

Lighthouse Flash Winter 2019



2020 Upcoming Events

January 12

Lighthouse Walking Tour.
Outdoor hike and indoor tour
of the Lighthouse with
Emily Pritchard.

Registration is Required.

833-7424

12:00p.m. – 2:00p.m.

April 21 & 22

Volunteer registration
And Information evening
at TREC 6:00p.m.

May 16

Please join us for our annual
spring clean-up 9:00a.m.- noon.

May 21 – Opening Day

From the Lighthouse

by Michael J. Sullivan, Executive Director

With visitors from over 37 foreign countries and all 50 states it was another busy season here at the Light house.

We had 16,466 guests climb to the top of the tower, 2,502 tour the house alone with thousands more touring the grounds and visiting the gift shop. Visitors left with a new appreciation for the Lighthouse and its maritime history.

Numerous projects were completed this past year. The largest and most notable of these were the demolition of the lake room, having all the brick and stone on the Keepers Quarters power washed and re-pointed along with the 3 chimneys cleaned, pointed, and capped. This allowed for the construction of the handicapped ramp and the back porch. All completed in a historically correct manner.



PAST LIGHTHOUSE KEEPERS HONORED

In observance of National Lighthouse Day on August 7, 2019, the Presque Isle Light Station Corporation held a memorial service honoring Charles Torrey Waldo, the keeper at the Presque Isle Lighthouse and Benjamin Franklin Henry, the keeper at the North Pier Light. Both structures are located on Presque Isle State Park.

Charles Waldo served as the *first keeper* at the Presque Isle Lighthouse from 1873 to 1880 while Frank Henry kept the light shining at the Pier Light from 1869 to 1884.

A bronze Lifesaving Service marker was placed at each grave site by members from the US Coast Guard, 9th District Buffalo Station.

Chief Palmer and Coast Guard Nick Roberts along with Jackie Tammaro, coordinator for the event, are pictured at Waldo's grave site.

The Coast Guard continues to monitor the two lights today because both still serve as working aids to navigation for travelers on Lake Erie.

Family members who attended the services for Frank Henry included three generations as seen in the picture taken at Henry's grave site.



Our membership appeal is underway. If you haven't renewed your membership or considered a donation for 2019-2020 there is still plenty of time. Your continued support is greatly appreciated and necessary for the continued success of the Lighthouse.

Please consider passing along to your friends and family your experience as a volunteer at the Lighthouse. As the 2020 season nears, we are again looking for dedicated volunteers. Any individuals interested should contact Mary Ambrose at 403-4557 or call the Lighthouse at 833-3604.

Plan your summer event at PI Lighthouse. Call Michael Sullivan @ 833-3604 for additional information.

**There is no "I" in a team, but we sure
are glad there is "U" in our volunteers.**

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