

# CRISP POINT LIGHT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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## Michael Warren 1961—2014

We are saddened to report that Mike Warren, Vice President of the Crisp Point Light Historical Society, passed away on March 20, 2014. Ever since Mike, his wife Margaret and daughters Lindsey and Marissa first visited the lighthouse in 1997 they were involved in the restoration of the lighthouse and erosion control.

On many occasions Mike and his family helped plant trees and shrubs and Mike was there helping when the boardwalk was started in 2001.



Many of you will remember Mike as “Chef Mike”. For the past many years Chef Mike handled all the grill activities at the lighthouse during the summer conference. No matter what the weather or bug conditions were, Mike was right there making sure the dogs and burgers were done just right.

Mike and his family became members in 1998 and Lifetime Members in 2000. In 2009 Mike was appointed to the CPLHS Board of Directors and became Vice President in 2010.

Our deepest sympathies to Margaret, Lindsey, Marissa and the rest of Mike’s family. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

# Meet the New Board Member

Shelley Guy, of Zeeland, MI, has been a member since a “spur of a moment” trip in 2006 just to see what “The Lighthouse” was doing and has been a Lifetime Member since January 2014.



1981 was my first visit to the UP where my family and two others were going wilderness camping at the mouth of the Little Two Hearted Rivers on some privately owned land. We quickly introduced ourselves to Charlie Singleton as he informed me that they were only one out of three families that live year round in Luce County. At that time I only had a two year old daughter and with Charlie’s direction we set out to find the lighthouse. Now the road today is like an interstate compared to what took hours to navigate through all the potholes, large washed out areas, and even pulling brush and limbs back so we could make it. Finally arriving, we parked in a weeded area, unloaded the truck with our picnic supplies, found the beach, and walked the half mile to the lighthouse for

what would become our annual trek to the lighthouse.

As the family grew, we still went there for the first week in August. My second daughter was only 8 weeks old laying on a blanket under an umbrella with the lighthouse in the background. It was always an adventure; dealing with the road in, the flies, the wind, sometimes the cooler temperatures, trying to locate those famous agates, photographing the lighthouse, and of course, hotdogs!

For the next thirty years we made the venture. The last few times, I actually went semi-solo with my son, pulling a pop-up camper and if you know me I do not back up well.

Then in 2006, I discovered the new road, joined CPLHS and went WOW! In 2010 I volunteered to be a keeper with a friend. I know that Rick must have thought that I was nuts as we stayed in an enclosed motorcycle trailer, cooked all meals over the wood fire, even the morning coffee, and left him a lengthy list of suggestions. Since then I have been a keeper with Mike and Helen Cook during the conferences weekend. So I hope to meet some of you up there this year.

The other part of my life I have three grown children, two grandchildren, and 28 other children as a semi-retired elementary teacher. I will be finishing my 41st year in June. I am a graduate of Grand Valley (then college) University and Central Michigan. I was a trustee on the national board for Women on Wheels for six years. I ride my own Harley Davidson motorcycle all over this great country. Recently, I soloed home, 877 miles from Greenville, South Carolina all in one day.

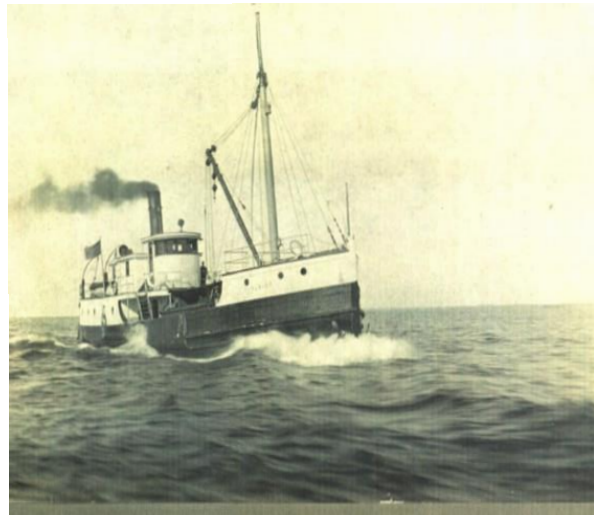
I am looking forward to assisting in any way that I can in the preservation and promoting Crisp Point Lighthouse. Please find me at the conference, whether in Paradise or later at the lighthouse.

