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Dear Members,

As many of you know either from the news or through your own experiences, Florida experienced two significant weather events this past fall season; category 4 Hurricane Ian which made landfall on the state's west coast on September 28th and category 1 Hurricane Nicole which came ashore a few miles south of Vero Beach on October 10th.

Many local properties sustained heavy damage during the storms; however, I am relieved to report that both the Ponce Inlet Light Station and Pacetti Hotel weathered both hurricanes relatively well. The majority of the site's post-hurricane repairs focused on the replacement of copper gutters, the replacement of several sections of the perimeter picket fence, and minor water cleanup in the gift shop, and first assistant keeper dwelling's radio room/tool shed.

However, this does not mean the museum escaped the long-term impact of the two storms unscathed. Volusia County's oceanfront communities were significantly impacted by the hurricanes which collectively damaged many beach side hotels and resorts. As a result, a large percentage of the area's coastal accommodations are not currently available to tourists who drive the local economy. Although work is currently underway to repair these structures and reopen them to the public, recovery will be a long a drawn-out process that will extend well into next year.

Nearly 90% of the Preservation Association's annual income is derived through daily admission and merchandise sales. The negative impact of the hurricanes on these two important revenue sources has already

begun and we anticipate this troubling trend to continue for many months to come. Although we have started the process of reducing operating costs in response to these conditions, the Association turns to you, its members, for much-needed support. Please consider the value of the museum's educational programs, interpretive exhibits, and important historic preservation and restoration work when deciding which organizations to support in the coming year. Those wishing to learn more about ways to support the lighthouse are encouraged to read the "Support Us" article found on page 14 of this issue of *Illuminations*. Thank you for your consideration in this time of need.

As many of you may recall, the Preservation Association executed a formal grant agreement with the Paul B. Hunter and Constance D. Hunter Charitable Foundation in November, 2020. This important grant provides the Preservation Association with 1.5 million dollars of much-needed funding in support of the Historic Pacetti Hotel Restoration, Preservation, Rehabilitation, and Museum Development Project in exchange for securing naming rights of the new museum in honor of long-time Ponce Inlet resident Constance D. Hunter. I am pleased to announce that the Association received the Foundation's third grant installment of \$500,000 on November 28, 2022.

Per the agreement, these important funds may only be used to help cover the costs associated with transforming the Pacetti Hotel property into the Constance D. Hunter Historic Pacetti Hotel Museum. I highly encourage those wishing to support this worthwhile project to take full advantage of the Hunter Foundation's pledge to

match all private Pacetti Project donations to maximize the value of their charitable donation. You can learn more about the Preservation Association's Pacetti Hotel fundraising efforts and the project's current progress on page 13.

I am also pleased to announce the recent completion of the tower ironwork preservation project that I originally discussed in my October 2022 *Illuminations* "Letter from the Executive Director." This important preventative maintenance project was completed by H.I.S. Painting, Inc. in coordination with museum staff and funded in its entirety by a generous \$60,025 grant provided by the Florida Lighthouse Association (FLA.) You can read more about the tower ironwork preservation project and the FLA on page 10 of this issue of *Illuminations*.

The Association remains committed to its ongoing mission to preserve and disseminate the maritime and social history of the Ponce Inlet Lighthouse. Whether on-site, via the web, or through educational outreach, the museum will continue to foster a wholesome, family-oriented environment that encourages people to come together to discover and appreciate our nation's unique and fascinating maritime history.

On behalf of the Association's Board of Trustees, staff, and volunteers, I wish you a Happy New Year and wonderful spring season. We hope to see you soon.



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Executive Director

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SEPT. 6, 2022 - MAY 28, 2023
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(Last Admission Sold at 5:00 PM)

MAY 29, 2023 - SEPT. 4, 2023
OPEN DAILY FROM 10:00 AM - 9:00 PM
(Last Admission Sold at 8:00 PM)

SCHEDULED TOWER CLOSURES

Jan. 6, 2023
(Friday)
4:45 PM - 6:00 PM

Feb. 5, 2023
(Sunday)
5:15 PM - 6:00 PM

March 7, 2023
(Tuesday)
5:45 PM - 6:00 PM

(Museum and Gift Shop Open Until 6:00 PM. Last Admission Sold at 5:00 PM.)

