Crisp Point Light
Historical Society

"I Like My Beacon Crisp"

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Stan Klein 1950—2013

We are saddened to report that Stan Klein, a great friend of Crisp Point, passed away on October 6. Over the past few years, Stan was involved in just about everything happening at the light. Whenever help was needed, he and his wife, Mary, were always there, along with their little dog, Ellie May. Stan helped build the visitor center and the newer sections of board-walk. He also installed the new light in the tower and the buoys we received from the Coast Guard. He sprayed for bugs in the buildings to keep them out during the winters. He also built deflectors to keep snow from leaking inside the visitor center during the thaw. He spent endless amounts of time clearing sand off the boardwalk every spring. Stan and Mary acted as volunteer keepers numerous times and also came to the rescue by filling in when others had to cancel. Stan became even more involved with Crisp Point when he joined the CPLHS Board of Directors in 2011.

Our deepest sympathies to Mary and the rest of Stan's family. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

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Welcome!

Thank you to all our members who continue to support Crisp Point by renewing their memberships. Welcome to all our new members listed here:

Matt & Erin Badtke—Marshall, MI

Sally & Ian Bund—Ann Arbor, MI

Sally & Arvon Byle—Mancelona, MI

David Dake—Newberry, MI

Joshua Fenner—Manton, MI

Richard & Sharon French—Haslett, MI

Cheryl Guinan—Farmington Hills, MI

Richard Hoeg—Duluth, MN

Heather Johnson—Burton, MI

John & Mary Klever—Bowling Green, OH

Gerald R. Klinefelter—Kewadin, MI

Sharon Lesperance—Trenton, MI

William Loomis—Williamsburg, MI

Andy McMillion—Crandon, WI

Richard & Cindy Miller—Ravenna, MI

Nikki & Tim Nass—Grand Haven, MI

Daniel Schafer—Allen, TX

Carol Thompson—Edina, MN

Marie Tolonen—Livonia, MI

David Weissman—Columbus, OH

Membership Matters

You will receive a reminder on your paper newsletter when your membership is about to expire. If you receive the electronic newsletter, you'll get an email message. Memberships that have already expired will receive another reminder before being dropped from the list. If you have any questions about your membership or expiration date, please contact Margaret by email: crisppoint1904@gmail.com or phone (734) 421-7512.

Help Wanted

CPLHS is looking for a member who is willing to take over the writing of this newsletter three to four times a year. You must have access to email. Experience with Microsoft Publisher is helpful, but not essential. If you are interested, or have questions, please contact Margaret at crisppoint1904@gmail.com or call 734-421-7512.

Thank You!

Thank you Ben Musielak, Joe & Nancy Cornwell for the many times they were able to fill in as keepers due to cancellations this year.

Thank you all CPLHS members who participated in the volunteer keeper program in 2013.

Thank you Chris, Jer and Kalei for helping with the year end closing of the visitor center and putting up the snow fence.

Thank you Elaine & Larry Watson, Dianne Sweeter, Chuck & Inge Spaulding, and Rick Brockway for helping man the CPLHS booth at the 2013 Great Lakes Lighthouse Festival in Alpena.

Thank you Mary Klein for picking up the new brochures in Sault Ste. Marie and taking them to Paradise.

Thank you Kim Matthyssen of Hartland for donating rocks that were used to help with erosion control.

Thank you Mike Warren and Marissa Warren for all their help mailing out paper copies of the newsletter.

Newsletter

Please note that the next issue of this newsletter will be in May, 2014. Look for it in your mail or email!

Lamar J. Authier, a longtime member of CPLHS, passed away in August. Our condolences to his family and friends.

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Replica Raffle

CPLHS will be holding a raffle to give away a replica of Crisp Point Light. This light is suitable for outdoor use and is made to 1:24 scale. It's made of extira, aluminum, copper and plastic and is quite detailed as you can see at right and below. The replica was made by American Lawn Lights and would sell for $859. The little Crisp Point Light is 31 inches tall, 18 inches wide and 8 inches deep. It weighs 14 pounds.

Tickets should be available in January and will sell for $1 each. Check the website (see front page) or the facebook page for more details as the time draws near.

