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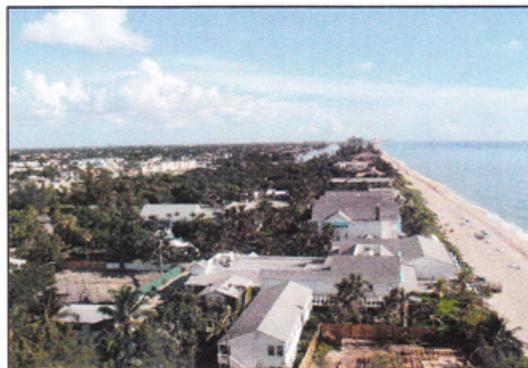
Next Public Lighthouse Tour Slated for Saturday, February 4th

Circle February 4th on your calendar for a fun day at the lighthouse. Why not pack the picnic basket that day and bring a blanket for an old fashioned dinner on the ground at our beautiful lighthouse retreat? We hope for cooler breezes blowing and a little crispness in the air. Come to our usual spot - the City of Pompano Beach Parking Lot just a block north of Atlantic Blvd. on N. Riverside Drive, pay the parking fee and walk directly across the street to the north dock of the **Sands Harbor Hotel**. A HLPS table will be set up there and friendly members will check you in and give you a wrist band before you board the "Aqua View", (a 50 passenger dive boat), for a pleasant ride up to the lighthouse with narration by Dr. Ray McAllister, a delightful gentleman who will tell you of some of the special treats awaiting you at the lighthouse. The "Aqua View" will be shuttling all day beginning at 9:00 A.M. Be sure to arrive before 3:00 P.M. as that will be the vessel's last trip out to the Light



Climb the steps to the top

with passengers. You will probably want to climb the tower and enjoy the spectacular view from the Observation Deck. Back at ground level, Sheldon Voss will be available to share stories his mother used to tell him about her life at the light station back in the 1920's as a daughter of Lighthouse Keeper, Thomas Knight. Over at the Barefoot Mailman Statue, Michael Bornstein, the reenactor of those barefoot troopers, will have his historic stories of how "he" walked up and down the beach from West Palm to the Miami River six days a week with his precious mail pouch to deliver news to the sparsely populated outposts. Kids (both young and old) can ask him about the weekly journeys. Michael is an expert in that department. He actually follows the entire Barefoot Mailman path one week each winter and practices often up in his native town of Lantana to keep his calloused feet in good condition for the 40 mile walk. Those feet can rest for the 28 miles by water he must also travel. *See you all February 4th.*



See the fabulous views

**The other Lighthouse Tours for 2006:
Saturdays, May 6th, August 19th, and November 11th**

President's Corner . . .



By: Carmen McGarry

Unbelievable! Here it is another year! The holidays were a great success thanks to Hib Casselberry and a great committee. The HLPS took part in three land parades and two boat parades.

Many thanks to Hib, Art Makenian, Jack Burrie, Dr. Ray McAllister, Joyce Hager, and all the others who contributed their time and energy to make this happen, along with much gratitude to Bob Lee who graciously contributed the use of his yacht - *Lee-Way* - and to Linda Peck and Bill Slager who donated their vehicle to use in the land parades. The HLPS won BEST OVERALL - NON-PROFIT in the Winterfest Boat Parade. Congratulations to all of you!!!

The New Year promises to be a busy one. Four tours of the Lighthouse are being planned. The Lighthouse will be celebrating a milestone birthday - in 2007, its Centennial!! The Committee is underway, chaired by Hib Casselberry.

Repairs to the grounds of the Lighthouse are being made as a result of Wilma's visit. Pavers and a drinking fountain are also in its future.

Suggestions and comments are always welcome as well as volunteers with special talents. Remember to visit us on our website for current events, history and please support our Gift Shop.

Warmest wishes for a happy and healthy 2006 and a spectacular year for the Hillsboro Lighthouse.

Carmen

VOLUNTEER HELPERS For H.L.P.S.

Newsletter Mailing: Laurie Kunkel, Hib & Martha Casselberry.

Newsletter Publisher: Lee Bennett

Dec. 1st Pompano Beach Atlantic Blvd. Holiday Parade: Jack Burrie, Hib Casselberry, Kathy Crozier, Vikki Murphy, & Bill Slager with a Dixie Clamp & Scaffold's flatbed truck. (See "Parades")

Dec. 15th John Knox Village 22nd Annual Holiday Parade: Jack Burrie, Hib Casselberry, Joyce Hager, & Art Makenian, his trailer & model.

