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The Ponce De Leon Inlet Lighthouse PRESERVATION ASSOCIATION IS DEDICATED TO THE PRESERVATION AND DISSEMINATION OF THE MARITIME AND SOCIAL HISTORY OF THE PONCE DE LEON INLET LIGHT STATION.





#### Dear Members,

I hope this issue of Illuminations finds you happy, healthy, and well. The months of April through June are 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. Be sure to visit us on Saturday, April 22nd for Florida Lighthouse Day. Held annually, this important event celebrates Florida's rich maritime and lighthouse history. On-site activities will include guided tours of the light station, kids' crafts, familyoriented workshops, and more. Please refer to the Calendar of Events on page six for more information regarding these and other scheduled offerings in the coming quarter.

I am pleased to announce the award of a \$45,281.25 Gene Oakes Lighthouse Grant from the Florida Lighthouse Association (FLA) in direct support of planned masonry and plaster restoration work at the Ponce Inlet Light Station. This generous FLA grant will fund all costs associated with the restoration, preservation, and stabilization of exterior masonry walls, building support piers, and interior plaster on select areas of the light station's historic structures including the principal, first, and second assistant keepers' dwellings, the generator building/1st assistant keeper woodshed, and the oil storage building.

All masonry and plaster restoration work outlined above will be completed by Vintage Masonry Restoration, Inc. (VMR), an organization that the Preservation Association has worked with on several occasions in the past. Vintage Masonry Restoration, Inc. specializes in historic masonry restoration and is a national leader in the field. All work will be completed in accordance to the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Restoration, Preservation, and Rehabilitation of Historic Properties. This important work is scheduled to begin in the coming months and will take approximately 2 weeks to complete.

Funding for the Gene Oakes Lighthouse Grant is provided through the FLA's "Visit Our Lights" specialty license plate program. You can learn more about the Florida Lighthouse Association; its mission to safeguard Florida's surviving historic lighthouses by supporting community-based restoration, preservation, and educational efforts; and the Association's "Visit Our Lights" Specialty License Plate Program by visiting the Florida Lighthouse Association online at www.floridalighthouses.org.

As many of our readers know, the Ponce Preservation Association acquired the historic Pacetti Hotel, which is located on the Halifax River directly across from the lighthouse, in late 2019. The Association is currently engaged in a 3-year effort to restore, preserve, rehabilitate, and develop this property into the Constance D. Hunter Historic Pacetti Hotel Museum which is scheduled to open to the public in early 2024. The Association is aided in this important endeavor by the Paul B. Hunter and Constance D. Hunter Charitable Foundation which has provided valuable financial support through a generous 1.5-million dollar grant and a pledge to match all third-party donations up to a combined value of \$250,000. You can learn more about the Pacetti Hotel, recent hotel-related activities, and ways you can help support this worthy project on page 13 of this issue of Illuminations.

The Ponce De Leon Inlet Lighthouse Preservation Association is a non-profit corporation that currently receives zero tax-funded support at the federal, state, or local levels. As a self-sufficient historic preservation group, the Association derives 100% of its annual operating budget solely 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 mission to preserve and disseminate the maritime and social history of the Ponce Inlet Lighthouse.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for being a member and to express my sincere appreciation to everyone who has helped support the museum this fiscal year through their generous donation of time and/or financial resources. Those who are interested in learning more about ways to support us are encouraged to contact me at edgunn@ponceinlet.org or by phone at (386) 761-1821 ext. 15 for more information.

We have many exciting public educational programs scheduled at the lighthouse and museum in the coming months. These special onsite offerings are provided free of charge to all guests with their regular paid admission and all members throughout the year. Please check our Calendar of Events on page 6 to learn more about upcoming planned events.

Have a wonderful spring and summer season!

