



PONCE DE LEON INLET LIGHTHOUSE ILLUMINATIONS

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Dear Members,

As a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit, the Ponce De Leon Inlet Lighthouse Preservation Association is governed by an all-volunteer Board of Trustees. These selfless men and women dedicate themselves to preserving and disseminating the maritime and social history of the Ponce Inlet Light Station. Over the years, the organization has had many sit on this important governing panel but none quite so long as two of Ponce Inlet's most long-standing residents.

I would like to take this opportunity to recognize the contributions of Earl and Gladys Davis, two of the Preservation Association's most influential and senior Trustees. Born on the Lighthouse grounds in 1928, Gladys Meyer Davis is both the daughter of Edward Meyer (the Light Station's last civilian keeper and its first Coast Guard Chief of Station) and a founding member of the Ponce De Leon Inlet Lighthouse Preservation Association.

A near lifelong resident of Ponce Inlet, Gladys graduated from Seabreeze High School in 1946, and married Earl Davis, a native of Savannah, GA, in 1955. Together, Earl and Gladys raised two daughters in Ponce Inlet and played integral roles in the growth of the museum and the ongoing preservation and dissemination of the maritime and social history of the Ponce Inlet Light Station for the past forty-four years.

After more than 70 years of combined service to the Light Station, Earl and Gladys decided the time had come to step down from the Board of Trustees in May, 2016, due to health concerns that they felt would prevent them from performing their duties

as Trustees. In recognition of their lifelong commitment to the Ponce Inlet Lighthouse, both Earl and Gladys were named Trustees Emeriti for life. I encourage you to read the feature article in this issue to learn more about Earl and Gladys and their many contributions to the Ponce De Leon Inlet Lighthouse Preservation Association over the years.

In addition to Earl and Gladys, I would also like to recognize the tireless efforts of Judy DiCarlo, who is both a current volunteer at the Ponce Inlet Lighthouse and a former Trustee.

Joining the Preservation Association's Advisory Committee in the summer of 2008, Judy has remained an active supporter of the Lighthouse since moving to Ponce Inlet nearly ten years ago. Chairing numerous committees and tapping into an almost bottomless fount of energy, Judy led the charge in helping the staff and Board develop many of the Association's most successful fundraising endeavors.

A charismatic advocate, Judy worked tirelessly to garner support for continued preservation and dissemination of the maritime and social history of the Ponce Inlet Light Station from local businesses and residents. Elected to the Board of Trustees in the spring of 2013, Judy remained an active Trustee until stepping down from her position in May, 2016. I would like to convey my sincere thanks to Ms. DiCarlo for her years of dedicated service to the Lighthouse and Museum.

Whenever a vacancy on the Board of Trustees occurs, a member of the Advisory Committee is selected by the Board to fill

that vacancy. Vacancies on the Advisory Committee are filled by local residents who support the Association.

I am pleased to announce the recent election of Advisory Committee members Attorney David Sweat and local businessman Edson Graham to fill the seats on the Board of Trustees recently vacated by Earl and Gladys Davis. Possessing strong personal and professional ties within the local community, Mr. Sweat and Mr. Graham have supported the Preservation Association for many years and are sure to become valuable members of this important governing body.

I would like to encourage all of our current members to consider purchasing an annual membership for friends and loved ones this summer. One of the more popular methods of supporting the Ponce Inlet Lighthouse, membership dues help fund the Association's ongoing operations. Benefits of membership include free admission to the lighthouse and museum, discounts on gift shop purchases, a subscription to the Association's quarterly journal *Illuminations*, and more. With several levels to choose from, a membership option is available to fit almost anyone's budget.

In closing, I would like to wish you an entertaining and joyful summer and look forward to seeing you at the historic Ponce De Leon Inlet Lighthouse and Museum in the coming months.

With warm regards,

Ed Gunnlaugsson

Ed Gunnlaugsson
Executive Director
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(LAST MUSEUM ADMISSION SOLD AT 8:00 PM)

Sept. 6, 2016 – May 28, 2017

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JULY 19, 2016 (TUESDAY)

TOWER CLOSED FROM 7:15 PM UNTIL 9:00 PM
MUSEUM AND GIFT SHOP OPEN UNTIL 9:00 PM
(LAST MUSEUM ADMISSION SOLD AT 8:00 PM)

AUGUST 18, 2016 (THURSDAY)

TOWER CLOSED FROM 7:00 PM UNTIL 9:00 PM
MUSEUM AND GIFT SHOP OPEN UNTIL 9:00 PM
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UPCOMING MEETINGS

JULY 18, 2016 (MONDAY)

