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**NEXT LIGHTHOUSE VISIT JUNE 1**

The next Lighthouse visit is planned for June 1, 2002. If you missed the last tour be sure to make this one and bring your friends. These pleasant boat tours up the Intracoastal Waterway plus a visit to the Lighthouse at Hillsboro Inlet alone are well worth the annual cost of membership.

The tour will start with a gathering at the Sands Hotel with parking and membership verification. Then members transfer to a 40-passenger boat for a trip up the Intracoastal to the lighthouse dock. A guide goes over procedures at the Lighthouse as well as a historical narrative. The boat ties up at the lighthouse dock and visitors are assisted in getting ashore by Coast Guard and HLPS guides. The visitors are escorted to the lighthouse where the Hillsboro Club has set up a table with free refreshments. Those who wish to climb gather at the base of the lighthouse. The Coast Guard has men at the top and bottom, and climbers are limited so everyone has a chance to get a good view from the top.

These tours have been in operation since July 1997 so that close to 1,000 H.L.P.S. members, Florida Lighthouse Society members and City Officials of neighboring towns have had a chance to visit the Hillsboro Lighthouse. A lot of positive publicity for HLPS and the Coast Guard has been accomplished over the past 5 years.

## LIGHTHOUSE MODEL IN PARADES

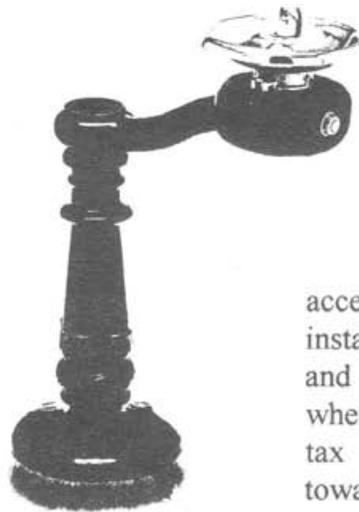


This picture shows the beautiful 9 foot scaled replica of our lighthouse crafted by Art Makenian in 2001. Art was designated as Keeper of Hillsboro Lighthouse by District 7, U.S. Coast Guard, in December 1998. Art spent hundreds of loving hours fashioning all the intricate details of the model.

Art allowed this model to become our entry in two February local parades, the Lighthouse Point "Keeper Days" and Deerfield Beach Town parades. It was a hit both weekends. Hib Casselberry and Joyce Hager walked along the parade routes handing out flyers and membership applications to spectators with Tom Casselberry behind the wheel. They were available after each parade for answering questions as folks were able to get a close-up look at this work of art. We had a table display after the parade.

We would like to enter more of these affairs. If you have a car, van, or pickup with a hitch and/or just enjoy parades, why not volunteer for the Parade Committee? It is wonderful publicity for our growing Society.

## FUTURE DRINKING FOUNTAIN



This old fashioned, turn of the century designed, drinking fountain goes well with our 1906 historic lighthouse tower. It is wheelchair accessible. Plans are to have it installed near the west gazebo and the Coast Guard dock when HLPS has received more tax deductible donations toward this project.

## TREE MEMORIAL FUND

Because the Australian Pine Tree is not native to Florida, it, in time, "takes over" any property where it exists and does not allow any natural growth.. The Florida Legislature is giving S. Florida a few years to eradicate this pesky tree. The Hillsboro Lighthouse property has a large quantity of these trees. Last year a Memorial Fund was set up to replace the Australian Pines when they are cut down. We have recently received a number of memorials for this fund, all in memory of Michael Lauter of Boca Raton. The donors were Judy Snook, and Steven & Doris Bernstein from Delray Beach; the Robert Vick family of Ft. Lauderdale; David Agler of Boynton Beach; James & Elizabeth Pare, Steven & Robin Rosen, Louis & Starr Lifson, SBA Network Services, Inc., Jeffrie K. Stern, Marion M. Carter, Ellen & Steven Hoffman, all of Boca Raton, and Paul & Phyllis McGinn of Beverly, MA. The new trees will be a living memorial to beautify our lighthouse station.

## GEORGIA VISITORS TO OUR LIGHT

The North Georgia Harbour Lights Collector's Club visited our lighthouse on April 3rd. The group flew into Fort Lauderdale that morning and Hib Casselberry met their chartered vans at the Hillsboro Club's vehicle entrance. The eighteen people seemed enthusiastic about their climb and tour of the grounds. They left a donation with Hib toward the future drinking fountain to be placed near the west gazebo and boat dock. Their plans were to visit the Jupiter, Dry Tortugas, Key West, and Cape Florida lights & returning to Atlanta.