With Warm Regards,

Ed Gunnlaugsson Executive Director

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## **Special Hours of Operation**

May 27 & 28, 2023 (Saturday & Sunday) Open to the Public from 10:00 AM - 7:00 PM (Last Admission sold at 6:00 PM)

## **Scheduled Tower Closures**

June 3, 2023 (Saturday)

Tower Closed to General Public from 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (Museum and Gift Shop Open Until 9:00 PM. Last Admission sold at 8:00 PM)

## **Scheduled Association Meetings**

April 17, 2023 (Monday @ 6:00 PM) Board of Trustees & Membership Meeting

(Open to General Members)

May 15, 2023 (Monday) **Board of Trustees** Meeting

June 19, 2023 (Monday) **Board of Trustees** Meeting (Closed to General Members) (Closed to General Members)

Note: Scheduled Association meetings are closed to the general public

# **CLIMB TO THE MOON SCHEDULE**

April 6, 2023 (Thursday) 7:15 PM - 8:45 PM

May 5, 2023 (Friday) 7:15 PM - 8:45 PM

June 3, 2023 (Saturday) 7:30 PM - 9:00 PM

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# CALENDAR OF EVENTS (APRIL - JUNE, 2023)

## **TUESDAYS AND THURSDAYS AT THE TOWER ...... SELECT DATES**

Enjoy a fascinating historic presentation followed by a guided tour of the lighthouse and museum led by one of the museum's knowledgeable staff on select Tuesdays and Thursdays of each month at 11:00 AM. Participation in each planned event is provided free of charge with your regular paid admission. Space is limited so pre-registration is required. Please contact the museum's programs manager Zach Hopple by email at education@ponceinlet.org for details.

### Scheduled Tuesdays at the Tower Events:

April 4, 2023:	Lecture Topic: Debary Hall Historic Site Throughout the Ages Presented by Lisa Perez, Education Coordinator at Debary Hall
May 2, 2023:	Lecture Topic: Turnbull's Gold Dream: History of the New Smyrna Colony Presented by Jim Engelbrecht, Docent at New Smyrna Museum of History
June 20, 2023:	Walk & Talk Topic: Architecture at the Lighthouse Presented by Felipe De Paula, PILH Museum Registrar/Assistant Curator

### Scheduled Thursdays at the Tower Events:

May 18, 2023:	Walk & Talk Topic: Honoring our Preservation Association Fore-bearers Presented by Bill Henry, Ponce Inlet Lighthouse Volunteer Docent				
June 8, 2023:	Lecture Topic: Flags over Florida, Our State's Multi-National Heritage Presented by John Mann, Ponce Inlet Lighthouse Lead Volunteer Docent				

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Treat your homeschool student(s) to a fun-filled day of learning and participate in special educational workshops and activities focusing on navigation. Tickets for this special learning event must be purchased in advance and are limited to 100 participants only. Tickets may be purchased online at www.lighthouselocker.org starting at 12:00 PM on March 13th. Contact Programs Manager Zach Hopple at education@ponceinlet.org or by phone at (386) 761-1821, ext. 18 for more details.

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Discover the fascinating maritime and social history of Florida's lighthouses during Florida Lighthouse Day. Climb to the top of Florida's Tallest Lighthouse and enjoy family-oriented workshops, hands-on activities, guided tours, and kidscrafts between 10:30 AM and 2:30 PM. All activities are provided free of charge with your regular paid admission.

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Enjoy live music from the roaring twenties through the modern day as you tour the Ponce Inlet Lighthouse and Museum. This special live performance is provided courtesy of the Daytona Beach Concert Band .

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Celebrate Memorial Day Weekend with a trip to the historic Ponce De Leon Inlet Lighthouse and Museum. Tour the the historic grounds, explore the museum, and enjoy spectacular views from the top of Florida's Tallest Lighthouse!

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Visit the Ponce Inlet Lighthouse and Museum on June 17th to celebrate Flag Day! Scheduled activities include learning how Semaphore flags were once used by mariners to communicate at sea, family-oriented workshops focusing on turnof-the-19th century life at the lighthouse, and a special flag-making activity just for kids. All specially scheduled offerings are provided free of charge to museum guests with their regular paid admission.

# **CISTERNS AT THE INLET**

Cholera! Typhoid! Dysentery! Parasites! These are just a few of the problems that can stem from unsafe drinking water, but it was not until 1908 that the disinfection of public water sources by means of chlorination began in the United States. And until the country became urbanized, most people were on their own to find safe drinking water. Some solved the problem by using bottled beverages, with beer being one of the most popular, and the American Temperance Movement was inspired by the continually growing consumption of alcohol in lieu of water in the 1800s.

