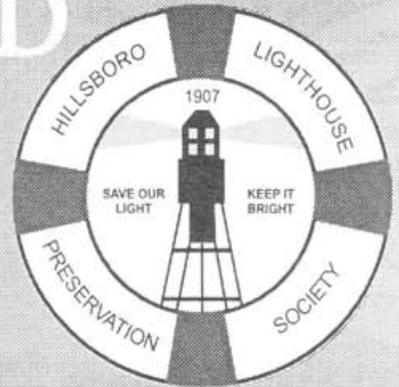


# BIG DIAMOND

Official Newsletter of the  
**Hillsboro  
Lighthouse  
Preservation  
Society**



The mission of the Hillsboro Lighthouse Preservation Society, Inc., "HLPS" is to promote the history of the Hillsboro Light Station and the Hillsboro Inlet area through preservation of structures and artifacts, education, and public access tours.

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## NEXT LIGHTHOUSE TOUR BY BOAT, SATURDAY, 7<sup>th</sup> OF MAY

The month of May is National Historic Preservation Month. What better time to spend a morning or afternoon at Hillsboro Lighthouse, one of the oldest still standing structures in Broward County! Come on Saturday, May 7 to climb the tower, walk around the beautiful grounds surrounded on three sides by water, or rest at the ocean side gazebo. You will see the original Barefoot Mailman Statue dedicated to those brave men and hear tales of their weekly walks from Palm Beach to the Miami River and back again to Palm Beach as there were no through roads or railroads between those points in the 1880s and early 1890's. The old Radio Room at the Station has been turned into a mini-museum with artifacts, pictures and charts that will be of interest to you. Two of the original keepers' cottages are still at the station, updated with indoor kitchens and bathrooms and now used for R & R for Coast Guard officers. If the cottages are not being used that weekend, one may be open for your inspection. Special preservation presentations will be given several times during the day.

Since no cars or pedestrians are allowed at the lighthouse gate and no access by private boat at the shoreline will be allowed, we ask that you park your car at the **Pompano Beach City Parking Lot**, a block north of East Atlantic Blvd. on North Riverside Drive on the east side of the waterway. Allow 3 hours for parking fee. Then walk across the street to **Sands Harbor Hotel's Patio Bar Dock**. Check in at the HLPS table and receive your wrist band before climbing aboard the chartered 40 passenger boat, *Aqua View*. Enjoy the ride and narrative by Dr. Ray McAllister. You will be taken to the seawall next to the lighthouse where you disembark. The shuttling begins at 9:00 A.M. until 3:00 P.M. The last shuttle from the Lighthouse back to the Sands leaves the Lighthouse Station at 4:30 P.M..

There will be active Coast Guard personnel, Coast Guard Auxiliary members and HLPS board members there to answer your questions. If you did not attend the February 5<sup>th</sup> tour, you are in for a pleasant surprise with many lighthouse renovations including a new tower entry and sand barrier wall and repairs to the observation deck. Let your friends know about the tour. Since all of our tours are for "members in good standing, only", people may join at the dock that day. Tax deductible yearly dues that include all tours & newsletters are: \$25.00 for individuals, \$35.00 for a family, \$50.00 for a business or organization membership and \$500.00 for a life membership.

## A MATTER OF PRESERVATION

In 1906, there were three keepers' cottages built at our lighthouse station because it took three men to do the back-breaking work to keep the light burning and perform all the other tasks necessary to keep the tower and property in good repair. What a difference electricity made when it became available at the Station in the 1930's! Then only two keepers were needed, so one cottage was moved 150 feet north over to The Hillsboro Club property.

Soon after the 2005 "season", The Hillsboro Club plans to replace that cottage with a new building. Saving the 1906 historic 1-1/2 story 3rd keeper's cottage from the wrecking ball now becomes a priority. Part of our Mission Statement states "preservation of structures", and we are aware of only 12 buildings left in Broward County that are 90 to 100 years old.

