



# Turkey point bulletin

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Pictured front row, left to right: Nicola Barteau, Nahala Barteau, Dale Davis, Kaylee Barteau, Heidi Barteau. Back row: Jason Leigh, Laurie Leigh, Lisa Sutton, Gil Barteau, Bradley Barteau, Tad Barteau. Patti Barteau.

## Lighthouse Keepers Honored

### Local Families and TPLS Members Attend

-submitted by Joe Carabetta

### Mathews County, VA

The Chesapeake Chapter of the U.S. Lighthouse Society honored several Lighthouse keepers on 7 April in Mathews County, VA.

Local keepers honored included Clarence Walter Salter and Fannie May Salter who were keepers at the Turkey Point Light Station.

Fannie had the distinction of being the last keeper of Turkey Point and the last female Lightkeeper in the United States. She retired from the Lighthouse Service in 1947. She took over as Lighthouse keeper upon the untimely death of her husband in 1925. Clarence and Fannie are both

buried at Saint Paul's United Methodist Church Cemetery in the town of Susan, in Mathews County.

A total of six keepers were honored during five services. Each keeper's grave was marked with a Lighthouse Service marker and a flag. The US Coast Guard Auxiliary Color Guard was present at each ceremony to post colors and play taps. The Lighthouse Keeper's prayer was recited at each ceremony.

Direct family members of the Salters' attended the ceremony, including Tad Barteau's family (see photo above), along with several members of the Turkey Point Light Station (TPLS) organization, TPLS President, Rita Coleman, Vice-President Joe Carabetta, and Joe's wife, Diane.

## FROM THE PRESIDENT

It has been a long time since we have sent a newsletter. We are happy to have found someone to do the newsletter. I know we have had emails asking if we are still an organization. I am here to say **Yes We Are!!**

We have had a busy spring despite the weather and I would like to share these with you. I hope you enjoy the newsletter and if all goes well, I hope to do another newsletter by the end of the year or sooner.

Please continue your support to Turkey Point Light Station. We are still working towards our goal of rebuilding the keeper's house.

We are always in need of volunteers at the lighthouse.

Rita Coleman

### 2018 Upcoming Meetings

Hope you can join us!

September 24

November 26

## THANK YOU NOTE

Hi Rita,

This is a belated thank you for the help you gave us in getting to the Turkey Point Lighthouse last September.

My wife and I had been planning a trip to the Chesapeake to see several lights we'd missed on earlier trips. One of those lights we really wanted to see was Turkey Point. Getting there was more difficult than others because I require supplemental oxygen for exertion. When I first contacted Rita, she suggested that I might be able to get a Park escort, as it didn't seem possible that I'd be able to walk the ¾ mile from the parking lot to the lighthouse. When I contacted the Park they said they certainly could give me an escort, but it would have to be during the week, as they couldn't spare staff on the weekend. Since Turkey Point is only open on the weekend, that seemed to be the end of it. Rita,

however, immediately volunteered to meet us at the light-house on whatever day worked out for us. We chose a date that worked well for our plans; the Park said that would be fine with that date, and Rita agreed to meet us at the lighthouse. After all the logistical difficulties, everything worked out very well. My wife and I got to climb the lighthouse, wander around the Point, and also spent some time in the gift shop.

After we almost gave up even getting to the lighthouse, we had a very enjoyable visit thanks to Rita's help and willingness to meet us for a private visit.

### Ken Mulder & Dianne Taeckens



## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Rita at: [rita@tpls.org](mailto:rita@tpls.org) or by phone at 443-466-5031. If you have any ideas or thoughts to help the cause, please let us know. If you would like to put something in the newsletter, that would be greatly appreciated.

## MAY MEETING NEWS

We met on May 21, 2018. We had a guest speaker, Dennis Schloffman, who is the volunteer coordinator for the campground area. Dennis enjoys making scale models and is interested in building a replica of Turkey Point Lighthouse. We had donated funds to the State Park to help finish the room at the Nature Center, and this will be a wonderful spot in which to display a lighthouse model.

A discussion was held about the deteriorating solar panel. A new one may need to be purchased.



Each year, Moore's United Methodist Church holds "Cabin Fever". It is a time for children to learn about different places in our tri-state area. This year, on March 10<sup>th</sup>, one of the activities was sponsored by Turkey Point Light Station. The children could choose to make either a lighthouse or a furry snail.