**HILLSBORO LIGHTHOUSE PRESERVATION SOCIETY  
PROCLAMATION FOR THE NATIONAL SAFE BOATING WEEK  
MAY 18 - 25, 2002**

According to the Marine Patrol survey in the year 2000, over 2000 boats pass through the Hillsboro Inlet on a normal two day weekend. One particular behavior that can reduce the number of boaters who lose their lives by drowning each year by approximately 90% is the wearing of a life jacket. It is a simple task that has the potential to reduce terrible loss in lives.

If people are aware of the risks, they are likely to take the precautionary measures to protect themselves, their family, and friends. That is why we must continue to spread the messages of boating safety not only during National Safe Boating Week, but also throughout the entire year.

Whereas between 700 & 800 people die each year in boating-related accidents in the U.S., nearly 70% of these are fatalities caused by drowning: and

Whereas, the vast majority of these accidents are caused by human error or poor judgment and not by the boat, equipment, or environmental factors: and

Whereas, a significant number of boaters who lose their lives by drowning each year would be alive today had they worn their life jackets: and

Whereas, modern life jackets are more comfortable, more attractive, and more wearable than styles of years past and deserve a fresh look by today's boating public.

Therefore, I hereby support the goals of the North American Safe Boating Campaign and proclaim May 18-25, 2002, as National Safe Boating Week and the start of the year-round effort to promote safe boating. I urge all those who boat to "Boat Smart from the Start" by wearing a life jacket and practicing safe boating habits.

*Hibbard Casselberry*  
Hibbard Casselberry, President  
Hillsboro Lighthouse Preservation Society, Inc.

Proclaimed this day,  
10<sup>th</sup> May, 2002



**NEW & RENEWAL MEMBERS** since our last newsletter

Anderson, Margaret  
Arruda, Carl  
Branigan, Michael & Cynthia  
Brent, Bonnie  
Brooks, Darlene  
Brown, Michael  
Buntrock, Marvin  
Burke, Mike & Pat  
Calantone, Diane  
Chinatti, Julian & Ann  
Cline, Derek & Janet  
Collette, Nanette  
Coyle, Tania & family  
Crowther, Daniel & Elaine  
DePaz, Mike & Elizabeth  
Dixon, Maurice  
Dorsal, Bill & Mary Ann  
Duggan, Rita A.  
Ellison, Norma W.  
Ethrige, Deborah  
Fleming, Brenda

Giustino, Joseph & Helen  
Hardy, Ellen  
Hernet, Steven & Carol  
Hertner, Thomas & Claudette  
Hubbard, Larry & Marah  
Iacofano, Loretta J.  
Jenkins, John & Rebecca  
Jennette, Richard & Bonnie  
Kinney, Tim  
Lighthouse Financial Planning  
(Senna, Dominick & Marci)  
Lighthouse Yachts (Curran)  
McBride, Gary & Nancy  
McCullar, George & Muriel  
Mills, Douglas H.  
Morehouse, Randy & Marjory  
Morrison, Arlene & Elizabeth  
Page, Thomas  
Perkins, Charles & Diane  
Plante, Solange Latour

Sabatini, Rene'  
Scherlacher, Dennis & Kathy  
Schnitzer, Michael & Maxine  
Shelley, Robert & Patricia  
Simross, Lynn  
Slaughter, Avril J.  
Snitzer, Maxine & June  
Stake, Robert & Joan  
Stillwell, Bill & Barbara  
Tiritilli, Mr/Mrs. Joseph  
Travers, Mary Edith  
VeArd, Tim & Lynda  
Warren, Jim & Sharon  
Weber, Paul & Shirley

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Deerfield Beach Garden Club  
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# VISIT TO LIGHTHOUSE MARCH 9, 2002

The Lighthouse visit March 9 had been in the planning stages for months before the event. Meetings with the Coast Guard were held at the Fort Lauderdale USCG Station, at the Sands Hotel, and at the Hillsboro Lighthouse. Details were discussed at many HLPs Board meetings and there were many problems to overcome. Liability insurance was purchased. A planned early January visit was postponed to February 16, and still all the approvals were not granted, and we had to re-schedule to March 9. Finally all the problems were overcome, and the weather turned out perfect. The visit started with member check-in at the Sands Hotel. The Committee is shown in the photo below with Martha Casselberry standing in front of the check-in table.



The boat "Animal Crackers" a 55 foot twin-diesel powered vessel left the Sands Hotel at 9:15, but ran into problems.