We have turned to Christopher Eck, Broward County Historic Preservation Officer, for help to save the cottage. It will cost approximately \$15,000.00 for a move 150 feet to its original position on the Lighthouse Station or up to \$90,000.00 to any other location because of the need for a barge for water-borne transportation. The cost of the foundation work is not included in those figures. So far the Coast Guard has not indicated any interest in the move to the Lighthouse Station. Other possibilities are a move to Hillsboro Inlet Park or Officer Scott Winters Park (on NE 12 St. in Pompano Beach) or some other park in Pompano, Lighthouse Point, or other Broward community. Grant money may be available for this emergency move.

Whatever the outcome, be assured that Hillsboro Lighthouse Preservation Society is working diligently and with help of Broward County Historical Commission, Broward Trust for Historic Preservation, and other groups to save this building so school children, local adults, and visitors alike can visit and absorb some of our County's early history. It would be a "win-win" situation for all and a reason for great celebration at our Lighthouse Centennial next year.



**Keeper Cottage #3 as it looks today.**

## MEET YOUR HLPS BOARD of DIRECTORS

Fourth in a series by Martha Casselberry

Hib Casselberry is president of your Society. He likes nothing better than being at the Hillsboro Lighthouse to show others the beauty of the Station and to tell of its history.

Hib was born in Chicago, but his family relocated to Winter Park, Florida in 1925. When he was in grade school the family would often spend weekends in Daytona Beach. Several times they had picnics on the grounds of Ponce Inlet Lighthouse. It was there his love of lighthouses began.

He attended high school at the Bolles School in Jacksonville and entered the US Coast Guard when President Roosevelt asked for those who were familiar with the East Coast of our country to enlist in that branch of service. It was a time that German submarines were plying our waters and merchant ships were being sunk off the shoreline, including Florida.

After training in St. Augustine, Hib served for a short time on Florida's coast, then transferred to a Destroyer Escort ship crisscrossing the Atlantic for two years. After the war, Hib graduated from Bradley University in Peoria, Illinois with a degree in Building Construction.

Hib and I met in college and were married in his home town of Winter Park. We settled in Lake Wales, FL and our family grew to seven. In 1965 we moved to Fort Lauderdale where Hib became an Architectural Assistant. For many years he was employed by Paul Bradley's architectural firm. (Paul was January's Big Diamond Director). Paul's beautiful pen-and-ink drawings of lighthouses and the two men's visits together to many lighthouses led to a deeper love of Florida's lighthouses.

Hib had an article titled "A Revisit to a Lightkeeper's Home" published in *Broward Legacy's* April 1977 issue. The front and back covers of that magazine had a picture of our Hillsboro Lighthouse Station and the article quoted three lighthouse "girls" who lived in the lighthouse cottages in the early 1920s and were interviewed there sitting on the porches of their former homes. He had an article about Florida's Lighthouses and the need to preserve them (1980) and one about South Florida's Steamboat Era (1984), both published by Florida Maritime Heritage Conferences, a division of Florida Trust for Historic Preservation.

In the 1990s it became very clear that many of Florida's lighthouses would be lost unless an organization was formed to educate the people of our State about the need for restoration and maintenance of our lighthouses. Both Hib and Paul became charter members of Florida Lighthouse Association in 1996. Hib served as Vice President of Membership for three years. Both men became charter

members of HLPS in late 1997. These days Hib spends about a 40 hour week tending to HLPS and other lighthouse business.