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

January 16, 2023
(Monday @ 6:00 PM)
Board of Trustees &
Membership Meeting
(Open to General Members)

February 20, 2023
(Monday)
Board of Trustees
Meeting
(Closed to General Members)

March 20, 2023
(Monday)
Board of Trustees
Meeting
(Closed to General Members)

SPECIAL HOURS OF OPERATION

Daytona Race Week Extended Hours Schedule

February 10-11 & 17-18, 2023
(Friday & Saturday)
February 20-22, 2023
(Monday - Wednesday)
Open from 10:00 AM until 7:00 PM
(Last admission sold at 6:00 PM)

Daytona Bike Week Extended Hours Schedule

March 9-11, 2023
(Thursday, Friday, & Saturday)
Open from 10:00 AM until 7:00 PM
(Last admission sold at 6:00 PM)

CLIMB TO THE MOON SCHEDULE

Climb to the Moon is offered once a month on the night of the full moon. Ticket availability for each 1.5 hour event is limited to only 30 guests and typically sells out quickly. Tickets must be purchased in advance and are sold on a first come first serve basis. Please contact the museum's administrative assistant by phone at (386) 761-1821 ext. 10 or via email at admin@ponceinlet.org for additional information. Prices are \$35 for non-members and \$30 for members.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS (JANUARY - MARCH, 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:

- JANUARY 12, 2023: LECTURE TOPIC: HISTORY OF THE PONCE INLET LIGHT STATION
- FEBRUARY 9, 2023: LECTURE TOPIC: FLORIDA FRONTIERS VIDEO VIEWING w/ QUESTION & ANSWERS
- MARCH 16, 2023: LECTURE TOPIC: CHILDREN WHO LIVED AT THE LIGHTHOUSE

SCHEDULED THURSDAYS AT THE TOWER EVENTS:

- JANUARY 24, 2023: LECTURE TOPIC: THE FIRST TRAIN TO DAYTONA PRESENTED BY LARRY POWERS
- FEBRUARY 28, 2023: LECTURE TOPIC: BUILDING THE LIGHTHOUSE
- MARCH 28, 2023: LECTURE TOPIC: TREACHEROUS WATERS

FEBRUARY 10-11 & 17-18, 2023 Race Fans at the Lighthouse (FRIDAY & SATURDAY) ; 10:00 AM TO 7:00 PM

Attention ladies and gentlemen...Start your engines and head on down to the Ponce Inlet Lighthouse during Race Week. Discover the wonders of this National Historic Landmark as you explore the museum and enjoy special onsite offerings at no additional charge with your regular paid admission!

FEBRUARY 22, 2023 Museum at Night (WEDNESDAY) ; 6:30 PM TO 8:00 PM

Enjoy an evening of stargazing at the Ponce Inlet Lighthouse with Seth Mayo, curator of astronomy at the Museum of Arts & Sciences. Climb to the top of Florida's Tallest Lighthouse and explore the wonders of the night sky through Cassegrain reflector telescopes! All Volusia County teachers and students are admitted free of charge with valid ID.

MARCH 2-4 & 9-11, 2023 Bike Week at the Lighthouse (THURSDAY, FRIDAY, SATURDAY) ; 10:00 AM TO 7:00 PM

Take a ride down South Atlantic Avenue to one of Bike Week's favorite destinations - The Ponce Inlet Lighthouse and Museum! Climb 175 feet to the top of Florida's tallest lighthouse and explore one of the largest and best-preserved historic light stations in the country and participate in special onsite activities scheduled between 10:30 AM to 2:30 PM.

MARCH 18, 2023 ECHO Ranger Day (SATURDAY) ; 12:00 AM TO 3:00 PM

Calling all ECHO Rangers! Join us at the Ponce Inlet Lighthouse and Museum on March 18th between the hours of 12:00 AM and 3:00 PM for a fun-filled day of family-oriented activities. Advanced registration and enrollment in Volusia County's ECHO Ranger program is required to attend. Please contact Programs Manager Zach Hopple at (386) 761-1821 ext. 18 or by email at education@ponceinlet.org for more information or to register your child to attend.

