

PONCE DE LEON INLET LIGHTHOUSE ILLUMINATIONS

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Dear Members,

I hope this issue of Illuminations finds you happy, healthy, and well. Springtime is always active at the Ponce Inlet Lighthouse as tourists flock to Daytona Beach from far and wide to soak in the Florida sunshine, enjoy the World's Most Famous Beach, and participate in the area's many annual events including Race Week, Bike Week, and Spring Break. Be sure to visit us on Saturday, April 4th for Florida Lighthouse Day. Held annually, important event celebrates Florida's rich maritime and lighthouse history. Onsite activities will include guided tours of the light station and numerous family-oriented workshops. Please refer to the Calendar of Events on page six for more information regarding these and other scheduled offerings in the coming quarter.

The Association is pleased to announce the recent restoration of the living room in the principal keeper's dwelling. Originally used as the private common area where the principal keeper's family would come together to socialize and relax, the living room is now home to the museum's light station restoration exhibit. The curatorial department's treatment plan for this historic space called for the removal of modern fiberboard ceiling panels, stabilization and restoration of the room's original plaster walls and ceiling, refinishing of the historic heart-pine floor, and the installation of new exhibit panels. This important project was completed by museum

restoration technician Tom DiTusa and other members of the maintenance department under the supervision of administrative staff. All of the work was completed per the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties. I invite you to come see the newly-refurbished living room for yourself during your next visit.

The Preservation Association has remained actively engaged in its initial efforts to stabilize and restore the recently acquired Pacetti Hotel. As you may recall from the January issue of Illuminations, the museum purchased the historic site in October, 2019. Recently completed work includes the removal of dead branches and other debris from the grounds, the installation of new roofs on the garage and two adjacent sheds, hazardous material remediation, initial repairs to the historic seawall, and the development of the curatorial department's proposed plans for the future interpretation and utilization of the historic Pacetti Hotel as a museum and public space. Please visit us online at ponceinlet.org for additional regarding the ongoing updates stabilization and restoration of the Historic Pacetti Hotel as it progresses.

The Ponce de Leon Inlet Lighthouse Preservation Association is a notfor-profit 501(c)(3) corporation that currently receives zero tax-funded support at either the federal, state, or local levels. As one of the few self-sufficient historic preservation groups in the country, the Association generates 100% of its annual operating budget solely in-house through private donations, admission and merchandise sales, and annual membership dues. As such, the Association relies heavily on the generosity of donors like you to continue its ongoing efforts to preserve and interpret this National Historic Landmark.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our members for their continued support and to express my sincere appreciation to those who have made financial contributions or contributed their personal time to the Ponce de Leon Inlet Lighthouse Preservation Association this year. Your generosity will help ensure our organization's success of preserving and disseminating the maritime and social history of this Ponce Inlet Lighthouse for this and future generations. Those wishing to donate may do so online at www.lighthouselocker.org, by mailing a check directly to the lighthouse, or by visiting the museum gift shop in person.

Have a wonderful spring and summer season! We hope to see you soon!

With Warm Regards,

Ed Gunnlaugsson

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SEPTEMBER 2, 2019 – MAY 24, 2020

OPEN DAILY FROM 10:00 AM UNTIL 6:00 PM (LAST MUSEUM ADMISSION SOLD AT 5:00 PM)

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MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND

MAY 23 & 24, 2020 (SATURDAY & SUNDAY)

OPEN FROM 10:00 AM UNTIL 7:00 PM (LAST MUSEUM ADMISSION SOLD AT 6:00 PM)

SCHEDULED TOWER CLOSURES

JUNE 5, 2020 (FRIDAY)

Tower Closed from 7:00 PM until 9:00 PM

MUSEUM AND GIFT SHOP OPEN UNTIL 9:00 PM (LAST MUSEUM ADMISSION SOLD AT 8:00 PM)

UPCOMING MEETINGS

APRIL 20, 2020 (MONDAY)

BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND QUARTERLY

MEMBERSHIP MEETING

(OPEN TO GENERAL MEMBERSHIP)

MAY 18, 2020 (MONDAY)

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

(CLOSED TO GENERAL PUBLIC AND MEMBERSHIP)

JUNE 15, 2020

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

(CLOSED TO GENERAL PUBLIC AND MEMBERSHIP)

CLIMB TO THE MOON SCHEDULE

CLIMB TO THE MOON

APRIL 7, 2020

(Tuesday) 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm May 7, 2020 (Thursday) 7:15 pm - 8:45 pm June 5, 2020 (Friday) 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm

Journey to the top of the Ponce Inlet Lighthouse and experience this National Historic Landmark in all its glory. Join the Old Lighthouse Keeper on a personal tour of lighthouse and lantern room, and enjoy breathtaking views of the Atlantic Ocean, Ponce Inlet, and scenic inland waterways.

