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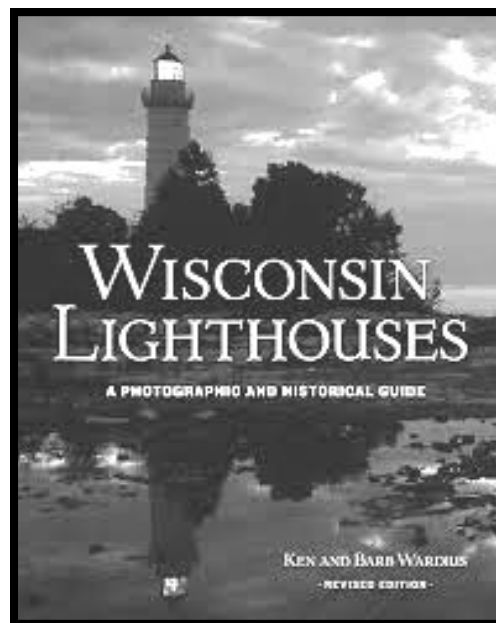
Mary Flierl

The April 23 quarterly meeting of the Port Washington Historical Society will feature Ken and Barb Wardius, authors and photographers of several books on lighthouses and most recently a revised edition of their “Wisconsin Lighthouses.” Their slide presentation highlights many of Wisconsin’s historical beacons. It features many stunning images through a combination of storytelling and music.

The presentation covers 1/3 of the lighthouses in Wisconsin, including Cana Island Light house, Wisconsin Point Light, Sand Island Light, Rockwell Light house, Rawley Point, Wind Point, and of course the Port Washington Light Station.

The new edition will be available for sale with a book signing after the program.

The quarterly meeting will be held at the Wilson House. It will begin with a business meeting at 6:45 pm followed with the program at 7:00 pm. Refreshments will be provided. It is open to the public.



Barb and Ken Wardius at one of the many Wisconsin Lighthouses

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President's Message

Dear Members,

The calendar says it is spring, snow piles are disappearing, and temperatures are warming up. With spring comes extended hours at the Resource Center and more activity on the streets downtown.

Work to re-do the west entrance of the Resource Center is underway, making our "back door" safer, more weather resistant, and definitely more appealing. Work has been going on in the Resource Center through cataloging collections and filling research requests.

The Light Station will open for the season early in June.

Our thanks to everyone who donated more than \$6,000 for the 2013-2014 annual fund drive. Expenses to operate the Resource Center and the Light Station are approximately \$5,000 per month, so we do appreciate any and all donations.

Authors Barb and Ken Wardius will be presenting the program for the April quarterly meeting on April 23. They will be talking about Wisconsin lighthouses, and their latest book will be available for purchase at the meeting. Please note that the meeting date has been moved a week later because of the Easter holiday.

Upcoming activities later this summer and fall will include a special event on June 21 at the Light Station, an open house for members on June 22, and a gala on October 24 that will replace our fall annual dinner.

After nearly two years of planning, construction has begun on the museum, Port Exploreum, in the 1907 Henry and Hill building at 118 N. Franklin Street. The Port Exploreum will bring together the history of the area and the stories of its people interwoven with technology and engaging exhibits. The objective is to create a unique experience that will entice visitors to return again and again. The allotted space will be used creatively with information and exhibits that change over the year.

In conjunction with the PW Historical Society Board of Directors, the Port Exploreum Advisory Board has worked hard over the past 18 months to put together a plan for the museum. Stay tuned as the museum develops over the coming months. A donation form toward the Port Exploreum has been included in the newsletter. Consider how you might be a part of making this vision a reality.

As with any non-profit organization, we depend on the support of our members and friends. There are many ways you can help. Check out the list of volunteers needed and see if there is an area where you can help. As I have said often over these past years, "It is a great time to be a part of the PW Historical Society!"

Jackie Oleson, President
PW Historical Society Board of Directors



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers are needed for the Resource Center and Light Station.

Light Station:

Guides are needed to lead small groups through the Port Washington 1860 lighthouse. Information and training are provided. The lighthouse is open Friday, Saturday and Sunday afternoons June through October. Two to four guides are needed on a given day. Guides are requested to be available two or more days a month. It's a great opportunity to meet visitors to the community.

Resource Center:

Our building is open Monday, Thursday, and Friday 1-4 pm and Saturdays 10-2, spring through fall.

Greeters are needed in the exhibit areas to answer

questions and supervise the first floor areas and gift shoppe. Training is provided. Volunteers can perform archive work when there are no guests in the building.

Cleaning the building once a week is needed: vacuuming carpet and wood floors, dusting exhibit areas, cleaning the bathroom, and occasional window cleaning. You can choose a task.

Archive workers are needed to photocopy articles and photos, file photocopied items, catalogue information on collections, and file research requests.