Ink Cartridge Recycling

If you have empty printer ink cartridges, please think of donating them to CPLHS. We can save up to $400 a year by turning them in to be recycled. The money is used to purchase office supplies, along with paper towels, toilet paper and cleaning supplies needed for the visitor center. Mail them to Rick at the address on the front page, or drop them off at the visitor center in warmer weather.

Harbour Lights Replica

This is the last time that the Crisp Point replica made by Harbour Lights will be on the order form. There is only a limited number remaining. If you have been thinking of purchasing this replica showing the light in the fall, please don't wait any longer. Once these are gone, we cannot get any more.

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Fundraiser Update

A huge **thank you** to all those generous donors who have supported our various fundraisers, including those recent donors listed below.

Relight the Light

Bill & Joyce Durliat

Rocks

Billy Madison

Mary Rogacki

Visitor Center

Mary Klein

Maren Silvers

Sheryl Wegmann

Dee Smith

Inge & Chuck Spaulding

Safety Reminders

If you use a GPS to help you find your way to the lighthouse, please do not start it until you are already on County Road 500. This way, you will be assured of following the standard route. There were some recent incidents of vehicles getting stuck because they took alternate routes to the light.

E-Mail Newsletter

CPLHS members can get the quarterly Crisp Point newsletter sent directly to their email. The electronic version is in color and any or all of the pages can be easily printed. You can also have it sent to all the email addresses in your household. 215 members have chosen the electronic newsletter, saving CPLHS approximately $900 each year! Your address will be used only for Crisp Point business and will NEVER be shared. It's very easy to switch to e-mail, just email Margaret at crisppoint1904@gmail.com.

MEMBERSHIP AND DONATION FORM

Name _____ Phone # _____

Address _____ E-Mail _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Membership

_____ New _____ 1 year Single $20.00 _____ 2 year Single $35.00

_____ Renewal _____ 1 year Family $30.00 _____ 2 year Family $50.00

Would you like your quarterly newsletter sent to your Email? (Circle one) Yes No

Annual Conference -Saturday, July 19, 2014 Number of people attending: _____

Attendance is free for all who register before July 12, 2014

Donation I would like to make a donation in the amount of $ _____

A lifetime family membership comes with a donation of $500 (may be tax deductible, consult your tax adviser)

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Mail to: CPLHS, Rick Brockway, 450 W. Marr Rd., Howell, MI 48855

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Volunteer Keeper Program

Thanks to our fantastic volunteers, the 2013 program was a huge success. Sign up for dates in 2014 began October 1, 2013. Sign up is on a first-come first-served basis. To reserve your days, email Rick Brockway at cplhs@sbcglobal.net or call him at 517-230-6294. (Email is preferable) Please keep in mind the following information:

1. One family at a time may act as keepers. Two adults are required, but not more than four.
2. Maximum number of consecutive days that can be scheduled is five.
3. Keepers are required to read the current guidelines and return the last page with their signature and the names of people in their group.
4. Keepers must notify Rick if they are not going to be able to be there for their scheduled dates. If you do not cancel with Rick, you will be disqualified from serving as a keeper in the future.
5. We have high standards. Keepers are expected to keep the tower and visitor center open a minimum number of hours. They are also expected to greet visitors, maintain the grounds, buildings, boardwalk and merchandise displays.
6. Our goal is to have keepers on duty every day during the season. Please do not sign up unless you are sure you can make it. Cancellations disappoint our visitors who are expecting the visitor center and tower to be open.

Please visit the volunteer keeper page on our website for more details about this program: crisppointlighthouse.org/volunteerkeepers.html.

If you'd like to be on a list of backup keepers, please email Rick at cplhs@sbcglobal.net.

Check the online calendar to see available dates. http://www.localendar.com/public/crisppointlighthouse

Closing the light for the winter.

Kalei White taking inventory in the visitor center.

Chris Brockway loading clothing for winter storage.

Jeremiah Hartwell moving rocks that were donated.

Meet The Members

Carl and Marcia Jahn became lifetime members in 2009 and were members for many years before that. They live in Smiths Creek, MI, and have been great supporters of Crisp Point since they first learned of it. They have shared some of their memories with us.