At what was once called Mosquito Inlet (now Ponce de Leon Inlet), there were no fresh water springs or sparkling clear lakes and rivers to provide safe drinking water. People turned to wells, which, in Florida, sometimes offered up only "sulfur water" that smelled and tasted like rotten eggs. For a reliable source of safe water, many people turned to the sky, and Florida had plenty of rain. This rain water could be collected from roofs and channeled via gutters and downspouts into rain barrels as well as large containers called cisterns. Cisterns were usually located very near a dwelling and placed underground where water could be kept cool in hot weather and stay unfrozen in cold climates. Water could be pumped up by an attached hand pump or even by a windmill. In some cases, the collected water could be pumped up into a water storage tank located in a tower or on a rooftop. Then gravity could be used to feed the water into bathrooms and kitchens. A suction line connected to the cistern could be used to move water wherever it might be needed, and an outflow line was used to prevent cisterns from overflowing.

When the Mosquito Inlet Light Station was under construction (1884-1887), brick cisterns were planned for each keeper dwelling. Herbert Bamber, the superintendent of construction, probably wished those cisterns were already in place, as he wrote an 1886 letter to his father telling of Herbert's ongoing battle with dysentery. Building the lighthouse tower was the first priority, and the dwellings were not underway until fall of 1886, when their foundations were begun. In December of that year, the Light-House Establishment engineer finally determined the locations for all the cisterns, and the installations were completed by April of 1887. The principal keeper dwelling's 5,000-gallon cistern was located under the house near the kitchen, with an access hatchway located in a hallway between two pantry closets. The first assistant's cistern was constructed just outside the kitchen on the dwelling's south side, and the second assistant's cistern was in a similar location on that dwelling's north side. The two assistant keepers' cisterns each held 3,000 gallons. These cisterns are all still in place today and are restored by and maintained in excellent condition by the maintenance staff of the Ponce de Leon Inlet Lighthouse Preservation Association.



The keeper cisterns were filled with rainwater carried down from the roofs. Of course, this water would always contain roof debris along with the fresh rain. To combat this problem, all the keeper cisterns had two chambers inside. The chambers were separated by a partial wall. Water sat in the first chamber until it was full enough to overflow into the second one, and by that time most of the unsavory elements had sunk to the bottom of chamber one and relatively clean water flowed into chamber two.



Access lid to the second assistant keeper dwelling cistern; collection of the Ponce De Leon Inlet Lighthouse Preservation Association.



This American LaFrance Fire Engine Company fire extinguisher dating to the 1930s was found inside the second assistant keeper's cistern; collection of the Ponce De Leon Inlet Lighthouse Preservation Association.

All the cisterns were connected by a pipe to the keepers' kitchens which were outfitted with galvanized metal sinks and hand pumps. Another pump, located outside the dwelling, was used for outdoor needs such as laundry. An access hole with a domed manhole style cast- iron 26" diameter cover allowed entry into the assistant keepers' cisterns for cleaning. The domed covers were lifted by means of triangular pull rings. These ventilated covers were each topped by a small wooden "roof" structure to allow the ventilation but keep out debris from the yard. Cleaning out a cistern usually meant pumping out all the water, scrubbing the interior, cutting away any roots that that had intruded, and removing any creatures like snakes lurking inside. The result of not having a clean cistern could be anything from stomach aches to dysentery. Even after chlorine began to be used for water treatment, cisterns still could generate sickness as the lighthouse keeper logbooks and Coast Guard correspondence both indicate. Sickness caused by tainted water was not uncommon at the lighthouse.

At the neighboring Pacetti Hotel, two cisterns are located near the hotel building. These have recently been restored by staff members from the Ponce De Leon Inlet Lighthouse Preservation Association in consultation with Chuck Spitznagel, a master mason who has conducted many restoration projects and trainings at the lighthouse.

Cistern #1, the older of the two Pacetti hotel cisterns, is located on the building's west side and may date to 1881 or before. It is a single-chamber design and holds about 500 gallons. A hole was dug to a depth of about 56 inches. The hole was plastered with cement, and a thin finish coat called a parge coat covered the cement. A 4-inch thick rectangular slab of cement, 91" by 84", covers the top of this cistern, and a cast iron manhole cover closes the access hole. Inflow lines connected this cistern to a downspout at the corner of the hotel, and a suction line extended to the north side of the "Water Tower", a small outbuilding at some distance away from the main hotel. At one time this little building had a water storage tank on its roof and a windmill located on its north side. The windmill was used to pump water delivered from the cistern up to the storage tank. Gravity then fed the water down through a pipe connected to the hotel.

