

# BIG DIAMOND

Official Newsletter of the  
**Hillsboro  
Lighthouse  
Preservation  
Society**



SIXTH YEAR OF PUBLICATION

DECEMBER 2003



**BAREFOOT SANTA  
DELIVERING OUR BEST WISHES  
FOR A JOYOUS HOLIDAY AND HAPPY NEW YEAR**



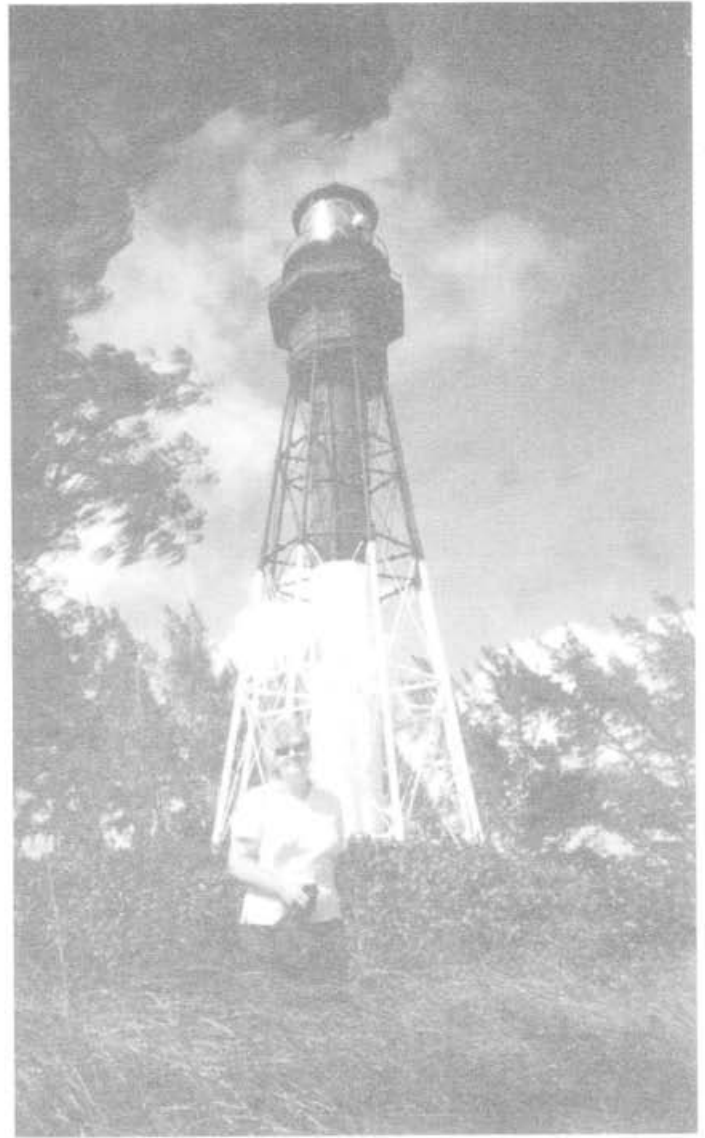
## REPORT ON NOVEMBER FUNCTION

Elinor DeWire, Internationally known author and speaker on lighthouses traveled from Seattle to St. Augustine in early November by way of South Florida. Elinor has been called "America's most prolific lighthouse author and a driving force behind the recent upsurge in interest in preserving light-houses and the history and nostalgia surrounding them."

While here, she graciously agreed to share with Hillsboro Lighthouse Preservation Society her slides and stories of famous U.S. lighthouses. The HLPS program was held on November 10th at the Pompano Civic Center with a selling and signing of four of her ten books after the program. The afternoon before HLPS's program, Elinor charmed the residents of John Knox Village with the program, *I brake for Lighthouses*. Elinor has visited over 500 US lighthouses, but this was her first time to Hillsboro Lighthouse Station!