Dec. 15th Coral Springs "Wild Adventure" Holiday Parade: Jack Burrie, Linda Peck, & Kim Sanecki with Peck's pickup truck. (See "Parades")

Dec. 17th "Winterfest" Annual Boat Parade, Fort Lauderdale: Jack Burrie, Hib Casselberry, Joyce Hager, Bob & Nancy Lee and their boat "Lee-Way" 42 ft sailboat. (See "Parades")

Dec. 18th Pompano Beach Annual Boat Parade: Jack Burrie, Linda Peck, Bob & Nancy Lee and their boat "Lee-Way" 42 ft sailboat. (Please see "Parades")

DONATIONS

Sept. 17th "Florida Lighthouse Day": see story.
Oct. 11th HLPS Annual Meeting: Dan Dodge & Hillsboro Club - Use of the Club, hors d'oeuvres & valet parking; Suzan Baekkelund - Jimmy Buffet gift basket for auction; Paul Bradley -- Six prints of his artwork for auction; HLPS Gift Shop - Several lighthouse figurines & books; Dr. Ray McAllister - His book, autographed for auction; Carmen McGarry - Original designed necklace & gift basket for auction; David Shing - Framed original three dimensional photograph for auction

Thanks to the auction bidders who raised \$5,100.00 for the Coast Guard Foundation. (Please see article).

2005 Annual Meeting and Festivities Held at the Hillsboro Club

By: Martha Casselberry

Thanks to our Social Committee and the generosity of Dan Dodge, The General Meeting of HLPS was a glowing success. Over two hundred members attended the October 11th affair at the beautiful Hillsboro Club. Balmy weather made it possible for us to enjoy the ocean side porches as well as the lovely dining room where members mingled as they sampled delicious hors d'oeuvres and liquid refreshments.

Many awards were presented followed by an introduction of new officers: Carmen McGarry, President; Stephen Attis, 1st Vice President; Dan Gordon, 2nd Vice President; Jack Burrie, Secretary; and Charles Seitz, Treasurer. Hib Casselberry becomes the Immediate Past President and Joyce Hager remains the Gift Shop Manager. These seven make up the Executive Committee of the HLPS Board of Directors.



Carmen McGarry and Joyce Hager give Hib an honorary gavel

One of the distinguished guests who attended was Commander Mark Wilbert, Chief of Staff, who represented Rear Admiral D. Brian Peterman, Commander, Seventh Coast Guard District. He presented Hibbard Casselberry with a U. S. Coast Guard Certificate of Merit.

Next came an auction of framed paintings, etchings and three-dimensional photograph; lighthouse models, gift baskets, original designer jewelry and autographed books with well known auctioneer, Gordon Latz, in charge. A lively time ensued vying for the seventeen items – all proceeds to benefit The Coast Guard Foundation's appeal to help active Coast Guard families whose own homes and belongings were destroyed by Hurricanes Rita and Katrina. These "Coasties" were saving thousands of lives despite their own personal losses from the same storms. Thanks go to those who donated the lovely items auctioned and to the fantastic bidders who brought in over \$5,000.00 for this worthwhile cause.



George and Muriel McCullar honored for generosity to the H.L.P.S.

The beautiful evening concluded with Dr. Ray McAllister telling interesting stories of his dives for treasure with several well known teams. This Power-Point presentation was well received.



Mark Wilbert, Hib Casselberry and Jerry Bowe



Part of the Board poses for picture before the annual meeting

PARADES & PARADES

Hillsboro Lighthouse Preservation Society was represented in five holiday parades in December. The first was Pompano Beach's "Yuletide on Atlantic" on December 1st. Just 2 days before the parade we found out that the 9-ft. tall lighthouse tower constructed by Art Makenian was not yet completely repaired from Wilma damage. So, Hib Casselberry picked up a discarded 11-foot carpet spool, Bob Todd cut it down to a 7-ft. tall "stair tube" and John Knox Village's resident work shop folks provided a plywood base. Jack Burrie painted the stair tube black-over-white and provided the revolving strobe light on top. In an octagon shape, the 8 legs with twinkling mini-lights completed the construction of the lighthouse tower. See the pictures of it with the gold banners and black lettering. Dixie Clamp & Scaffold's flatbed truck with Bill Slager in the driver's seat rolled down the Atlantic Blvd. bridge about 7 PM, in front of the Santa Claus float. Jack wore his Chinese red & gold wedding robe, Hib in his colorful authentic Seminole jacket and Joyce in her "Hillsboro's Big Diamond, Jewel of the Gold Coast" T-shirt.