# Summer Conference 2014

Do you ever wonder how lighthouses, especially those in very remote areas such as Crisp Point received their supplies? Well wonder no more. Plan on attending the 18th Annual Crisp Point Light Historical Society summer conference this July 19, 2014 in Paradise Michigan to find out.

One of this year's guest speakers will be Paul Mason from Pulaski, WI

Paul was born and raised in Sault Ste. Marie MI (the SOO). His Grandfather was the Chief Engineer on the Lighthouse Tender Boat Clover (pictured below). At an early age he developed a love for the Great Lakes and a keen interest in the Lake's history, more specifically the Maritime and U.S. Lighthouse Service History. In his research he found that the Lighthouse Tender Service, as part of the Lighthouse Service, were hardly mentioned in the many books written about Lighthouses. He has set out to resolve and correct that oversight! After forty plus years in Business Management and raising a beautiful family of three in Green Bay, WI, he sold his business; retiring in 2008 and started working on his "bucket list" of: whale watching in Mexico and New Brunswick, sailing the Great Lakes and North Atlantic as a crew member on Tall Ships, taking flying lessons, riding hot air balloons, writing a book "The History of the Lighthouse Tenders on the Great Lakes". Paul also became a lifetime member of the Crisp Point Light Historical Society, and to keep himself busy he joined the Coast Guard Auxiliary and currently serves as a crew member on a Coast Guard 25' Patrol Boat at U.S. Coast Guard (AUXOP) Station Green Bay. For more information on how to sign up to attend the conference please visit:



[http:// www.crisppointlighthouse.org/conf.html](http://www.crisppointlighthouse.org/conf.html)

Also doing a presentation at this year's conference will be Mark Breederland from NOAA.

## **Crisp point Lighthouse 2013 Visitors Statistics, By Elaine Watson**

This year I was asked if I would like to go through all of the Crisp Point Light Visitors Guest Register sheets for 2013. I was really anxious to browse through these sheets throughout this awful winter we just experienced. First, I would like to say that not all of the Visitors sign while they are visiting. Our Light House Keepers are continually urging everyone that visits Crisp Point to "**SIGN IN PLEASE**" It is important to us. We had 8,831 that signed in and know from studies we have done that about two thirds of our visitors do not sign in. In 2013, the month of August came out first for visitors with July close behind.

I found it very interesting to see how many large towns, small towns and towns in MI that I have never heard of, even though I pride myself in thinking that I have heard of every town in MI, I found that I haven't. We had visitors from 29 different states and Germany, England, France, New Zealand and Australia. There were East Coast, West Coast and Southern States and yes, Alaska. The comments were wonderful to read. Makes one feel really proud to be a part of what has happened at Crisp Point Lighthouse. Thanks to all who visited and please sign in on your next visit, we are counting on you.

# Welcome New Members

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

Tom Beldon - White Pigeon, MI  
Marjorie Dickinson - Marquette, MI  
Kathy & Mike Dubyn - Palmdale, CA  
Roger & Jill Morphew - Greensboro, NC  
Dan & Jean Replogle - Kendallville, IN  
Dennis Schneider - Marinette, WI  
Howard R. Smith - Pleasant Ridge, MI  
Vaughn & Terri Snook - Barbeau, MI  
Mark & Mary Lou Sommerfield - Jackson, MI  
Mary Stunkard - Marquette, MI



A limited number of raffle tickets for the 1:24 scale replica of Crisp Point Lighthouse remain. Tickets may not be available at the Conference so order yours now by sending a stamped, self-addressed envelope to: CPLHS, 450 W Marr Rd., Howell, MI 48855. Tickets are \$1.00 each. Please include an address label for each ticket ordered. An order form may be printed on-line at:  
[www.crisppointlighthouse.org/2014raffle.pdf](http://www.crisppointlighthouse.org/2014raffle.pdf)  
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# Welcome New Lifetime members

James Achtenberg - Manchester, MI  
Shelley Guy – Zeeland, MI  
Mike & Helen Cook – East Jordan, MI

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## Membership / Donation / Conference Sign Up 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 newsletter sent to your e-mailed? (Circle one)      Yes      No*

**Annual Conference** – Saturday, July 19 2014      Number attending \_\_\_\_\_

*Attendance is free for all those 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 \$500.00 or more (May be tax deductible, consult your tax advisor)*

**MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO CPLHS**

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

# WE NEED DONATIONS

Hi everyone, again this year we will be holding our fundraiser raffle during the summer conference. I have sent out a personal request to several people for donations of their favorite pictures / painting of the Crisp Point Lighthouse on canvas for the raffle. However I cannot contact everyone, so if you would like to donate one of your favorite pictures / paintings for our raffle, please contact Rick at [cplhs@sbcglobal.net](mailto:cplhs@sbcglobal.net). The picture(s) must have been taken / painted by you or you have permission for the use of another person's picture / painting. We cannot accept copyrighted pictures / paintings without the permission of the photographer / painter. We are also accepting gift cards and cash which will be used to purchase gift cards. Several nice items have already been donated, so make your plans now to attend the summer conference July 19, 2014. You must be present to win these great prizes.

## Meet the Board Member

With the unfortunate passing of Mike Warren (VP of CPLHS), Cameron Lovett has accepted the position of Board Member of CPLHS.



Cameron has been a member of CPLHS since 1996 and a lifetime member since 2003. Cameron created the Crisp Point lighthouse website in 1997 and has been maintaining and improving it ever since. He was also instrumental in getting the Coast Guard's approval to install a Private Aid to Navigation in the Crisp Point Lighthouse. You can read more about Cameron in the August 2013 CPLHS Newsletter #40.



"I Like My Beacon Crisp"

## Used Ink Cartridges

Looking for an easy way to help out Crisp Point? Donate your used ink cartridges! They can be turned in for cash, which is used to buy needed supplies. You can mail them to CPLHS, 450 W. Marr Rd., Howell, MI 48855 or drop them off with the volunteer keepers when you visit the lighthouse this summer.

## **Your CPLHS Membership / Renewals Matter**

The Crisp Point Light Historical Society's sole sources of income to continue the restoration, up-keep and operations come from three main sources, Donations, Crisp Point related merchandise sales and your memberships. Without your memberships there would not be a Historical Society dedicated to the Crisp Point Lighthouse. If your membership is about to expire you will receive a reminder on your paper newsletter that it 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.

Your membership is very important to continue the work we have started. We encourage you to renew and ask you to encourage other lighthouse enthusiasts to join our efforts.

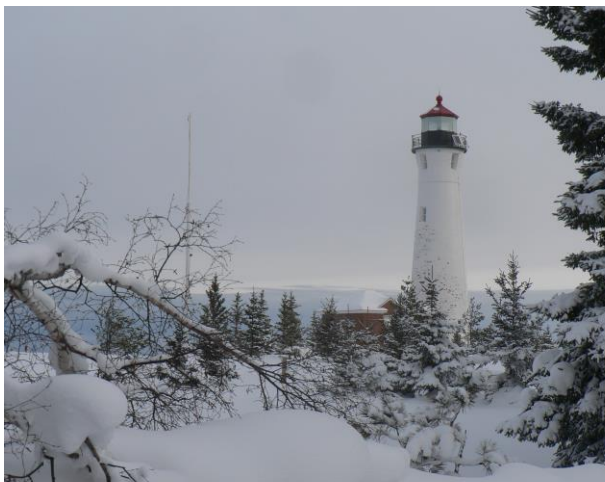
If you have a new home / e-mail address or new phone number please let us know so we can keep our records up to date.

If you have any questions about your membership or expiration date, please contact Margaret by email: [crisppoint1904@gmail.com](mailto:crisppoint1904@gmail.com) or phone (734) 421-7512.

For your convenience you can renew on-line using PayPal.  
Visit the CPLHS web site: [crisppointlighthouse.org](http://crisppointlighthouse.org)

## **Memorial Day Weekend Members Family Camping**

The May 23-26 2014 annual CPLHS Family Members Camping weekend at Crisp Point is still scheduled. However due to the amount of snow received this past winter at Crisp Point those plans may have to be cancelled due to inaccessibility by road. This is the only time when open camping by members is allowed on the lighthouse grounds. All current CPLHS members are welcome! Enjoy a relaxing weekend, or work on some active maintenance projects. This year's main focus will be on cleaning up the grounds, readying the Visitor's Center for visitors and cleaning / repainting the interior of the service Building. If you plan to attend, please let Rick know by email [cplhs@sbcglobal.net](mailto:cplhs@sbcglobal.net) or calling 517-230-6294. In the event the event has to be canceled we will post it in the news section of the CPLHS website and announce it on the Crisp Point Light Historical Society Face Book Page. Those who let Rick know they plan on attending will also be contacted.