MARCH 25, 2023 Florida Heritage Day (SATURDAY) ; 10:00 AM TO 3:00 PM

Visit the Ponce Inlet Lighthouse and Museum on March 25th and learn what it was like to live and work around the Mosquito (now Ponce De Leon) Inlet Lighthouse at the turn of the 19th century. Join us for fun family-oriented activities including kids' crafts and interactive workshops at no additional charge between the hours of 10:00 AM and 3:00 PM.

HURRICANES AT THE HISTORIC PONCE DE LEON INLET LIGHTHOUSE

On September 23rd of 2022, a tropical cyclone had formed off the coast of western Africa. By October 2nd, it had left a wake of destruction across Cuba, Florida, Georgia, and South Carolina. Hurricane Ian made landfall in Florida in the Fort Myers area. Flooding and storm surge damage were broadcast to televisions and streaming devices around the world as the storm tore through southwest Florida. Following that, Ian moved towards the northeast, exiting the state of Florida somewhere around Cape Canaveral.

Volusia County, though not directly in the path of the eye of the storm, suffered catastrophic damage virtually everywhere. Tropical-storm-force winds combined with a massive storm surge and over thirty inches of rain in some areas to produce one of the worst disasters to ever hit this region. People were forced to evacuate their homes, countless buildings damaged, streets flooded, tens of thousands of homes were left without power, and a few people unfortunately lost their lives.

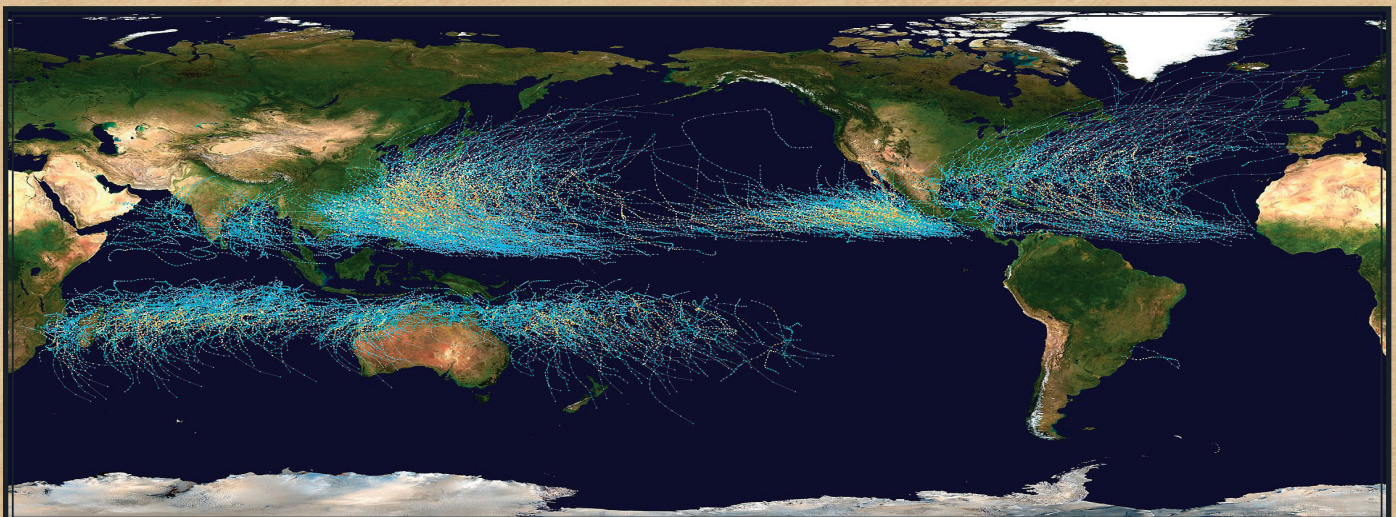
Approximately one month later, in early November, yet another Hurricane made landfall in Florida. This time it was Hurricane Nicole, entering the peninsula through



Damaged Gutters Caused by Hurricane Ian

Source: Ponce De Leon Inlet Lighthouse Preservation Association

Indian River County and proceeding towards the northwest. In Volusia County, oceanfront buildings and properties suffered the most during Nicole, thanks in large part to the coastal erosion previously brought by Ian. As of the time of writing this article (December 2022,)