Toast the setting sun with a sparkling beverage and enjoy delicious hors d'oeuvres by the light of the full moon with your significant other and friends. Offered only on the eve of each full moon, this special event is limited to 25 participants only. Tickets must be purchased in advance by calling Angel at (386) 761-1821 ext. 10. Prices are \$35 for non-members and \$30 for members.

Food for this event is generously donated by Hidden Treasure Rum Bar and Grille. Locally owned and operated, Hidden Treasure Restaurant offers a wide selection of delicious entrees, appetizers, and beverages and is located directly across from the lighthouse on the north bank of the Ponce Inlet waterway. You can visit them online at www. hiddentreasurerestaurants.com





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April, May & June 2020 Calendar of Events

Celebrate our state's rich maritime and lighthouse history by visiting the Ponce Inlet Lighthouse on Florida Lighthouse Day! Tour the historic grounds, climb to the top of Florida's tallest lighthouse, and participate in family-oriented activities and workshops. Learn about Florida lighthouse and regional history from the museum's historic reenactors and discover what it was like to live and work at the Ponce Inlet Light Station in the early 1900s as you talk with the Old Lighthouse Keeper in his office.

Ponce Inlet Lighthouse Homeschool Day is a biannual event that draws students and parents from far and wide and is considered one the museum's most popular educational offerings. Join us on April 9th for a day of fun, interactive workshops and activities that will teach students about simple tools and machines used by the light station's builders and the historic keepers who maintained the beacon. The 2020 Spring Homeschool Day event is designed for children age 8 and older and is limited to fifty participants. Advanced registration is required and special admission prices apply. Parents may purchase Homeschool Day tickets online at www.lighthouselocker.org starting March 17th at 1:00 pm. Please contact programs manager Mary Wentzel at mwentzel@ponceinlet.org or (386) 761-1821 ext. 18, for more information.

The Ponce Inlet Lighthouse is proud to be a part of the international museum community. Museums are the story tellers of mankind's collective knowledge and experiences. Observed annually by museums around the world, International Museum Day celebrates these important centers of learning. Participate in fun, hands-on activities and workshops designed for children and families.

Discover over 130 years of maritime history as you tour one of the largest and best preserved light stations in the country. Explore the museum, participate in special presentations, and climb 175 feet to the top of Florida's tallest lighthouse where spectacular views the World's Most Famous Beach, Ponce Inlet, and inland waterways await. All active and former US military service members will be provided free admission to the lighthouse and museum on Memorial Day with proof of service.

Join us at the lighthouse in celebration of Flag Day! Participate in numerous family-oriented workshops and activities! Explore the historic Ponce De Leon Inlet Light Station and climb to the top of Florida's tallest lighthouse! Scheduled activities include learning how Semaphore flags were used by mariners to communicate with other ships at sea and with those on shore; discovering what life was like for lighthouse keepers and their families more than 100 years ago, and a special arts-and-craft workshop for the kids where they can make their very own lighthouse pennant or flag to keep.

Join us at the Ponce Inlet Lighthouse and Museum during the July 4th weekend in celebration of Independence Day! Explore our historical exhibits and climb the tallest lighthouse in Florida.

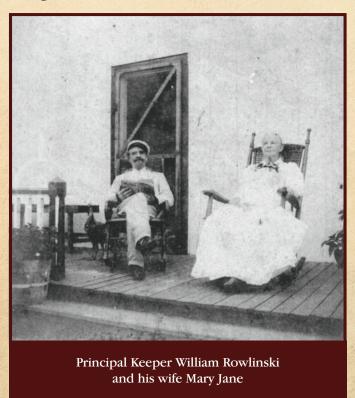
ATTENTION READER: Unless otherwise noted, all scheduled events and activities at the Ponce Inlet Lighthouse are provided free of charge to participating guests with the price of regular admission. Additional information regarding scheduled events can be found online at www.ponceinlet.org under the Calendar of Events tab. Individuals wishing to learn more about these and other upcoming scheduled events may contact programs manager Mary Wentzel by phone at (386) 761-1821 ext. 18, or via email at mwentzel@ponceinlet.org.

