



Cape Decision Lighthouse Society

Spring 2010

Greetings from the Cape Decision Lighthouse Society,

Last fall, we decided to discontinue our spring newsletters and provide our members with a brief letter outlining our plans for the upcoming season and news from our winter's activities.

This summer we will be completing the final stages of our 2009 Rasmuson Grant. Tom Penny of Sea Level Stone and Tile, Sitka, will return to Cape Decision this June to spearhead the final chimney and masonry repair work. The chimney will be lowered to a safe working elevation, a custom cap will be built, and our historic pot-belly "Cannon-Heater" wood stove will burn once again. Bricks removed from the chimney will be used to construct a pony-wall / hearth inside the galley. The US Coast Guard has graciously agreed to airlift many of the heavy materials needed for our chimney reconstruction project. Many thanks to Chief Woodward, and Officer Green of the Aids to Navigation Team in Sitka. Mike Mayo, board member, has offered to ship additional materials from Seattle where he will be hauling out the *Coral Lee* this spring. Many thanks go out to all those who have contributed to the success of this project.

We held a Pig Roast and Dance fundraiser in Sitka, and a fundraiser in Juneau complete with bagpipers, and dancing girls! Both events raised \$4557 which will be spent on galley cabinets, countertops and sinks. We are grateful for all those who have contributed to making our "Ralley for the Galley" fundraisers a success.

CDLS has also applied for a grant through SHPO, the State Historic Preservation Office, to fund the restoration of the lighthouse windows. The grant also addresses some other much needed exterior repair and preservation work on the lighthouse. We expect this to be a costly, labor intensive project. The galley should be ready for a larger work party the summer of 2011 for the window work. We are in need of about 12-14 volunteers, someone for each window, and a stipend, with a successful award. Please contact the CDLS office if you would like to participate in the window restoration project for 2011.

We are very excited about this summer's volunteer work projects. It could not be possible without your continued support and the ongoing contributions we have received from the McIntosh and Rasmuson Foundations, and many other business and individual membership donations. Thank you for sharing our vision for the Cape Decision Lighthouse.

Best Wishes, Chris Brooks, *president*



Dues Renewal Notice:
\$25.00 Member
Thank you for
remembering CDLS in
your giving!

News from the Board

- This winter and spring have brought some changes to our board of directors. CDLS welcomes three new, enthusiastic members: Kari Johnson, Mike Mayo, and Dick Dapceвич, all of Sitka. It is exciting to have fresh energy and new ideas. Brandon Marx, board member, was elected into the vice president chair. Steve Lanwermeyer now occupies an ex-officio board position that is designed to help facilitate the development of educational programming at Cape Decision.
- We would like to acknowledge retiring board members Joel Hanson and Shiela Finkenbinder for their many years of dedication and service to CDLS.
- We are always accepting nominations from our membership to fill future board positions.

VOLUNTEER THIS SUMMER!

This summer's work party at the lighthouse will take place from May 28th until June 18th. Please contact CDLS for more information on how you can participate. Many hands make light work!



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