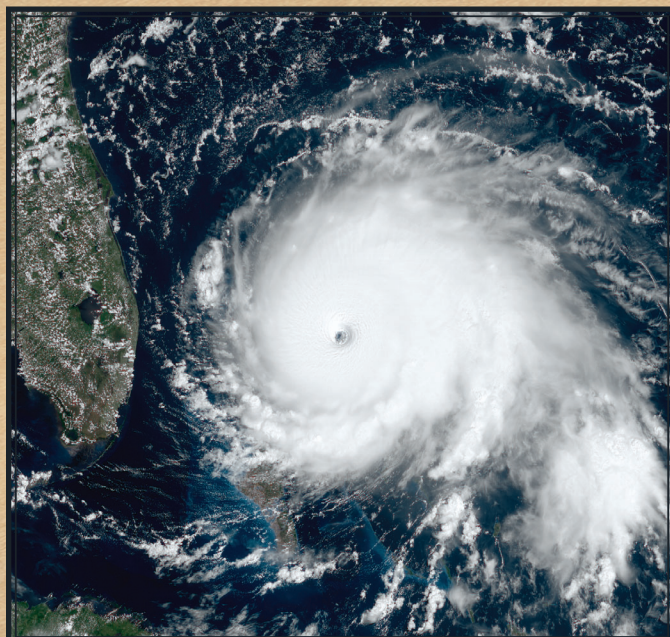
Map showing tracks of all tropical cyclones in the world from 1985 through 2005;

Source: the British National Archives/Library

the beaches in Volusia County are still mostly eroded and undergoing debris cleanup from Nicole while the rest of the county is just now finishing the debris removal from Ian, which hit us over two months ago. Hurricane season has officially ended, and residents from Ormond to Oak Hill and from Deltona to Daytona can continue their efforts to rebuild, repair, and carry on with their lives.

Given that these storms are so fresh in our memories, we at the Ponce Inlet Lighthouse Preservation Association have received a high volume of questions relating to potential storm damage here on our site and in the streets around us. Because of these inquiries, we have produced this article that will hopefully answer some of the common questions that our visitors have asked us in recent months.

Luckily for us, no recorded hurricane has ever made landfall in Volusia County. There have been plenty that have skirted along our coast, or passed over us after making landfall elsewhere in the state, but the shape of our state makes it unlikely (though not impossible) for a storm to hit us directly. That being said, various storms throughout the last century or two have caused serious



Hurricane Dorian approaches Florida's east coast in 2019;
Source: "Hurricane Dorian" from Wikipedia

damage to our neighboring communities, as those of us here during Ian and Nicole will undoubtedly understand. In fact, our history here at the Ponce Inlet Lighthouse essentially began with a big storm. In 1835, when the first lighthouse in this inlet was erected, a powerful storm undermined its construction. Another storm early in 1836 succeeded in felling this ill-fated lighthouse into the sea.



TIDES, WAVES FORCE CRAFT TO BOTTOM
... Near inlet around Daytona's Halifax Shopping Center

At Least 1 Dead, Traffic Snarled

Gales Rip Area, Coast

September 25, 1963 Orlando Sentinel report of damages sustained in Daytona Beach during Hurricane Edith;

Source: Orlando Sentinel.

“How did the lighthouse hold up?” is one question that we regularly received after both Ian and Nicole. The Ponce De Leon Inlet Lighthouse, as well as our various other historic buildings, luckily held up well. Given that these buildings are over 135 years old, they have faced dozens of powerful storms. Perhaps there are some secrets in their construction that are worth investigating. For starters, the buildings are made of brick—a lot of brick. Visitors are often surprised to find out that there are approximately one-and-a-quarter million bricks in the Ponce Inlet Lighthouse. Aside from the cast iron staircase in the center, there are no other metal supports or beams anywhere within the walls of the 175-foot brick giant. Even the foundation of the tower is made of brick and mortar and is twelve feet deep and approximately forty-five feet wide. The shape of the tower, a cone ranging from twenty-eight feet wide at the bottom to just sixteen feet wide at the top, also helps deal with the strong winds.