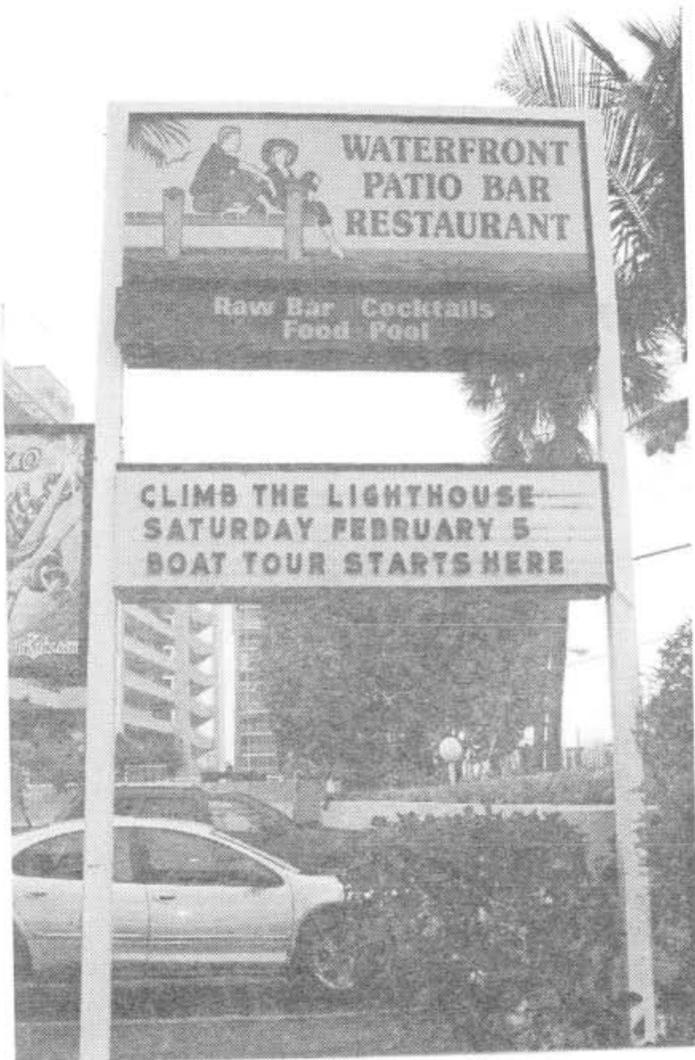


### HILLSBORO LIGHTHOUSE TOUR OF FEBRUARY 5

The February 5<sup>th</sup> tour of the lighthouse was a resounding success, partly in thanks to the enjoyable boat tour of the Intracoastal via South Florida Dive Headquarters' glass bottom boat, *Aquaview*, and good coverage by the media, especially *The Pompano Pelican*.

Tour participants marveled at the beauty of the Hillsboro Lighthouse and grounds including the original statue of the Barefoot Mailman. There was much interest for the earmarked sites of the new drinking fountain and commemorative brick paver patio which we hope to have installed before the end of 2005. The US Coast Guard ANT Team answered questions about the lens and machinery. The Coast Guard Auxiliary assisted at the boat landing and with other tasks. HLPS tour guides, with the help of the new signage, gave the historical facts of the station. Michael Bornstein, Barefoot Mailman re-enactor, was there telling his stories.

# FEBRUARY 2005 LIGHTHOUSE TOUR IN PICTURES





**DESCENDANTS OF KEEPER BEN STONE**



**FROM SAINT ANDREWS SCHOOL**



**ZIZZA FAMILY & ARTIST GREG BURNS**



**McCULLAR & CASSELBERRY**



The EDELMANs CG Aux.

