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# Newsletter

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NOTTAWASAGA LIGHTHOUSE PRESERVATION SOCIETY

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Lighthouses and their keepers seem to capture the imagination of many people. There's something romantic about them that provides an irresistible pull on the imagination of anyone with any kind of interest in ships or the sea."

**Russell Floren and Andrea Gutsche** , authors of "Ghosts of Georgian Bay"

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## **MEET THE BOARD**

**ROBERT SQUARE** - Vice-Chair, Government Liaison

With an affinity for the water, Robert's passion for lighthouses has grown since his first visit to the Cove Island Lightstation in the late 1980's. When the last lightkeeper departed in November 1991, leaving the lightstation to the ravages of nature, he was saddened by the deterioration that was occurring. Robert then



formed the Cove Island Lightstation Heritage to "*Preserve the Legacy and the Lore for Future Generations*" of Canadians.

Robert has become an advocate for the preservation and protection of Canada's lighthouses. He has travelled across the country as a member of the committee that developed and campaigned for the passage of the Heritage Lighthouse Protection Act, making presentations to heritage groups, a committee of the House of Commons and the Senate on the urgency of protecting Canada's lighthouses. On the passage of the Act, Robert was one of the advisors to the Historic Sites and Monument Board on the implementation of the Act and development of heritage criteria.

In 2015 he was a founding member and Chair of the *Nottawasaga Lighthouse Preservation Society (NLPS)* and was responsible for obtaining Incorporation & charitable status. He currently leads the negotiating team for the transfer of the Nottawasaga lighthouse from the Government of Canada to the NLPS.

Robert is an irreplaceable force on our team. We all rely on his knowledge, experience and negotiating skills.

Thanks for being our rock, Robert.

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## **BOARD NEWS**

Negotiations continue on many fronts as we work toward ownership. We work through challenges, always positive that we will eventually reach our goal. A meeting with several parties is being scheduled for next month.

We are thankful to the eleven people who supported our efforts on Giving Tuesday. One couple asked their friends to donate in celebration of their

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anniversary.

Thanks to those folks who purchased Lighthouse items through our website to give as Christmas gifts. It was fun making deliveries and meeting our supporters.

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### **VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT**

**Roma Assaff** is one our longest serving volunteers. She has lived in Collingwood for forty-four years, raised two accomplished sons and established her own business She enjoys hiking, skating and cooking. Roma is a very talented photographer whose work can be enjoyed on her Facebook Page, [Romagraphy](#). Saving and preserving our community's historic landmarks for future generations are important to Roma and so she joined the NLPS team to work with like-minded folks and help raise funds and awareness. Roma holds the distinction of selling our first Block in our Buy-A-Block program. Thanks for all you do Roma.



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### **FUN FACT**

The word Nottawasaga is an Algonquin word. Nottawa means Iroquois and Saga means "mouth of the river". When the Algonquin Scouts who were posted at look-outs along the river observed Iroquois raiding parties approaching, they would pass along the word Nottawasaga meaning "Iroquois at the mouth of the river".

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### **QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS**

**QUESTION** - Why are memberships to the Nottawasaga Lighthouse Preservation Society free? Aren't you missing out on needed funds?

**ANSWER** - written by Nancy Leno and Gary Norman

When the NLPS was first incorporated in 2015, the membership fee was set at \$25. The purpose of this was to generate a cash flow to help pay for the initial expenses that were incurred in setting up the organization. As time went on, however, it became difficult to maintain the base as people often failed to renew their affiliation and so the membership dropped from 200 to 125. An interested supporter suggested we offer free memberships. It had worked for a group he belonged to. He said that this would attract more people to our cause. It would also show any level of Government from whom we might be seeking assistance, our level of community support. He pointed out; it is better to have one or two thousand free members than 125 paid. He was right! Our

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membership has increased to over 1000 and is still growing. We have an ever-increasing base of supporters who receive our newsletter, learn about our events, and step up to volunteer. Our treasurer enthusiastically supports free memberships because it eliminates reminding members to renew. Also, donations are up and come from a broader geographic area. The increase in donations has certainly made up for the elimination of the membership fee. We urge all our members to encourage family, friends and neighbours to sign up! It's free! When ownership is achieved and restoration complete, our members can say "I helped save our Lighthouse."

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### **COMMUNITY THANKS**

We thank **Judy Kusoglu** who designed the crest for our original t-shirts and



fleece tops. When that part of her business closed, she gave us the copyright to her design and a bagful of polo shirts. We wish her much success as she and John devote their time to their business [Collingwood Web](#)

[Design](#).

Photographer [Doug Burlock](#) regularly sends us stunning photos of our Imperial Tower to share with our Facebook Friends & on our website. He also raised funds for the NLPS by taking photos of pets. For your continued support, Doug, we are grateful.

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### **EVENTS**

April - **Yard Sale** - We'll be looking for good, gently used items.

May 9 - **Collingwood Chamber of Commerce Spring Market**

August 8 & 9 - **SideLaunch Days**

August 9 - **Paddlethon 2020**

August 23 - **Community Barbecue**

### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Stephen Emo - **Chairman**

Robert Square - **Vice Chairman/Government Liaison**

Pat Anstett - **Secretary**

Nancy Leno - **Treasurer**

Gary Norman - **Community Liaison**

Lucas Kokot - **Director**

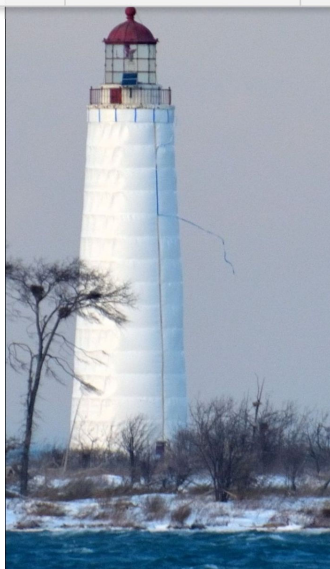
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