



Newsletter

NOTTAWASAGA LIGHTHOUSE PRESERVATION SOCIETY

FUNDRAISING CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

Dear Members,
Our website nlps.info, and Our Official Facebook Page, facebook.com/nottylighthouse will keep you up to date on the progress we are making to save our lighthouse and how you can assist us throughout the process.

IT'S A WRAP! Our first effort at wrapping the Light was destroyed before completion by sustained gale-force winds. We took a day to catch our breath, regrouped, rethought and came up with a new plan. Giving up was not an option! Thanks to those who sent encouraging messages and donations. Our team, Robert Square, Stephen Emo, Doug Hackbart and Erle Heintzman were remarkable in their dedication to the cause and determination to complete the task.

They worked in very nasty conditions. The job was completed and the Tower is covered and protected. Thanks to our team and Howie, Sanjay, Home Hardware Collingwood and Bill Brown Lumber. We now have time to raise the funds needed to begin the restoration. Negotiations to transfer ownership of the Light should begin early in 2017.

Save the Light Campaign - The NLPS mailed information to most houses in Collingwood this fall, soliciting funds for the restoration of our very neglected Lighthouse. We thank the many people who took the time to fill out the forms and send in a cheque. We also thank those who donated through our website using Pay Pal, credit cards, and e-transfers. Every dollar puts us that much closer to our goal of restoring our historic structure. If you would like to donate, please go to our website.

Special mention and thanks go out to the W. Garfield Weston Foundation who selected us as one of six recipients to receive funding in 2016.

The Gaslight Tour 2016 featured four plays about the Lighthouse and individuals involved with our Light over the decades. The sold-out performances raised community awareness of the NLPS. We thank Monica Wilson and her team for allowing us to set up a booth at the event to dispense information and sell our wares.

Lighthouse Themed Art Show was held by Rick & Anke Lex at the Simcoe Street Gallery from which we received a portion of all sales. They also hosted a **Lecture** at which we presented our story and answered questions from the audience. Thanks to Creemore Springs, Four Wheel Farm and Dags and Willow for providing the refreshments. We participated in the **Christmas Market & Santa Claus**

Robert Square, our Government Liaison, has developed an excellent working relationship with the Department of Fisheries and Oceans, the present owners. They are quite impressed with the community support for the restoration as demonstrated by funds already raised. They are also impressed with the accomplishments of the Board to date

Gary Norman

- Coming Up** - The fundraising committee had a brainstorming session last month and lots of ideas were put on the table. If there is an event that is of interest to you or if you would like to host a third-party event separate from but of benefit to the NLPS, please get in touch.
- Dance and Silent Auction at the Georgian Bay Hotel
 - Garage Sale
 - Paddle Boat Races – Henry Haiduk is heading this up, assisted by Derek Crespy
 - Farmers' Market
 - Ski Day 2018 – we are exploring this opportunity and have a meeting scheduled with interested parties.
 - Community Barbecue

Parade.

A Fine Wine Raffle was sponsored by Derek Crespy from Re-Max. We were everywhere selling raffle tickets. Thanks to the LCBO, Loblaw and Canadian Tire for allowing us to set up in their foyers. Our lucky winners were Rob and Marg Mooy of Collingwood.

Merchandise Sales - We thought our sales had stopped after the Farmers Markets ended but we were wrong...orders continued. We thank Brenda Stockman for her lovely silver jewellery and key chains. Also thanks to Norma Gee for her hand-crafted necklaces and paper weights. We also thank Judy Kosoglu from Loose Goose who worked with us to come up with more great apparel. We're still selling our popular T-Shirts but have also added T-Shirt weight hoodies as well as ¼ zip Fleece Tops. The T-Shirts are \$25.00, the hoodies are \$35.00 and the Fleece Tops are \$40.00. We had many orders for shirts for Christmas and hopefully, got them all delivered and/or mailed. If you were missed, or would like to order, please go to our website,

Volunteers - We are all volunteers: the Board, the committees, the advisers. We would not be where we are today without the dedication and commitment of so many people who sign up, show up, and work so very hard. We are all doing our best as we fit Lighthouse work into our everyday commitments. Please, if we have missed calling you or you would like to get involved in some way, please get in touch. We are very thankful for every hour spent selling tickets, manning a booth, flipping burgers, taking pictures, sharing stories, attending meetings, even talking about the Lighthouse with family and friends.

OUR VOLUNTEERS ARE THE BEST!!

**HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU FROM YOUR
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Rick Crouch - Chairman

Stephen Emo - Vice Chairman

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Nancy Leno - Treasurer

Gary Norman - Fundraising

Robert Square - Government Relations

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