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We'll Keep the Light on for You!

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Reach for the STARS! ***Attend the 9th Annual STARS Gala Event at Bayside on*** ***Saturday, July 12th & Join in the Fun!***

By Candis Collick

AUCTIONEER, n. The man who proclaims with a hammer that he has picked a pocket with his tongue. Ambrose Bierce (1842 - 1914), *The Devil's Dictionary*

Okay, so Clif Haley – DRLPS Director, Chair of Legal Matters and auctioneer extraordinaire – isn't out to literally pick your pockets! But if you have ever attended a STARS dinner and participated in the Silent Auction then you know first-hand that he is more than capable of using his tongue to excite the crowd – encouraging many an indifferent bidder to up his or her ante more than once! All in the name of a good cause . . . of course.

The evening will include cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, dinner, a unique dessert, live music and a silent auction.

So just what is a silent auction? A silent auction is a fundraising technique frequently used at charity events such as DRLPS' STARS dinner. It differs from the typical auction conducted by an auctioneer who calls out the prices for items and then takes the raised hands or paddles of people as bids at a certain price. And it is the preferred means for raising money at charitable events because it does not detract from the entertainment provided at the event. During a Silent Auction items and/or services are displayed throughout the event with pieces of paper conveniently located by each item on which potential bidders can record their proposed bids. Bidders can return to the item of their heart's desire as many times as they want during the allotted bidding time thus checking out their competition, increasing their bids and employing any means available that might ensure them the win.

And yes the rumors are true – yours truly has been known to use decoys (pretty, blonde girlfriends) and to take up residence behind the nearest available tree to scope out the opposition. All in an attempt to guarantee that mine is the last and highest bid on the sheet – naturally! When it comes to bidding at a STARS Silent Auction I must admit I have literally taken eBay's latest slogan to heart – don't just shop, shop VICTORIOUSLY!

So what are we shopping for this year? The Silent Auction will offer up a number of unique items for our 9th annual event – among them a rare, retired, numbered, lighted and SIGNED Harbour Lights Third Order Beehive Fresnel Lens modeled after Michigan's Big Bay Point Lighthouse. If you know the Harbour Lights company then you know this model will be worth bidding on.

Also presented for your consideration will be the following: a framed panel of Great Lakes Lighthouse stamps, a framed panel of Pacific Lighthouse stamps, hand embroidered items from our own Dotty Witten, a Lighthouse theme hand-hooked wool rug, a quilt pattern of the DeTour Reef Light produced by Carol Melvin, individually personalized golf shirts designed for you by Ann Method Green and several other items.



A picture of the Harbour Lights Third Order Beehive Fresnel Lens that will be auctioned at Stars.

The beautiful gourmet meal will be prepared by the Bayside Executive Chef Michael Lutz and his staff. With a style of contemporary gourmet using local ingredients, Chef Mike comes to Bayside from The Inn at Bay Harbor and Bay Harbor Golf Club. He has worked at Lattitude, Soaring Eagles Resort, & Tapawingo and is a graduate of the New

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Lighthouse Keeper Weekends Still Available!

Good selections of weekends are still available for individuals or groups wishing to spend Friday through Sunday on DeTour Reef Light. DRLPS has furnished the Light to historical conditions which will accommodate keeper groups as large as six. Keepers assist with public tours held one day during the weekend and perform house-cleaning tasks. They also provide and cook their own meals. The lighthouse has a bath with shower, a fully equipped kitchen and is an active aid to navigation with rotating light, foghorn and radar beacon (racon).

2007 Lighthouse Keeper Dave Meyer described his impressions in the Lighthouse Keepers Log: "...It was a true vacation – no schedules, phone or deadlines. ... This place is beautiful. I've valiantly tried to capture it all on my Canon Power Shot (gone through ten batteries) and I know the pictures will trigger many memories. It is an experience that cannot be replicated... The DRLPS has done a magnificent job. I feel that I know all the rooms, twists and turns of the ladder and could walk through blind folded --- it's been wonderful to have all the time to explore and enjoy. The close-ups of the freighters, listening to the water, wind and seagulls, watching the sunsets, moon risings (and one sunrise!) talking with Hallie, Byron and sharing the experience with my wife, meeting the tour guests Have made this a weekend to remember. Thanks to all who made this opportunity possible."

Applications and information are available on the website www.DRLPS.com. Individuals may also email keepers@DRLPS.com or call 906-493-6609.