When the tour boat got to the 14<sup>th</sup> street bridge, it was locked in the down position. The bridge was finally fixed, and the first passengers arrived at the Lighthouse dock at 11:15. The rest of the day went smoothly, with a round trip running about an hour. The last boat left the lighthouse about 5:30, arriving back at the Sands Hotel close to 6 PM. The boat is shown in the picture below.



*Dave Butler, Editor*

# VISIT TO LIGHTHOUSE MARCH 9, 2002

## COAST GUARD

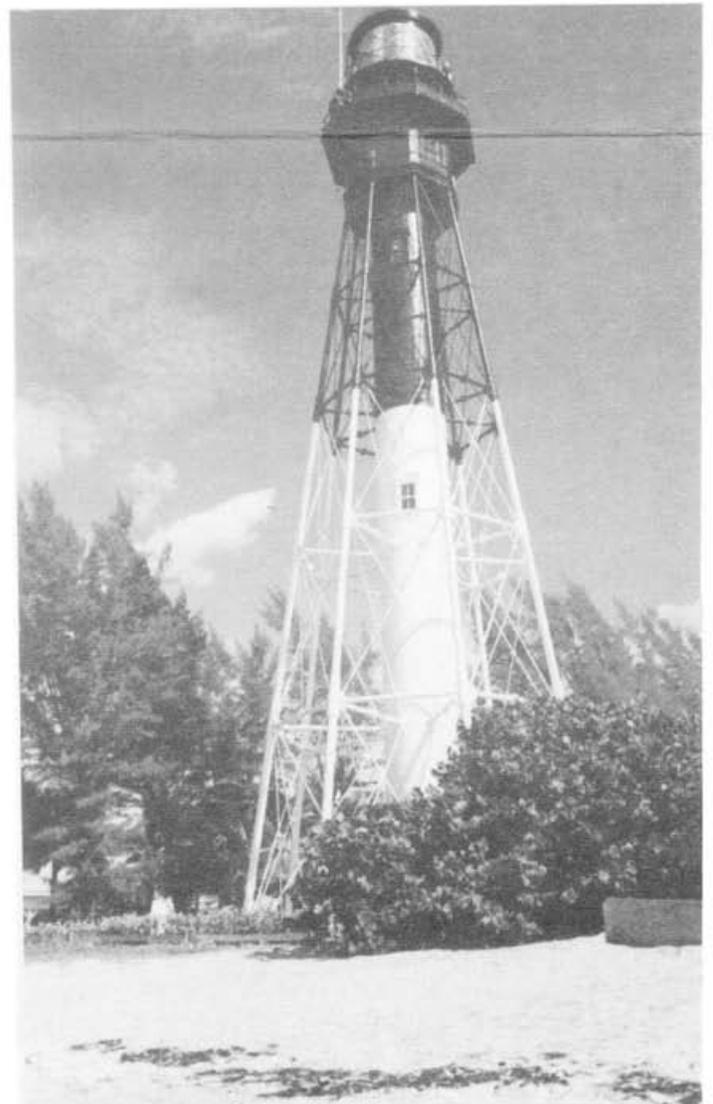
A Coordination meeting with the Coast Guard was held at the Sands Hotel on May 8. This was to finalize arrangements for the Press Tour of the Lighthouse May 13, and the HLPS member visit June 1. Chief Warrant Officers Joe Cocking and Vic Sorenson USCG attended, as well as members of the HLPS Board of Directors.



The trip up the Intracoastal was very pleasant, and the boat had plenty of space. The view from the upper deck was excellent. The boat tied up at the Coast Guard dock at the Hillsboro Lighthouse, and a load of passengers is shown getting off the boat in the photo above

At the dock the Coast Guard and Auxiliary greeted the visitors, and escorted them to the Lighthouse.

HLPS members climbed the Lighthouse all day, with the last of the 110 visitors leaving at 5:30 PM for the return trip to the Sands Hotel. Yellow plastic ribbons had been installed to keep visitors away from the occupied Lighthouse Keeper cottages. These ribbons were removed and the grounds secured before the Coast Guard left.



## President's Message, by Hib Casselberry

H.L.P.S. has been growing in 2002, not just numbers but also in activities. Parades: See "Lighthouse Model In Parades" article. We had this replica on display at the Lighthouse Point Yacht & Racquet Club one day and now they want to have it for display at their clubhouse all the time. Art said that it needs more work & a new paint job first.

Publications: Our "Big Diamond" newsletter is expanding in its fourth year of publication. In our black-ink brochures, we have developed a standard size with more information and an application form included. In addition the Board has approved a high quality black & aqua-colored brochure for special occasions.