As for the other buildings on site— our keeper dwellings, woodsheds, and oil-storage building— they too have held up well to hurricanes over the years. Despite being only a third of a mile away from the ocean, and less than 500 feet away from the Halifax River, the site's elevation helps to protect these buildings from any potential storm surge damage that one might expect from such a coastal landmark. All of these historic buildings, including the lighthouse itself, have elevations that are between eleven to thirteen feet above sea level.

Aside from their elevated location, the materials used in constructing these buildings exemplify the old adage of “they don't make 'em like they used to”. The floor joists and beams used to construct our keeper buildings are several inches thicker than necessary. Exterior walls are made from three to four layers of brick. Interior walls consist of lath and three different layers of plaster. As for the roofs, aside from the metal roof of the oil-storage building, the rest of the buildings have historically-appropriate cedar shake shingles that are regularly maintained and replaced as needed. The bulk of the lumber used in the construction of these buildings came from locally sourced old-growth trees, including the heart pine floors as well as the massive porch steps in front of each keeper dwelling. And for some added peace of mind, most of the windows on site have functional historic wooden shutters that are easily closed in preparation for hurricanes and other severe weather events.



Gutter damage after Hurricane Charlie in 2004;
collection of the Ponce De Leon Inlet Lighthouse Preservation Association.



Picket fence damage after Hurricane Matthew in 2016
collection of the Ponce De Leon Inlet Lighthouse Preservation Association.

As for actual damage on the site, there are four main types of issue we have after hurricanes and none of them are major: palm fronds strewn everywhere, damage to gutters, knocked-over lattices, and fallen fences. Like nearly everywhere else in Florida, our grounds contain various palm trees that shed a lot of palm fronds during the heavy winds of a hurricane or tropical storm. The days after a large storm, our staff works hard to pick up all the scattered fronds and move them into piles where they can be taken away.

The gutters on our historic buildings are lightweight and made of copper. Similarly, the lattices under the buildings are made of thin pieces of wood interwoven into a checkered pattern. The immense winds from these storms often overcome the small clips and screws holding these pieces to the buildings. Likewise, the winds exert a tremendous amount of force onto the historic white picket fence that surrounds our site. All three of these types of damages are repaired as needed by our maintenance department and volunteers in the weeks following a major storm.

Being a non-profit organization that relies almost exclusively on public support, we at the Ponce Inlet Lighthouse Preservation Association thank you for being a member, donating, volunteering, or just visiting our site. Your support is what allows us to make these hurricane repairs while simultaneously preparing for the next one. With your help, we'll make sure this lighthouse keeps shining for generations to come.

FLORIDA LIGHTHOUSE ASSOCIATION FUNDS LIGHTHOUSE RESTORATION

The Ponce De Leon Inlet Lighthouse Preservation Association is pleased to announce the recent completion of the tower ironwork restoration project that was briefly discussed in both July and October 2022 issues of *Illuminations*. Although originally scheduled for completion in mid-October, the project timeline was extended due to extenuating circumstances and delays related to the impact of Hurricanes Ian and Nicole along Florida's east coast.

The tower ironwork restoration project scope of completed work included spot corrosion repairs throughout the lighthouse and the repainting of sections of the tower's ironwork that are most susceptible to the harsh coastal climate and high visitor traffic. These areas include most of the spiral staircase system, the watch room's interior iron bulkheads, the bottom of the lantern room floor, the exterior gallery deck plates and railing system, the widow's walk, and the cast iron watch room drum plates. Lighthouse preservation and restoration work of this scope and magnitude is typically scheduled every 5-7 years to combat the detrimental impact of the harsh coastal environment on the tower and to better-protect the structure's historic fabric. Doing so ensures this National Historic Landmark will continue to shine for this and many generations to come.

