



# OBLHS LIST OF PROJECTS & ACCOMPLISHMENTS

## BALD HEAD ISLAND LIGHTHOUSE (OLD BALDY)

- Sponsoring 108 school children from Southport, NC to visit and learn about Old Baldy Lighthouse in April 2008.
- Sponsoring 97 school children from Southport, NC to visit and learn about Old Baldy Lighthouse in April 2009.
- Sponsoring the Lighthouse Learners' program for children from Southport to visit Old Baldy in 2010, 2011, 2012, and 2013.

## BODIE ISLAND LIGHTHOUSE

- Sponsoring of two structural engineer reports by lighthouse preservation experts for the NPS to aid in their plans for restoration of the Bodie Island Lighthouse.
- Providing funds to the NPS for scaffolding at Bodie Island to determine the extent of needed restoration under lantern room area.
- Creating the video Growing up at the Lighthouse in September 2002, a 40-minute tape of conversations with surviving Keepers' children at the Bodie Island Lighthouse.
- Partnering with the NPS for the preservation and maintenance of the Bodie Island Lighthouse first order Fresnel lens. OBLHS also spearheaded a campaign to keep the lens in place.
- Contributing \$10,000 to the NPS for repairs to the Bodie Island Lighthouse Tower.
- Hosting a homecoming for Bodie Island Lighthouse Keepers' descendants in October 2013 where 300 descendants and 50 volunteers attended. OBLHS also provided genealogical research and published Bodie Island Lighthouse Keepers Oral and Family Histories in summer 2013.

## CAPE HATTERAS LIGHTHOUSE

- Supporting the National Park Service (NPS) plan for the relocation and long-term protection of the Cape Hatteras Light Station.
- Providing research and planning to the NPS for the engraving of foundation stones at the original site of the 1870 Cape Hatteras Lighthouse with the Keepers' names (now relocated to the Keepers of the Light Amphitheater) with sponsorship from the Dare County Tourist Bureau.
- Planning and execution (with NPS and local community) of the successful Hatteras Keepers Descendants Homecoming which hosted over 1,100 Keepers' descendants at the Cape Hatteras Lighthouse May 2001.
- Publication of the commemorative Hatteras Keepers Oral and Family Histories book by Cheryl Shelton-Roberts and Sandra MacLean Clunies which is based on interviews with Cape Hatteras keepers' families, keepers' journals, and family photographs. [No royalties or fees were paid the editor and family historian; all proceeds funded the Homecoming.]
- Sponsoring a special weekend entitled "Two Hundred Years of Light" at the Circle of Stones at the Cape Hatteras Lighthouse with special addresses by NPS staff and authors Homer Hickam, Kevin Duffus, and David Stick in October 2003.
- Donating of \$5,000 to the Graveyard of the Atlantic Museum for the restoration and exhibit of the 1854 first order Fresnel lens from the Cape Hatteras Lighthouse. Several members also volunteered time during the four-week project.

## CAPE LOOKOUT LIGHTHOUSE

- Helping plan 150th celebration of light at Cape Lookout Lighthouse October/November 2009.
- Providing genealogical research for keepers' descendants at the 150th anniversary of Cape Lookout Lighthouse in Oct. 2009.
- Soliciting donated paint for Cape Lookout from Lowe's Home Improvement, Mooresville, NC.

## CHICAMOCOMICO LIFE-SAVING STATION

- Donating \$2,000 to the emergency repairs of the 1854 Chicamacomico Life-Saving Station in 2007.
- Donating emergency funds to Chicamacomico LifeSaving Station in 2011 after Hurricane Irene moved buildings from their foundations.
- Awarding \$5,000 grant monies to Chicamacomico Life-Saving-Station to help with general funds and upkeep in 2012.

## CURRITUCK BEACH LIGHTHOUSE

- Supporting the Outer Banks Conservationists in their successful quest to gain permanent stewardship of Currituck Beach Light.

## ROANOKE RIVER LIGHTHOUSE

- Donating of a plastic U.S. Coast Guard lens equivalent to a fourth order Fresnel lens to the reproduction of the Roanoke River Lighthouse in Plymouth, NC.

## ALL NC LIGHTHOUSES

- Posting of articles and answers to requests concerning NC lighthouses for members at <http://outerbankslighthousesociety.org>.
- Publishing a brochure distributed at no charge to all who inquire about North Carolina Lighthouses, also available at many NC Visitors' Centers.
- Providing an educational package on NC lighthouses free of charge to educators and students across the nation when requested.
- Providing materials upon request to: public visiting the Outer Banks lighthouses, interpretive rangers at OBX lights, and keepers at lighthouses nationally.
- Sponsored 16 Girl Scouts from Junior Troop #921, who traveled from Raleigh, NC, to visit both Bodie Island and Cape Hatteras Lighthouses. They camped at Cape Point Campground in Buxton, NC where they relived their weekend national seashore adventures.

## PARTNERSHIPS AND GIFTS

- Donating a 7-ft tall model of the Cape Hatteras Lighthouse, engineered by Ed Chiasson of Sea-Lites, to the Dare Co Tourist Bureau.
- Donating of \$5,000 to the Graveyard of the Atlantic Museum for the restoration and exhibit of the 1854 first order Fresnel lens from the Cape Hatteras Lighthouse.
- Co-sponsoring with the NPS the Hatteras Keepers Descendants Homecoming, along with other major sponsors including Bank of America, WRAL-TV, Lighthouse Digest/Depot, and the Dare County Tourist Bureau.
- Purchasing of architectural drawings of the NC Lights with a grant from the Frank Stick Fund that are now housed in the Outer Banks History Center in Manteo, NC.