Trouble at Mosquito Inlet:

Conflicts at the Light Station from 1891-1919

The original plans for the Mosquito Inlet Light Station, now the Ponce Inlet Lighthouse and Museum, called for a single large building to serve as the home for two keepers and their families. This plan had been carried out earlier at the St. Augustine light, and after ten years of experience with the situation there, the Light-House Establishment rethought the plan for Mosquito Inlet. Three individual houses for the keepers and families were constructed here, but as can be seen from the following letters, conflicts in this remote place were fairly common.

The Mosquito Inlet Light Station went into operation in November of 1887. The first principal keeper was William Rowlinski. His first assistant keeper was Lucius Stringfellow, and his second assistant was John Abbott. Apparently, Rowlinski was fairly strict and difficult to work for, and a conflict was soon under way. Rowlinski was accused by his assistants of being unfit to command the light station.



Lucius Stringfellow quickly wrote to Lt. Commander Mackenzie, the United States Light-House Establishment inspector for the Sixth District. Stringfellow reported several incidents where the "carelessness of the Keeper" might have resulted in harm to the light source inside the first order Fresnel lens at the top of the tower. John Abbott, the second assistant, also signed the letter. According to Stringfellow, Rowlinski had failed to properly shut off the lamp on one occasion and overfilled the oil reservoir on another, resulting in significant oil spillage on the lantern and watch room floors. Another incident involved Stringfellow not being able to take time off from his duties to tend to his sick wife.

Excerpt from a letter dated July 27th, 1891:

"Recently the wife of the assistant keeper, Mr. Stringfeller, was seriously ill. The second assistant keeper volunteered to take the place of Mr. Stringfeller in order to permit him to remain with his wife, as there was no one else to care for her. This, however, the keeper refused to allow, saying in a very rude and insulting manner that whether she died or lived, each man must perform his duties. The community has been much shocked and state that this is only one of a series of brutal and overbearing acts on the park of the keeper. The latter [Rowlinski] is an old confederate soldier and has no special claim on the government. The Board requests you to make immediate investigation in regard to this complaint and report the results to the Board."

Results of an investigation by Lt. Commander Mackenzie from October 15th, 1891:

"Subject: 'Mosquito Inlet Light Station, Florida. Investigation of charges against Keepers.'

Prior to the investigation, Mr. William Rowlinski and Mr. L. G. Stringfellow were notified that I would hold an investigation on the 21st of September and I instructed them to have such witnesses present as they deemed necessary, copies of which notifications are enclosed marked D. and E. Copies of the affidavits of Mr. William Rowlinski, Keeper, and Mr. L. G. Stringfellow, 1st Assistant Keeper, Mr. John Abbott, 2nd Assistant Keeper, Mr. T. J. Abbott, and Mr. John Gardner, marked respectively F. G. H. I. and K. sworn to before a notary Public, are also enclosed.

In regard to the complaint made of brutality against Mr. Rowlinski, in not allowing the 2nd assistant, Mr. Abbott, to take the duty of Mr. Stringfellow, the Investigation shows that this charge was not preferred until nearly six months after the occurrence, and then only as a counter-charge to Mr. Rowlinski's letter of July 12th, marked A., and further, that no request to the Keeper was made by Mr. Stringfellow to be excused from bis duty, but the request was made by Mr. Abbott only, and as his (Mr. Abbott's) physical condition was such that he could with difficulty at that time perform his own duties satisfactorily, I consider that the Keeper was justified in refusing to allow Mr. Abbott to do double duty. The 2nd Assistant has stated under oath that he bas no complaint to make against the Keeper in regard to bis treatment of bim.

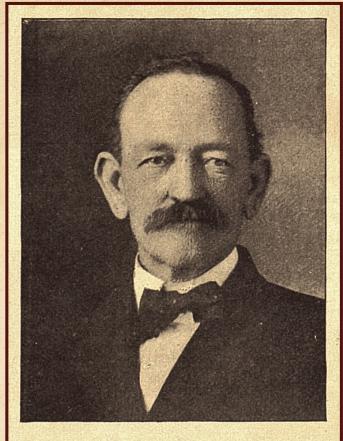
I consider therefore, that the charge of accustomed brutality against the Keeper is not sustained by the evidence. I beg to call the Board's attention to the fact that the Keepers have sworn to statements directly opposite: Mr. Stringfellow and Mr. Abbott both declaring that no disrespectful or insubordinate language has been used to the Keeper by Mr. Stringfellow, and Mr. Rowlinski making a sworn affidavit as to the very language used, showing, as I stated in my letter of August 1st, the difficulty of getting at the true facts in the case.