# A BIG THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who has given us candle wax. We re-use the wax to make Crisp Point Lighthouse Candles as fundraisers.

Thanks to Jerry Moore for taking the donated candle wax and making the Crisp Point Candles.

Thanks to John Moore for making a raffle ticket box.

Thanks to everyone who has sent or given us their used ink cartridges. We turn them in for credit to purchase office supplies and cleaning / bathroom supplies for the Visitor's Center.

Thank You to Mary Piontek who has donated Knit Baby hats for fundraisers in the Visitor's Center this year (see sample picture below right).

Thanks to those listed here and everyone else who have purchased or helped to sell / promote the raffle tickets of the 1:24 scale replica of Crisp Point Lighthouse:

Elaine & Larry Watson  
Sherri at Gene's Tahquamenon Store  
Tracy at the Paradise Hardware Store  
Carl & Marcia Jahn  
John Rath  
Cameron Lovett  
Whitefish Township Library  
Camp 33 Restaurant at the Upper Falls  
Rick & Lorrie Bicknell  
Dave & Linda Van Houghton  
Shelley Guy  
Paradise Food Pantry Market  
Joe Sweeter  
Chris Brockway & Jeremiah Hartwell  
Rick & Terri Brockway

Thanks to Bruce Multhup for taking on the newsletter.

Thank you to all the Lifetime Members who submitted applications to be CPLHS Board Members.

## Donations to Fundraiser

Lloyd H. Martindale  
Christina Homan  
Margo Johnson  
James & Diane Martin  
Kip & Jean Cameron Family

## Remember to register for summer conference

The 18th Annual Crisp Point Lighthouse Conference & Picnic will be held on July 19, 2014 (the third Saturday in July). This year we will meet at 10:00 a.m. at the Whitefish Township Community Center on M-123 in Paradise. The address of the Community Center is 7052 N. M-123, Paradise, MI 49768. It is about 1/4 miles south of the school on the east side of the road. Coffee, juice, baked goods, etc. will be provided for breakfast. We will be giving everyone an update on the happenings and future happenings at Crisp Point. Lunch will be served at the Community Center. Dinner will be at the lighthouse, with hot dogs and all the fixings.

Admission is **free** for all who register before July 12, 2014. If you do not pre-register, the price will be \$5 per person, or \$15 for a family, at the door. Please fill out the form on page 4, or you may also email Margaret (crisppoint1904@gmail.com) with your name, address, phone number and the number of people in your group.

All are welcome, you do not have to be a member to attend. If you have any questions or would like to help with the conference call Rick at (517) 230-6294 (cell) or (517) 546-5283 (home) or email Rick at: [cplhs@sbcglobal.net](mailto:cplhs@sbcglobal.net)



**CPLHS MERCHANDISE ORDER FORM**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Item	Size	Color	Quantity	Price Ea.	Total
<b>Crisp Point T-Shirt</b> "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	

<b>Crisp Point Sweatshirt</b> 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	

<b>Crisp Point Long Sleeve T-Shirt</b> 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	

<b>Crisp Point Denim Long Sleeve Shirt</b> Top quality, embroidery at front pocket					
S-M-L-XL		denim		\$35.50	
XXL		denim		\$37.50	
XXXL		denim		\$40.50	

<b>CPLHS Jacket</b> Crisp Point Light Historical Society and lighthouse logo embroidered on front <b>*SPECIAL ORDER*</b>					
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	

<b>Crisp Point Hoodie</b> 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	

<b>Crisp Point Embroidered Bucket Hat</b>					
S/M or L/XL		khaki		\$12.00	

<b>Crisp Point Denim Cap</b> embroidered, made of stonewashed denim					
one size		blue- green- burgundy		\$10.00	

<b>Harbour Lights Miniature - Fall at Crisp Point</b>				\$24.95	
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<b>MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO CPLHS</b>	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
	2013 Lighthouse Calendar	\$10.00

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

<b>MERCHANDISE TOTAL</b>	
<b>SHIPPING (SEE CHART AT LEFT)</b>	
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	
<b>MI RESIDENTS, ADD 6% SALES TAX (X .06)</b>	
<b>TOTAL</b>	

Questions?  
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