



THE POMHAM GLOW

Friends of Pomham Rocks Lighthouse,
A Chapter of the American Lighthouse Foundation
Mission Statement

To ensure the historic restoration and preservation of Pomham Rocks Lighthouse and to improve public awareness, appreciation and access to Pomham Rocks Lighthouse.

APRIL 2017

HAPPY SPRING!



"GUIDING THE WAY ALONG THE BAY"
SINCE 1871

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**\$26,045 RAISED TO DATE:
UPDATE ON MEMBERSHIP CAPITAL CAMPAIGN
TO RESTORE INTERIOR OF THE LIGHTHOUSE
AS OF FEBRUARY 28, 2017**

I continue to be impressed with the response of our membership!! In our last newsletter, I reported that 79 of our members had contributed and/or pledged a total of \$20,520 as of December 31, 2016. Since then an additional 13 members have committed to help us, bringing our total gift pledges to \$26, 045.00 As you know, these gifts will be matched by our anonymous donor, meaning that as of February 28, 2017, our membership is directly responsible for \$52,090.00 being added to the restoration effort. WONDERFUL!!!

Thank you so very much to the following members who have stepped up since December 31, 2016:

Joe Audino	Marilyn & Eric Johnson
Ron Baddock	Betty McKenzie
Carlen Booth	Nancy & Don Moore
Maureen Brady	Anthony Parisi
Stan Ciesielski & Joanne Dupras	Ellen Perreault & Tom Dwyer
Denise & Joe Clare	Barbara Thornton
Stan Dimock	

If any readers have any questions regarding the campaign, I can be reached by phone at my office at (401) 453-6409 or by mail at Friends of Pomham Rocks Lighthouse, c/o Nathan W. Chace, One Park Row, Suite 300, Providence, Rhode Island 02903. I can also be reached via e-mail at nchace@crflp.com.

THANK YOU MEMBERS!!!

Nate Chace
Director of Development

ELECTRICAL PROJECT: COMPLETE

In our last Pomham Glow newsletter, we reported that the only pending thing with the Electricity Project was to throw the switches. We are very happy to report that as of January 20th, the contractor threw the switches and Pomham Rocks Lighthouse is powered up once again after 37 years without electrical service. Using our chairman Joe Estrella's boat, four board members proceeded to the island that day and turned on the four 4000 watt electric heaters to a thermostatically controlled 50 degrees F. It was a cold day on January 20th, so the newly heated lighthouse felt very good. Of course the reason to heat the lighthouse is to dry out the air and hopefully stop any further degradation of the interior plaster and wood. We have positioned a heater in the kitchen, one in the living room and one each in the two large bedrooms. We have also set up timer controlled low wattage lights in the living room and in one of the bedrooms that each light for a few hours in the evening.

CALL FOR OLD PICTURES

We are currently looking for anyone that may have pictures of the Sabin Point, Bullocks Point, Sassafras Point, Fuller Rock lighthouses and as always, any old pictures of Pomham Rocks.

The Sassafras Point and Fuller Rock lighthouses were twin lights and are unfortunately no longer standing.

The Bullocks Point Lighthouse was badly damaged in the Hurricane of 1938 and was subsequently torn down because of the damage. The Sabin Point Lighthouse, a twin of Pomham Rocks, was destroyed in 1968, leaving Pomham Rocks as the last of 5 lighthouses originally on the Providence River.

We are hoping to preserve the history of these other Providence River Lighthouses that are no longer standing. If you have pictures of either of these lighthouses and would like to donate them please send them or a copy to, P.O. Box 15121 Riverside, RI 02915, or they can be emailed to history@pomhamrockslighthouse.org
Thank you!



The Steamship *Newport* passes
Sabin Point Lighthouse

WORKS IN PROGRESS

Over the course of several more trips to the island in Joe Estrella's boat, Joe and Dennis Tardiff have further taken advantage of having electricity by installing additional lighting in the cellar. The cellar has become our newly set up workshop. Additionally, plans are in place and work is progressing to once again provide water to the faucets in the lighthouse with the use of a new poly 165 gallon water tank and on demand electric water pump. We will be replacing the old water piping because of the uncertainty of the condition of the existing 52 year old piping. The water service will be limited though. The new 165 gallon tank will be filled by several 5 gallon jugs of water at a time brought out to the island with each work party over the course of the spring, summer and fall. The water piping will be drained and the water tank winterized for the winter of 2017 – 2018.

Work is also progressing to replace the existing nonfunctioning yard light. A new LED fixture has been procured and will be mounted on the 20' tall steel pole attached to the oil house. The light will be photocell controlled and since it has such a low wattage draw, it will be powered by the existing solar panel system, not the new electric service. You can expect to see the new yard light working soon.



Joe and Dennis have installed lights themselves in the cellar



Joe and Dennis have built a work space out of the cellar



Joe purchased a water tank seen in the bottom right corner

2017 WORK PARTIES

Work parties will begin this summer. If you are interested in going out on a work party for the summer of 2017 please contact 401-585-4731 or workparty@pomhamrockslighthouse.org and leave a message to be added to our new work party list. Please be sure to include your name and contact information. Projects this summer include brush removal, repainting the retaining wall, paint bell foundation, and patching walk path cracks. Thank You!