CARL & MARCIA:

How did you hear about Crisp Point Light? In October, 1997, at the Great Lakes Lighthouse Festival in Alpena. A lady asked for a chance to speak about a lonely light that needed help - she spoke during a break between scheduled speakers to tell a story of how violent Lake Superior can get and what happens to sand beaches and structures in 25-30 ft. waves. The lady was Nellie Ross describing the damages to Crisp Point during the November, 1996 storm that wiped the entry building off the tower. She said her husband, Don, was at the Point as she spoke, filling sandbags to place near the base of the tower and hoping winter 1997 would not be as bad. We decided not to trust Lake Superior and made a trip in November "to make sure we get to see this lighthouse before it falls down." At that time, we had only seen about ten lighthouses -- Crisp Point hooked us big time!! And made us realize that we had to get more involved with The Festival to promote its goals of awareness and preservation of lighthouse and maritime history.

Favorite memory of Crisp Point? That is really hard to answer, do we have to pick one favorite???? Our first Conference was in 1999 -- we have been to all but one or two since. The July, 2003 Crisp Point Conference and Great Lakes Light Keepers Conference were one week apart so we vacationed in Paradise for the week and Don Ross gave us the chance to take our trailer to Crisp Point for three days. Spending time with all the people we have met at conference that are now our Crisp Point family. Hauling Coast Guard buoy donations from Detroit to place around the Visitor Center (ask Carl about the buoy that we took all the way to Maine). And how can you beat those sunsets on Lake Superior?

Favorite Improvement: We love it all, it's amazing what has been done in the 17 years since that first visit -- and all of it because so many people care and are willing to give energy, time, materials, and $$$ to keep a special place SPECIAL for every single person.

Crisp Point does have somebody watching over things and guiding new visitors down County Road 500 and 412 to discover what all of the members already know and experience. We got to experience the proof in July, 2003 when Don Ross asked us to open the Tower for a group tour from Newberry. We were camping in Paradise, so we packed up and moved fast, and enjoyed the sunset. That evening, Don came to check to make sure we were ok. While Carl & Don are talking in middle of parking lot, the tower flashed! They went to the tower and checked both directions on the beach -- could not find anything or any reason to explain a flash. Back at the trailer as Don headed to his car, another flash of the tower! They agreed "if you didn't see it, I didn't see it" and Don went home. The next day, a Wednesday, vehicles start coming one by one; then several came together for the group tour (about 30 people, not the 10 Don expected). While they ate their lunches, Carl headed for our trailer and a surprise he would give the group. He put on his Civil War era Lightkeepers Uniform (it travels with us a lot) and gave the tour group a very special treat with all his Crisp Point trivia and lighthouse service history, and pictures galore were taken. The tour group was with us for about 3 hours, but Carl was in uniform at the Tower for about 7 hours because there was a steady line of traffic all day -- we counted about 70 people by guestbook signings, so that means we probably talked to about 125 people on a day that was just another day on the calendar. EXCEPT, that we believe an angel by the name of Nellie was tapping people on the shoulder saying "drive down County Road 500 to Crisp Point, today is the day to go." Oh, and the tower flash on Tuesday night, that was Nellie telling us "I know what you will be doing!"

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Lantern Room

In the process of repairing a leak in the lantern room at Crisp Point, some of the interior panels had to be removed. On the back of some of the panels, the words "Devil's Island" were painted. Devil's Island is one of the Apostle Islands in Lake Superior and is the northernmost point in Wisconsin. A lighthouse has been there since 1891. A fourth order Fresnel lens was placed there on a "temporary" wooden tower from 1891 until 1901. (photo below) After that, a much taller metal tower with a third order lens was built. The wooden tower was dismantled and the lens taken to be used at Crisp Point. Now, after finding the name inside the lantern room walls, we believe that the entire lantern room came to Crisp Point from Devil's Island.

2014 Annual Conference

The 18th Crisp Point Conference will take place on Saturday, July 19, 2014. For those who register by July 12, 2014, attendance is FREE. If you prefer to pay at the door, the cost will be $5 per person or $15 per family. You may register by using the form on page 4, or visit our website to print out the same form. If you have email, save the postage and just send a message with your name, address, phone and number of people attending to Margaret at crisppoint1904@gmail.com.