This same lighthouse was in Linda Peck's pickup truck for the December 15th Coral Springs' "A Wild Adventure" holiday parade with Jack in his robe. That same afternoon we did the John Knox Village holiday parade with Art Makenian and his beautiful completed to-scale replica of our lighthouse tower.

In Fort Lauderdale's "Winterfest" boat parade on Dec. 17th, we were boat # 83, in the 42-ft. Hunter Sailboat, "Lee-Way", captained by Bob Lee and his mate, Nancy Lee, plus 3 others.

Our theme was, "Hillsboro's Big Diamond, Jewel of the Gold Coast". We had a big 7-ft. Dia-



Hillsboro Lighthouse Tour

Come Climb Our Tower

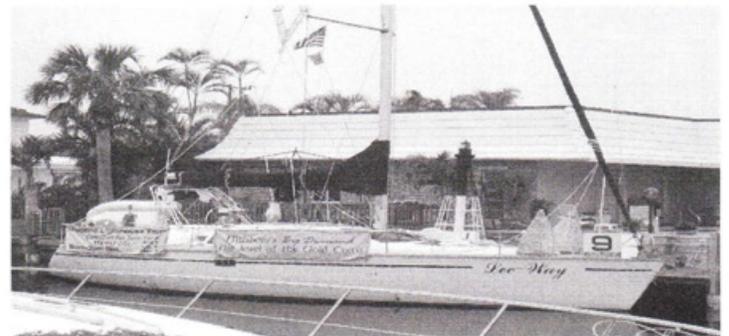
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mond lit and suspended 30-ft. in air over a nomad tent with diplomats meeting, singing, and dancing, "This Little Light of Mine".

The Captain was dressed as a British Counsel Diplomat. His Mate, Nancy, wore a golden gown, headpiece, slippers, and waved a golden-brown hand fan. Jack Burrie with his gray beard wore a Chinese red & gold wedding robe. Hib Casselberry was dressed in a colorful Seminole Indian authentic jacket. Joyce Hager represented an American girl, daughter of the American Ambassador, wearing a Winterfest T-shirt designed by Pat Anderson. It had the Hillsboro Lighthouse with a jewel set at the lens room & light beam coming out.

Sunday, Dec. 18th in the Pompano Beach to Deerfield Beach boat parade, HLPS did the same thing, this time Linda Peck, Jack Burrie and Bob & Nancy Lee were the crew while Hib and Joyce viewed the parade from waterfront homes.



Wilma Tangles with Old Diamond



Hurricane Wilma did not spare our lighthouse station. The cost to repair building damage is estimated at \$22,000. The cost of cutting and removing the large remaining Australian Pine trees can easily be \$3,000. each, so for now they will stay. Fortunately, none of these felled trees made a direct hit on either of the cottages or the lighthouse tower, but one tree can be seen on top of the

West Gazebo where the Gift Shop is manned during our lighthouse tours. HLPS does have a "Tree Replacement Fund", in honor or in memory of families, friends, and distinguish people.



FLORIDA LIGHTHOUSE DAY PICNIC

B: Susann Baekkelund and Hib Casselberry

Each Florida lighthouse celebrated in their own way for "Florida Lighthouse Day" on the third Saturday of September. HLPS celebrated our third annual observance with a picnic at the Hillsboro Inlet Park across the water from the tower. Sheldon Voss, one of many talented HLPS members, started the evening with his guitar, song and stories of early Florida pioneering. His grandfather was Hillsboro's Lighthouse Keeper, Thomas Knight (1911-1936), and one of his uncles was one of the Barefoot Mailmen. Later Dr. Ray McAllister gave a short story about the excellent fishing in and near the Hillsboro Inlet and diving over local shipwrecks. Joe Balistreri was a hit with his variety of music and MCing.