#### Feature Article: (Continued)

This early cistern sustained a serious amount of damage over the years, and a large hole was broken out on its north side. Lighthouse staff examined the damage, dug out around the cistern's damaged side, and concluded that it could not be patched by simply plastering the dirt. Over the years any actual dirt that may have existed around the cistern had been replaced by sand, so a different method of repair had to be invented. After any remaining water and debris inside the cistern was removed, a piece of lauan was cut to cover the hole. This patch was dampened and the cement repair was applied to the lauan. Cracks and other damaged areas were restored with cement patch, and a new finish coat and a new parge coat were applied over the cistern's interior.



Executive Director Ed Gunn estimates size of the large hole in cistern #1 prior to making restoration repairs; collection of the Ponce De Leon Inlet Lighthouse Preservation Association.



Ed Gunn (right), Tom DiTusa (in hole), & Michael Thorpe (left) begin restoration work on wall of cistern #1; collection of the Ponce De Leon Inlet Lighthouse Preservation Association.

Cistern #2 is located at the hotel's north end, close to the kitchen entrance door. This is also a single-chamber cistern and was built later than cistern #1, soon after the addition of hotel rooms was made to the original Pacetti boarding house. Cistern #2 has a more substantial and sophisticated design, is in excellent condition, and the lighthouse staff immediately recognized a similarity in materials and construction to the cisterns at the lighthouse. Although cistern #2 is round, it is made of brick with a cement coating, and the bricks appear to be identical to those used at the Mosquito Inlet Light Station. The cistern is stabilized by encircling courses of brick, and the quality of construction far surpasses that of cistern #1. Its capacity is about 1200 gallons. Could this cistern have been built by the same men who constructed the cisterns at the lighthouse?



Cistern #2, constructed around the same time as the hotel addition, has a more sophisticated design than cistern #1; collection of the Ponce De Leon Inlet Lighthouse Preservation Association.



Dirt and roots removed from cistern #2 were sifted to uncover any artifacts that may have fallen in over the years; collection of the Ponce De Leon Inlet Lighthouse Preservation Association.

This is very likely the case. In 1884, Bartola and Martha Pacetti concluded the sale of 10 acres of their property to the United States Light-House Establishment. The government began the construction of the Mosquito Inlet Light Station on this property, and the Pacetti family used profits from the land sale to add hotel rooms to their original boarding house building. Engineers and officers overseeing the lighthouse construction roomed at the Pacettis' during the project, and Bartola's oldest son, Henry, assisted in the lighthouse construction by helping to bring in loads of bricks from delivery ships waiting in the ocean just outside Mosquito Inlet. In early January of 1886, Henry was bringing in bricks when his leg became entangled in a rope and was torn off. He was brought back to the hotel. His young wife, Lulu Yates, who was pregnant at the time, went into premature labor and delivered a baby girl named Janette Mae Pacetti. Tragically, Lulu died in childbirth, and Henry later died of his terrible injury

While these events were unfolding, the crews at the lighthouse were beginning to build the cisterns for the keeper dwellings, and by April of 1887 they had completed these. The dwellings themselves were finished in September. As the work was winding down, the Light-House Establishment officers may well have wanted to do what they could to help the Pacetti family after the tragedies that came out of the family's efforts to assist them. It is easy to imagine that left-over lighthouse bricks and cement made their way to the Pacetti Hotel, along with a few masons to make use of them.

Indoor plumbing came to the lighthouse in 1921, but the cisterns continued to be used throughout the Coast Guard years until the mid-1960s when the town of Ponce Inlet installed its own water plant. This "city" water may have come to the hotel at a similar time, but the exact dates are unknown. The hotel had been sold out of the family by 1920, and a series of new owners began to make changes. Between 1936 and 1938, the most extensive of these renovations was carried out by Olivia Gamble and these improvements likely included plumbing, but the cisterns would have still been in use at least until Ponce Inlet's own water plant was installed. (The Ponce Inlet water plant was in service until the early 1980s when the town began to purchase all its water from nearby city of Port Orange.) Something else positive besides a new cistern came out of the relationship between the Pacetti family and the Mosquito Inlet Lighthouse. In 1908, a grown-up Janette Mae Pacetti married Walter C. Rowell, the first assistant keeper at the lighthouse, in a ceremony that was described in the Daytona Gazette-News of May 16, bringing a happy ending to balance the tragedies of past events.