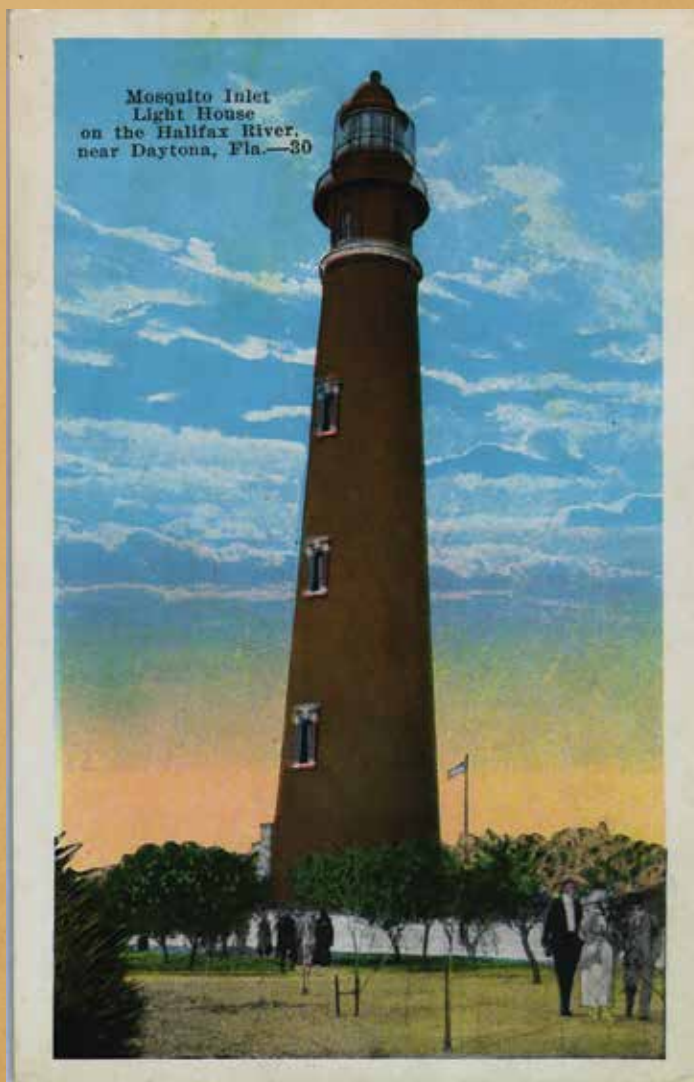
BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND QUARTERLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING
(OPEN TO GENERAL MEMBERSHIP)

SEPTEMBER 19, 2016 (MONDAY)

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
(CLOSED TO GENERAL PUBLIC AND MEMBERSHIP)

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JULY 2 - 4, 2016 (SAT – MON) 12:00 PM TO 2:00 PMINDEPENDENCE DAY WEEKEND AT THE LIGHTHOUSE
 Celebrate the 4th of July at the Ponce Inlet Lighthouse & Museum! Discover the fascinating story of this important National Historic Landmark as you climb 203 steps to the top of Florida’s tallest lighthouse and explore one of the most complete and authentic historic light stations in the country.

AUGUST 6, 2016 (SATURDAY) 10:30 AM TO 2:30 PM NATIONAL LIGHTHOUSE DAY
 Founded on August 7, 1789, the US Light-House Establishment was responsible maintaining and operating the nation’s system of lighthouses, beacons, buoys and public piers. In 1988, Congress officially declared August 7th as National Lighthouse Day in honor of this historic event. Join us at the Ponce Inlet Lighthouse and Museum on August 6th and celebrate the founding of the US Lighthouse Service by exploring the historic Light Station, climbing Florida’s tallest lighthouse, and participating in kid’s crafts and other educational activities.

AUGUST 14, 2016 (SUNDAY) 10:30 AM TO 2:30 PM SPIRIT OF 45’ DAY
 Visit the Lighthouse and capture the spirit of 1945, when the United States’ involvement in WWII ended. In 2010, Congress voted unanimously in support of this day, coinciding with August 14, 1945, the day President Truman announced that WWII was over and America assumed the leadership in rebuilding the postwar world. Enjoy the traditional sounds of a bugler at the site of the tallest light house in Florida. Lighthouse admission will be free for all retired veterans with proof of service. Lighthouse admission will also be free for all active duty service men and women with service ID card.

**AUGUST 20 & 21, 2016 (SAT & SUN) 10:30 AM TO 4:00 PM INTERNATIONAL LIGHTHOUSE/
 LIGHTSHIP WEEKEND**
 Calling all Amateur Radio buffs! Come to the Ponce Inlet Lighthouse and speak with lighthouses around the world via ham radio. Be a part of a day that promotes public awareness of lighthouses and lightships and their need for preservation and restoration and at the same time promote amateur radio and to foster international goodwill. This is an international event when over 100,000 amateur radio operators go on the air and contact as many lighthouses as possible.