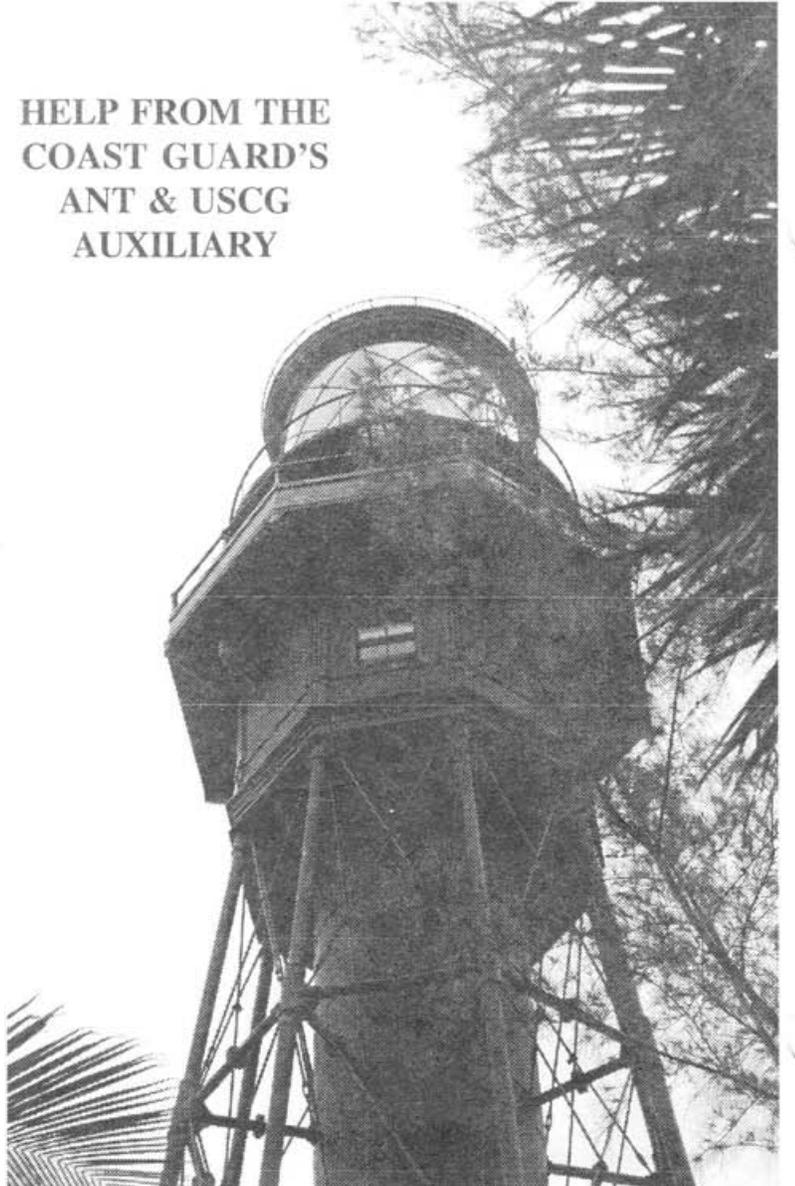


ANT Chief CHAD LOVATO

HELP FROM THE  
COAST GUARD'S  
ANT & USCG  
AUXILIARY



The ANT Team in Machine Room



# NEW MEMBERS & RENEWALS SINCE H.L.P.S.'s JAN. '05 NEWSLETTER

--- HLPs-file\04-April 05-NL\New & Renewals Since Sept 04 wpd ----

A Backflow Certification Co. *	DAR, Lighthouse Pt. Chapter *	Loyd, Betty	Simonds, Wendy
Ade, Richard	Delp, Margaret	Lynott, Joseph & Helen	Snow, Bradley & Jami
Albritton, Frank	Dennis, George	McIntosh, Dave	Spiwak, Burton & Paula
Allen, Curtis & Constance	Devendorf, Dan	Melli, Robert	Stark, Lee & Dottie
Anderson, Richard & Marianne	Diaz, Mark	Middleton, Robert & Becky	Stefanski, Arthur & Florence
Banks, Gordon & Patty	Dieters, Valerie A.	Mikulski, Stan & Connie	Stremlo, Gail
Barry, Maureen	Downie, Donald E.	Mix, Arthur L.	Swinghammer, Charles / Helen
Beels, Robert	Eads, Nelson & Lisa	Moitoza, David	Taddeo, Nick & Molly
Belbeck, Doug	Ellis, Ben & Jeannie	Morrow, Charles & Joan	Tasker, L.L.
Bell, Audrey	Evans, George	Murphy, Odette & Christine	Taylor, Benjamin.
Bellino, John	Falcone, Joseph	Napolitano, Gary & Susan	Tomlinson, John & Ellen
Bettner, Steve & Jean	Farrar, Donna	Nguyen, Long V.	Tortora, Mark & Ann
Birch, Michel	Feinberg, Dick	Nixon, Brian & Roseanna	Transtech *
Borror, Norma	Ferrias, Patricia J.	Nobel, Richard & Pat	Trotter, Judie
Boyd, Jeff	Fosarty, Brendan & Kim	Noe, Katrina	Volk, Madeleine C.
Bradford, Bill & Bonnie	Gangloff, Mary L.	Ostrander, George & Leah	Wackell, Jane
Britton, Les & Petra	Gassib, Joseph & Terry	Parkinson, Joyce G.	Waddell, Gill & Tracey
Brooks, Dave & Terry	Giles, Wm. & Linda	Parsons, Dennis & Lynn	Warner, Jim & Sharon
Brown, Bobby	Gordon, Paul	Payne, Carolyn	Weitze, Michael & Darlene
Bumyea, Tammy	Graff, Marcia D.	Pinetree Builders, Inc. *	Wenger, Tim
Burns, Greg & Patricia	Grubb, Brendan & Lynne	Proffitt, Steve & Patricia	Wentworth, Jeff & Stephanie
Burrows, Roland	Haddow, Wm. & Marjorie	Prokof, Steve	White, Edward W.
Burt, Dick & Wendy Duvall	Hawie, Helen	Rattlesnake Ron, the Music Man, Ron Skirdlant *	White, Ronald B.
Buyers, Marianne	Haynes, Ernest	Reader, Dick	Wiley, Ann
Campbell, Judy	Hennessy, David & Marie	Roberts, Roger & Mary	Wilkinson, Lynn
Campbell, Laurence	Hitchens, Dan & Lou Ann	Rosenkrantz, Bruce	Willson, Miles & Elfriede
Carey, Bill	JWR Construction Services *	Rossman, Gary & Trish	Wilson, Emmy
Clark, Joseph	Kezer, Barbara	Russack, Jeanne	Wulfert, Rod
Cohen, Matt & Ruth	King, Ron & Margaret	Saathoff, Bob & Barbara	Yarbrough, Larry & Annette
Colody, Jack	Kiriloff, Bill & Michele	Scarborough, Vice Admiral & Mrs. Robert H.	Yoho, Sherri
Connolly, Kevin & Jo-Ann	LeCocq, Pascal	Schmidlin, Charles & Alice	
Cooper, Charles & Shirley	Lighthouse & Historic Building Preservation Society, Inc. **	Seiwert, Diane	
Cooper, Lawrence & Penny	Lighthouse Insurance Resources *		
Corso, Barry	Ligon, Brian		
Curry, Robert E.			