I have no besitation in saying that I consider Mr. Rowlinski one of the best Keepers in the District, and the Station of the best kept, due in a great measure to bis own personal exertion, and I would recommend, therefore, that he be retained in his present position. In regard to the 1st Assistant Keeper, Mr. L. G. Stringfellow, I would say that his transfer, if practicable, to some other station, as I stated in my letter or August 1st, is the only way I can see to prevent a repetition of the same difficulty.

The differences between the Keeper and 1st Assistant bave been going on for some time, and, under the existing circumstances, a true statement of facts can only be guessed at."

Stringfellow continued writing letters to the Light-House Board for many months, citing incidents allegedly committed by Rowlinski that the district inspector considered both trivial and inappropriate. Despite both written and verbal reprimands by Lt. Cmdr. Mackenzie

regarding the keepers' continued quarrelling and airing of grievances against one another outside of the Light-House Establishment, the light station's working environment continued to deteriorate.



L. G. STRINGFELLOW Sanford's Chief Magistrate

Image of Lucius Stringfellow from the *Sanford Herald*, Celery City Edition, Winter 1910

Believing that Stringfellow's behavior was motivated by a desire to acquire the principal keeper's position, Lt. Cmdr. Mackenzie stated that he "could think of nothing worse than for Mr. Stringfellow to be made Principal Keeper of any station" believing he would be dismissed "within a year for keeping a dirty station if he were in charge." Having exhausted all other options to resolve the conflict between the keepers, Mackenzie recommended that both Stringfellow and Abbott be discharged from the Light-House Establishment and that Rowlinski be transferred to the Georgetown Light Station where only one keeper was needed.

Excerpt from a letter dated November 30th, 1891: "Sirs:

For some time past the Board has been annoyed and inconvenienced by dissensions between the keeper and the First Assistant Keeper at this station. Effort has been made without avail to have these difficulties reconciled.

The board sees no reason why this one station should occupy so much of the time and attention of the Light House Establishment in settling the personal difficulties and grievances of two of its keepers and is unwilling that such a state of affairs should continue.

It is therefore directed that you at once make such an adjustment of the differences that may exist between you and conduct yourselves each of the other in such a manner as will insure harmony and efficiency at the station.

If the present unsatisfactory condition of affairs is not remedied at once, the removal of both will result and you will be replaced by Keepers who can live together in a way that will not bring annoyance and discredit upon the Service."

Although the Board followed the recommendations of Lt. Cmdr. Mackenzie in regards to the discharge of John Abbott and transfer of William Rowlinski, intervention by one of Stringfellow's political advocates, Florida Senator Wilkinson Call, prevented his dismissal. Lucius Stringfellow was instead demoted to laborer at the Mosquito Inlet Light where he was later promoted to second assistant under the new principal keeper, Thomas O'Hagan.

Mackenzie disapproved:

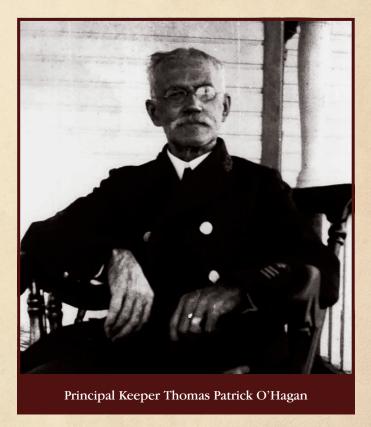
"I think Mr. Stringfellow has been treated with great consideration and I can imagine nothing worse for him than to be made principal keeper at any station, for he is a man who needs someone over him and I believe that were he in charge he would be discharged within a year for keeping a dirty station.

Now, with regard to Mr. Call's letter, herewith returned: for all the trouble at Mosquito I believe that Mr. Stringfellow is quite as much to blame as Mr. Rowlinski, I believe that, before my time, on one occasion, Rowlinski did refuse Stringfellow permission to be absent when his wife was ill, but I believe that under similar circumstances Rowlinski would have

kept his watch if his own wife had been ill.