***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 events may contact Programs Manager Mary Wentzel by phone at (386) 761-1821 ext. 18, or via email at mwentzel@ponceinlet.org for additional information.*

CLIMB TO THE MOON SCHEDULE

CLIMB TO THE MOON

<p>July 19, 2016 Tuesday 7:45pm - 9:15pm SOLD OUT</p>	<p>August 18, 2016 Thursday 7:30pm – 9:00pm</p>	<p>September 16, 2016 Friday 7:00pm – 8:30pm SOLD OUT</p>
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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 Karen at (386) 761-1821 ext. 10. Prices are \$25 for non-members and \$20 for members

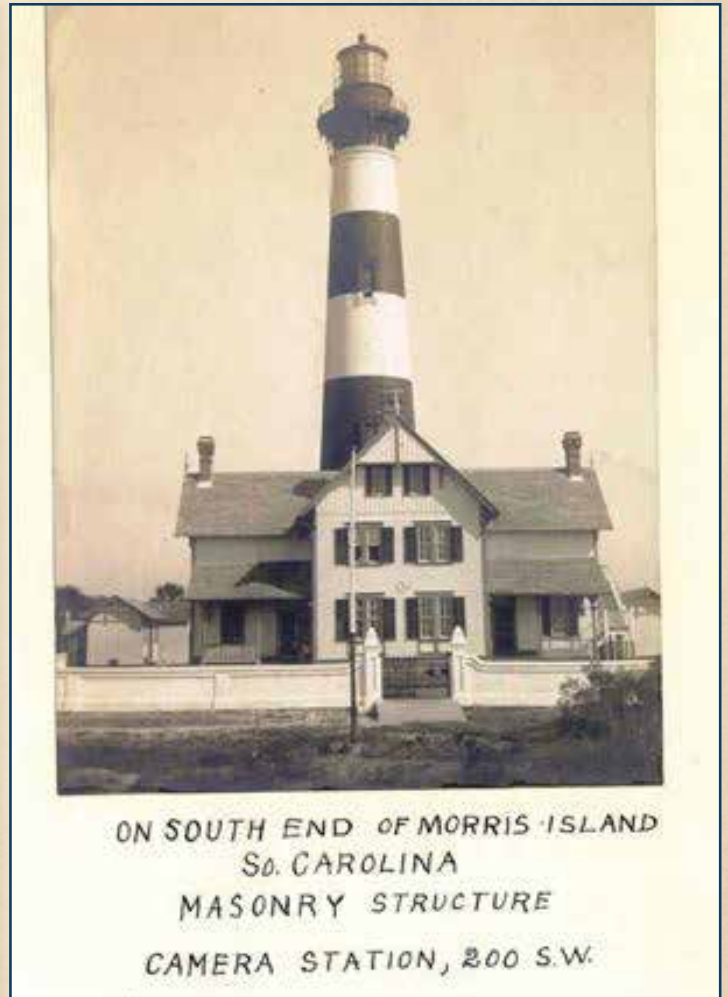
Lighthouse Preservation Pioneers Earl and Gladys Davis

Gladys Meyer Davis and her husband Earl Davis are two of Ponce Inlet's most recognizable citizens. Near lifelong residents of Ponce Inlet, Earl and Gladys have watched their once sleepy community of Ponce Park grow from a population of less than 40 full-time residents in 1950, to more than 4,000 full-time residents and approximately 3,600 part-time residents in 2016.

Born to the Ponce De Leon Inlet Light Station's First Assistant Keeper Edward Meyer and his wife Ellen on July 4, 1928, Gladys Meyer-Davis can lay claim to the honor of being the last person born at the Light Station. Originally scheduled to give birth in New Smyrna, a storm prevented Gladys' mother from making the journey to town so her husband took the motor launch over to New Smyrna to fetch the doctor and bring him back. Arriving at the physician's front door in the pouring rain, Meyer explained the situation and escorted the doctor to the dock where the boat was tied up. No one is sure if the doctor's trip across the storm churned inlet was voluntary, but based on the size of Gladys' father, it probably wouldn't have made much of a difference either way.



Gladys (far left) poses on the steps of the lighthouse keeper dwelling with her siblings and mother Edward, Betty, Mrs. Meyer, & Jack



ON SOUTH END OF MORRIS ISLAND
So. CAROLINA
MASONRY STRUCTURE
CAMERA STATION, 200 S.W.

Gladys lived with her parents and siblings at Morris Island Light Station from 1930 until 1937

As the daughter of one of the Lighthouse Service's most respected keepers, moving from one light station to another was common. By her 15th birthday Gladys had moved from the Ponce Leon De Inlet Light Station (1928-1930) to the Morris Island Light Station in South Carolina (1930-1937) and then back to Ponce Inlet once again (1937 - 1941). Gladys has many fond memories of her time at both light stations but considers Ponce Inlet her true home. The daughter of one of the most respected and accomplished lighthouse keepers of his day, Gladys has many fond memories of her time at both of these facilities, but considers the Ponce Inlet Lighthouse her true home.

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Earl & Gladys Davis *(continued)*

A teenage Gladys poses in front of her father's fish camp in Ponce Park

When asked what it was like living here and climbing the tower as a child, Gladys will tell you that although her father never let her in the tower when she was a kid she loved living here. She enjoyed the ocean, fishing, and exploring the nearby woods and river bank. Since there were no public schools at the end of the peninsula, Gladys had to wake up early in order to catch the school bus to Port Orange Elementary. Graduating from 6th grade in 1940, Gladys attended Seabreeze High School where she earned her diploma in 1946.