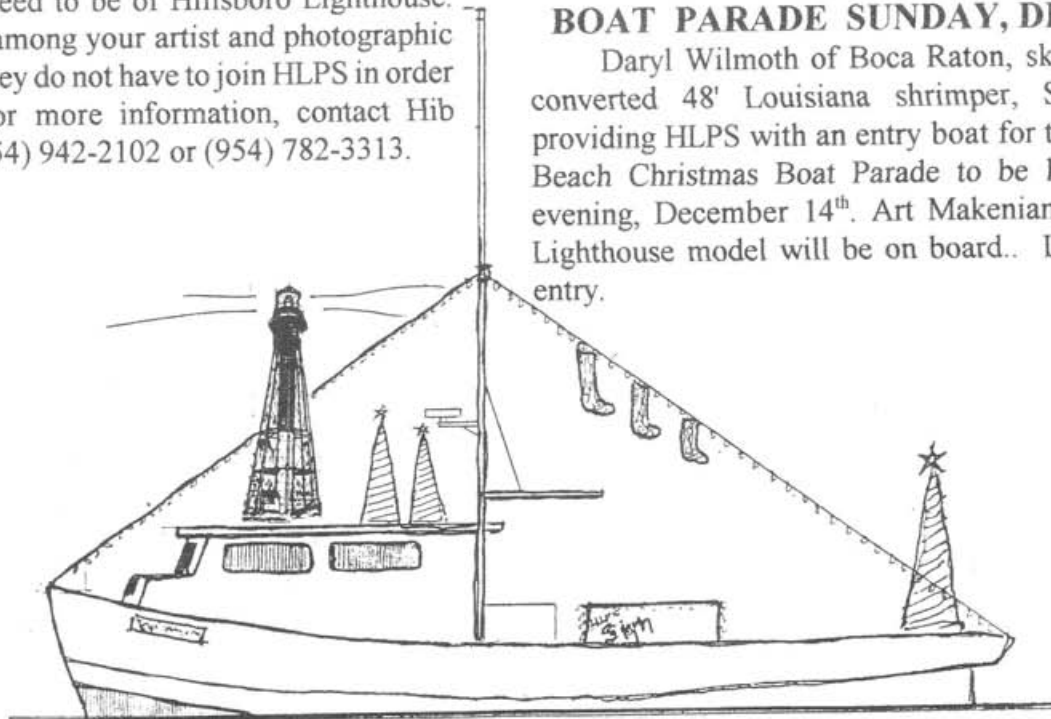
## FEBRUARY ART & PHOTO EXHIBIT

On the weekend of February 7-8, HLPS will sponsor an art exhibit of framed lighthouse paintings and photography at Pompano Civic Center. Stephen Attis will also be showing his quality video presentations of the Lighthouse, Inlet, and Reef. Those who enter must furnish their own table-top or floor stands. Selling is permitted if the item stays on display until 2:00 P.M. Sunday. The lighthouse subjects do not need to be of Hillsboro Lighthouse. Spread the word among your artist and photographic friends because they do not have to join HLPS in order to participate. For more information, contact Hib Casselberry at (954) 942-2102 or (954) 782-3313.



## BOAT PARADE SUNDAY, DEC. 14th

Daryl Wilmoth of Boca Raton, skipper of the converted 48' Louisiana shrimper, Seahorse, is providing HLPS with an entry boat for the Pompano Beach Christmas Boat Parade to be held Sunday evening, December 14<sup>th</sup>. Art Makenian's Hillsboro Lighthouse model will be on board.. Look for our entry.





## DAVID BUTLER REMEMBERED

David Butler, co-founder of Hillsboro Lighthouse Preservation Society in 1997, died September 7, 2003. He was president of our Society in 2001, taking on the role of vice president when struck with cancer a year later.

Even before HLPS was formed, Dave was fighting to keep the original lens in the lighthouse. He and Art Makenian (see p.6) saved the beam of light shining in the night (further to sea than any other lighthouse beam in the world) by designing a proper commercial ball bearing to support the lens. Dave published a book, *Hillsboro Lighthouse*, a history and technology of the light with last chapters describing recent renovations.

Dan Hobby, executive director of the Pompano Beach Historical Society, speaking of Dave Butler said, "Our knowledge of the past would be less rich if not for his work." Dave served on the Historical Society's board of directors from 1994 until his death and was president of the organization 1996 thru 1998.

Dave was an advisor for the Hillsboro Inlet District and on November 17<sup>th</sup> of this year they named the large steel work boat of the Inlet, *Dave Butler*.