Some of those who helped that evening were: Arne & Suzan Baekkelund, Joe Balistreri, Hib, Martha & Tom Casselberry, Carl & Kathy Crozier, Dan Devendorf, Linda Giles, Joyce Hager, Bonnie Hanley, Art Makenian, Ray McAllister, Paul & Vikki Murphy, Nance Nixon, David & Diane Shing, Sheldon Voss, Darleen Weingarten, and the Pompano Beach's Sheriff Department

We wish to thank the people and restaurants that provided the food and other items. The donations were from: Cap's Place Island Restaurant & Bar, Costco, Chez Porkey's BBQ Restaurant, Mr. Fish, Nicks, Italian Restaurant, Publix Store #728, Winn Dixie Store #217, and Umberto's Italian Restaurant. Wonderful food. After a lovely sunset reflection from the diamond glass of the lens room of the lighthouse, we saw the beam come on, the most powerful beam of light from a lighthouse in the world, Hillsboro Inlet Lighthouse.



Suddenly in Command

By:Ray McAllister

The Coast Guard used to put out a small booklet called "Suddenly in Command". This publication contained a few common sense rules and brief instructions on how to start, shift, steer and stop the boat. It also instructed you how to pick up a person in the water as well as how to call or signal for help. Unfortunately, I think this guide is no longer available.

I read it a few years ago and did not think much more about it until one day when I was diving just north of Baker's Haulover Pier. There was an instance when if someone had either taken the time to read this pamphlet or taken a safe boating course, a life wouldn't have been put to risk. I had my hand-held VHF radio on and heard a woman asking for help. She kept the transmit button depressed while she kept repeating: "Help me! My husband has had a heart attack and I don't know how to run the boat. Help me!" She never let up on the mike button so I couldn't respond to get her location. I knew she had to be close because my radio was only 100 milliwatts, and at the best of times will only carry a signal for a mile or two over water.

I scanned the horizon for a boat in trouble and could see nothing. Finally, I gave up and continued on my course. About an hour later I headed for Baker's Haulover Inlet and saw a commotion on the beach just north of the pier. A boat was grounded there and an ambulance had come to the area with lights flashing. As I came in I could see a man being carried on a stretcher. I asked a Marine Patrolman what had happened and he told me the man had a heart attach and the boat, containing the victim and his wife, had drifted onto the beach. This must surely have been the lady on the radio. If only she had known:

- (1) How to use a marine radio.
- (2) How to run the boat if she was "Suddenly in Command".

Too often only one person knows where the life jackets are stored and how to start and run the boat. If that person becomes incapacitated or falls overboard, disaster is sure to follow. When telling this story, I was told about several similar incidents in our area. The first was near Boca Raton on the Intra-coastal Waterway. In that case, the owner who was also the captain had a heart attack. No one knew how to either run the boat or use the radio. By the time they flagged down another boat, the man had died. In another similar incident a man apparently suffered a heart attack on a ketch, again in the Intra-coastal Waterway. The other two persons aboard were not able to handle the ketch, so the gentleman did not get medical attention until the sailboat drifted to the bank.

A delay in cases like these can be fatal. On the ocean a boat could drift for days without rescue. The lesson to learn from all this is: ALWAYS BE SURE SOMEONE BESIDES YOURSELF CAN OPERATE YOUR BOAT IF YOU ARE INCAPACITATED. It's better if everyone aboard can start and run it. Everyone should know how the radio works - how to power it up, transmit to reach the Coast Guard or others. Let them know to release the microphone button after calling for help so they can hear directions and questions to be answered. They will be asked about the location, what type of emergency, what type of boat they are in and how many people aboard. If the woman I heard near Baker's Haulover Pier had just released the microphone button, help may have reached her husband in time to save his life.

Remember, if you are a boat owner, things you take for granted may be all new to your guests. If you are the guest, ask the Captain to teach you these safety measures if he/she doesn't mention them before leaving the dock. Better yet, in advance of your outing, visit your local US Coast Guard or US Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla on the internet at www.uscg.mil or www.cgaux.org.