When the US Lighthouse Service was absorbed by the US Coast Guard in 1939, Edward Meyer was the last person to serve as Principal Keeper at the Ponce De Leon Inlet Light Station. Choosing to enlist in the Coast Guard rather than retire, Meyer assumed the rank of Chief Petty Officer and continued to maintain the beacon as



Chief Meyer's Fish Camp in 1950

the Chief of Station until 1943. Under his stern tutelage, recently enlisted Coast Guardsmen quickly learned how to maintain and care for the numerous aids within their assigned jurisdiction. A stern but fair leader, Chief Meyer would quietly climb the tower at night to make sure no one was sleeping on watch. To prevent them from hearing him approach, Meyer would often wear sneakers to muffle his footsteps as he climbed the iron stairs.

In 1943, Chief Meyer was transferred to the Dry Tortugas. Unlike light stations he was assigned to in the past, the Meyer family could not accompany him to this remote post in the middle of the Florida Straits. Instead, Gladys remained with her mother and sisters in Ponce Park where her father had purchased land a year earlier. Finding the new duty station too lonely for his taste, Chief Meyer retired from the Coast Guard in 1945.



Chief Edward Meyer's pride and joy, his fishing charter boat Miss America

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Earl & Gladys Davis *(continued)*



*Betty, Mary,
and Gladys Meyer
at Chief Meyer's
Fishing Camp*

*September 25
to Oct. 1*

*Betty, Mary, & Gladys Meyer fishing on the dock
of Meyer's Fish Camp.*

Returning to Ponce Park, the former lighthouse keeper launched several new business ventures on his riverfront property. These included Meyer's Fish Camp and Grill which offered fishing boat rentals, hot food, fishing tackle, live bait, and guided fishing trips aboard Chief Meyer's pride and joy, the charter boat *Miss America*. The family even owned a small chicken farm. Harvested daily by Gladys and her sisters, local residents would stop by on a regular basis to purchase fresh eggs and fryers. When the girls weren't busy going to school or collecting eggs, they could often be found working in the restaurant or cleaning out rental boats at the end of the day.



*Still wet behind the ears, Seaman Earl Davis
in his dress blue "crackerjacks" following graduation from
boot camp during WWII*

Born and raised outside of Savannah, Georgia, Earl Davis served in the US Navy during WWII. Enlisting at the age of 17 before graduating from high school, Seaman Davis was attached to WESPAC (slang for the US Navy's Western Pacific Theater of Operations) for the duration of the war. Discharged in 1946, Earl went back to school to earn his high school diploma before taking advantage of the GI Bill and enrolling at Stetson University in Deland, FL. Graduating with a Bachelor's degree in 1950, Earl later moved to Daytona Beach where he had been offered a job with Florida Power and Light. Meeting Gladys shortly after his arrival, Earl admits that his initial encounter with Gladys was by no means accidental. Having always possessed the "gift of the gab" Earl often jokes about meeting his bride for the first time more than 65 years ago.

"A friend of mine named Charley Moore who was married to Bob Pacetti's daughter told me about this pretty girl whose family owned Meyer's Fish Camp and Grill down

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Earl & Gladys Davis *(continued)*

Earl (second from the right) strikes a scholarly pose with his fellow classmates at Stetson University

in Ponce Park. I was really interested in meeting her so I dressed up one day and drove down to see what all the fuss was about. I remember walking in late that afternoon and seeing her father sitting in an Adirondack chair near the front door reading the newspaper. I couldn't help but notice him watching me over the top of the paper as I walked by without saying a word. I think he knew I wasn't there for the food.

Well, I sat down and after a while this really good looking waitress (Gladys) walked up and told me the grill was closed for the day. (Gladys later said that she was quite taken with Earl and that she would have taken his order anyway if her dad had not been sitting there.) Since I wasn't actually there for the food the news that the kitchen was closed didn't bother me at all. However, I was disappointed that I would not have much time to talk to the pretty girl standing in front of me. Although I was only there for a short amount of time I knew I was hooked so I kept coming back to see Gladys until I wore her down and she agreed to go out on a date with me. Being persistent paid off because even her dad started to like me after a while."

The two hit it off almost immediately and dated for several years before getting married at St. Mary's Episcopal Church in Daytona Beach in 1955. Always ready to tell a humorous story, Earl flashes his infectious smile when he tells people how he had joked about Gladys showing up for their wedding on a broom and how Gladys responded to his good-natured teasing by responding that he had gotten it for her so she would have something to work with.

Earl and Gladys purchased the Meyer family home in 1957, after her mother decided to sell the fish camp and retire. Located a stone's throw from the Light Station where Gladys had been born, the couple raised their two daughters Julie (b.1957) and Ellie (b. 1959) in the same house where Gladys had lived as a child. Originally configured as a duplex constructed by local charter boat captain Redwood Wharton in 1922, the building served as a fishing cabin for Wharton's clients before it was converted into a single family home by Gladys' father not long after he acquired it in 1942.

The young couple had been living in the Meyer family home for several years when Florida Power and Light promoted Earl to Business Sales Manager for Brevard County and transferred him to the main FPL office in Cocoa Beach. Although his new position required the family to relocate to Titusville 40 miles to the south, the Davis family continued to spend its weekends and holidays back home in Ponce Park until Earl was transferred back to the Daytona Beach area in 1964.

