

### END OF A GREAT SEASON AT TURKEY POINT LIGHT STATION

This has been an interesting year at the lighthouse. We had a couple of marriage proposals. For the first proposal, signs were placed where the out buildings use to be. He came early in the morning and placed the signs. He then brought his intended to the lighthouse. He took her to the lantern room and turned her towards the signs that said "Will you marry me"? He also brought her flowers to top off the proposal.

A violinist played on a beautiful Sunday afternoon in the spring. He went to the bottom of the cliff and played for about an hour.

Then on the Saturday before Hurricane Sandy hit, we had a gentleman who brought his intended to the lighthouse to propose.

This past season has been very busy as well for people coming to the lighthouse. Visitation for the year was over six thousand for the year.



# ANOTHER SEASON FOR THE GIFT SHOP

Keeping the lighthouse and the gift shop has been a struggle this year. I would like to thank everyone who volunteered. We were able to keep the lighthouse open every weekend. However, we were not so lucky with the gift shop. We had a few days that we were not able to open the gift shop open every weekend.

If you can spare a Saturday of Sunday, we could really use the help. Please let me know, I would love to hear from you.

Our goal for next year is to add a little technology to the gift shop. We hope to start accepting credit cards in the gift shop. Also, we would like to add a few new merchandise items.

We have some new ideas for fund raising this year. We are checking into having a booth to sell smoothies at the Fair Hill Races. We are still working on this possibility.

## RAFFLE TICKETS

We are going to raffle a picture of the lighthouse by Melba Barteau. Please see the enclosed raffle tickets. Thank you for your support. If anyone has any fund raising ideals, please let us know. Naturally we would love if you came to the meetings. However, you can also contact either Dot Rice (410-287-8170) or Rita Coleman (410-920-3870.

#### CLOSING THE LIGHTHOUSE FOR THE SEASON

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It was a wonderful fall day to be at the lighthouse. I would like to thank Denise, Dot, Joan, Reg and Jim, we were able to complete closing the lighthouse, cleaning the oil house, completing the inventory, and cleaning out the gift shop. We also moved the dispay case from the gift sh op to the lighthouse for security reasons.

# NEXT YEAR IS THE MARYLAND LIGHTHOUSE CHALLENGE

We will be having the Maryland Lighthouse Challenge this year. The dates for the Challenge are September 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>. There will be lots to do to get ready for the Challenge. As the new year comes, more information will follow. Please mark your calendars for this event.

# NEW WEBSITE

We are currently working on creating a new website. We hope to have the site up and running soon.

We are going to sell merchandise on the website. We hope to generate more money for our cause. If someone visits our site, they will also be able to make a donation.