The community has lost a real friend with David Butler's passing.

Postscript: We have received the last 100 copies of Dave's book, *Hillsboro Lighthouse*, from his widow, Lee. They are available while the supply lasts on our gift shop website [www.HillsboroLighthouse.org](http://www.HillsboroLighthouse.org) or at the next lighthouse function.

## A BUSY FALL LIGHTHOUSE TOUR

The October 25<sup>th</sup> tour took place on a very windy Saturday. Waves broke over the rocks at the lighthouse shore adding to the excitement of this special day. The 300 plus members were especially interested in inspecting one of the restored keeper cottages. That activity alone brought "kids" who grew up here. Their children and grandchildren came, too, from as far off as Georgia and Tennessee. The Currys, Penders, Knights and Stones were represented.

Below: George, Fred, and Patrick Stone sit on the steps where they played when their father, Capt. Benjamin Stone was keeper. Sue Stone (Fred's wife) was as excited as the boys to go through their former home.



The original stone statue of the Barefoot Mailman was dedicated at 1:30 PM. Boy Scout troop #246 presented the colors while the Mailman showed his new color – a weatherproof, bronze coating. He stands on a white pedestal waiting for bronze markers that will tell his story. The cost of his move, both in monetary and physical ways would not have been possible without the combined help of the people & firms listed on page 7.



## FALL TOUR (Continued)



Above: A group of enthusiastic folks pose for you by the statue. From left to right: Captain Gerald Bowe, Chief, Resource Management Division, 7<sup>th</sup> Coast Guard District, Miami; Carmen McGarry, author and historian of Hillsboro Beach and new board member of HLPS. Carmen's book, *Magnificent Mile*, has an entire chapter dedicated to Barefoot Mailmen; Hib Casselberry, HLPS president; Pompano Beach Mayor, Kay McGinn, another new board member; Steven Varga, restorer of the statue, grandson of the original sculptor of the statue; Michael Bornstein, reenactor of the Barefoot Mailman; Stephen Attis, new HLPS vice president. Art Makenian, Hillsboro's last lighthouse keeper can be seen in the background. (See p. 6 for Art's story)

The Hillsboro Light "gift shop" was right on the station giving everyone a chance to look over our inventory and to buy a few items. Joyce and Mike Hager stayed busy all day. The "gift shop" was closed during a luncheon up at the Hillsboro Club for Board Members and dedication speakers and again during the Dedication Ceremony. That disappointed many who needed to leave early. We will try to man the gift table throughout the next tour in April.

Last, but not least, there was the lighthouse tower to climb. The view from the top is always different due to weather conditions. This time it was spectacular with white curls of waves splashing high against the rocks.

Riders on the bus back to the City parking lot were rather tired and quiet after the full schedule of the day. Undoubtedly they now had time to think about the special activities in which they had just participated.

## HILLSBORO LIGHTHOUSE KEEPERS

Last in the series

In our last issue, it was noted that The Lighthouse Service was taken over by the Coast Guard in 1939. Captain Stone did not want to retire as keeper, so he joined the Coast Guard. Ill health in 1942 forced him to retire. After that time the designated keepers were there short term, usually less than a year.

In 1997 when the Coast Guard began a renovation of the tower, including removal of mercury, Dennis Dever, the Officer in Charge, Coast Guard Aids to Navigation Team Miami, noticed the talents of Arthur Makenian. Art had been a member of Flotilla 6 of USCG Auxiliary and a member of the newly formed Hillsboro Lighthouse Preservation Society. He had contributed to the construction of the present Auxiliary Base in Boca Raton, the marine radio communications tower, and the removal of the old CG Base at Red Reef Park. In 1998 Dever appointed Art Contracting Officer's Technical Representative Observer for the rehab project. Art was to "visit the work site frequently, in uniform, to observe work progress and practices". Although he was not to personally change technical requirements or advise the contractor, Art was to relay noted discrepancies to Dever who noted, "Your experience and enthusiasm will play a valuable part in the successful outcome of this high profile renovation". After the first bearing failed in less than a month of use, Art and Dave Butler re-engineered the bearing support.