There is a peculiarly rigid idea of duty about Rowlinski which has its good points but which I think unfitted him to be in command over other keepers. On the other hand, Stringfellow was continually pulling Rowlinski's leg."

William Rowlinski himself wrote to Lt. Commander Mackenzie in order to defend himself and explain his point of view. Rowlinski stated that Stringfellow was a trouble maker who had many times threatened to report the principal keeper. Letters went back and forth and it became clear that these men have had serious quarrels. Rowlinski was nonetheless given a pay cut and sent to the Georgetown Light Station. Thomas O'Hagan, the Georgetown keeper, was transferred to Mosquito Inlet. Abbott was discharged from service, Stringfellow was demoted to laborer, and L.C. Demaree, the second assistant at Cape Canaveral, was promoted to first assistant keeper at Mosquito. Shortly after this shift, conflicts again arose at the station.



Mackenzie defended O'Hagan from Stringfellow's new attacks:

"The new man who had just been appointed as assistant keeper in Stringfellow's place did not succeed to the vacancy made by the transfer of Rowlinski to

TROUBLE AT MOSQUITO INLET (continued)

a different station. That vacancy was filled by T. P. O'Hagan, one of the very best keepers in the district. He had been 16 years in the Light House Service; he had been employed at Fort Ripley, Charleston, Sullivan's Island and Georgetown Light Stations. He was not a new man; he had had ample experience and he was not recently inducted into office.

Although Mr. O'Hagan was a stranger to the people in the vicinity of Mosquito Inlet Light Station, I understand that he is very much liked. I should like to make a good bet that if an investigation of the relative popularity in the vicinity of Mosquito of the three keepers at that station were made, that Stringfellow would come in a bad third.

Mr. Call now requests that Mr. Stringfellow be appointed to the position of principal keeper at Mosquito Inlet. Should this be done it would be a direct reward for his disobedience of the Board's instructions of the 30th of November, 1891, of my orders given in July 1893, and of his continued bickering and quarrels with the principal keeper.

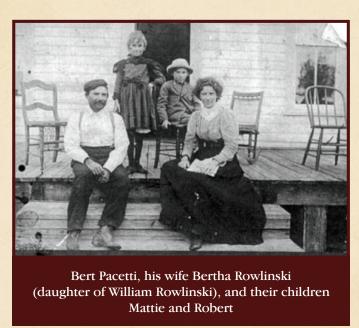
I do not suppose it is possible, but I wish you could find some way to stop Mr. Stringfellow from intriguing through Mr. Call."

Unfortunately, the Light-House Board soon realized that Lt. Cmdr. Mackenzie's opinion of Stringfellow as a lighthouse keeper was far more accurate that Senator Call's. Within a few months of regaining his keeper status, Stringfellow began to engage in the same behaviors that had nearly caused his termination less than a year before. At Stringfellow's urging, the new first assistant keeper, L. C. Demaree, began to write frequent letters to the district inspector accusing Mr. O'Hagan of unfair practices and alleged violations of Establishment laws and rules. Viewed as trivial and unsubstantiated claims, the Light-House Board once again found itself dealing with what was fast becoming one of the most troublesome light stations in the district. Believing that the station's hostile environment was a product of the assistant keepers' endeavors to have O'Hagan removed and to earn promotions for themselves, the Light-House Board fired them both on June 29th, 1897.

Rocks, Docks, Sheds, and Telephones

As one series of conflicts was ending, another one was

brewing between the keepers and their neighbors. Bartola J. Pacetti, known as Bert, was one of four sons born to Bartola C. Pacetti, the man who had sold land to the government for building a lighthouse at Mosquito Inlet. Bert had numerous conflicts with lighthouse keepers including Thomas O'Hagan and John Lindquist. Bert built his house next door to his parents' Pacetti Hotel and worked as a boat captain and guide. He met many influential people and was eventually appointed to a government post as a Federal Bird Reservation Inspector. Later, after the Ponce Park area ceased to be a Federal Bird Reservation, Bert was known as an assistant game warden.



Bert concerned himself with all aspects of controversy at the lighthouse. He was certain that the keepers were removing rocks from the riverbank in front of Pacetti property and appealed to the government with a damage claim. He was also certain that a boat ramp constructed next to his property for the purpose of launching the keeper's boat was also either actually on his property or partly on it. The government denied Bert's claim of \$100 in damages to his land.