Volunteers are needed to maintain databases of items in filing cabinets, shelves, and collections.

Special event planners are need to help create, organize, and stage a summer and fall event.

Volunteers comfortable with operating video cameras are needed to help record oral history interviews.

KISS OF INDULGENCE

Pat Moren

March 4 marked the second year we opened the Resource Center for the Kiss of Indulgence event. It is a great "ladies night out" for Port Washington and we are glad we could be a part of the festivities.

We were happy to greet 408 ladies with a piece of candy, information about volunteering for the Society, and a chance to win a wine basket. The winner of the basket was Rachel Seik of Saukville. Congratulations to her!

Many thanks to those who helped make the evening a



Raffle winner Rachel Seik with her children Naomi and Gabe Seik-Vidmar



Kate Brown and Holly Wilke at the welcome table

success:

Holly Wilke, Kate Brown, Michele Weiland, Marlene Reichart, Ann Flierl, Mary Flierl, Sue Bruner, and Pat Moren.

A special thanks to Kathie Gordon for helping organize and for decorations.

MUSEUM ADVISORY BOARD REPORT

Port Exploreum History to Celebrate – Our Future to Embrace

What's the Port Exploreum all about? That's a good question. Will it be a history museum... maritime museum... a children's museum? Will it be special?

While the answer to these questions is yes, yes, yes and yes, there is a more fundamental and compelling answer. First imagine connecting the past to the future through wonderful storytelling. These are the stories of our community; it's generations of families, the achievers, entrepreneurs, athletes, warriors, farmers, fishermen, seafarers – all who left their mark on our area's history are about to get a home in downtown Port Washington.



Upon entering, visitors will find themselves in a stunning two-story atrium.

Imagine a mysterious space with a surprise around every corner.

Imagine visionary exhibits, which are as much about the future as about the past.

Imagine a transformational experience where young children suddenly find themselves aboard an 1880 three-mast schooner sailing out of Port Washington.

In the Port Exploreum history will come alive in interactive displays, traveling exhibits, dramatic graphic presentations, and a children's maritime experience featuring cutting edge technology – all in a three-story building with a ship-like deck overlooking Lake Michigan.

Construction is moving along rapidly – on time and well within budget. The interior has been gutted, the roof work completed, windows installed, framing and rough electrical in place, and the lower level water-proofed.

Capital Campaign Launched

The Society has announced the launch of a capital campaign with an overall goal of **\$1,300,000** to complete the Port Exploreum. Yes, this is perhaps the biggest fundraising campaign ever seen in Port Washington. Already over **\$400,000** has been donated or pledged leaving just **\$900,000** to raised.

The \$400,000 recently raised includes \$200,000 from the Society and Advisory Board members, an anonymous gift of \$100,000 for the elevator, and generous gifts from the Ralph Huiras Foundation, WE Energies Foundation, and Duluth Trading.

A recent editorial in the *Ozaukee Press* stated, “While the museum is audacious in its challenges and conception, it is in keeping with the Historical Society's ability to overachieve in preserving and celebrating that which is most meaningful in the community's past.”

The remaining \$900,000 to be raised includes:

- A 25% contingency/delay fund for unforeseen construction costs above the contractor's original bid. To date we have used little of these contingency dollars. Cross your fingers that his continues and we are able to deliver the Port Exploreum on time and within budget.
- Operating funds for the first 12 months after opening.
- Professional staffing.
- Cutting-edge technology and diverse media that will allow us to explore the stories of this community.
- Educational programming that not only coordinates with school curriculum, but also enlightens and entertains adults.
- Stunning public space available for special events and occasions.

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NEWS FROM THE LIGHT STATION

Kathie Gordon

- **New season begins Friday, June 6, 2014**

We've changed our season opening and closing of the LS, which we hope will accommodate more tourists. Henceforth, we will open the first Friday in June and keep the LS open through the end of October. Hours of operation remain the same: Fridays – Noon to 4 pm, Saturdays – 11 am to 4 pm, and Sundays – Noon to 4 pm.

- **SOS from the LS**

As most of our readers no doubt are aware, there is a very enthusiastic group that has united to "Save the Lighthouse" also known as "Save the Harbor" or "Save the Breakwater." Most folks refer to the Art Deco 1935 light at the end of the breakwater as the "lighthouse." However, its real designated title is pier head light or navigational light. NOT lighthouse. We are trying to clear up any confusion readers might have about what is being saved. Rest assured that the 1860 Light Station (or light house, if you will), is NOT in any danger or in any need of saving! What this group is referring to is the breakwater in the harbor and the 1935 Art Deco pier head light at the end of that structure.