\* = Business Membership  
\*\* = LIFE MEMBERS

## VOLUNTEER HELPERS H.L.P.S.

**Newsletter Mailing:** Laurie Kunkel,, Hib & Martha Casselberry, Leslie Denote

**February 5<sup>th</sup> Lighthouse Tour:** U.S. Coast Guard ANT, Ft.Lauderdale MKC Chad Lovato, MK2 Wilson George, FA Carl Mulleady, Coast Guard Auxiliary: #37 Ed Duda, David Friend, Joan Rauert and from #36 James Canavan, Jerry & Gail Edelman, Scott Ellington, Anthony Elvas, Gross Seymour, John Oeam, Bob Oppenheimer, and from #34 Guenther Noder, and HLPs helpers Michael Bornstein (Barefoot Mailman), Stephen Attis, Paul Bradley, Jack Burrie, Hib Casselberry, Cindy Deodato, Mike & Joyce Hager, Linda Peck, David Shing, . Check-in booth: Martha Casselberry, Jim & Lourie Kunkel; and Leslie Denote. Sands Harbor for tables, chairs; and the use of their dock. At the Lighthouse: Table, chairs, iced-tea, lemonade, & Box Lunches for the workers by the Hillsboro Club. Art Makenian installed the new bronze plaque on the Barefoot Mailman's pedestal.

## DONATIONS:

**Commemorative Paving Bricks:** Richard & Marianne Anderson, Larry Aschinger, Stephen & Yvonne Attis, Steven & Jean Bettner, Gregory Bohan, John Deam, Dorothy Deimel, Margaret Delp, Thomas Hertner, James & Audrey Hohman, Bob Knight, Susan Majava, Rick McKenna, Charles & Joan Morrow, Carol Redd (4), Gloria Richard (3), Richard Rettstadt, Diana Shaw, Lee & Dorothy Stark, Dorothy Tomlinson, John & Ellen Tomlinson, Tim & Lynda VeArd, Thomas & Joyce Vivenzio, William Webb, Edward W. White, Capt. Larry & Annette Yarbrough (5), James & Elizabeth York (5).

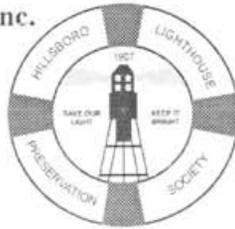
**No more orders for bricks taken until further notice.**

**Mobile Maritime Museum:** Fred & Laura MacLean,  
**Photographs of our Lighthouse Station:** David Shing

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**Some of the U.S. Lighthouse Society members who toured Florida's east coast lights stopped at Hillsboro Inlet February 21, 2005**