

Joe's Corner

With spring just around the corner, it's time to focus on the many tasks at hand. As soon as the lake is warm enough, we would like to get the divers out to the lighthouse to inspect the dock chains in preparation for the installation of the dock. This is a major task and a much needed task. We will need all hands on deck to accomplish this. We need to do some maintenance on the boat and the boat trailer, also. Plans for the summer are to paint the lighthouse. We have a new project manager, Michael Cheich on board to plan work projects. He and some members from the Ashtabula County Leadership are ready to paint! We are excited to have new and younger members stepping up with an interest in the lighthouse. We encourage you to call or email Michael or myself if you want to help with projects this summer. Another project is completing the restroom. We are hoping that there isn't too much damage from the winter, but time will tell. Debbie has been in touch with Sherwin Williams and PPG about helping with paint and/or advice for painting. She also has been in touch with John Patterson, our State Representative and has submitted an application for the FY 19-20 Capital Budget.

We welcome all of our volunteers and appreciate all past, present, and future volunteers. If it weren't for Mike Adley, Lloyd Bogue, Jack Kenny, Dave Pool, Duff Rawlings, Ken Frisbie, John Carpenter, Lynn Stright and his dive team and many others, we wouldn't be where we are now. I really appreciate all that they have done and know they will continue to support this Society.

Please help us to complete our mission so that the work is done and everyone can enjoy this part of Ashtabula History.

Thank you

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It's a Freakin Adventure
From the V.P.

Warmer weather is right around the corner. There is going to be lots of activity at the lighthouse this year. With the prospect of the lighthouse getting a new coat of paint there are opportunities to help. My goal for the coming summer is that more Members volunteer some time to help with painting or other projects that need to be done.

Mark Patterson



The Beacon

**Ashtabula Lighthouse
Restoration and Preservation Society**

April 2018



April Membership Campaign

Spring is in the air, hopefully soon! Once again we are asking for your financial support. The restoration of our lighthouse will require many hands and a lot of financial support. We encourage you to remain supportive of our mission and encourage friends, family members, and especially young people to join us in our mission financially and in-kind services of labor.

Annual Fish Fry Fundraiser is planned for Saturday July 21, 2018 at Lake Shore Park from 2-7 pm. I still have to work out the details since we will not have a trailer to work out of this year. More info to come. Please call Debbie if you have ideas for the use of a trailer 440-319-4835



And the Winner is....



2017 Raffle Winners

We made \$800 from this raffle, Thank You!

1. Lisa Caposio
2. Lorna Greicius
3. Cory Gray
4. John Streitferdt
5. Mark Patterson
6. Roger Corlett
7. Sarah Santiago



Other Fundraising Events:

We need your help!

These will be planned according to weather and volunteers.

Lighthouse Tours: weather permitting and support from our volunteers

Beach Glass Festival

June 24 & 25

Annual Fish Fry

July 21st

Lift Bridge Wine & Walleye

July 28 & 29

Uncorked - 2018

August 24th & 25th

Historians Desk

2017 was a slow year as physical activities concerning the lighthouse go, however we still made a good impression on visitors to Ashtabula. During the Wine & Walleye event Bob Frisbie and I narrated boat tours of the Harbor and lower Ashtabula River. As the weather was not cooperative we could not go outside of the harbor but our tour guests were very appreciative of all of the information Bob and I were able to provide to them. It was a good chance to brush up on my own knowledge of the Ashtabula Harbor and its history. The highlight of the day was an absolutely brilliant sunset, where our guests were able to get some great silhouette shots of the lighthouse and an Ore boat entering the harbor.



In other news I have been able to piece together a partial list of some of the light keepers and their tours of duty at the Ashtabula Lighthouse:

Samuel Miniger (1837-38)	Captain Saxton Bigelow (1853-1857)	Joseph Crawford (1902-1909)
Jonathon Johnson (1838)	Seth Belknap (1857-1861)	Thomas H. Holton (1910-1915)
Joel Thomas (1838-1849)	W. Camp (1861-1864)	Ralph Scobie (1915-1921)
Laban Hill (1849-1851)	M. Brown (1864)	Frank Sellman (1921-1929)
Benjamin Ensign (1851)	Paul Cheney (1864-1881)	Francis Comeford (1929-1932)
James Ray (1851-1852)	John Oakly (1862-1893)	John Brophy (1932-1937)
Laban Hill (1851-1852)	Orio Mason (1893-1900)	Eugene Ray (1937-1940)
Salmon Ashley (1853)	Enoch Scribner (1900-02)	Thoamas Baker (1940-1950)

Added to this partial list would be the light keepers that have been a part of ALRPS. Neil Barton (1957-1959), Harry Solomon (1954-1956), others are Rick Chalker, Buck Price, and Bill Knipper. It amazes me that the records of these men are so hard to find when they served in a capacity that was so vital to the Great Lakes and our country.
Earl Tucker

In Memoriam

Our friend and one of the first members, Carol Cunningham passed away September 7, 2017 at UH Cleveland Hospital after a brief illness. She loved the Lighthouse and she was always willing to volunteer when she could. She leaves a huge hole in the hearts of those who knew her. We will miss our dear friend.



Thank you to Bev Newbold for your continuous support and the beautiful music you provide at our Annual Fish Fry Fundraisers. We appreciate all you do!

Thank you to the VFW for the use of their facilities for our annual Christmas Party and continuous support to our membership and fundraisers.



Projects

Several alumni of the "Leadership Ashtabula" Class of 2017 have been working with ALRPS board, and they have made it their 2018 summer goal to freshen up the exterior of the lighthouse with a durable coating of primer and paint.

There is a lot of prep and planning work already underway, but as you know, anything "worth it" has its fair share of challenges!

Several weekends have been identified this spring and summer for work crews; we will be getting friends, coworkers, and family together to accomplish this goal.

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Secretary Notes

Please email me at nelce@windstream.net if you would like to receive emails for the schedule of meeting and upcoming events. Also please advise if you have a new email address or mailing address. Additional newsletters, brochures and membership envelopes are available upon request. We also have for sale T-shirts, hats, wine glasses, coasters and a few 2018 calendars left.

Please check out our website (www.ashtabulalighthouse.org) You can download the membership application and take a look at what is happening.

As a reminder, Membership is required for volunteering on any project due to our insurance guidelines.

Linda Nerad

Capital Budget Submission

Debbie applied to be part of the 2019-2020 FY Capital Budget with the State of Ohio. There are three phases for approval. As of this date, we have made it through the second phase. The third phase has to be approved by the Senate and final approval by the Governor. More information to follow.

Our first meeting will be April 11 2018 at the Ashtabula Library from 6:30-8:00pm.