Art's background was very impressive — born in Alexandria, Egypt of Armenian parents, forced to leave Egypt during the 1956 Suez Canal War, and immigrating to America to join his mother. Art speaks fluently in five languages which helped him during his long career in the aerospace industry. Art served Pan American World Airways for eighteen years in many managerial positions within the Flight Operations,



Maintenance and Engineering Departments. Four of those years were spent at Pan America World Services that led him to establish residency on four continents. Ten additional years were devoted to General Electric Co., Aircraft Engine Group as Sales Executive and Customer Support Manager. His responsibilities extended to Eastern Europe and the Middle East. The last ten years of Art's professional career were devoted to building and initiating major aircraft maintenance service centers for international air carriers.

Within three months of receiving his volunteer job at Hillsboro Lighthouse, Art was appointed Light-house Keeper of this light by 7<sup>th</sup> District US Coast Guard. In this new confirmation letter he was told, "We are extremely fortunate to have you on our team. Your dedication and contributions to the renovation project truly defy description".

In April 2002, Art requested for termination as Hillsboro Inlet Lighthouse Keeper. He and his wife live within a few blocks of the lighthouse and he enjoys watching the beam of light sweep out to sea, remembering his part in changing darkness into light. He is now master of *China Clipper*, a 50' Chris Craft Constellation he beautifully restored. Art often takes her on Coast Guard assignments to help protect our SE Florida shoreline.



## NEW MEMBERS & RENEWALS SINCE H.L.P.S.'s AUGUST '03 NEWSLETTER

Adams, Johanna  
 Amato, Jeanne  
 American Legion Aux., Pompano \*  
 Angelico, Thomas & GERALYN  
 Balsler, Ben  
 Barbarotta, Paul & Catherine  
 Barr, John & Jody  
 Beels, Robert  
 Bennett, Brian & Irene  
 Bizjack, Roy  
 Boehm, David & Wendy  
 Boos, Waneta  
 Brown, Julie  
 Boutin, Georges  
 Byrne, Dennis & Janet  
 Caddy, Glenn & Kristie \*  
 Carbonare, Amato  
 Carey, Bill  
 Carpenter, Thomas & Kathy  
 Carr, Phyllis  
 Childers, Frank & Naomi  
 Cohen, Matt & Ruth  
 Conahan, Cormac & Linda  
 Cooper, Lawrence & Penny  
 Coyle, Tania  
 Craig, James & Roberta  
 Crep, Gary & Marlene  
 Crews, Harold & Barbara  
 Crifasi, Joanne & Brandon  
 Curry, Charles Jr.  
 Curry, Robert

Deimel, Dorothy  
 Dreyer, Richard & Barbara  
 Eads, Nelson  
 Exum, Bonnie Jean  
 Farmer, Bill  
 Fassoles, John & Sue  
 Fox, Sharon  
 Gary, Charles & Bonnie  
 Gennett, David  
 Gibson, Don & Arlene  
 Golly, Timothy  
 Hale, Priscilla Curry  
 Hawie, Helen M.  
 Hecker, Karin  
 Heidersbach, Bob  
 Hernet, Steven & Carol  
 Hertner, Tom & Claudette  
 Hiltzley, Bob / John McDonnell  
 Hines, Joe & Ellen  
 Hitchens, Dan & Lou Ann  
 Honderick, Tim & Valerie  
 Hunzeker, Donald  
 Jenkins, John & Becky  
 Jenco Plumbing Services \*  
 Johnson, Daniel, Margaret, Nicole  
 Johnson, Mike & Arlene  
 Jones, Ronald & Cindy  
 Kennedy, John P.  
 Kingston, Daniel & Susan  
 Kittle, Linda

Knight, Doug & Robin  
 Kornheiser, Gary & Sandy  
 LaBorde, Ken & Linda  
 Lee, David & Ruth  
 Levitt, Ann R.  
 Lighthouse Pt. Chapter, DAR \*  
 Lyons, Don & Brenda  
 Martin, Eric S.  
 Matulonis, Sara  
 McCormick, Donald  
 McNab, Margery  
 Measels, Mr. & Mrs.  
 Miller, Daniel & Vivian  
 Miller, Harold & Dorothy  
 Miller, Jay  
 Morpeth, Cyle  
 Murphy, Christine  
 Murphy, Odette  
 Ogle, Lenny & Michelle  
 O'Rourke, Joan  
 Parviainen, Donna  
 Peck, Charles & Jennifer  
 Pfarr, William & Carole  
 Piedra, Mary Crincoli  
 Porraro, Dorothy \*  
 Porter, Rita Curry  
 Reed, Debbie  
 Richard, Gloria  
 Ritchie, Gail & Lisa Ray  
 Roe, Bill

