

Friends of the Kewaunee Pierhead Lighthouse

Newsletter Spring 2023



New Items from our Store



Goodnight Wisconsin book, featuring our own Kewaunee Lighthouse! \$10



Baseball Hats \$20

Paver Bricks - a lasting gift

Paver Bricks can also be a way to honor or remember someone with a donation to the Lighthouse, from \$250 - \$1000. Check the website for details.



Open days for 2023

The Lighthouse will be open for the **Door County Festival of Lighthouses**, June 9-11 and October 6-8. Open Friday 10 am-noon, Saturday and Sunday 10am-4pm

The **Kewaunee Car Show**, Saturday July 8th 10am-4pm

Alumnifest, Saturday July 15th 10am-4pm

New this year, there will be an admission charge for the Lighthouse: \$5 for adults and \$3 for school age children. Members of the Friends of the Lighthouse have free admission.



There will also be a Friends' table at the Spring Garden Show, Saturday May 27th and the 3rd July Celebrations, both at **Lakehaven Hall**. Tour information, memberships, paver donations, and merchandise will be there!



Membership Information

There are different levels of membership to the Friends Of the Kewaunee Lighthouse.

\$30/year

Individual

\$50/year

Family – Covers two adults and dependent children

\$250/year

Family with Endowment Donation

\$500 Individual Lifetime

To join or renew your membership, visit the membership tab on the Friends’ website at

kewauneepierheadlighthouse.org

Volunteer Spotlight

This is a new item in our newsletter. We will feature one volunteer, as a way of recognizing those whose time, skills and dedication have helped preserve and enhance the Kewaunee Pierhead Lighthouse.

Jim Schaller is a lifelong Kewaunee resident, and remembers hearing the (very loud) foghorn as a boy when he was in bed, and dreamed that it was a moose walking up the street!

He has been involved with restoring the lighthouse since 2015, along with Robin Nelson. Jim has mostly done maintenance and some repairs, but also has taken on research and speaking at local events and meetings. He also volunteers with the Tug Ludington, the History Center, and is currently Grand Knight of the Knights of Columbus at Holy Rosary Church.

Jim said the best thing about volunteering with the Lighthouse is seeing the progress that has been made, even with some setbacks along the way. “I also enjoy meeting people when we’re giving tours. Some of them I haven’t seen for many many years, but they’ve come back to see the lighthouse and visit the town they grew up in. I think that I grew up during the best years that anyone could have wished for, along with living in the best place.”

If someone is interested in volunteering, Jim gave this advice: “Make whatever you’re doing your passion.” Interests may change as you get older, and Jim developed an interest in local history and preserving the rich past of Kewaunee. Jim urged people to “get involved and find your niche within the group you join. Everyone has something they can contribute.”

History Corner - Kewaunee's Early Maritime History

These two photographs are from a collection of John Wildgrube.

The top picture shows a harbor scene between 1895 and 1904. It is taken from the area of Harbor Express, and shows Fisherman's Point in the foreground, and the Lifesaving Station behind.



This picture was taken in the late 1970s or early 1980s, from the deck of a car ferry. The Lifesaving Station is in the foreground, with the Lighthouse and its raised catwalk behind.



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