Additionally, Bert claimed that a shed had been constructed on his property by the lighthouse keepers, and the government surveyed the land. They discovered that the shed and boat ways did indeed encroach 6-12 inches onto Pacetti property. In a letter from 1904, the lighthouse inspector of the Sixth District reported that Bert Pacetti "seems animated by a spirit of personal and

malignant hostility against Mr. O'Hagan, the keeper" without a real cause and that Pacetti seemed perfectly capable of doing violence to the keeper. The inspector asked the Light-House Establishment to intervene and somehow protect keeper O'Hagan and his interests should Bert Pacetti try to sue him. The government in turn requested that the keeper move the shed off Pacetti property.

Excerpt from a letter dated June 7th, 1904:

"This Mr. Pacetti is the same person who has previously made several charges against the keeper, accusing him of trespass and of damaging his property, and concerning which charges I have already reported in full to the Board.

He seems to be animated by a spirit of personal and malignant hostility against Mr. O'Hagan, the keeper, and, so far as I could learn, entirely without just cause, and he rejected all my efforts to conciliate him or to compromise matters during my two visits to the station. I do not know how far he may carry out his threats but he seems to be of a very vindictive disposition and what he has already done seems to justify the belief that he will go further.

As Mr. O'Hagan is a keeper of excellent record and as whatever he may have done seems to have been done in the interests of the service, I would respectfully recommend that such steps as the Board may deem proper be taken to protect him from further annoyance on the part of Mr. Pacetti."

Bert Pacetti had difficulties with the next principal keeper, John Lindquist. In early 1919, a series of letters between Bert and the superintendent of lighthouses and various other officials outlines a controversy about telephone usage at the inlet. One of the first phones in the area was installed at the lighthouse in 1917. The phone lines ran across the inlet to an exchange in Coronado (now New Smyrna Beach) and then all the way down to a Coast Guard facility at Jupiter Inlet. Pacetti family members wanted access to this telephone, since the alternative was a trip to the train station in Daytona Beach where they could send telegrams.

Bert and his daughter Mattie both tried to use this phone and both were refused permission by Principal Keeper Lindquist and his lighthouse district supervisor. Letters traveled back and forth between H.L. Beck, the superintendent of lighthouses, and Bert Pacetti over the use of the government line, with Beck insisting that his regulations stipulate that "no private conversations will be permitted under any circumstances." Lindquist, he argued, was simply doing his job by enforcing these regulations.

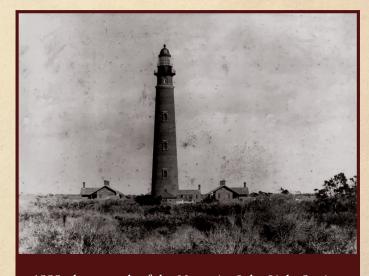
Eventually, the acting chief of the U.S. Bureau of Agriculture became involved and wrote to the commissioner of lighthouses in Washington, D.C. requesting that Bert Pacetti be allowed use of the lighthouse phone for urgent official business. A reply went out from Washington saying the matter was under investigation. The Lighthouse Service finally decided that Pacetti could transmit his official messages by phone, but the lighthouse keeper had to do the actual calling. A letter was sent to Bert Pacetti informing him of this decision, and the matter seems to have been settled.

Excerpt from a letter dated May 19th, 1919:

"From: Mr. George R. Putnam, Commissioner, Bureau of Lighthouses

To: Superintendent of Lighthouses of Charleston, S.C.

I beg to state that the keeper at Mosquito Inlet Light Station will be instructed to transmit official messages to and from Mr. B. J. Pacetti, United States Deputy Game Warden, or any other member of his family, when the communications are shown to said keeper, or other evidence is submitted to show that the messages to be sent are official, it being understood, however, that the telephoning shall be done by the keeper himself."



1888 photograph of the Mosquito Inlet Light Station

Annual Ponce Inlet Lighthouse Volunteer Awards Dinner

Established in 1972, the non-profit Ponce de Leon Inlet Lighthouse Preservation Association has a long history of volunteerism. The Association's founding members were volunteers and its earliest accomplishments were achieved by a volunteer workforce. The organization is also governed by an all-volunteer Board of Trustees with assistance from an advisory committee comprised of like-minded individuals. The contribution of volunteers can be felt in each department and across every facet of the Association's ongoing operations. Wherever you are on the museum grounds a volunteer is probably not far away. The spirit of volunteerism permeates the Association's unique culture and fuels the organization's continued success.