The conference in 2014 will take place at the Whitefish Township Community Center, 7052 N. M-123 in Paradise. Please note that this is a different location than where it was held in 2013. Your admission includes homebaked goodies for breakfast, plus lunch at the community center and a hotdog dinner out at the light. We hope to see you there!

CPLHS Board Vacancy

Because of the passing of Stan Klein, there is now a vacancy on the CPLHS Board of Directors. Lifetime members will soon receive information in the mail about how to be considered for this position.

Visit our web site:

crisppointlighthouse.org

Candle Wax Needed

We are looking for donations of candles or candle wax. Any wax donated will be melted down and made into Crisp Point candles which are sold at the visitor center, with the profits going to CPLHS. Mail your candles or wax to Rick at the address on the front page, or drop them off in the visitor center when it opens again.

CPLHS MERCHANDISE ORDER FORM NOVEMBER 2013

Name _____ Phone # _____

Address _____ E-Mail _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Item		Size	Color	Quantity	Price Ea.	Total
Crisp Point T-Shirt "I Like My Beacon Crisp" on back, silk-screen lighthouse artwork on front						
Youth S-M	gray-denim blue-gold				$10.50	
S-M-L-XL	gray-denim blue-dk orange-sage-gold				$12.00	
XXL	gray-denim blue-dk orange-sage-gold				$15.50	
XXXL	gray-orange				$17.50	
Crisp Point Sweatshirt Heavy duty 50/50 Lee top quality, embroidered letters plus silkscreened artwork of lighthouse						
S-M-L-XL	navy				$38.00	
XXL	navy				$40.00	
XXXL	navy				$43.00	
Crisp Point Long Sleeve T-Shirt Heavy duty, silk screen of lighthouse, with embroidered lettering						
S-M-L-XL	dark red-gray-dark green				$29.00	
XXL	dark red-gray-dark green				$32.50	
XXXL	brick red-gray				$34.50	
Crisp Point Denim Long Sleeve Shirt Top quality, embroidery at front pocket						
S-M-L-XL	denim				$35.50	
XXL	denim				$37.50	
XXXL	denim				$40.50	
CPLHS Jacket Crisp Point Light Historical Society and lighthouse logo embroidered on front ***SPECIAL ORDER***						
S-M-L-XL-XXL	red-green-black-khaki-royal blue-navy blue				$75.00	
Tall L-XL	red-forest green-black-khaki-royal blue-navy blue				$75.00	
Crisp Point Hoodie Screen print CRISP POINT on front in white						
S-M-L-XL	gray - maroon - navy blue				$27.00	
XXL	gray - maroon - navy blue				$29.00	
XXXL	gray - maroon - navy blue				$31.00	
Crisp Point Embroidered Bucket Hat						
S/M or L/XL	khaki				$12.00	
Crisp Point Denim Cap embroidered, made of stonewashed denim						
one size	blue- green- burgundy				$10.00	
Harbour Lights Miniature - Fall at Crisp Point					$24.95	
	LED Flashlight & Keychain				$3.00	
	Crisp Point Lighthouse Ink Pen (black ink)				$0.94	
	Napkin Holder				$9.00	
	Crisp Point Light Hat Pin				$3.00	
	Coffee Mug 14 oz.				$8.00	
	Black Metal Silhouette 15" x 20"				$25.00	
	Black Metal Silhouette 21" x 28.5"				$35.00	
	2014 Lighthouse Calendar				$9.00	
					MERCHANDISE TOTAL	
					SHIPPING (SEE CHART AT LEFT)	
					SUBTOTAL	
					MI RESIDENTS, ADD 6% SALES TAX (X .06)	
					TOTAL	

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MAIL TO: CPLHS
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Howell, MI 48855

Shipping/Handling to U.S.	
Merchandise	Shipping
0-$5.00	$2.95
$5.01-$25.00	$7.95
$25.01-$50.00	$10.95
$50.01-$75.00	$14.95
$75.01 and up	$17.95

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