NEW MEMBERS & RENEWALS SINCE H.L.P.S.'s Sept. '05

Angelico, Thomas & GERALYN	Diller, George	Iuen, Marvin & Alice	Ostheim, Kenneth
Barr, John & Jody	Dinverno, Jim & Vicki.	Jacobsen, Nils & Ronnie Farr	Palm Tree Doctor (Giles) *
Belichick-Golly, Jacqueline	Dixon, Maurice	Jenco Plumbing Service Inc. *	Panek, Pauline
Berry, Betty	Dockswell, Barry & Robbie	Jenkins, John & Rebecca	Regeski, Roy & Barbara
Boo, Donald & Frances Welsh	Eisele, Dr. & Mrs. Andrew	Johnson, Daniel & Margaret	Rogers, David & Bernice
Boutin, Dr Georges & Barbara	Emmons, Roger	Kendall, Deloris	Sanecki, Kim
Buntrock, Marvin	Fanning, Dennis & Linda	Kenny, Maureen	Shapiro, Daniel
Carbonara, Amato & Leanne Stocking	Farrar, Robert	Kenoyer, Steven & Linda	Shing, David & Diane
Carpenter, Tom & Kathy	Fernsel, Otto	Kornheiser, Gary & Sandy	Sklar, Michael
Case, Janet	Fox, Sharon	Lahr, James & Linda	Spivak, Richard & Harriet
Clermont, Richard & Janice	Garland, Doss & Marti	LaMarca, Angelo	Stake, Robert & Joan
Clifton, Steven	Gibson, Don & Arlene	Lamb, Larry & Lesley	Stillwell, Barbara
Collins, Marlen	Girl Scout Troop #823, Menke	LaPrade, Walter & Deborah	Strauss, Peggy
Cooper, Jack & Diana	Giroux, Bill & Cathy	Lee, David & Ruth	Tiritilli, Joseph & Didi
Corkery, Virginia / John Byrne	Hager, Whitney & Mary	Lighthouse Holdings, Inc. *	VanDoren, David & Glenda
Cortright, Richard & Jane	Hardy, Diane	Lusk, Diane	Voss, Ken & Dianne
Cowdrey, Bob & Dot	Harrington, Donald & Judy	Maffei, George & Janice	White, Joanne & Ruth
Craig, James & Bobbi	Harvey, Ron & Rhonda	Matthews, Victoria	Wiegley, Jim, Sue & Christian
Crippen, Thomas & Carolyn	Hawley, Jeff	McNab, Margery	William Webb & Associates *
Cunniff, J. & Ellen	Helf, Jim & Ann	Menish, Win & Sharon	Wolf, Robert & Barbara
Curry, Charles Jr	Hernet, Steve & Carol	Miller, Harold & Dorothy	Workman, Tom & Maureen
Danielson, Mary Ellen family	Hertner, Thomas & Claudette	Monteson, Patty	Yoder, Brian & Patricia
Deimel, Dorothy	Hildebrand, Chuck & Patty	Nixon, David & Nance	* = Business Membership
	Holtmann, Don & Sandy Land	Norton-Brooks Family	** = LIFE MEMBERS

Meet Your HLPS Board of Directors - Seventh in a series, compiled by Martha Casselberry



An old saying goes something like this - If you want something done well, ask a busy person. This saying is certainly true when that person is Carmen McGarry, Hillsboro Lighthouse Preservation Society's newly elected president.

Carmen was born in Champlain, New York, a tiny town in the Northeast corner of that State. She attended college in Albany and then graduate school at the University of Chicago. She was employed in Chicago as manager and comptroller of a building management firm. Later she became a research assistant at the University of Chicago. During her years in Chicago she also served as an active member of a hospital service committee and University of Chicago Service League while also raising four children.

In 1989 Carmen moved to Hillsboro Beach where she continued to devote her time to community service. Over a period of years she gathered information for her popular book, *Magnificent Mile: A History of Hillsboro Beach*, which is now in the second printing. To do the book, she combed libraries & archives and conducted interviews from local and world-wide sources.

Carmen is the official Historian of Hillsboro Beach, a past Town Commissioner and founder of the Historical Commission of the Town. At present she serves on North Broward Hospital District's Cancer Advisory and Community Relations Boards. She is most involved as a member of the Broward Area Agency on Aging. Two years ago Carmen was appointed to the State Advisory Board of Elder Affairs by Governor Jeb Bush. It is no surprise that Carmen was named "First Lady of Broward 2000", received the State Cooper-Kirk Memorial Award for Historical Research and Preservation, Gold Choice Award by Gov. Bush, and Volunteer Services Award by the Sun-Sentinel.

I forgot to mention that Carmen was a member of HLPS Board of Directors at the time of its founding in 1997. Thank you, Carmen, for rejoining the Board in 2003 and now lending your talent for leadership to our Society.

Be a part of History: Join The Hillsboro Lighthouse Preservation Society Inc.

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Please enroll me (us) in the Hillsboro Lighthouse Preservation Society. Enclosed is a check or a money order for the level of membership I (we) have selected in the column on the right.

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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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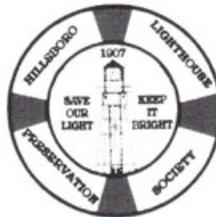
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