# LIGHT READING



# Quarterly Newsletter Fall 2017

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#### **Lighthouse Members –**

Is there anything more beautiful than our historic lighthouse standing tall against a blue fall sky? Only if you add the swarms of Monarch butterflies and dragonflies that have been inhabiting Lighthouse Park for the last month. Although fall has been a little slow to arrive this year, this beautiful and (in my opinion) best season on St. George Island is now in full swing.

It is hard to believe that I began this new adventure only 4 months ago! It seems that so much has happened. I have enjoyed getting to know all the members of the staff, volunteers and Board of Directors and familiarizing myself with the history and operations of the Lighthouse, Museum and Gift Shop. But I have to say, it is the warm welcome I have received from you the members that has meant so much. I am truly excited and humbled to be a part of this great organization.

We have a very busy month coming up. On November 11<sup>th</sup>, there will be a Veterans Day Ceremony in Lighthouse Park to celebrate all those that have served and continue to serve our country. We are especially proud to honor many local veterans that consider St. George Island and Franklin County their home. And on November 25<sup>th</sup> is the First Annual Holiday Sip 'N Shop at the Gift Shop from 6-8pm. There will be refreshments, great gift ideas, special pricing and plenty of cheer! Just in time to start your holiday shopping!

I have enjoyed meeting so many enthusiastic members in my first few months. I look forward to getting to know everyone better and working together to continue to grow and improve the Lighthouse and Museum. Although sitting on the bench across from the Keepers Cottage and looking up at the lighthouse set against a beautiful blue sky I have to wonder, can it get any better than this?

Kate Aguiar

**Executive Director** 

# LIGHTHOUSE ASSOCIATION HOSTS SPECIAL EVENTS IN NOVEMBER

Mark your calendars and please join us in Lighthouse Park

# **Cape St. George Lighthouse**

Veterans Day Ceremony Saturday, November 11, 2017 11:00 at Lighthouse Park, St. George Island

# **Honor Our Veterans**

Please join us and help honor all those who have served as we pay tribute and recognize our veterans.





# Lighthouse, Gift Shop and Museum Winter/Holiday Hours

November 22 10-3 **December 26 & 27** 10-5 November 23 Closed December 28 Closed November 24 10-5 **December 29 & 30** 10-5 November 25 10-5 December 31 Closed 6-8 SIP 'N SHOP Closed January 1

December 24 Closed

December 25 Closed

## **Winter Hours of Operation**

November 1 – February 28

Daily, except Thursday:

Noon - 5 PM

Thurs: Closed

# LIGHTHOUSE BUSINESS MEMBERS SPOTLIGHT



#### **Mason and Marilyn Bean**

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#### **PROFESSIONAL**

Both have lived on St. George Island for 40 years. He came to the Island and started a construction company, which he had for 15 years, and has been selling real estate since. She has been in real estate on the Island for the last 37 years. Because of their building experience they offer a special talent for site selection, permitting, remodeling ideas, and any other questions their clients might have.

#### **COMMITTED**

Marilyn and Mason have been very active in the community serving as members on the St. George Island Civic Club, St. George Volunteer Fire Dept., Apalachicola Bay Area Chamber of Commerce, the Florida Seafood Festival, the REALTOR Association of Franklin County, and the United Way for Franklin County.



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Beach Properties of Florida

I'm a real estate professional who works in the St. George Island, Apalachicola and Eastpoint area, and have been in the industry here for over 36 years. My specialty is working with waterfront and resort properties for investments, second homes or residences. My education, expertise, experience and marketing skills give me a solid foundation from which to successfully market listings for sellers and help buyers make the right investment choices. Drop by my office on St. George Island at Berkshire Hathaway HS Beach Properties of Florida on the corner of West 1st Street and West Pine.

## **Aloha Bugs Pest Management**

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**Island Outfitters** 

John & Kristen Shelby, St. George Island Realty, LLC

Journey's of SGI

**Suncoast Vacation Rentals** 

**Resort Vacation Properties of St. George Island** 

**Survivors Bait and Tackle** 

Pandora Schlitt, Naumann Group Real Estate, Inc.

Rick & Candace Watson, Century 21 Collins Realty

Thanks to our Business Members for their continued support.



Just in time for Christmas, the gift shop has Christmas cards with our beautiful lighthouse on front, oyster shell creations and several different styles of Christmas plates for your holiday decorating and entertaining.

Stop in and see us and Shop Local!!!!

# **Quick Blinks**

# Lighthouse to Celebrate 10 Year Anniversary in 2018!!!!!

Can you believe it has been almost 10 years since our lighthouse was moved and rebuilt to it's new location on St. George Island? The lighthouse was opened to the public on December 1, 2008 and we are planning several events next year leading up to an anniversary celebration in December of 2018. Our gift shop manager has special commemorative items to sell next year so stay tuned for more details in the next few months.

Approximately 39 children and 10 adults from the ABC School in Apalachicola recently enjoyed a tour of the Lighthouse, Museum and Gift Shop. Each child received a lighthouse bookmark.



# A Parting Shot . . .





SGLA Administration employee, Billie Kinnett sits in front of Kilauea Point Lighthouse on her recent trip to Kauai to celebrate her 60th birthday with her sister and daughter. Beautiful does not begin to describe the scenery.

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