



Newsletter

NOTTAWASAGA LIGHTHOUSE PRESERVATION SOCIETY

“The Imperial Tower on Nottawasaga Island has stood faithfully as a regal guardian to the entrance of Collingwood Harbour since 1858. Although its role as a navigational aid has diminished in recent years, the architectural and historical significance of the structure remains. The “gem” in our midst is worthy of preservation. It is our hope that public awareness will make preservation and protection of Nottawasaga Lighthouse a reality in the near future.”

Marion Sandell author “Keepers of the Light” (1993)

BOARD NEWS

We thank the **Wasaga Beach Library** for hosting Robert Square’s virtual presentation "Our Lady of the Lake".

Approximately 26 people ZOOMed in to learn about the early Lighthouses of Ontario, the work of the NLPS and the odd ghost story. At the end of the evening Robert involved the audience and answered many questions. In the audience were descendants of a couple of the Nottawasaga Lighthouse Lightkeepers. It was an enjoyable, informative evening. Good job Robert!

The Board will be meeting via ZOOM in the near future to discuss business and plan the AGM. More information will follow.

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

Howie Outerbridge is one of those individuals whose skills, enthusiasm and positive outlook are very important to the NLPS.

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1990 and continued coaching. He now owns commercial buildings, does renovations, restores boats and antiques and continues to work at ski and snowboard events. Howie enjoys boating in the summer, skiing in the winter and loves to travel. He and his son, 2 year old Owen, became fascinated with the Lighthouse in 2007 when they bought a boat to explore local shorelines and first visited

Nottawasaga Island. Over the years, they have enjoyed visiting and walking the island together.

In 2016, Howie became part of the team put together to wrap the Light. He took people back and forth to the island and helped with the work when needed. He now regularly participates in fall and spring visits and supports any repair work. Howie and Owen took part in the lighting of our Light to celebrate the 160th anniversary. After serious storms, Howie will boat over to the island to check on the Lighthouse. Thank you Howie, for all you do. You are an important part of our team!

FUN FACT

Pharology is the study of lighthouses. Those who study or are enthused by lighthouses are known as pharologists. One famous amateur pharologist is Princess Anne. The Board and committee members of the NLPS, also amateur pharologists are in good company.

COMMUNITY THANKS

Wasn't That A Party!!

Thank you to everyone who contributed in any way to our recent **“BOTTLEMANIA”**.

Eleanor Burke has been collecting empties at Lighthouse Point for three years and raised about \$13,600.00, recently decided it was time to retire. We decided to celebrate Eleanor’s efforts and wind up her project with a bang. We got the word out, picked up empties from all over the area, cashed them in and counted the take. We brought in almost \$3,400.00 bringing Eleanor’s total for her project to just over **\$17,000.00!**



We appreciate all those folks who donated their cans and bottles. Special thanks to Debbie Redman for her truck, Van Dolder's Custom Exteriors who provided a trailer, mycollingwood.ca for their continued support and all the residents of Lighthouse Point who have been so supportive of Eleanor's project. Bouquets of happy spring flowers to our most amazing volunteers with whom anything is possible... Eleanor Burke, Terrilynn and Joe Chreptak, Steve Hird, Pat Anstett and Steve Woodhouse, Jan Wrigley, Nancy Leno, Dave Saunders, Gary and Tina Norman, Stephen Emo, Robert Square.

QUESTION

The NLPS needs to raise a lot of money for the restoration. Why are you using a Mason jar to collect a few cents when you need a whole lot of dollars??



ANSWER

When the restoration of our Light is complete, every person who has donated in some way, big or small will be able to say, "I helped."

Yes indeed, we have put out a Mason jar at all our events and for that we make no apology. At the Farmers' Market, we have had kids drop in coins. Many people tossed in some money just to show support for our cause. One fellow lost a pound or two by emptying the change in his pocket into our jar on a regular basis. NLPS member, Ann came to our booth every week and always put a five dollar bill into the jar and then would purchase raffle tickets or a t-shirt. We were so happy when she came to our last community barbecue and surprised us by purchasing a Block. We once collected a record \$1900.00 in our Mason jar at an event. With all our planned fundraisers either cancelled or postponed this summer, our Mason jar sits empty, gathering dust on a shelf.

We miss the dollars we always count on. It's tough going for charities these days due to Covid-19.

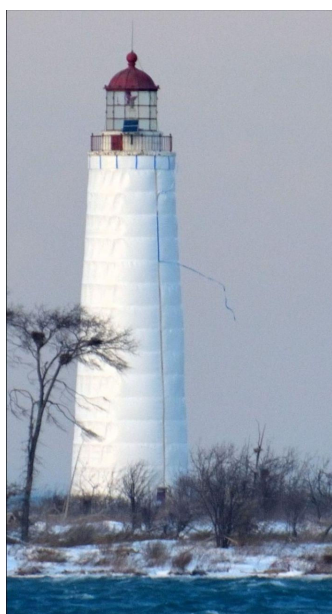
or get in touch with any Board member.

We also have great merchandise available on our website for purchase to support our cause.

See our **Selection of Apparel** here: <https://www.nlps.info/product-category/nlps-apparel/>

See our **Selection of Merchandise** here: <https://www.nlps.info/product-category/nlps-merchandise/>

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