- **Greeters and Tour Guides Needed**

The need continues to find more volunteers to fill these positions at the LS. The more greeters and guides we sign on, the fewer hours each of our volunteers will have to fill in each month. We are happy to split shifts so no one needs to work a full 4- or 5-hour shift, if necessary. We are happy to accommodate volunteers who do not want to give tours to the tower/lantern room—some of our guides simply give tours of the first floor and then another guide takes over for the tower tour. Please contact the Historical Society office at 262-268-9150 or Kathie Gordon at 262-268-9734 for more information about volunteering. We'd love to welcome you to the team!

WHERE THERE IS A WILL, THERE IS A WAY

Would you like to know a way to make a very significant difference in the future of the Port Washington Historical Society? A powerful way is to make a bequest to the Port Washington Historical Society in your will.

The Port Washington Historical Society is a thriving organization that is dedicated to preserving the historical significance of the community and the stories of its people. You can help assure a strong future for the Society by remembering it in your will.

You can bequeath to the Port Washington Historical Society a specific amount, a percentage of your estate, or all or part of what remains after other bequests are

distributed.

Your attorney or other qualified estate planner can help ensure that your promise to the Port Washington Historical Society is fulfilled by appropriate instructions in your will.

If you already have a will, it can be updated with a simple amendment called a codicil.

A bequest of any amount is important to the Society's future. Indeed, where there is a will, there is a very significant way to remember the Port Washington Historical Society.

For further information, please call Board President Jackie Oleson at 262-268-9150.

Extended Hours at Resource Center

Hours for the Resource Center are extended through the spring, summer and fall months:

Monday, Thursday, Friday: 1:00-4:00

Saturday: 10:00-2:00

For an appointment at another time, call the office at 262-268-9150.

Volunteers are needed to be in the building at these times.

If interested, contact Jackie 262-268-9150.

DONATIONS & MEMORIALS

PORT EXPLOREUM CAPITAL FUND DRIVE (DONATIONS AND PLEDGES) GOAL – \$2.3 MILLION

\$1,000,000 AND UP
Anonymous I

\$500,000 TO \$999,999

\$250,000 TO \$499,999

\$100,000 TO \$249,999
Anonymous II (elevator)
Lynde B. Uihlein

\$50,000 TO \$99,999
Ralph Huiras Foundation

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Bill and Pat Moren
Bill and Jean Schanen
WE Energies Foundation
(Opening Exhibit)

\$10,000 TO \$19,999
Duluth Trading Company
(Bosun's Chair)
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Eric and Jackie Oleson
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Wayne and Ann Chrusciel
Marc and Grace Eernisse
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IN KIND
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David Brown
Mary Flierl
Kathie Gordon
Bill and Pat Moren
Jackie Oleson
Richard D. Smith

SPECIAL EVENTS
Marc and Grace Eernisse

MEMORIALS

In Memory of Georgia Eernisse
Deb Neulreich
In Memory of Earl Schlenvogt
Deb Neulreich

**CEILING TILE FUND (CAPITAL
FUND DRIVE for 205 N. Franklin -
\$250.00)**
Eleanor Prom
PROM – EL Tax and Accounting
Service

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KEEPER UNIFORM**
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CLIPPINGS**
Antonia Krick and P. Gus Wiening
Mary Krier
Susan Scholl

*This list does not reflect some items
received but not yet processed.*

MEMBERSHIP

The Society welcomes the following new members...

ANNUAL

Regina Bares
Barbara Bichler
Jay Blumenberg
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Sue Didier
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Di Lutz
Joe & Pat Millonzi

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Ronald Schowalter

BYLAWS CHANGES

Jackie Oleson

The last changes to the bylaws were made in 2010 and a major review of the bylaws had not been done since 2004. Good practice for a board of directors dictates that they review the organization's bylaws every few years. This review was much overdue.

The committee of Kathie Schaefer, Jim Vollmar, Ann Flierl, Karen Weber, and Sue Bruner worked for months to come up with a comprehensive revision that brings our bylaws up to date and in accordance with current language.

The revised bylaws were mailed to the membership early in March and will be voted on by the membership at the quarterly meeting on April 23.

A list of the changes and copies of the 2010 bylaws will be available at the meeting or by contacting the office at 262-268-9150. An electronic copy of the 2010 bylaws and list of changes can be acquired prior to the meeting by emailing the office at portwashhist-soc@att.net or calling 262-268-9150.

Our thanks to the committee for their work on the revision.

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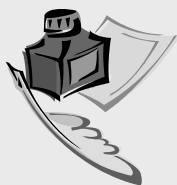
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To be successful in our drive to raise the remaining \$900,000 to complete the Port Exploreum, we will require additional sizeable gifts, including those from corporations and foundations. But the Society needs help from you and the families of this community who want to play a role in bringing this bold initiative to reality.

Please contact Melissa Suddendorf, Capital Campaign Chair, Jackie Ole-son, or myself, Bill Moren, with any questions or thoughts regarding this Capital Campaign. This is our story. We all belong here.

