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Friends of Concord Point Lighthouse, Inc.

*Spring 2015*

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## *President's Letter*

By the time you read this article, some 50+ legacy bricks will have been installed by Hobie Statzer and Tony Pasek. Thanks to them for their continued help here at the lighthouse!

Some time ago, one of the wishes on the President's wish list was the excavation of the privy for the Keeper's House. That wish is being worked on by Bill McIntyre and the Archaeological Society of the Northern Chesapeake. We hope that shovel and pickwork will begin in the Fall. Another wish is about 50% complete with the addition of a new Board member – to be introduced in the next newsletter.

Thanks go to Beth Fleming for a loan of antique and reproduction kitchen trivets. Work is being completed on a new display. They will find their new home in one of our signature display cases. Carolyn Coburn has also brought us a large collection of antique kitchen items. We will be processing those and integrating them into our kitchen display as well.

In other news, there is a campaign underway to request a series of stamps dedicated to the Chesapeake Bay lighthouses. See the following article for more information.

**Floyd Dobson,  
President**

## *Chesapeake Bay Lighthouse Stamp letter*

\*The information below was posted in the most recent *Chesapeake Lights Newsletter* and written by Tony Pasek.

Please print and sign the letter available on the website, [www.cheslights.org/lighthousestamps](http://www.cheslights.org/lighthousestamps), requesting the Citizens Stamp Advisory Committee to consider a series of Chesapeake Bay Lighthouse stamps located in Maryland. You may use a return address label in the top right header over "street address, city, state, zip" and include the date and your signature. Then, mail to the address in Washington D.C. **Please complete and mail your letter by November 20, 2015.** Granted, the Citizens Stamp Advisory Committee receives many requests for special stamps. Lighthouse stamps were last printed in July 2013 and lighthouses remain one of the most popular stamps purchased by the public.

**Imagine a Concord Point Lighthouse stamp! Let's get those letters mailed!**

If you have any problems downloading the letter, please contact the Lighthouse at [concordpointlighthouse@verizon.net](mailto:concordpointlighthouse@verizon.net) or call 410-939-3213 and we will assist you.

*Many Hands Make Light Work (English Proverb 1300's)*

*Recent Events at the Lighthouse*

*St. Patty's Fundraiser*



*Beth Fleming and Liz Gondeck hard at work.*

Our 3<sup>rd</sup> St. Patty's Day was a success and it was a lucky time for the many guests who won our fabulous raffles. Thank you to everyone who came out to support the Lighthouse and drink to John O'Neill's Irish heritage! See you again at next year's party!

*2015 Volunteer Orientation and Briefing*



The annual volunteer briefing welcomed familiar faces and several new volunteers. The 2015 season is going to be great and we are always looking for people who are interested in sharing the unique history of Concord Point and Havre de Grace with our visitors.



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*2015 Harford County Historic*

*Preservation Award*

*WINNER*



*Bethany Baker and Mr. Robert Thomas*

The Friends of Concord Point Lighthouse were honored to be presented with a 2015 Harford County Historic Preservation award for the extensive work done on the grounds in preparation for the War of 1812 anniversary. This is the third Harford County Historic Preservation award given to the Friends of Concord Point and we are so honored to be recognized for the efforts made to further our preservation endeavors. Congratulations to the Susquehanna Museum at the Lock House for their award as well!



*THANK YOU TO NEW AND RENEWING*

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*We could not keep the light shining without you!*

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*From the Archives*

This photo was recently acquired from E-Bay. We estimate that the image was taken in the 1940's or 50's. If you know who the boy in the photo might be, please contact us.

Look at the landscaping! Huge thanks to John Wardell for keeping that grass in check!



We are always looking for historic images of the Lighthouse and Keeper's House. If you find something while spring cleaning, we would love to see it. We can scan and make a copy so that you can keep the original. So, keep us in mind while going through your attic or basement.



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### *Gibb's Hill Lighthouse – Bermuda*



Lima Huntley shares her memories of Gibb's Hill Lighthouse:

After many years of going to Bermuda, I finally hiked up a very steep hill (245 feet) to visit Gibbs Hill Lighthouse. The lighthouse is very interesting, it is made of cast iron, it was built in 1846 and stands 117 feet tall.

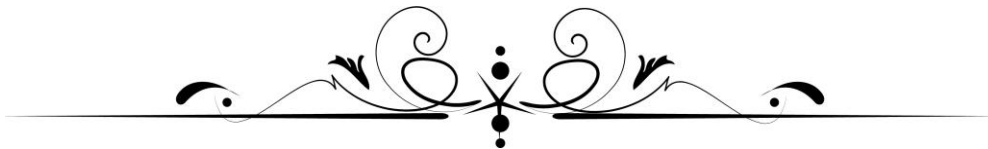
There are 185 steps to the top with platforms every 20 – 25 steps to stop and rest on your way up or down. Around the walls on each of the 8 platforms are photographs of the Island in the early days. When finally reaching the top one can see the entire island, the view is breath-taking.

Connected to the lighthouse is a gift shop and in years past there was a Tea Room, which was recently renovated as a restaurant with cuisine from many different countries. The food is very different and delicious.

The past few years have I have made it a point to go up and enjoy lunch in the Tea Room/ Restaurant.

On the east end of the island is St. David's Lighthouse, which has been there since November 1879. It is only 55 feet high. They are open from May to September, however, since I usually travel to Bermuda in October it has not been open when I've been there.

Thank you, Lilma, for sharing your memories!



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# Mark Your Calendars and Take Note...

National Lighthouse Day – August 7<sup>th</sup>



Celebrate Lighthouses with us at an Aberdeen Ironbirds game – tickets available now for the reserved Concord Point section.

**\$20 each\***

*\*includes a donation to Friends of Concord Point Lighthouse*

Friends, Fireworks and Baseball!

Call 410-939-3213 or email

[concordpointlighthouse@verizon.net](mailto:concordpointlighthouse@verizon.net)

To reserve your tickets today!

*Board of Director Meetings*

Our Board of Directors will now be meeting on the third Wednesday of every month at 6:30 PM in the Board Room in the Keeper's House. Our meetings are open to the public and we encourage anyone interested in the activities of the Friends of Concord Point Lighthouse to please attend our meetings.

## *Calendar of Upcoming and Local Events*

### May

20 Board of Directors Meeting at the Keeper's House, 6:30pm

31 Tea with Queen Victoria, Steppingstone Farm Museum, 1pm and 3pm

### June

4 OPEN FOR THE SEASON, 1-5pm

10 HdG Maritime Museum summer concert series begins – every Wednesday night, 7pm at the museum

12 Volunteer Lunch meeting, 12pm

12 Lock House Pirate Weekend Pub Crawl

13 Lock House Pirate Weekend Buccaneer Bash, 7pm

17 Board of Directors Meeting at the Keeper's House, 6:30pm

17 HdG Maritime Museum summer concert series – 7pm

24 HdG Maritime Museum summer concert series – 7pm

### July

1 HdG Maritime Museum summer concert series – 7pm

5 Independence Day Parade – come and see the Lighthouse float!

8 HdG Maritime Museum summer concert series – 7pm

10 Volunteer Lunch meeting, 12pm

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