Make your reservations now for a Tour of the Historic DeTour Reef Light

There's still plenty of time to make reservations for tours of the DeTour Reef Lighthouse. Come out and see the preservation efforts of the Preservation Society and enjoy the fantastic 360 degree views at the same time. Each tour features trained DRLPS tour guides and includes light refreshments on the lighthouse. Tours depart from Fort Drummond Marine on Drummond Island. Transportation for the 6 mile round trip to the lighthouse is included and will be aboard a fully licensed and inspected charter boat operated by Sturgeon Bay Charters and U.S. Coast Guard licensed Captain Ivan Gable. For more information go to www.drlps.com and click on Lighthouse Tours or email tours@drlps.com.

Two hour Lighthouse Tours are scheduled each weekend during the 2008 summer as follows:

Saturdays: June 14, 21, 28

July 5, 19, 26

August 2, 16, 23

Sundays: July 13 and August 10

There may still be time for the Father's Day Cruise!!

Depending on when you receive your copy of this issue of *Passages*, there could still be time to participate in the Annual Father's Day Cruise. On Sunday, June 15th, 2008, the 11th Annual St. Mary's River Cruise will take place. This tour will take guests out to see the DeTour Reef Lighthouse, up the St. Mary's River and through the Soo Locks on a Soo Locks Boat Tour 65 foot double decker tour boat. Cruise along the river and enjoy the rich history and a historical narration of the river and delight at the unique experience of going through the Soo Locks with Lake freighters. Included in the cruise are donuts, lunch, snacks, a chance to win special door prizes, and a cash bar offered by Soo Locks Boat Tours.

Boarding begins at 9:45 am at the Ferry Dock in DeTour Village and leaves the dock at 10:05 am. Return via bus from the Soo Locks Boat Tours Dock #2 in Sault Ste. Marie arriving in DeTour Village about 6 pm.

All proceeds will benefit the Lighthouse Preservation and Education Effort. To find out more information or if there's still time to enjoy this unique experience, email rivercruise@drlps.com or visit www.DRLPS.com.

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England Culinary Institute.

The menu will include appetizers of spanicopita, risotto arinchini, venison sausage stuffed mushrooms, seared Ahi tuna with wakimi and rice crackers, and vegetable spring rolls. Salads will include Baby spinach salad with cherry balsamic vinaigrette, candied walnuts, blueberries, red onion and Point Reyes bleu cheese; a classic Caesar salad with homemade dressing, shaved parmesan cheese and croutons; and an anti-pasto salad. Items served buffet style will be carved herb crusted beef tenderloin, miso glazed sablefish with warm soba noodle salad, fettuccini carbonara, buttermilk smashed potatoes and roasted summer vegetables. For dessert, a molten chocolate cake.

The goal of the STARS committee is simple – to provide their honored guests with elegant, rustic fare of the finest quality in one of the most unique and beautiful settings in the North while also raising funds to help preserve the DeTour Reef Light for current and future generations.

So if you haven't joined us at a STARS event in the past mark your calendars now and make 2008 the year you attend AND bid! You won't regret it! For more information about this great event, visit www.drlps.com or email starsevent@drlps.com.

* NOTE: Remember your ticket purchase to the STARS event is considered a charitable donation and as such qualifies for income tax credit. Another great reason to polish your shoes, get out your cocktail garb and be ready to mingle, eat hearty and tip a few with our great group of enthusiasts!



Executive Chef Michael Lutz of Bayside Dining

SEE THE LIGHT that was used on the DeTour Reef Light

at the DeTour Passage Historical Museum 8/30&8/31

A special showing of the 1907 3-1/2 order **Fresnel lens** used at DeTour Reef Light from 1931 to 1974 will be held at the DeTour Passage Historical Museum in DeTour Village, Michigan, near the Ferry Dock on Saturday, August 30 at 11:30 a.m., and Sunday, August 31 at 12:30 p.m.



The lens was originally used at the onshore DeTour Point Light Station, then transferred to the offshore DeTour Reef Light, and was dismantled when the Light was automated in 1974. Thanks to Dick Moehl and Bob Jones, the U.S. Coast Guard subsequently loaned this lens to the DeTour Passage Historical Museum where it has been on display since 1993.

An informative narration of the lens will be provided by **Jim Woodward**, a world-renown lighthouse lens expert (www.lighthouseconsultant.com). Additionally, former U.S. Coast Guard lighthouse keepers who worked at the DeTour Reef Light will be present to talk about their experiences with the lens.