Full time Ponce Park residents once again, Earl and Gladys cherished the opportunity to raise their two daughters in the same small community where Gladys had grown up. When asked what it was like back then, both agree that the town was a much nicer place to live in those days. "It was quite a close knit community back then. Heck only 39 people lived her", Earl replied, "Hardly anyone ever came down this way. There were no stores except for



Formally owned by Gladys' parents, the Davis family home was originally a fishing cottage duplex constructed by Redwood Wharton in the 1920s

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Earl & Gladys Davis *(continued)*

Gladys and Earl pose with a sailfish caught during their honeymoon in 1955

Clicks Grocery which relied on the honor system since the owner was never there. He kept a ledger on the counter that you would write down whatever you took. Each month you would come in to settle the bill. He eventually went out of business because the young kids would take stuff without paying for it.”

When asked how the girls liked growing up in Ponce Park Gladys explained that while Ellie liked it, Julie did not because all of her friends lived up in Daytona Beach. “They were very industrious though”, stated Gladys. “They would make a little spending money by catching bait along the river and selling it to sport fishermen as they made their way down river to the mouth of the inlet.” Earl agreed with a shake of his head, but went on to explain that the girls’ success was short lived. “That worked until the sport fishermen figured out where the girls kept their fish traps. After that, they would simply stop and steal the bait right out from underneath them.”

Earl and Gladys continued to live in their house on Beach Street for nearly 50 years before selling it to the Town of Ponce Inlet in 2003. Although they were sad to leave they didn’t have to move their belongings very far since their new house was located less than a mile away. Restored to its original 1922 appearance in 2010, the Meyer/Davis House and Hasty Cottage now serve as the Town’s historical museum. The home was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 2015.

In addition to being a founding member of the Ponce De Leon Inlet Lighthouse Preservation Association, Gladys is also a charter member and former president and treasurer of the Ponce Inlet Women’s Club. She has remained active in her church and has volunteered within the Ponce Inlet community in a number of other ways over the years. Guests visiting the Lighthouse on weekends or on nice sunny days may be greeted by Gladys and Earl as they sit on the porch of the First Assistant Keeper’s Dwelling in which she was born.

Not to be outdone, Earl has also played an important role within the local community and Preservation Association since retiring from Florida Power and Light in the mid-1980s. His participation in the Association’s early efforts to preserve and restore the Light Station was invaluable. Although 91 years old, Earl remains one of Ponce Inlet’s most active volunteers. In addition to contributing hundreds of hours to the Lighthouse annually, Earl also serves as one of the Town’s most knowledgeable historians. When they aren’t volunteering at the Lighthouse, Earl and Gladys can often be found helping people in need.

With a combined service of more than 70 years as members of the Board of Trustees, Earl and Gladys have dedicated their lives to the ongoing restoration, preservation, and rehabilitation of the Ponce Inlet Light Station. As a result of their (and others’) hard work, the once dilapidated Ponce De Leon Inlet Light Station now stands as one of the largest, most complete, and best preserved historic lighthouse facilities in the country. In 1998, the Light Station was designated a National Historic Landmark.

When asked to list ten of the Preservation Association’s achievements they are the most proud of, both Earl and Gladys are in complete agreement. They are, in chronological order:

- Repairing the damaged roofs of the keepers’ dwellings.
- Fencing the Light Station in to protect it from vandals.
- Building a gatehouse for admission sales.

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Earl & Gladys Davis *(continued)*

- Opening the tower to the public.
- Restoring the Lighthouse and keeper's dwellings.
- Having the Light Station designated a National Historic Landmark.
- Building the Gift Shop
- Building the Lens Building
- Restoring the 1887 Ponce fixed first order Fresnel lens and the 1933 rotating third order Fresnel lens.
- Watching the Light Station and museum grow and prosper over the years.

Concerned with their inability to continue performing the responsibilities assigned to them as Trustees due to health concerns, Earl and Gladys announced their intent to step down from the Governing Board in April, 2016. Although saddened by their decision, we cannot help feeling a sense of appreciation, respect, and understanding for their choice to do so.

In recognition of their long years of service to the Ponce De Leon Inlet Lighthouse Preservation Association, the Board of Trustees unanimously voted to honor Earl's and Gladys' years of selfless service by bestowing them the honorary titles of Trustees Emeriti for life during the April, 2016 monthly Board Meeting. While no longer serving as voting members of the Preservation Association's Board of Trustees, the impact and influence of Earl's and Gladys' years of hard work can be seen in nearly every facet of the organization's past achievements.

In return for their decades of service, Earl and Gladys only ask one thing of the Preservation Association's current and future leaders. "Continue the good work."