The past 47 years have witnessed the Association's growth from an all-volunteer group into the professionally-operated museum that exists today. However, the organization's reliance on volunteers remains as strong as ever, especially in regards to educational programming where docents deliver the vast majority of the museum's award-winning workshops and outreach activities. Month after month and year after year, this dedicated group of selfless men and women can be found leading guided tours of the lighthouse and museum, facilitating onsite programs, assisting staff with administrative tasks, or traveling offsite to deliver educational workshops in classrooms and public venues throughout the local community.

Each year, the Preservation Association recognizes the valuable contributions of its many docents by hosting a special dinner party. Held on March 7, 2020 at the

Harbor Village Community Center in Ponce Inlet, the lighthouse's Annual Volunteer Awards Banquet was a wonderful opportunity for museum staff to recognize and thank each volunteer for his/her service. In addition to the wonderful meal, volunteers and guests enjoyed the camaraderie of their lighthouse family as jokes were told and more than a few tall-tales were shared to the enjoyment of all.

Lead Docent John Mann kicked off the event with a litany of bad jokes and good natured rubs before launching into an informative presentation about the history of the nation's lighthouses including those found in the volunteers' home states. Programs Manager Mary Wentzel followed Mr. Mann's presentation by thanking the museum's dedicated volunteer corps for collectively donating more than 2,694 hours of time and effort to the Ponce De Leon Inlet Lighthouse Preservation Association over the past year. Valued at nearly \$67,600 in labor alone this incredible contribution of time is actually priceless when one considers the amount of good will and educational opportunity the volunteers' efforts bring to the local community.

The festivities continued with the presentation of awards that celebrated the achievements and contributions of each of the lighthouse's dedicated docents. The following list includes information about when each docent became a lighthouse volunteer, why they chose to become a volunteer, what they like most about being a volunteer, and the total numbers of volunteer hours contributed to date.

Andrew Peczeniuk



Volunteer Since: October, 2019

Reason for Joining: My love for all things related to

maritime history.

Favorite Activity: Being a Lighthouse Tour Guide

Hours to Date: 13

Steven Oshinski



Volunteer Since: September, 2017

Reason for Joining: The desire to become more involved

within the Ponce Inlet community.

Favorite Activity: The Science of Light workshop

Hours to Date: 231

Janice Lowry



Volunteer Since: April, 2014

Reason for Joining: My love for early Florida and Ponce Inlet

Lighthouse history.

Favorite Activity: Reenacting Julia Schuppe O'Hagan

Hours to Date: 1,409

Jennifer Gill



Volunteer Since: June, 2009

Reason for Joining: My desire to help out and work on fascinating and important local history.

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Favorite Activity: Transcribing historic documents

Hours to Date: 1,220

Cindy Horn



Volunteer Since: 2015

Reason for Joining: I love being with people and that's why I love being a volunteer at the lighthouse.

Favorite Activity: Portraying the "Tool Lady" for kids.

Hours to Date: 809

Carol Jerson



Volunteer Since: May, 2014

Reason for Joining: To connect with the local community

and teach people about lighthouse history.

Favorite Activity: Dressing up as Nelly the Lighthouse Cat.

Hours to Date: 1,319

Dorothy Beard



Volunteer Since: 2007

Reason for Joining: My love for history and connecting

with children and adults.

Favorite Activity: Leading lighthouse tours.

Hours to Date: 140

Debbie Sobien



Volunteer Since: March, 2017

Reason for Joining: I enjoy working with children and

promoting local history.

Favorite Activity: Children's tours and historic reenacting.

Hours to Date: 323

Helen Magale



Volunteer Since: January, 2003

Reason for Joining: I have always been attracted to the

lighthouse and its history.

Favorite Activity: Meeting people from all over the world.

Hours to Date: 630

Jennifer Ahrend



Volunteer Since: 2015

Reason for Joining: To help out with Read Across America and the monthly Climb to the Moon event.

Favorite Activity: Talking with Climb to the Moon guests.

Hours to Date: 54

Stephen Welhoelter



Volunteer Since: February, 2020

Reason for Joining: I wanted to help the restore and preserve the historic lighthouse and Pacetti Hotel.

Favorite Activity: Historic restoration & preservation.