Art Collection: CWO Joe Cocking, USCG-Group Miami, has asked us to provide photographs, artwork, and other material for the "Display Room". The Coast Guard has moved the office furniture into the old small generator room and converted the old radio signal room to a display room, complete with tile floor, new paint job, and a new door. Tour Info: Come see the new Display Room on Saturday, June 1<sup>st</sup> and Oct. 5<sup>th</sup>.

Education: Although Broward County Schools did not have any "Lighthouse" essays or exhibits entered in the Florida History Fair, other counties did. There were four winners who were awarded the Florida Lighthouse Association guidebook. Some of these exhibits will be displayed around Florida, including Broward County. Traveling Exhibit: Paul Bradley is the chairman. History: We want to thank Kelly Townsend of Hallandale as she works on our lighthouse history collection. Grants: Jack Burrie, chairs this new committee for long range projects. The drinking fountain and tree replacement will be upcoming.

To HLPS members and new members, if any of you would like to participate in any of the committees listed on the front page (not all committees are noted above), please contact me, Hib Casselberry, mail it or better yet, e-mail: [Lthouse@Gate.net](mailto:Lthouse@Gate.net)

## Scenes of Winter 2002 Parades



## 12 From Broward Traveled to Anclote Key for FL Lighthouse Assn. Quarterly Meeting in April — by Paul Bradley

The gathering at Anclote Key Lighthouse was a great success, due to a combination of sunny skies, calm seas, and excellent organization by the host committee.

An unusual touch was the use of the 'STARLIGHT PRINCESS', a multi-decked, paddlewheel cruise boat, for our transportation from Dunedin to Anclote Key. On the return trip, we had lunch and held our quarterly meeting on the "PRINCESS".

As for the ANCLOTE LIGHTHOUSE, it shows the ravages of time and neglect, not to mention vandalism. Much restoration work lies ahead. In time, with a well-directed plan for renewal and adequate funding, this gem of our nautical history should come back to life. The coordinators for this segment was Wayne Hawes. Well done!

Early Sunday morning, the day after the Anclote meeting, we took a short trip from Ft. DeSoto Park, in the South St. Petersburg area, to the EGMONT KEY LIGHTHOUSE, located at the entrance to Tampa Bay. Our short trip across the bay was on a low, outboard-powered, catamaran-type boat with a bow-type ramp that allowed direct exit on the beach. Very convenient!

This visit to EGMONT KEY was sort of an easy-going, walk-around, photo-op time. The lighthouse itself has changed a little since my last visit years ago. At that time, twin aero beacons, sat at several degrees difference, now replaced by a single aero-beacon. The old twin beacons are now on display on the ground. If you walk around this island (key), you will see many interesting things pertaining to our national history. There are remains of extensive Coastal Artillery emplacements. These were built as harbor protection during the Spanish-American War of 1898 and later.

Our FLA representatives for this segment of the meeting were Cindi Para and Richard Johnson. They are the lighthouse partner of the EGMONT ALLIANCE. They do the necessary lighthouse related structures maintenance, trails, etc. Richard's keeper's uniform was a work of art. As the kids say, — cool!

## AWARDS FOR TWO OF OUR OWN

Both Hib Casselberry and Paul Bradley received prestigious Life-Time Achievement Awards at the Florida Lighthouse Association meeting in April.

Paul's beautiful plaque states:

In Appreciation Of His More Than Thirty Years Of Dedication To Lighthouses Everywhere And To Bringing The Beauty Of These Magnificent Structures To Everyone Through His Masterful Sketches. His Talents Deserve To Be Known Worldwide.

Hib's plaque states:

In Appreciation Of His More Than Thirty Years Of Interest In And Enthusiasm For Florida's Lighthouses, And His Unswerving Devotion To Their Preservation And Service To This Association. He Has Always Accepted The Toughest Responsibilities.

Both plaques state they were presented at the Anclote Keys Lighthouse on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2002. Congratulations to you both. Aren't we fortunate to have these two recipients as officers in OUR lighthouse society?



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## HILLSBORO LIGHTHOUSE

Hillsboro was the last coastal Lighthouse built in Florida. It was designed in 1904 by the U.S. Lighthouse Service in Mobile, Alabama and constructed by a Detroit, Michigan Foundry. It was erected in Detroit, then taken apart and shipped by water to the remote Hillsboro Inlet location. J.H Gardiner Company erected it in 1906. The lens was the finest available... a very efficient "clamshell" Fresnel lens developed by the French about 1890. This second order lens cost \$ 7,500. Originally lit by a vaporized kerosene lantern (equivalent to a 140-watt light bulb) it is now powered by a 1,000-watt xenon light. At this time it is the most powerful Lighthouse in the world with a 28-mile range.