"The prettiest home wedding of the season in this section was the marriage of Miss Janette Mae Pacetti to Walter C. Rowell, which took place at the home of Mrs. Martha Pacetti (the Pacetti Hotel), the grandmother of the bride, at 8 o'clock last evening. The ceremony was performed by Rev. A. J. Wilder and the bride was given away by her uncle, G. A. Pacetti.

Promptly at the appointed hour, in answer to the strains of the wedding march played by Miss Ella Willaume and Brigham's orchestra, the wedding party entered the parlor which was decorated with Easter lilies and magnolias, preceded by Master Rodney Kincaid, the page. In his hands was a silver tray upon which laid the wedding ring. The groom stood under a wedding arch where the Rector received them. Miss Annie Gardner was maid of honor: she was dressed in white organdie and carried a shower bouquet of roses.

The bride was daintily and elegantly gowned in white Paris muslin, her bouquet being a shower of orange blossoms and bride roses. The solemn and beautiful marriage service of the Episcopal church was impressively rendered, the responses were clear and distinct. At the conclusion of the ceremony the company were invited to view the numerous and handsome wedding gifts. Then followed bountiful and delicious refreshments in the elaborately decorated dining room, where the color scheme was pink and white with a background of native palms. There was music by the orchestra during the entire evening."

The Pacetti Hotel cisterns and those at the lighthouse continue to be maintained by the lighthouse staff. The water they contain is no longer used, but the masonry is regularly inspected, the water levels are checked, and they are kept clean and odor-free by a regular cycle of water replacement and chlorination. To keep up-to-date with news about the Pacetti Hotel restoration project as well as projects and events at the lighthouse, subscribe to this newsletter by becoming a museum member and/or visit our website at www.ponceinlet.org and click on the History tab.

# **USCG PROMOTION AT THE LIGHTHOUSE**

The Ponce De Leon (formerly Mosquito) Inlet Light Station has witnessed many changes in the 135 years that have passed since it was initially activated in 1887, including three changes in "management."

The facility was initially manned and operated by resident keepers working for the US Light-House Establishment (USLHE), a quasi-military civilian organization assigned to the Department of the Treasury that was charged with the installation, maintenance, and operation of the nation's aids-to-navigation (ATON) system. The USLHE (later renamed the US Lighthouse Service - USLHS) continued to serve in this capacity until 1939 when it was officially abolished, and its duties were absorbed by the US Coast Guard (USCG.)

The Coast Guard managed the Ponce De Leon Inlet Light Station as a manned aid-to-navigation facility from 1939 until 1952 when the decision was made to turn the lighthouse into an automated beacon by installing a time clock to regulate when the tower's light would turn and off each day and replacing the beacon's old lamp with an automatic lamp changer. This important cost-saving measure allowed the Coast Guard to remove all full-time resident personnel from the station and only return when needed. The Ponce Inlet Lighthouse continued to serve as an unmanned facility operated by the ATON team attached to Coast Guard Station Ponce De Leon Inlet from 1953 until 1970 when the beacon was deactivated and the site was declared surplus property.

Ownership of the historic light station was transferred to the Town of Ponce Inlet on July 1, 1972. The Ponce De Leon Inlet Lighthouse Preservation Association assumed responsibility for the ongoing restoration, preservation, and operation of the light station less than two weeks later. The Preservation Association has served as the managing entity of the historic light station ever since. The historic light station now serves as both a lighthouse museum and private active private aid-to-navigation.

Personnel attached to Coast Guard Station Ponce De Leon Inlet returned to the light station on the morning of Friday, February 3, 2023, to perform the advancement



Newly pinned CBM Castillo poses with family and friends in front of Ponce Inlet Lighthouse following promotion ceremony

ceremony of Petty Officer First Class (PO1) Davin Castillo to the rank of Boatswain's Mate Chief Petty Officer (BMC.) This important moment in BMC Castillo's career took place directly in front of the historic lighthouse, a fitting location given that the newly-pinned Chief is member of Coast Guard station's ATON team, the same team originally charged with the beacon's care when it served as an active USCG aid to navigation.