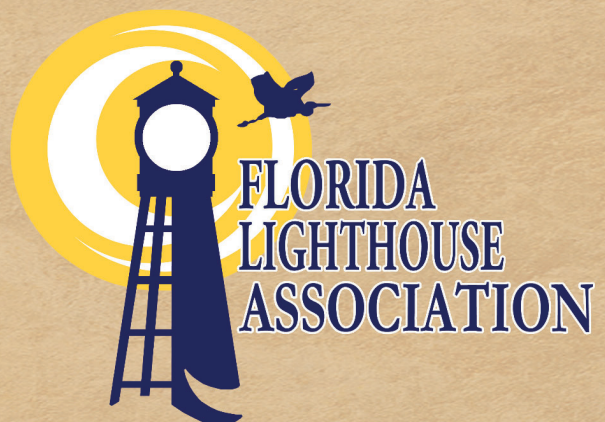
The project was completed by H.I.S. Painting Inc. and funded in its entirety by a generous \$60,025 Gene Oakes Lighthouse Preservation Grant from the Florida Lighthouse Association.

The Florida Lighthouse Association (FLA) is a nonprofit organization dedicated to the preservation of Florida's 31 surviving historic lighthouses. FLA members include delegates from lighthouses around the state, historic preservationists, educators, lighthouse enthusiasts, and more. The mission of the Florida Lighthouse Association is to "preserve, restore, protect and defend Florida's lighthouse towers, along with their material culture, buildings,

artifacts and records to assure that the magic of Florida's lighthouses and lighthouse keepers will be available for the enjoyment and understanding of future generations."

The FLA supports Florida's 31 surviving lighthouses in many ways including political advocacy, public education, and financial support. The Gene Oakes Lighthouse Grant program is funded through the FLA's Visit Our Lights specialty license plate. This unique tag features a beautiful rendering of the Hillsboro Lighthouse at sunrise and is available at most Florida DMV offices and licensed service locations. In addition to its eye-catching design, all proceeds realized from the sale of the "Visit Our Lights" license plate are used to fund the preservation and restoration of Florida's historic light stations.

The Ponce De Leon Inlet Lighthouse Preservation Association would like to express its sincere thanks and appreciation to the Florida Lighthouse Association for its generous support and encourages its members to consider purchasing a "Visit Our Lights" license plate when they renew their tags to help fund the FLA's efforts to preserve Florida's historic beacons. You can learn more about the FLA, its mission, and how to become a member by visiting the Florida Lighthouse Association's website at: www.floridalighthouses.org.



VOLUNTEERING AT THE LIGHTHOUSE: DOCENTS REFLECT ON EXPERIENCES

The Ponce Inlet Lighthouse and Museum Preservation Association owes its success and very existence to a motivated and dedicated group of volunteers who in the early 1970's rescued the decommissioned light station from the potential wrecking ball, facilitated its restoration, transformed the light station into one the country's premier lighthouse museum, and facilitated the site's placement on the National Historic Landmark registry. With the help of its dedicated corps of volunteers, both then and now, the Ponce De Leon Inlet Lighthouse Preservation Association is widely recognized as a national leader in the fields of lighthouse preservation, classical Fresnel lens restoration, and public/K-12 education.

Efforts by today's PILH volunteer corps is more focused on education programming, storytelling, and the dissemination of the maritime and social history of the Ponce Inlet Lighthouse than it is on physical restoration and preservation although we do have some fantastic individuals who support our maintenance staff in these important endeavors. Regardless of their fields of interest or the manner in which they support the Association's mission, the spirit and commitment of the museum's past and current volunteers remains the same.

Most the Association's current volunteer docents now serve as museum educators. They do this in many ways including facilitating onsite educational workshops and hands-on activities for the general public, leading guided tours of the lighthouse and museum to visiting school groups and others, delivering meaningful learning experiences to K-12 public and private school groups in the comfort of their classrooms and virtually online, by attending local community events, and providing informative historic lectures and presentations to special-interest groups throughout the greater Volusia County region. Many of our volunteers agree that the opportunity to meet and interact with such a diverse cross section of the population is one of the things they enjoy most about being a lighthouse volunteer.



Lighthouse volunteer docents and museum staff gather on front porch of the historic Pacetti Hotel in December, 2022.

Allow us to share what some of our volunteers have said about their most memorable, impactful or funny moments.