BOATS

Preparations are being made to put the launch back in the water for the 2017 season. The weather finally improved enough on Thursday, March 30th to apply the copper ablative bottom paint and attach the shaft and rudder zinc anodes. *Zinc anodes (a sacrificial metal) is tightly bolted to the propulsion shaft and rudder. The zinc material succumbs to electrolysis before the steel of the shaft and rudder do. Otherwise, the shaft and rudder would be pitted from the electrolysis and need to be replaced periodically.* After the launch is returned to the water in early April, Pomham rocks personnel will replace the two diesel fuel filters and perform basic maintenance as needed. Of course there is some expense to owning a boat. The bottom paint and zinc anodes cost \$145.00. Yearly Rhode Island registration renewals for our two boats and trailer cost \$84.00. Transporting the launch back into the water will be \$184.00. The seasonal slip fee for the launch has gone up to \$1,365 from \$1,200 last year.



EAT FOR A CAUSE

Join us at a fundraiser on May 1st at International House of Pancakes (IHOP), 75 Highland Avenue, East Providence. Everyone is welcome to bring family and friends to IHOP from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Whatever your schedule, you can enjoy lunch, dinner or even a late May breakfast and, at the same time, support efforts to restore the Lighthouse.

Just bring the Pomham Rocks coupon, printed in this newsletter, and present it to your server when you dine at IHOP on May 1. You can order any item from the menu and a portion of all sales from guests presenting coupons will be donated to Friends of Pomham Rocks Lighthouse. Encourage your neighbors, friends and family to use coupons in the April edition of the East Providence Reporter. Coupons are also available on posters displayed at local libraries, supermarkets and businesses, as well as at the counter at Schroder's Deli & Catering on Willett Avenue, Riverside. Coupons can be downloaded from the Friends of Pomham Rocks' website at www.pomhamrockslighthouse.org. Proceeds from the May fundraiser will be used to restore of the interior of the Lighthouse.



2017 MEMBERSHIP DUES

ASSISTANT KEEPER (18 & UNDER):	\$15
INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP:	\$30
HOUSEHOLD MEMBERSHIP:	\$50
LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR:	\$100
LIGHTHOUSE SUPERINTENDENT:	\$250
COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:	\$500

PLEASE MAIL YOUR CHECKS TO:

P.O. Box 15121

RIVERSIDE, RHODE ISLAND 02915

CHECKS CAN BE MADE OUT TO:

FRIENDS OF POMHAM ROCKS LIGHTHOUSE

ANNUAL SHORE CLEAN UP

The Friends of Pomham Rocks Lighthouse, along with members of the Riverside Renaissance Movement and members of United Water will gather on Saturday, April 22nd at 10:00 a.m. to clean up the shoreline at the Crescent Beach area just below Rose Larisa Park in Riverside. Bags and gloves will be provided by the city and the trash will be picked up by the state with no cost for the city the following week.

The Friends have worked with the members of United Water for many years in cleaning up the shoreline from the plant to Exxon's property line and a few members of RRM joined in last year. This year all three groups will participate together along with members of the public who are invited to join with us for this community event.

Limited parking will be available on Beach Rd, with ample parking available in the lots at the Carousel and Larisa Park. Water and snacks will be available as well.

Let's hope the weather will be with us. The tide will be low so, that will be helpful for cleaning the beach. Sunday, April the 23rd at 10:00 will be the rain date.



EVENTS COMMITTEE

The sun is higher in the sky. The days are getting longer. Some days are quite Spring-like, teasing us for the seasons to come, and quickening our urges to go to the lighthouse.

The Events Committee has been hard at work planning for our 2017 trips and other activities. There is plenty to satisfy various interests - some visits to the Lighthouse, our annual shore clean-up, a historical lecture in October about Green Jacket Shoal (the area off Bold Point), Memorial Day Parade, our summer social, the Art Festival at Rose Larisa Park, where we will have a booth to advertise our group, and sell merchandise to help support the Light. A couple of fund-raisers are in the works as well. Not all has been finalized, but put on your calendar the Spring events.

Our next meeting will be held Monday, April 3 at 7:00 p.m. at Mary Chace's. New members always welcome!!

RSVP: 401.437.2846 and for directions.

We will be finalizing the Spring activities, and fleshing out our schedule for the rest of the year.

2017 EVENTS

April 22: Shore Clean- Up

@ Crescent Park Beach

9:00am - 11:00am

May 1: Ihop Fundraiser

75 Highland Ave East Providence, RI

11:00am - 8:00 pm

May 6: Touch a Truck

@ Chamber of Commerce

9:30am - 2:00pm

May 29: Memorial Day Parade

*** All members are welcome to walk along the red boat.**

Meeting time is 9am @ Crescent Park Carousel Parking lot

Remember to wear Pomham Apparel

August 1: Family Fun Night @Senior Center

5:00pm - 8:00pm

August 12: Loeff Arts Festival

11am - 6pm

Volunteers are needed for 1-2hr shifts at our booth

October 11: David Robinson presentation on Green

Jacket Shoal (off Bold Point)

Details TBA

November 19: Annual Banquet

Details TBA