Chief Castillo, a native of Dallas, Texas, was gratified to have his family members and the Coast Guard station command join him for the ceremony conducted by Coast Guard Sector 7 Jacksonville staff. "It was an outstanding experience to have the ceremony conducted at the lighthouse. My family thought it was so cool to be able to visit the lighthouse this way, and the lighthouse staff went out of their way to make us feel welcome."

CBM Castillo has served in many other locations during his Coast Guard career including Pensacola, Florida, on the Coast Guard Cutter *Petrel* in San Diego, the Cutter *Boutwell* in Alameda, and in the Persian Gulf.

When asked if he had any words of advice for those thinking about joining the Coast Guard CBM Castillo responded, "I would recommend the Coast Guard for anyone. I love being on the water and interacting with the public. It is gratifying to help people in any way we can. The Coast Guard helps me realize personal and professional growth in myself. It's very rewarding."

# VOLUNTEER OF THE QUARTER YVONNE WINKLER

After just a year-and-a-half of volunteering, Yvonne Winkler, our Ponce Inlet Lighthouse Volunteer of the Quarter, has proven herself to be an appreciated and resourceful docent and a significant asset to the PILH Volunteer Corps.

Yvonne, a former elementary school teacher who specialized in early primary grades (K-2) with a short stint in technology education, applies many of her finely honed instructional skills to the educational tours and student workshops that she facilitates as a lighthouse volunteer. Yvonne has, in a very short time, earned the respect and appreciation of her fellow docents for her many contributions to the museum's volunteer program.

Growing up and attending school in Chicago and majoring in Business and eventually Education, Yvonne played softball and ran track. Her dad leased and ran a forty-acre large stable of show horses. Olympic aspirations in her heart, Yvonne toured the mid-west concentrating on show jumping horses. "This is a test of the teamwork between horse and rider and also involves speed and accuracy. I loved doing it."

The Chicago transplant now lives in Ponce Inlet which is also home to many of her friends and family. However, Yvonne has not put her past completely behind her and returns to the Windy City on a regular basis to maintain the important relationships she forged there.

Although she is a relatively new volunteer, Yvonne is no stranger to the Ponce Inlet Light Station. "I climbed the lighthouse maybe twenty years ago, but I never dreamed that I would be so happy volunteering here."

When asked what she likes best about being a lighthouse docent, Yvonne replied, "I loved teaching, and I feel as if I'm teaching again working with both kids and adults, and seeing how excited they are when they are discovering something new. Plus, I'm learning myself. I love our training sessions, touring the site, and learning more that I can share with kids and other visitors. Our volunteer



Volunteer of the Quarter Yvonne Winkler (left) posses with fellow Ponce Inlet Lighthouse docent Dorothy Beard (right)

corps is marvelous, gifted, creative and it's a joy to work with them," she concluded.

"I wish I could bundle her energy and enthusiasm," said Zach Hopple, Ponce Inlet Educational Programs Director. "She has a go-getter personality with all ages of visitors. She adds so much to our volunteer corps."

### **BECOME A LIGHTHOUSE VOLUNTEER:**

Do you have a passion for history that you would like to share with young and old alike? Are you looking for an opportunity to socialize with others while contributing to a worthy cause? Does the opportunity to learn more about local history and share that knowledge with others excite you? If you answered yes to any of these questions, the Ponce Inlet Lighthouse is the place for you!

The Ponce Inlet Lighthouse and Museum offers a wide variety of volunteer opportunities to choose from including tour guides, workshop facilitators, lighthouse ambassadors, special event hosts, and more! Those wishing to learn more about current volunteer opportunities at the lighthouse, as well as scheduled volunteer training sessions are encouraged to contact Programs Manager Zachary Hopple by email at zhopple@ponceinlet.org or by phone at (386) 761-1821 ext. 18. Thank You!

# Constance D. Hunter Historic Pacetti Hotel Museum



### PACETTI HOTEL UPDATE!

As you may recall from the January issue of *Illuminations*, the Association entered the Construction Phase of Historic Pacetti Hotel Project in December, 2023. This important milestone was achieved following the successful conclusion of the lengthy site development plan review, revision, and approval process with the Town of Ponce Inlet.