Hours to Date: 60

Pat Young



Volunteer Since: 2015

Reason for Joining: The opportunity to volunteer at the

lighthouse and interact with people.

Favorite Activity: Being a tower monitor

Hours to Date: 153

Teresa Revak



Volunteer Since: May, 2018

Reason for Joining: To learn and share the history of the

lighthouse and meet interesting people.

Favorite Activity: All of it! Hours to Date: 152

Heather Cloutier



Volunteer Since: 2018

Reason for Joining: I recently moved to the area and love

the Ponce Inlet Lighthouse.

Favorite Activity: Leading children's tours.

Hours to Date: 183

Mike Kaszuba



Volunteer Since: August, 2019

Reason for Joining: My fond memories of visiting the

Ponce Inlet Lighthouse as a boy.

Favorite Activity: Museum at Night.

Hours to Date: 30

David Ahrend



Volunteer Since: 2011

Reason for Joining: I have always been fascinated with

lighthouses and their history.

Favorite Activity: Being a Tower Monitor.

Hours to Date: 166

Ron Howell



Volunteer Since: 2012

Reason for Joining: I have a great interest in history and

the Ponce Inlet Lighthouse.

Favorite Activity: Officiating Lighthouse Weddings.

Hours to Date: 61

Michael Revak



Volunteer Since: January, 2020

Reason for Joining: I wanted to help the Preservation

Association restore the historic Pacetti Hotel.

Favorite Activity: Performing historic restoration work. .

Hours to Date: 60

Gerry Harris



Volunteer Since: October, 2002

Reason for Joining: I saw an ad in the newspaper looking for volunteers to work on Fresnel lenses.

Favorite Activity: Climb to the Moon & Science of Light.

Hours to Date: 772

Rick Safarik



Volunteer Since: October, 2012

Reason for Joining: Lighthouses have always interested me and desire to give back to the community.

Favorite Activity: Climb to the Moon.

Hours to Date: 251

Jackie Mann



Volunteer Since: 2003

Reason for Joining: My love for lighthouses and educating

children.

Favorite Activity: Depicting Ida Lewis and Kids Crafts.

Hours to Date: 752

Tana White



Volunteer Since: 2009

Reason for Joining: I love to teach children about history

and the Ponce Inlet.

Favorite Activity: Reenacting Ianthe Bond-Hebel.

Hours to Date: 1,108

Marsha Lewis



Volunteer Since: 2010

Reason for Joining: The lighthouse is beautiful and

historic and I wanted to be involved with it. **Favorite Activity:** Leading adult tours.

Hours to Date: 688

Allen Bestwick



Volunteer Since: 2005

Reason for Joining: My long-time love of lighthouses and

desire to teach about their history.

Favorite Activity: Lighthouse Keeper & Crystal Radios.

Hours to Date: 1,708

Cathy Safarik



Volunteer Since: July, 2012

Reason for Joining: My love for history and lighthouse

and my desire to give back to the community. **Favorite Activity:** Climb to the Moon.

Hours to Date: 592

John Mann



Volunteer Since: 1887

Reason for Joining: My love for lighthouses and their

fascinating history.

Favorite Activity: I love everything I do here.

Hours to Date: 6,935

John Butterfield



Volunteer Since: 2014

Reason for Joining: I love lighthouses and how they symbolize man's willingness to help his fellow man.

Favorite Activity: Climb with the Keeper.

Hours to Date: 446

Alice Howell



Volunteer Since: 2012

Reason for Joining: The many volunteer opportunities

afforded by the Ponce Inlet Lighthouse. **Favorite Activity:** Read Across America.

Hours to Date: 43

Elizabeth Boggs



Volunteer Since: October, 2019

Reason for Joining: Because I am captivated by the beauty

and historical significance of lighthouses. **Favorite Activity:** Museum at Night so far.

Hours to Date: 14

The Ponce De Leon Inlet Lighthouse Preservation Association is always looking for individuals interested in accepting the challenge of becoming a lighthouse volunteer. Those wishing to learn more about volunteer opportunities at the lighthouse are encouraged to contact programs manager Mary Wentzel by email at mwentzel@ponceinlet.org or by phone at $(386)761-1821 \times 18$ to sign up.

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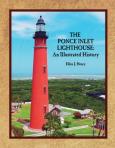
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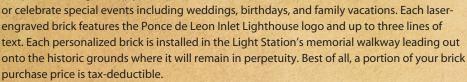


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