Some of you have inquired about sponsorships and naming rights in the Port Exploreum. Here are some exciting opportunities:



Gift Amount	Naming Opportunity	Pledge payment period	Exploreum Preview Party tickets	Behind the Scenes Tours	Complimentary Admissions	Discounted Memberships (15%)
\$50,000	- Admission area - Lake Michigan table - Outdoor Deck on 2nd Story - Free days (6 over three years, including 2 during the opening Verne Biever exhibit)	Up to 3 years	10	2 private tours	30	25
\$30,000	- Interactive touch screen HD TVs with content - Compass Rose Garden Design (exterior) - Verne Biever/ Green Bay Packers opening exhibit (sponsored)	Up to 3 years	8	1 private tour	25	20
\$25,000	3 Science of Sail boating Exhibit	Up to 3 years	6	1 private tour	20	15
\$15,000	Atrium sculpture chandelier	Up to 3 years	6	6 tour "tickets"	10	8
10,000	- High definition TV with content - Periscope	Up to 3 years	4	4 tour "tickets"	8	6
5,000	Diver's helmet	Up to 2 years	4	2 tour "tickets"	6	4
1,000	Large Concrete flower paver in courtyard	Up to 2 years	4		4	2
\$500	Small Concrete flower paver in courtyard	Up to 2 years	2		4	



Thanks for your interest, love of this community and its history, and your generous support of the Port Washington Historical society.

Bill Moren
Port Exploreum Advisory Board Chair

PORT WASHINGTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY - 2014 MEMBERSHIP FORM

REGULAR ANNUAL MEMBERSHIPS

Individual \$20

Household \$30

Student \$10

- Voting privileges at PWHS membership meetings
- Quarterly *Historical Perspectives* newsletters
- Free admission to Research Center at the Luxemburg American Cultural Center in Belgium
- Use of Resource Center at 205 N. Franklin St., PW
- Free admission to 1860 Light Station Museum
- 10% discount on PWHS gifts, excluding publications

Business \$50

- Advertising in quarterly *Historical Perspectives* newsletters
- Designated person voting privileges at PWHS membership meetings
- (All benefits of Regular Membership for designated person)

Note: Business memberships run from April 1st to March 31st

ENHANCED ANNUAL MEMBERSHIPS

Member Plus

- Individual \$50 or Family of two \$100
- All benefits of Regular Membership
- Complimentary invitation event

Premium Membership

- Household \$200
- All benefits of Regular Membership
- Complimentary admission to Annual Dinner

Supporting Membership

- Household \$500
- All benefits of Regular, Member Plus and Premium Member
- Special Recognition in newsletter
- Private tour of Light Station for 8 guests

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PWHS MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION

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- ☐ Member Plus (\$50/\$100)
- ☐ Premium Member Household (\$200)
- ☐ Supporting Member Household (\$500)

Gift Membership:

- ☐ Regular (\$20/\$30/\$10)
- ☐ Business (\$50)
- ☐ Member Plus (\$50/\$100)
- ☐ Premium Member Household (\$200)
- ☐ Supporting Member Household (\$500)

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Annual memberships expire December 31, 2014

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LOVE AT THE LIGHT STATION

Mary Flierl

In January a request came for someone from Arlington, Virginia, who wanted to tour the Light Station on February 14. Rick Smith responded that the Light Station is closed during the winter months and will be open for tours in May.

Tony San Martini, however, was persistent and said that he would like to meet with another light house advocate for a special meeting that day. Rick, the gracious Director that he is, agreed to open the Station for a quick tour.

San Martin and Adele Gagliardi arrived on February 14 for the abbreviated tour which included a trip to the tower. It is there that Tony proposed marriage to Adele. Thus the special meeting made for a memorable and romantic engagement at the Port Washington Light Station on Valentine's Day. Needless to say, the tower and Station were decorated appropriately for that festive day.

The happy couple became members of the society and also made a donation to the Light Station with a promise to come back for a regular tour during the summer season.

PROGRESS ON THE PORT EXPLOREUM





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Upcoming Events

QUARTERLY MEETING (DATE CHANGE!)

Wednesday, April 23

7:00 p.m.

The Wilson House Community Room

Light Station Open for the Season

Friday, June 6

City Wide Rummage Sale

Saturday, June 7

Light Station Summer Event

Saturday, June 21 (details to follow)

Membership Open House

Sunday, June 22

Historic 1860 Light Station

Quarterly Meeting

Wednesday, July 16

Annual Fall Gala Event

Friday, October 24, 5:00-9:00 pm

Ozaukee County Courthouse Board Room

Port Exploreum Opening

Fall 2014

**For more events,
visit our Facebook page at:**

*[www.facebook.com/
PortWashingtonHistoricalSociety](http://www.facebook.com/PortWashingtonHistoricalSociety)*