The Construction Phase of the Pacetti Hotel Project is a multi-faceted process that starts with contractor selection, an essential first step that includes solicitation for contractor project bids, bid receipt and review, and final bid selection and contract negotiation. The second step in the Construction Phase focuses on the acquisiton of all necessary building permits, the completion of all work included in the approved site development plan, and any other onsite construction activities that need to be addressed prior the museum's grand opening in 2024.

The Association is pleased to announce that the first step in the Construction Phase of the Pacetti Hotel Project was successfully completed in February, 2023 with the end of the contractor bid solicitation, bid receipt and review process. The next steps of the Construction Phase will focus on contract negotiations followed by permitting and the commencement of onsite contractor work in the early summer.

Additional work completed on the Pacetti Hotel property in recent months has included the installation of rain gutters on the newly refurbished garage, grounds maintenance, and the restoration of the property's two historic water cisterns. You can read more about the restoration of the historic cisterns and how cisterns were used at the inlet in the feature article beginning on page 7 of this issue of *Illuminations*. The Association is also pleased to announce that the hotel's dock is in the process of being rebuilt. The old dock was significantly damaged by Hurricanes Matthew and Irma in 2016 and 2017 and was in need of complete replacement. The new dock will have the same footprint as the original but will feature new wood pilings, a grated deck system to better withstand the impact of waves, a new handrail system, and an expanded floating dock section which will be accessed via a ramp.

### Help Support the Constance D. Hunter Historic Pacetti Hotel Museum!

As we all know, the cost of living and doing business has risen considerably over the past year due to inflation and the scarcity of building materials. Individuals and organizations that are interested in helping support Constance D. Hunter Historic Pacetti Hotel Museum Project through the donation of funds, in-kind services, or artifacts are encouraged to contact Executive Director Ed Gunn via email at edgunn@ponceinlet.org or phone at (386) 761-1821 ext. 15. Together we can make the Pacetti Hotel Museum a reality and preserve its' unique maritime and social history for generations to come.

### **DOUBLE YOUR DONATION!**

In addition to an already generous grant, the Paul B. Hunter and Constance D. Hunter Charitable Foundation has pledged to match all third-party donations in support of the Pacetti Hotel up to a combined value of \$250,000. This offer is a wonderful opportunity for anyone looking to maximize the funding potential of their charitable contribution. Any donations made to the Preservation Association for the purpose of restoring the Pacetti Hotel will be matched one-hundred percent by the Foundation, effectively doubling the value of your overall gift. Thank you for your support.

# SUPPORT HISTORIC PRESERVATION

## **BECOME A MEMBER**

Purchasing an Annual Membership is one of the most popular and affordable ways to support the Ponce De Leon Inlet Lighthouse Preservation Association in its mission to preserve and disseminate the maritime and social history of the Ponce Inlet Lighthouse.

### **Membership Benefits Include:**

- Free Admission to the museum and lighthouse during normal hours of operation
- ‡ 10% discount on all regular-priced merchandise in the gift shop and online at www.lighthouselocker.org
- ‡ One annual subscription to the Association's quarterly journal *Illuminations*
- **†** Invitations to special museum events

### **AVAILABLE MEMBERSHIP LEVELS:**

General Membership -	\$20
Senior Membership -	\$10
Student Membership -	\$10
Family Membership -	\$40
2nd Assistant Keeper Membership -	\$100
1st Assistant Keeper Membership -	\$200
Principal Keeper Membership -	\$500
Corporate Membership -	

## MAKE A DONATION

Did you know that the Ponce De Leon Inlet Lighthouse Preservation Association is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that currently receives zero tax-funded support at the local, state, or national level? Its true! Nearly 100% of the Association's annual budget is financed exclusively in-house through daily admission and merchandise sales, private donations, and annual membership dues. As such, the Association relies on the generosity of its visitors and local supporters to fund its ongoing efforts to preserve and interpret this important National Historic Landmark and deliver educational programming to all Volusia County K-12 school groups free of charge. Donations can be made online at www. lighthouselocker.org, inside the gift shop, or by mailing a check made out to the Ponce Inlet Lighthouse to 4931 South Peninsula Drive, Ponce Inlet, FL 32127.