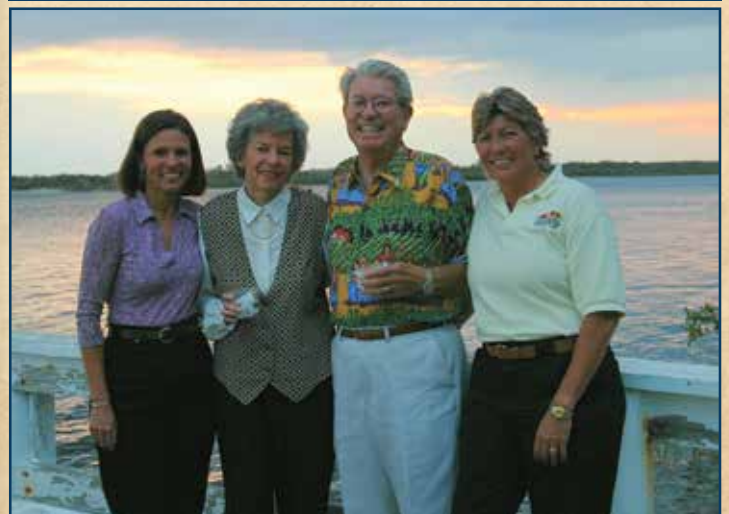
Thank you for all that you have done Earl and Gladys! Although your role in ensuring the Preservation Association continues its ongoing mission to preserve and disseminate the maritime and social history of the Ponce De Leon Inlet Light Station may have changed, your continued guidance will help ensure our historic beacon continues to shine for this and future generations to come.



Earl and Gladys receive the Outstanding Trustee Volunteer award from the Florida Association of Museums in 2010.



Earl and Gladys accepting Ponce Inlet's Lifetime Achievement Award



Earl and Gladys with their daughters Julie and Ellie

EXCITING ADDITIONS TO THE LIGHT STATION'S EXHIBITS



This quarter we want to let everyone know about more exciting additions to the Light Station's exhibits. In May, we added a pair of beautiful sixth order beacons manufactured by Barbier, Benard and Turenne (BB&T) to the minor aids to navigation exhibit in the Ayres Davies Lens Exhibit Building. Focusing on minor aids to navigation used by the US Light-House Establishment, US Lighthouse Service, and US Coast Guard over the years, this incredible collection includes variety of buoy lights, lenses, lanterns, and devices manufactured by BB&T, American Gas Accumulator (AGA), Chance Brothers, and others.

The newly installed beacons were manufactured in 1913 by the French company Barbier, Benard and Turenne (BB&T). Measuring 50 inches in height, both



optics are composed of iron, bronze, copper, glass and miscellaneous other materials. The original burners are missing in both beacons. Evidence, including residue within the beacon, suggests that the lamps would have originally burned acetylene gas.

Each beacon is equipped with a sixth order Fresnel barrel lens composed of three glass panels and one reflector panel. Both lenses would have been encased within storm panes to protect the fragile prisms from external damage.

Founded in 1862, the company Barbier, Benard and Turenne was located in Paris, France. In 1902, the organization opened a new factory in the town of Blanc-Misseron where it produced a variety of navigational



aids and beacon components including lens frames, clockworks, lamps, lanterns and buoys. The two sixth order beacons would most likely have been used in tandem to mark a port, channel, or entrance to a small harbor. The former owner of the beacons states that they had been in use in Normandy, France. We continue to research them in hopes of discovering further information on these important historic artifacts.

At more than 100 years old, the two lenses are in relatively good condition. Due to their age, most historic lenses acquired by the Museum are damaged in some way. Prisms may be loose, cracked, chipped or missing altogether. A lens may be not possess all of its' original parts or hardware. Bronze disease, identified as a green

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Object of the Quarter *(continued)*

film on the bronze, is also quite common. There may also be evidence of earlier attempts to restore the artifact. More often than not, these attempts at restoration are done improperly to the detriment of the piece itself. As with all newly acquired beacons, the Museum's



curator, staff, and volunteers worked to document, clean and stabilize the two recently acquired sixth order lenses.

We are excited to continue to acquire and exhibit historic navigational aids including important representative items on the history of BB&T and Fresnel lenses. We hope everyone will soon have a chance to

visit the Light Station to view these beautifully crafted and historic beacons. See you at the Light Station soon!



EDUCATION ARTICLE

Our annual Florida Heritage Day on March 26th was a wonderful time for all who attended. Judy and Joe DiCarlo shared with the crowd their very cool honey bee display hive. Visitors could see authentic Ponce Inlet bees making local honey right before their eyes. Our young visitors had an opportunity to make mini lighthouses in the Ayres Davies Lens Exhibit Building, climb the tower and visit with "Mrs. Thomas P. O'Hagan" our "lighthouse keeper's wife". Volunteer Allen Bestwick presented his program on the United States Life Saving Service to guests during the event.

Florida Lighthouse Day on April 9th was a day to remember. Our lighthouse re-enactors shared the past with our visitors. Mrs. Thomas O'Hagan, the lighthouse keeper's wife, told stories about what it was like to live at the Ponce De Leon Inlet Light Station at the turn of the 19th century. Miss Bond-Hebel, the teacher in charge of instructing the O'Hagan and Pacetti children, shared with our

guests some funny stories about Tommy O'Hagan, the rambunctious son of lighthouse keeper Thomas O'Hagan and his wife Julia O'Hagan. Surely Tommy kept Keeper O'Hagan and his overworked wife up at night; however, Miss Bond-Hebel attributes all her grey hair to Tommy O'Hagan.