Keeping the Light On for You for Ten Years 1998-2008!

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Farewell Glenn Morris William Lahti Secretary, Director DRLPS

On May 7, 2008 the DRLPS lost a dear member of our organization. Glenn joined the DRLPS in March 1998 as a charter member. He was appointed to the Board of Directors on January 2005 and served as Secretary until illness forced him to step down in January 2008.

Glenn took great pride in sharing with friends that he was born on a kitchen table under an oil lamp in the Finnish farming community of Aura, Michigan on January 26, 1939 to William and Emma (Heikkinen) Lahti.

Glenn spoke only Finnish when he first entered school, but was fluent in English a year later. He credits that intense learning experience to his fascination with the written word. After earning a bachelor's degree in English from Eastern Michigan University, he taught literature and composition at Redford Union High School. He later took an unpaid sabbatical and earned a master's degree in interdisciplinary humanities from Wayne State University.

In 1968 Glenn joined Macomb Community College (MCC) at the new Center Campus teaching subjects in the humanities discipline. He continued to teach his favorite subject, mythology, after becoming Dean of the Humanities in 1988. Thirty years after joining MCC, Glenn retired and moved to Drummond Island with his wife Lynne.

Glenn often said that he had no idea where his life would have led him if he hadn't joined the sailboat racing crew of skipper Irv Yackness in 1972. That first year, on the 54 foot custom sloop named *Gypsy*, they took 1st Place in Class G of the Bayview Yacht Club Port Huron to Mackinac Island Race.

That experience was the beginning of over 30 years racing on the Great Lakes. In 1979 he taught approximately 200 students the fine points of crewing and racing on a sailboat and worked with them for 3 days on the water. In 2001 he earned the distinctive title of Old Goat for 25 Mackinac races on Lake Huron.

In 1990, Lynne joined the crew, and in 1992, two days after finishing the 1992 Port Huron to Mackinac Race, Glenn and Lynne were married in Little Stone Church on Mackinac Island surrounded by family and crew.

They purchased a CS-36 sailboat in 1993 and christened her *Ilmatar*, which means Daughter of the Wind from Finnish mythology. Glenn, Lynne and their 2 cats, Port and Starboard, have enjoyed cruising the North Channel on the sailboat.

Glenn collected stones from many of his sailing destinations and became particularly interested in puddingstones which are native to Drummond Island. He built his own stone fireplace and tumbler polished stones for jewelry, cabinet knobs, and cut tiles. He also photographed, designed and produced a 500 piece jigsaw puzzle featuring Drummond Island puddingstones.

Glenn contributed his intellect and energy to many organizations beyond the DRLPS. He was also Vice President of the Drummond Island Friends of the Library, a member of the Drummond Island Lions Club, Moose Lodge #2381, and Trustee of the Drummond Island Cross Country Club (DIXCC).

Soon after moving to Drummond Island, he helped establish a grass roots organization, Heritage Group, which developed the Heritage Trail for hiking and snow shoeing and the DIXCC Rainbow cross country ski trail. Realizing the importance of promoting nature based tourism on the Island, as well as the Eastern Upper Peninsula, Glenn joined the Eastern Upper Peninsula Nature Tourism Alliance (EUPNTA) and, as an active member of the Great Waters Steering Committee, helped develop a web site (www.GreatWaters.net) and the North Huron Scenic Pathway.



*Glenn at the DRLPS Christmas Party
in 2005.*

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In 2003, Glenn was also a member of the Drummond Island Sesquicentennial Committee and was instrumental in writing many articles for the commemorative booklet celebrating the Island's 150 years of history as a township.

Glenn is survived by his wife, Lynne Ann Coulter of Drummond Island; mother-in-law, Roberta Stanish of Waterford; and niece and nephews, Alicia Kacel of Ft. Worth, Texas, Richard Kacel of Waterford, Matthew Kacel of East Lansing, Sage Coulter of Truckee, Calif., and Nicholas Coulter of Roseville. Private family services will be held for Glenn later this summer.

We will miss Glenn's quick wit and hearty laugh. The DRLPS has been blessed to have Glenn as a member. We have lost a special person who has contributed many hours to the Preservation of the DeTour Reef Light.

Fabrication of the Second Deck crane is almost complete

The restoration of the second deck crane for the DeTour Reef Light has been progressing along at Bunker Manufacturing in Sault Ste. Marie, MI. Last year, the DeTour Reef Preservation Society (DRLPS) received approval for matching grant funding for restoration of the second deck crane.

