



TURKEY POINT BEACON

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2019 Happenings

We hope you enjoy this latest edition of The Turkey Point Beacon.

We've had some major things happening within and around Turkey Point Light Station this year! We welcomed the addition of Keepers, Eric & Paula Krum, Jane & Rick Bower, and Fred & Marie Kobylinski to our organization.



Figure 1 – www.TPLS.org History Tab



THANK YOU...!

We have both Paula & Eric Krum to thank for their dedicated work toward gathering the history of TPLS, along with any photos that were available.

We also have Joe and Diane Carabetta to thank for their help in procuring a kerosene tank, which was a replica of the older tank that used to be at TPLS. , A big thanks, again to Eric Krum, for spearheading a group to restore the tank to a like-new appearance.

Turkey Point Light Station (TPLS) Website Update

In the beginning of 2019 Eric Krum assumed the duties of the TPLS Web Master and Paula Krum became the TPLS Historian. Paula, who is a Research Librarian by training and inclination, started researching the history of the light station, its Keepers and the history of lighthouses in the U.S. While Paula was conducting her research, Eric learned about using Adobe Dreamweaver which was originally used to build the website. Eric reviewed the entire site and updated all the web pages to make them current to the year and date. As Paula provided the information, Eric updated the website's History tab to include the new photos and facts. As there were so many photos, he broke them down by year, with a new page for photos and

information from the start of TPLS in 1833 to the 1990's. A second page was created to hold the photos from 1990 to today. Figure 1 shows the updated History tab that includes links to the new pages of history. In addition, there is a new page for the important dates for the U.S. Lighthouse Service, many of which had an impact on the Turkey Point Light Station. There is a new page for events and their dates that are specific to the Turkey Point Lighthouse and Keepers. Take a look at the History tab from time to time as new material will continue to be added as it is uncovered. One of the items we are hoping to add in 2020 is a set of color photos from a Baltimore Star article from 1938. All the color photos taken, not just the ones used in the article, are in an archive in Baltimore and we have asked for access to them.

Kerosene Tank and Cover

Early this year Joe & Diane Carabetta found a metal fuel tank that looked just like the Kerosene Tank installed at the Turkey Point Light Station in the 1890's. They dropped the tank off at Eric Krum's house to be de-rusted and painted. Eric first power washed and scraped the heavy coat of rust off, then put on a heavy coat of a material on the tank that turns rust to metal and then several coats of primer, followed by several coats of white paint.



Power washing rust off

Rust to Metal coating

Primer paint

White paint

Tad Barteau directing pickup

Replacement Kerosene Tank installed

Ms. Rita Coleman procured several aluminum straps to that were used to secure the tank to the newly repaired cement stanchions adjacent to the oil house. Then in May of 2019 Tad Barteau and Eric Krum installed the new Kerosene Tank out at the light house.



Off loading the platform

Installed the cover

Job just about done

The original kerosene tank had a cover/platform over the tank that was used to by the Lighthouse Keepers to fill the tank. Eric built and painted the platform in his wood shop and in June with the help of Fred Kobylinski installed the platform on top of the tank. The original tank had a set of wood steps on the back of the tank that were used to get up on top of the tank. It was decided to not install the steps to reduce the chance of kids climbing on top of the platform.



From the President

by Rita Coleman

Hello everyone!! It has been a very successful year for Turkey Point Light Station. We had many visitors and were able to be open 90% of the season. The weather was good to us! I am hoping that 2020 will be even greater. To start the year off right lighthouse lantern room will be open to climbers starting at 10AM on 1 January 2020.

If you would like to volunteer for the upcoming season, please contact us by email (tpls@tpls.org) or call me at 443-466-5031.

Please remember membership dues for 2020 are due in January, please continue your support of Turkey Point Light Station by sending your tax-deductible dues. Elections for officers will also be in January.

Lastly, I would like to wish you and your family a Merry Christmas and a great Happy New Year.

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