Also sharing her interesting story was Dr. Josie Rogers. As the first female doctor in the area as well as the first female mayor of Daytona Beach, Dr. Josie lived a very productive and interesting life.

On April 22nd the Lighthouse welcomed a wonderful group of 100 kindergartners from Pine Trail Elementary in Ormond Beach. Every available volunteer was on hand to make sure the students' visit was both educational and fun. Children played with puppets, learned how light moves, made mini lighthouses and learned about the animals that lived here at the lighthouse.



Alan Bestwick discusses the purpose, location, and design of lighthouses with homeschool students.

Homeschoolers visited the lighthouse on May 5th for the bi-annual homeschoolers event. The theme of the spring event was lighthouses and Geography: Human and Environmental Interactions. Over 40 homeschoolers attended the daylong event. Our wonderful volunteers helped develop the program which successfully covered the five themes of Geography as it relates to lighthouses. Students learned about the five themes; Place, Location, Region, Human-Environmental Interactions and Movement.

On May 14th we celebrated International Museum Day at the Lighthouse. Focusing on how museums are the story tellers of humanity's collective experience and memory, this year's event was a resounding success.

Volunteers shared some wonderful stories about the Ponce Inlet Lighthouse with guests of all ages. Young visitors made lighthouse pennants, climbed the tower and had plenty of questions for the Old Lighthouse Keeper in his office.

We have a very exciting summer planned at the Lighthouse. Upcoming educational events include: The Summer Horn Concert on Saturday, July 2nd, from 11:00 to 11:45 am. Independence Day Weekend, Saturday thru Monday, July 2nd thru July 4th, Activities are from 12:00 pm – 2:00 pm; National Lighthouse Day on Saturday, August 6th, from 10:30 am to 2:30 pm; Spirit of 45' Day Event on Sunday, August 14th, from 10:30am to 2:30pm; Lighthouse and Lightship Weekend, Saturday and Sunday, August 20th and 21st, from 10:30 am. to 4:00 pm.

The Climb to the Moon events for 2016 are filling up quickly. Don't miss the opportunity to toast the setting sun with a sparkling beverage and enjoy tasty hors d'oeuvres, provided courtesy of Hidden Treasures Restaurant, by the pale moonlight. Limited to only 25 participants per evening, Climb to the Moon events typically sell out a few months in advance. We urge anyone interested in purchasing tickets to this unique event to do so well in advance. Those wishing to purchase tickets for an upcoming event may do so by calling Karen at (386) 761-1821 ext. 10.



Volunteer Catby Safarik explains Human-Environment Interactions at the Lighthouse.

V.I.P Volunteers

On March 19th the Preservation Association recognized the many contributions of its dedicated volunteer corps during its annual Volunteer Awards Banquet. Held at the beautiful Harbor Village community room in Ponce Inlet, the event was attended by the vast majority of lighthouse volunteers.

Executive Director Ed Gunn kicked off the evening with some very kind words for our dedicated volunteers. Following Mr. Gunn's opening remarks Lead Docent John Mann took a moment to eulogized the lives and contributions of Bob Callister and Lt. Cdr. Don Garrett (ret.) who passed away on February 19, 2016 and September 25, 2015 respectively.

Joining the lighthouse as a volunteer in 2003, Bob Callister accepted an offer to come on board as the Preservation Association's Programs Manager in 2004. It was a position he would hold until his retirement in 2012. Individuals interested in learning more about Bob Callister and his contributions to the lighthouse can do so in the April, 2016 issue of Illuminations.

A retired US Navy search and rescue helicopter pilot who served on active duty from 1951 until 1982, Don had worn many "hats" throughout his life. Following his naval career, Don became an "ex-pat pilot-of-fortune" employed by the Saudi Civil Defense Agency, and later a professor of Aeronautical Science at Embry Riddle Aeronautical University in Daytona Beach.



*Art Habn and Allen Bestwick
at the 2016 Annual Volunteer Awards Dinner*

Retiring for the last time in 2010, Lt. Cdr. Garrett (ret.) became a volunteer at the Ponce Inlet Lighthouse with his wife's urging. Don was named Volunteer of the Quarter in July, 2013.

Both Bob and Don contributed greatly to the Ponce De Leon Inlet Lighthouse and Museum during their time here. They will be missed by all of us.

Following dinner, the banquet attendees enjoyed the awards ceremony hosted by Program Manager Mary Wentzel and emceed by Lead Docent John Mann. A man of great wit and many words, John kept the crowd rolling with his comical commentary and jokes throughout the evening. The names of all award recipients along with the total number of hours contributed to Association are:

Name:	Hours:
Donald Bullock	(49)
Katy Bullock	(52)
John Butterfield	(147)
Terry Cain	(100)
Joe DiCarlo	(547)
Judy DiCarlo	(1814)
Nancy Dillard	(40)
Kristi Drumheller	(384)
Bonnie Egertson	(256)
Jennifer Gill	(618)



*DiCarlo Picture: Judy and Joe DiCarlo
receiving their awards for volunteerism*

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V.I.P. Volunteers *(continued)*