Ross, William & Patricia  
 Ruggieri, Richard  
 Savino, Armand & Claudette  
 Sayre, Sue  
 Schnitzer, Michael & Maxine  
 Schwiertert, Constance  
 Scotts Complete Lawn Maintena \*  
 Sheinbaum, Sydell  
 Sherven, Harold & Maria  
 Smith, Charles H.  
 Spiwak, Paula  
 Staley, James & Barb  
 Stark, Lee & Dottie  
 Stone, Benjamin & Regina  
 Thomas, Leslie A.  
 Tomlinson, John & Ellen  
 Turner, James  
 Vickery, Cynthia Knight \*\*  
 Von Staden, Sandra I.  
 Wachob, Katherine & Mary  
 Warren, Jim & Sharon  
 Wentworth, Jeff & Stephanie  
 White, Joanne & Ruth  
 Williams, Amy  
 Williamson, Jeff & Kim  
 Willson, Miles  
 Workman, Thomas & Assoc. \*

\* = Business Membership  
 \*\* = LIFE MEMBERS

### VOLUNTEER HELPERS H.L.P.S.

#### **Barefoot Mailman 2 mi. Beach Race, Aug. 31, 2003**

From USCG-Aux.: Richard Grove

From Rotary Club: Shane Moore & Ulrick Wolter

International Swimming Hall Fame M/M Scott Woodburn

City of Pompano Beach Park & Rec.: Mark Beaudrese

H:LPS members: Jack Burrie, Hib Casselberry, Mike & Joyce Hager.

#### **Barefoot Mailman Statue Repair & Relocation**

Town of Hillsboro Beach, The Hillsboro Club, Miriam Hood, Deerfield Builders Supply (Ed Dietrich, Rick Hawkins), Bob & Luke Capozzoli, (Mike Kenney, Jerry Holland, Jim Sesti), Dixie Clamp & Scaffold (Bill Slager), Hillsboro Inlet District (Jack Holland & "Woody" Draughon and crew), HLPS: Art Makenian.

#### **MEMORIAL GIFTS:**

Mr. & Mrs. Marvin Buntrock, for David Butler.

Mr. & Mrs. John Harter for David Butler

Priscilla Cole, for Ruth Richter.

Danielle Wagner, for Ruth Richter

#### **OTHER DONATIONS:**

Deerfield Builders Supply, Ed Dietrich

Hillsboro Club, Daniel R. Dodge

International Swimming Hall of Fame, Inc.

Thomas Workman & Assoc., CPA

Cormac & Linda Conahan, and Miriam H. Hood

#### **Dedication Day, Oct. 25, Barefoot Mailman & Tour**

7<sup>th</sup> District US Coast Guard: Captain G. Bowe

USCG Group Miami, ANT: BMC Eddie Lawrence's crew:

MK1 Chad Lovato, SA William Mason, & SN Jeremy McGibbony.

C.G. Aux. Flotilla #34, Pompano: Joseph Cleary, Elizabeth Greenhouse, Marie Motz, Rosemary Reder, & Gerald Rickenbaugh.

C.G. Aux. Flotilla #36 Boca: Jerry & Gail Edelman, Art Makenian, & Ray McAllister.

C.G. Aux. Flotilla 37, LHP: Jane Mueller, Florence Owen  
HLPS: Stephen Attis, Paul Bradley, Jack Burrie, Hib & Martha Casselberry, Angela Casselberry, Dan Dodge, Mike & Joyce Hager, Lori Kunkel, Kim Sanecki, Amy Williams, Liz Wilkinson, Jeanne Amato, Andrea Axelrod, Phyllis Carr, Maggie Delp, Barbara Dreyer.

