lighthouse you would be willing to let us use, please send it along.

Thanks lornagreicius@gmail.com 440.964.5009

All Hands On Deck

Beach Glass June 24-25

Annual Society Fish Fry - July 15 (2-7 PM)

Wine and Walleye Festival (Bridge Street)

July 29-30

Uncorked Wine Festival (Lakeshore Park)

August 26-27