Gerry Harris	(651)
Art Hahn	(2336)
Cindy Horn	(103)
Jerry Horton	(71)
Carol Jerson	(431)
Claudia Kavanagh	(232)
Jeanette Kellum	(156)
Marsha Lewis	(604)
Janice Lowry	(404)
Helen Magale	(529)
Jackie Mann	(592)
John Mann	(4110)
Ashley Moore	(50)
Clare Rakestraw	(10)
Cathy Safarik	(374)
Rick Safarik	(146)
Dawn White	(136)
Tana White	(544)
David Withee	(56)
Patricia Young	(95)
Alice Howell	(29)
Ron Howell	(29)
Marc Jariz	(37)
David Ahrend	(50)
Allen Bestwick	(1619)



*Volunteer Jennifer Gill
receives her award for 500 volunteer hours*



*Rick and Cathy Safarik
receiving their volunteer awards*

Two very special volunteers successfully accrued more than 500 hours of service. For their significant level of commitment to the lighthouse, Tana White and Jennifer Gill received a special memorial brick celebrating their 500+ hours of volunteer service at the Lighthouse which will be placed in the volunteer section of the commemorative walkway.

In addition to Tana and Jennifer, two other volunteers were recognized before the conclusion of the event. Docents Allen Bestwick and Art Hahn were both commended for their ongoing commitment and volunteerism at the lighthouse. To date, Allen Bestwick has accumulated 1,620 volunteer hours and Art Hahn more than 2,340.

Our volunteer corps. is a keystone in the success of each one of our programs and events. Our exemplary volunteers are always up to the challenge of learning new information so as to have the tools to teach our visitors about our important National Historic Landmark.

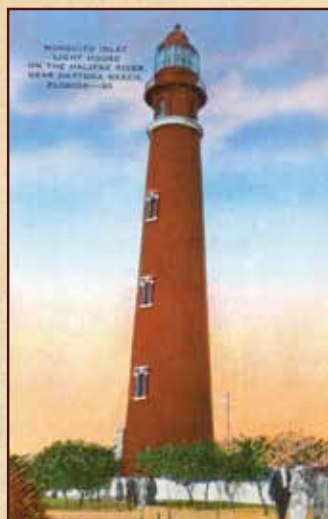
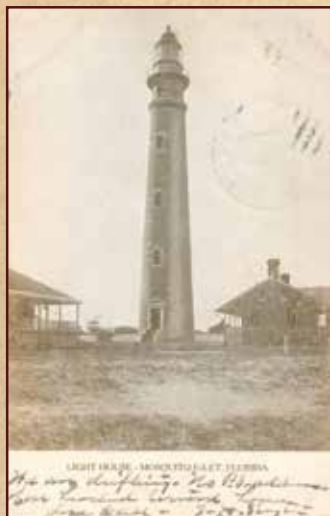
The Preservation Association is always looking for individuals interested in becoming lighthouse volunteers. Those wishing to do so may contact Programs Manager Mary Wentzel by email at mwentzel@ponceinlet.org or by phone at (386) 761-1821 ext. 18. You can also learn more about volunteering opportunities online at www.ponceinlet.org.

The Preservation Association would like to convey its sincere thanks to all of this quarter's generous donors!

Earl and Gladys Davis gifted two beautiful 1930s quilts, a vintage nail puller, and a vintage pipe fitter's wrench to the museum while Robert McLean (better known as 'Big Bob' by his coworkers at the lighthouse) donated a blue-glass Bromo-Seltzer bottle and eight vintage carpentry and woodworking tools.

Lighthouse volunteers John and Jackie Mann gifted the book *Legendary Locals of Daytona Beach* by Mark Lane to the lighthouse along with a selection of vintage medical supplies and a 1950s gasoline can.

Volunteers Tana and Arthur White donated a vintage nutmeg grinder and Julie Davis contributed an early 'Mosquito Inlet Light House' postcard along with a small 1930s kerosene oven.



Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Nock also donated an early 'Mosquito Inlet' postcard (far left image) which includes an interesting one cent stamp and 1907 Daytona postmark. Both are welcome additions to archive's collection of postcards.

Jacques and Marion Jacobsen gave an important selection of lighthouse artifacts and memorabilia while their daughter Beth Jacobsen presented five beautiful watercolors and prints by the well-known artist Frederic Cozzens. Thank you all!

WISH LIST

We continue to search for vintage lifeguard items. We hope to grow the Museum's holdings of Florida and Volusia County lifeguard artifacts, manuscripts, and photographs. We also continue to search for at least two vintage utilitarian-style fireplace screens.

A new wish for this quarter is for a vintage tablecloth. The kitchen table in the First Assistant Keeper's Dwelling, the Gladys Myer Davis Home, is set with beautiful and historic dinnerware and tablecloth. We hope to better preserve this tablecloth by storing it for part of each year. A second tablecloth would allow us to switch out the tablecloths once or twice a year. The table is round, 48" in diameter. A tablecloth dating from the 1940s or earlier would be ideal.

And, as always, please think of the PILH Museum if you wish to donate any historic lighthouse items.

Thank you to all current and past 'Wish List' donors!

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