#### **HOLIDAY BOAT PARADE COMMITTEE**

Stephen Attis, Jack Burrie, Paul Bradley, Joyce & Mike Hager, Art Makenian, Ray McAllister, Kim Sanecki.

#### **PROJECTS NEEDING FUNDING:**

Plaques for the Barefoot Mailman statue pedestal.

Victorian-type Drinking Fountain.

Native Tree Replacement.

Boat Landing Fund. Museum & Storage Space Needed

Hillsboro Lighthouse Preservation Society, Inc.

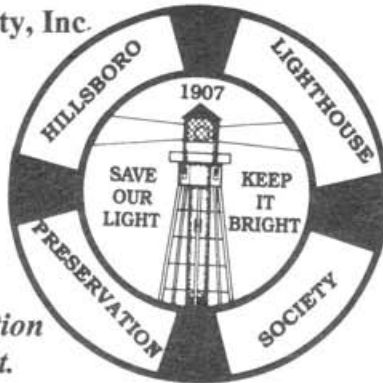
Post Office Box 6062

Pompano Beach, Florida 33060

Phone: 954-942-2102

Website: [www.HillsboroLighthouse.org](http://www.HillsboroLighthouse.org)

E-mail: [Info@HillsboroLighthouse.org](mailto:Info@HillsboroLighthouse.org)



FIRST CLASS MAIL

*If there is a red mark around your expiration date, please send in your renewal payment.*

HLPS from time to time has a special notice for members between newsletters. Please send your FAX # and/or E-mail address to [Info@HillsboroLighthouse.org](mailto:Info@HillsboroLighthouse.org)

## OFFICERS & BOARD

Hibbard Casselberry, President / Tres.

Stephen Attis, Vice President

Jack Burrie, Jr. Secretary

Paul M. Bradley, Assist. Treasurer

Joyce Hager, Director / Gift Shop Mgr

Fred Bamman, Counsel & Director

Charles Seitz, Director

Dr. Ray McAllister, Director

Miriam Hood, Director

Daniel Gordon, Director

Frederick MacLean, Jr., Director

Carmen McGarry, Director

Kay McGinn, Director

Dan Dodge, Ex-Officio Director

Arthur Makenian, USCG-Aux.

Coast Guard Auxiliary Representative

## H.L.P.S. COMMITTEES

Publication: Hib & Martha Casselberry

Membership: Martha Casselberry,

Program: Ray McAllister, Joyce Hager,

Grants: Jack Burrie, Paul Bradley

Tour Info: J. Hager, L. Kunkel, J. Amato,

K. McGinn, K. Sanecki, S. Voss

Art Collection: P. Bradley, L. Butler,

M. Delp, K. McGinn, M. Wilder

Education: H. Casselberry, S. Voss,

D. Allen, C. Branigan

History: M. & H. Casselberry, D. Nickerson

Long-range Planning: D. Dodge, C. Seitz,

D. Gordon, F. MacLean, C. McGarry, K.

McGinn

## THE PRESIDENT'S NOTE : by *Hib Casselberry*

**Happy Holidays to All !** With the passing of **David Butler**, HLPS's VP and Secretary, we have filled these offices with seasoned board members, **Stephen Attis** as Vice President and **Jack Burrie** as Secretary. We have also brought to the Board four more members, two being long time HLPS members. **Carmen McGarry** has been the Historian of Hillsboro Beach since 1994 and comes to us with a long list of community service. **Kay McGinn** is the owner of Pompano Beach Art Gallery and is presently Mayor of Pompano Beach.

**Dan Gordon** is a native South Floridian and a 23 year resident of Lighthouse Point. He also comes with a long list of community service and is associated with the insurance agency, Bateman, Gordon, & Sands. **Fred MacLean** is the president of Heritage Investment Group and is a certified financial planner. These four new board members come with many talents to help HLPS grow even stronger.

Look for our entry in the Pompano Christmas Boat Parade on December 14 and enter HLPS's lighthouse art and photo display at the Pompano Civic Center the weekend of Feb. 7-8. (See page 2 for details)

**There will be no lighthouse tour until April** for 3 reasons: The charter bus is not allowed to enter the Hillsboro Club gate during the "season"; The boat dock is not available to us; The renovation of the observation deck and foundation work will be in full swing during the winter months.