## VOLUNTEER

The Ponce De Leon Inlet Lighthouse Preservation Association is always looking for talented individuals to join its dedicated corps of volunteers and help the museum meet its annual educational programming goals. Prior volunteer docent experience is not required and comprehensive training is provided to all qualifying candidates. Contact Programs Manager Zach Hopple at education@ponceinlet.org to learn more.

## MEMORIAL BRICKS

Memorial bricks are a wonderful way to honor your friends and loved ones or commemorate a special event while providing much needed support of the Ponce Inlet Lighthouse and Museum. 100% of all brick sale proceeds are used to support the Association's ongoing preservation and educational efforts. Each laser engraved brick features the Ponce Inlet Lighthouse logo and text of your choosing. Available brick sizes include the standard 4"x8" brick and the recently introduced 8"x8" paver. Miniature bricks are also available at the time of your initial memorial brick purchase. Please refer to page 16 for more details about this program or visit us online at www.lighthouselocker.org/memorial-bricks.



Membership Application

# **BECOME A MEMBER OF THE PONCE DE LEON INLET LIGHTHOUSE PRESERVATION ASSOCIATION**

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- *†* Invitations to special museum events
- + Volunteer Opportunities

### MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES:

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‡ Includes all benefits listed	above for one person		
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‡ A personal guided tour of the lighthouse & museum
‡ Recognition in the quarterly journal Illuminations
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‡ Includes all the annual benefits of General or Family
level membership for up to 5 company principals
<sup>‡</sup> A personal guided tour of the lighthouse & museum
<sup>‡</sup> Use of the museum conference room for one meeting
‡ Recognition of the company's support in the quarterly journal <i>Illuminations</i> including its corporate logo

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Note: Memberships may also be purchased online with a debit/credit card at www.lighthouselocker.org.

### Gift Shop

## **UNIQUE PONCE INLET LIGHTHOUSE GIFT IDEAS!**

The Ponce De Leon Inlet Lighthouse and Museum gift shop specializes in unique lighthouse and nautical themed merchandise for people of all ages. Our wide selection includes clothing, housewares, toys, games, jewelry, artwork, books, custom lighthouse curios, collectibles, and more. Be sure to view our online selection of merchandise at www.lighthouselocker.org or visit the gift shop in person. Members receive 10% off all regularly priced merchandise throughout the year. Please contact the gift shop via email at giftshop@ponceinlet.org or by phone at (386) 761-1821 ext. 21 for current offerings.



 Standard Memorial Brick (4"x8"):
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### Lighthouse Wind Chime

Add a little lighthouse flare to your garden or patio deck with this beautiful set of bamboo wind chimes and enjoy its' gentle tones as it sways in the cool Spring breeze. This unique outdoor treasure measures 23" long and features the Ponce Inlet Lighthouse on top.

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### Ponce Inlet Lighthouse Memorial Bricks

Ponce Inlet Lighthouse Memorial Bricks are a unique way to honor the lives of friends and loved ones or celebrate special events like weddings, anniversaries, birthdays, and family vacations. Each laser-engraved brick features the Lighthouse's 135th Anniversary Logo and up to three lines of text for standard 4"x8" bricks and six lines of text for deluxe pavers. Each brick will be installed in the Phase 2 Memorial Walkway where it will remain in perpetuity. Duplicate mini-bricks and full-size bricks are also available at the time of your initial purchase.



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### Ponce Inlet Lighthouse Windbreaker

Shake off the effects of April showers and cool Spring evenings as you walk on the beach with this high-quality Ponce Inlet Lighthouse hooded windbreaker. This lightweight nylon jacket features mesh lining for comfort and is available in four color combinations including gray/ mint, gray/red, black/pink, & olive/khaki; sizes Small through XXL. Add \$1.00 to price for XXL. **Price:** \$34.99 (+S&H)



### The Ponce Inlet Lighthouse: An Illustrated History

The Ponce Inlet Lighthouse: An Illustrated History is the culmination of over 40 years of research conducted by the Ponce De Leon Inlet Lighthouse Preservation Association. Written by museum curator Ellen Henry, this fully-illustrated coffee table hardback book is the definitive history of the Ponce De Leon Inlet Light Station and Preservation Association. **Price:** \$49.95 (+S&H)

## MEMBER COUPON 20% Off Any Single Item

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