



Our Mission

"To preserve and restore Grand Haven's Entrance and Inner Lighthouse structures along with any associated artifacts. Through public promotion and education, on site interpretive displays and artifact presentations the history and importance of the lighthouse structures will be conveyed to residents and visitors alike."

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Porthole Sunset by T. Parker



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News from the Grand Haven Lighthouse Conservancy

GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION AND COAST GUARD PRESENTS LIGHTS TO CITY

It is official: the City of Grand Haven graciously accepted a ceremonial deed and keys from the Federal Government at the annual City Boards and Commissions Dinner held on April 24, 2013. The Gala, held every year to celebrate the hundreds of citizens who serve on Grand Haven's Boards and Commissions, was the perfect setting to welcome the lights into local ownership. Members of the Grand Haven Lighthouse Conservancy were present to oversee the transfer.

Ms. Lisa A. Tangney, from the Chicago Real Property Utilization and Disposal Division office of the U.S. General Services Administration, presented Grand Haven Mayor Geri McCaleb with a formal copy of the deed conveying the lights to the City of Grand Haven. "The City successfully applied for ownership of the lights under the provisions of the National Historic Lighthouse Preservation Act of 2000," according to Tangney.

Lieutenant Commander Sean Brady of Sector Field Office Grand



Left to right Patrick McGinnis, City of Grand Haven, Greg VanWoerkom (Congressman Huizenga's Office), David Karpin (GHLG), Denise Sachau (SHPO), Sean Brady (USCG), Mayor McCaleb, Brian Lijewski (SHPO), Lisa Tangney (GSA) and Ken Formsma.

Haven arrived with a briefcase handcuffed to his wrist – he stated that this presentation is symbolic of the high esteem the Coast Guard holds these historic structures in. He respectfully shackled the case to the Mayor's wrist, stating "it is now Grand Haven's turn to preserve these historic wonders."

ROTARY RUN FOR THE LIGHTS RAISES WELLNESS AND FUNDS



Left to right Rotary President Kelly Larson, Dave Karpin and Lighthouse Run Chair Darren Riopelle.

The Rotary Club of Grand Haven held a 5k run on Friday, February 8 that attracted over 300 runners and raised over \$8,000 for lighthouse preservation. Rotary President Kelly Larson presented the check to Conservancy President David Karpin at a Rotary meeting in March. Ms. Larson was pleased that the local Rotary Club could be a part of this historic preservation effort.

"Rotary is involved in water related projects globally and locally, and this is a very important symbol of our home town and our water-related heritage," said Larson of Rotary's interest in preserving our lights.