The first crane restoration which began in 1999 was funded by a similar grant thru MLAP and was the first restoration project undertaken by the DRLPS. Large pieces of the original crane and the builder's plate were discovered underwater near the lighthouse and were used in the construction of the first crane.

The new second deck crane grant application was submitted by Clif Haley and the project director is Don Gries, both DRLPS volunteers. The project is expected to be completed by the end of 2008. "The DRLPS is excited to be able to restore the second deck crane. We are grateful for the MLAP funding and appreciate the support of the State Historic Preservation Office," said Don.

After a long winter, the fabrication of the crane is almost complete. The purchase and installation of the crane motor and cable are in progress.

MLAP, administered by the State Historic Preservation Office, is funded by proceeds from the sale of the State's "Save our Lights" specialty license plates. Lighthouse grants are given to state and local governments or nonprofit organizations that are maintaining or restoring lighthouses. Recipients must provide 50 percent of the grant award as matching funds. Since the establishment of the program by the Michigan Legislature in 1999 to assist local groups in preserving and protecting lighthouses, more than \$985,000 has been awarded. The grant program arose from a concern about the disposal of over two-thirds of the lighthouses in Michigan by the U.S. Coast Guard and was established to assist in the preservation, rehabilitation and protection of these lighthouses.



Don Gries, Jamie Coullard (Bunker Manufacturing) and Kelly Bunker with the new crane.



The Save our Light license plate that contributes to the MLAP fund.



Ten Years of Preserving the DeTour Reef Light

DeTour Reef Light Preservation Society Invites All to Attend the 10th Anniversary Celebration on August 30, 2008 Keeping the Light On for You – 1998-2008

The DeTour Reef Light Preservation Society (DRLPS) invites you to attend the celebration of the 10th anniversary of the establishment of the nonprofit volunteer lighthouse preservation organization to be held Saturday, August 30, 2008, in DeTour Village, Michigan.

DRLPS is extremely proud of their accomplishments to restore and preserve this Michigan maritime monument, and the team is very grateful to all the people and organizations that have helped Keep the Light On for the past ten years, including the dedicated volunteers, members, donors, and government and private organizations.

The 10th Anniversary Celebration will honor DRLPS accomplishments and those who have helped make the society successful, and to encourage continued efforts in lighthouse preservation. The event will be held at the Eastern Upper Peninsula Fine Arts Council Arts & Cultural Center, 245 Erie St., DeTour Village, MI, 49725, on Saturday, August 30. Activities will include a social hour with cocktails and hors d'oeuvres at 5:30, dinner at 6:30, and presentations at 7:30, along with an ongoing slide show of the lighthouse prior, during, and after restoration, and other DRLPS activities.

Additionally, the lighthouse photo contest winners will be announced, along with the winners of the DeTour-Drummond High School student's essay contest on "The Importance of Preserving Lighthouses." Special door prizes and welcome gifts will be provided to attendees. Some of the participants will include former U.S. Coast Guard lighthouse keepers who will have interesting stories to share about their work on the DeTour Reef Light.

A special showing of the 1907 3-1/2 order Fresnel lens used at the DeTour Reef Light will be available at the DeTour Passage Historical Museum on Saturday, August 30, and Sunday, August 31, with a narrative provided by Jim Woodward, a world-renown lens and lighthouse expert.

Dinner will be donated and prepared by Sandy Wytiaz of Complete Benefits Designs of DeTour Village. Ticket cost is \$15 per person, and a cash bar will be available.

MORE INFORMATION AND TICKETS

For more information and tickets for this event, please contact Co-Chairpersons Sandy Wytiaz (906-297-6801), or Jeri-Baron Feltner (313-268-6846) at DRLPS10@drmps.com, or go to www.DRLPS.com to print out a DRLPS 10th Anniversary Celebration reservation form. Early reservations are encouraged as seating is limited.

DeTour Reef Lighthouse 2008 Photo Contest

Get out your cameras! There's still time to enter the DeTour Reef Lighthouse contest! We are looking for the best photos of the light in four different categories: best shot of the complete light, best person/people, most unique shot, and best sunrise/sunset. The Grand Prize winning photo will be featured in DRLPS feature stories, the 2008 Collector postcard, and other DRLPS formats. Other winning photos will be included in the DRLPS *Passages* and other magazines publications.