Janice Lowry, who frequently reenacts Mrs. O'Hagan, our Second Principal Keeper O'Hagan's stalwart wife, and mother of his eleven children, loves history and finds that she herself has learned so much in her ten years tenure at PILH, and her greatest satisfaction, like so many other volunteers, is seeing a kid, initially unmotivated, connect with her. She adds that her volunteer experiences have added joy to her life and fellow volunteers have become very close, dear friends. Don McGuire, who partners with Janice - they are in real life are brother and sister, had a big-picture take. "When I'm at the lighthouse in character as a lighthouse keeper, I feel like I'm in a time-machine and can take visitors back to the past. I enjoy meeting people from all over the world, do a little bit of learning myself, and have fun with kids demonstrating life at the lighthouse from the past, sometimes even in a comic manner."

Gerry Harris enjoys the lighthouse staff and fellow volunteers considering them as sort of family. He likes the interaction of tours and activities and says that he loves it when visitors teach him something new. His favorite days are Home School Days, Scout Days, and

special history days. “I especially like explaining the technical aspects, especially the Fresnel lens and the amazing construction. “I really enjoy enthusiastic reactions from the visitors.”

“My experience as an elementary Library Media Specialist here in Volusia County schools as a storyteller in “song and dance manner” makes history come alive. Storytelling is an important art, and it makes history come alive for kids and certainly keeps young children interested. It’s exciting for me to see kids excited about history,” said Debbie Sobien. Debbie is instrumental in researching and designing take-home crafts that keeper’s children entertained themselves with a century ago.

John Mann, our Lead Docent, a fifteen-year PILH volunteer and former educator loves interaction and a conversational approach with individuals, tour groups, student groups and community outreach opportunities. He is acknowledged as the walking encyclopedia of national and international lighthouse knowledge, having visited some two thousand US and European lighthouses. His humor, questioning methodology and approach respectfully treats kids like “short” adults. He frequently does tours in his US Lighthouse Service Principal Keeper uniform and sometimes will “play” the grumpy, frowning, old, over-worked lighthouse keeper now “stuck” with a tour group of students. The kids see right through this, but it’s part of the fun. At the conclusion of one memorable fourth-grade class tour, a particularly astute ten-year-old boy, surely destined to do stand-up or write TV situation comedies, turned to John and said, “I know you had a rough day today with us, and I apologize. Do you feel like you need a group hug before we leave?”

Jackie Mann was a teacher for thirty-five years in New Jersey. She volunteers at the PILH to get her “kid fix.” She particularly likes designing programs for children that allow kids to actively interact with the past and present by “performing” 19th century household chores and tasks done by the children who lived at the lighthouse. She also designs simple make-your-own-crafts and loves seeing the kids as they make the connection and have the fun their great-grand parents had. Jackie has developed and performs very popular presentations for community outreach on woman lighthouse keepers of the past.

Cathy Safarik is “delighted “when she suddenly sees the proverbial “light bulb” go off in people’s heads when they develop an understanding about maritime navigation or the science of light. These special moments are usually followed by lots of questions. “I still laugh when I think of one time when I was with a group sitting in the clearing behind the Principal Keeper’s home and we were talking about the work involved to clear the land so the lighthouse could be built. One young man just shook his head at the end and proclaimed, ‘This work was too hard’. I then knew he had a true appreciation for what life was like in the very early days.”

Reflecting on her favorite lighthouse volunteer moment Cathy went on to say, “Perhaps, the most satisfying day I have had volunteering was my most challenging and one I still think about every time I climb the tower. It was a tour that was planned for a group of visually challenged people. Most, if not all, in this group had no sight at all. I was amazed at how their hands studied each artifact handed to them and were able to correctly identify each item. Then six of them wanted to climb. Using canes and counting stairs we did eventually get to the top and stood outside. In conversation, I asked what they were experiencing since I knew none of them could see anything. I was told to close my eyes and taste the salt on my tongue and smell it in the air. Try as I might, I could not. The adage about losing one sense only made the remaining ones stronger and better was proven to me right then and there. From that day I always tried but have never been able to achieve it to the level that I knew they did. The opportunity to meet and get to know so many wonderful staff members and volunteers became a real bonus for me. We all come from varied backgrounds and careers and yet we all share the same passion to help others learn about this lighthouse and its history.” Cathy, we couldn’t agree more.

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.

CONSTANCE D. HUNTER HISTORIC PACETTI HOTEL MUSEUM



PACETTI HOTEL UPDATE!

The museum's curator and registrar have been hard at work over the past three months corresponding with potential donors about the Association's need for artifacts to help furnish the Constance D. Hunter Historic Pacetti Hotel Museum with period appropriate pieces including furniture, housewares, and personal items. The overall response to the museum's call-for-support has been tremendous and the curatorial department is currently in the process of cataloging, cleaning, and stabilizing dozens of recently donated artifacts and incorporating them into the museum's final exhibit plan.

The museum has received numerous inquiries regarding the impact of Hurricanes Ian and Nicole on the Pacetti Hotel. We are happy to report that the historic hotel and the surrounding outbuildings escaped both storms relatively unscathed despite the significant amount of flooding that occurred. The structures' success in surviving these significant weather events no worse for the wear is a true testament to their design and the quality of craftsmanship that went into building them so long ago.

As you may recall from the October issue of *Illuminations*, the Association successfully concluded the lengthy review and acceptance process of the Pacetti Hotel's proposed development plans with the Town of Ponce Inlet's Building Department in mid-September and that the plans were officially approved by both the Town's Cultural Services Board and Town Development Board shortly thereafter. The Association is now pleased to report that the hotel's final site development plans were reviewed by Ponce Inlet's Town Council during its regular monthly meeting on October 20th and approved by unanimous vote. This important event officially brings the Site Plan Development phase of the Pacetti Hotel Project to a close and initiates the start

of the Construction Phase of Project which includes project building documents development and approval, contractor bid solicitation, bid review, contractor interview and selection, building permitting, and onsite construction.

The Association has completed the Project's contractor bid packet and submitted the packet to seven vetted contractors with extensive historic preservation, restoration, and rehabilitation experience for review and bidding. Received bids will be carefully reviewed by the Association before selecting the project contractor and pulling permits for commencement of required work. This step is scheduled for completion by January 1, 2023.

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 Historic Pacetti Hotel 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 by phone at (386) 761-1821 ext. 15. Together we can make the Constance D. Hunter Historic Pacetti Hotel Museum a reality.

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
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Corporate Membership -	\$500

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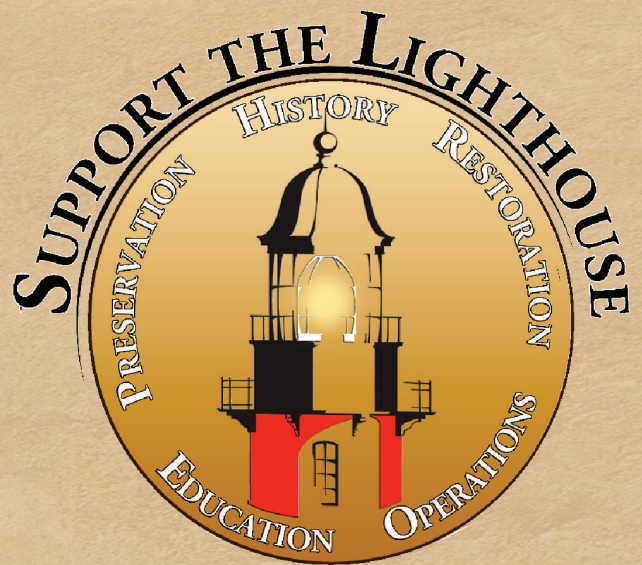
Did you know that the Ponce De Leon Inlet Lighthouse Preservation Association is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that currently receives zero tax-funded support at the local, state, or national level? Its true! Nearly 100% of the Association's annual budget is financed exclusively in-house through 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.

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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.



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

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- Standard Memorial Brick (4"x8"): \$150
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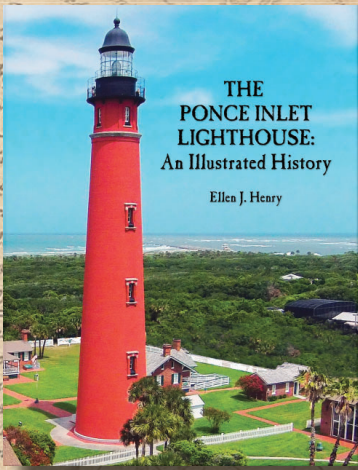
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The Ponce Inlet Lighthouse: An Illustrated History

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.

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