Each entrant may submit a total of five entries and they can be from any combination of categories. The photo contest is open to all amateur photographers who may submit their color or black and white contributions on a CD. Please include a small print of each photo entered. No other forms are acceptable. Each entry should include (a) the photographer's name, (b) address, (c) daytime telephone number, and (d) email address. No image will be returned. All rights to the images remain with the entrant. All entries must be postmarked no later than August 1, 2008, and received no later than August 15, 2008.

Each individual's entries should be in one envelope and mailed to: DRLPS, PO Box 307, Drummond Island, MI 49726. Judging will be done by the DRLPS Board of Directors and the Chairs. All photos will be judged without any identifying information. Please remember to use a high image resolution when taking your photographs (see your camera manual). Your images should yield good quality 8" x 10" prints.

Memorabilia Order Form—DeTour Reef Preservation Society

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email (very important) _____ Phone _____

ITEM	DESCRIPTION	Price Each	Color	Size	Quantity	Total
1	Decal with Society Logo	\$1				
2	Bumper Sticker with Society Logo	\$1				
3	Cup with Society Logo	\$3				
4	Embroidered patch of DeTour Reef Light— 2 3/4 inch square	\$6				
5	DeTour Reef Light Collectors Pin— 1 1/8 inch	\$6				
6	Hat (khaki, khaki/blue, or wheat/pine) with Lighthouse Crest	\$15				
7	Visor with Lighthouse Crest (navy)	\$10				
8	T-Shirt w/Lighthouse Crest (stone blue or light green — S, M, L, XL, 2XL)	\$20				
9	White Golf Shirt w/Lighthouse Crest (unisex — S, M, L, XL, 2XL)	\$32				
10	Denim Shirt with Lighthouse Crest (unisex — S, M, L, XL, 2XL)	\$39				
11	Crew Neck Sweatshirt with Lighthouse Crest (stone — S, M, L, XL, 2XL)	\$28				
12	Full Zip Hooded Sweatshirt with Lighthouse Crest (birch — S, M, L, XL, 2XL)	\$35				
13	Sterling Silver Charm of Lighthouse	\$20				
14	Tote Bag with Lighthouse Crest (natural/red trim or natural/navy trim)	\$28				
15	Note Pads w/Lighthouse Logo (pack of 3 — 50 sheets per pad)	\$2				
16	Note cards, ivory, showing Lighthouse in 1931 (10 cards & envelopes)	\$8				
17	8x10 Color Photo of 2004 Lighthouse	\$10				
18	8x10 Black & White Photo of 1931 Lighthouse	\$10				
19	DVD video of the Lighthouse before/during/after restoration	\$20				
20	2007 Ornament (tear-shaped glass etched with Lighthouse image)	\$16				
21	1931 Limited Edition Lighthouse Window Pane (9 1/4 x 11 x 1/4 inch) w/Etching of Lighthouse	\$300				
22	Custom Framing for item #20	\$150				



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DeTour Reef Lighthouse Preservation Society

DRLPS is a volunteer nonprofit 501c3 organization established in 1998 to restore and preserve the DeTour Reef Light. Donations are welcomed and are tax-deductible (EIN 38-3387252, MICS 27001).

The Light was automated in 1974. In 1997, the lighthouse was declared surplus property by the U. S. Coast Guard due to sophisticated navigational systems aboard ships, and the Coast Guard's not having the funding to care for the structure in accordance with historic preservation guidelines. In January 1998, local citizens joined together to save the Light.

The lighthouse was built in 1931, and proudly stands guard a mile offshore in northern Lake Huron at the far eastern end of Michigan's Upper Peninsula. The structure rises 83 feet above the water and marks a dangerous reef to help guide ship traffic from and to Lake Huron and Lake Superior via the strategic St. Mary's River.

The DRLPS received the 2005 Governor's Award for excellence in historic preservation, and the Superior Award in 2006 from the Historical Society of Michigan. The DeTour Reef Light is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

PURPOSE: the purpose of DeTour Reef Light Preservation Society (DRLPS) is to establish, support and promote efforts in the preservation and restoration of the DeTour Reef Light; to achieve the safe keeping of the building, artifacts and records; to educate and inform the public on lighthouse history; to enhance public awareness of the value this lighthouse and its keepers brought to our nation's development; to make the DeTour Reef Light a premier tourist attraction in Michigan's Upper Peninsula as the best example of a faithfully restored offshore lighthouse in the Nation; to provide the public safe access to the lighthouse; to raise awareness about the importance of volunteers in maintaining and preserving the DeTour Reef Light and the DRLPS for generations to come.

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