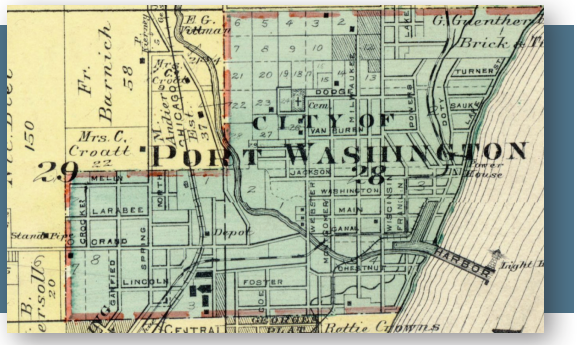
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DISCOVERING OUR HISTORY

1860 LIGHT STATION AND RESOURCE CENTER
NEWSLETTER



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2026 PWHS Speaker Series
Port Washington State Bank Community Room
218 E. Washington Street 7:00 p.m.

This year we will be returning to the Port Washington State Bank Community Room for our Speaker Series. The presentations are a benefit of membership so be sure to join or renew before you RSVP as there is limited seating. Members are welcome to bring guests if seating is available. Guest registration is $10.00 per presentation. ***See you there!***



February 18 – Wisconsin Diving History Bill Pelky. In 1924 the lake steamer *SS Lakeland* sank off the Sturgeon Bay Ship Canal under suspicious circumstances. To investigate in 1925, divers were brought in to dive the wreck at over 200 feet. A new technology was tried on the dives using helium as a breathing gas. This was the beginning of Wisconsin's contribution to commercial, military, and sport diving. Wisconsin held several firsts in diving technology and three world records.



March 23 – The Eastland Tragedy – Todd Gordon and Dale Palechek On July 24, 1915, the luxury steamer *SS Eastland* was headed for a day trip from Chicago to Michigan City, IN when it capsized while leaving the dock. 844 people were killed, making this the largest single ship disaster on the Great Lakes. There will be a short documentary shown followed by a presentation.

April 12 - Location! Location! Location! – Marie and Allan Blunt Why are lighthouses established where they are? What happens when they crumble, or worse, fall into the water? Explore lighthouses that have been built in one location but moved to another. Hear the fascinating story of a lighthouse built on the wrong island! Join us for an interactive and lively program with plenty of time for questions and conversation. ASL Interpreters will be onsite.





May 20 - The Accidental Historic Preservationist: My journey of discovery restoring the buildings on Plum and Pilot Islands - Mary Beth Volmer, President of the Friends of Plum and Pilot Islands - The Friends are partnered with the US Fish and Wildlife Service to provide fundraising, advocacy and community outreach for the islands. The islands are home to two lighthouses and a historic Coast Guard Station that is on the National Register of Historic Places. ASL Interpreters will be on site.

President's Message

Hello PWHS Members and Friends,
Your Port Washington Historical Society (PWHS) has a mission which requires your help in its efforts to preserve and share community history that connects the past to the present with a view to the future. Thank you for your past support and much thanks for your continued support.

I am always interested in other communities' historical societies to see and learn from what they are preserving and presenting in exhibits. I find much like here in Port that other local historical societies are organizations dedicated to preserving and promoting the history and heritage of their specific communities. They, as does PWHS, help preserve local history and family stories which likely don't find preservation in larger papers or state historical records. PWHS provides invaluable services for our community in preserving the history and memories of the people and places that made Port Washington what it is today.

If you were to stop by the Resource Center downtown (and please do) there are volunteers willing to help you uncover some of those stories.

I took a glance at the Internet to see the reasons it gave in support of local historical societies. It seemed the information was right on target, so I will share it here for you. Supporting local historical societies is crucial for preserving community heritage, fostering education, and promoting local identity. Here are 10 reasons your support is important.

1. Preserve Local History: Historical societies collect and archive historical documents, artifacts, and photographs, ensuring that they are available for future generations.
2. Educate the Community: Historical societies also play an important role in educating the community about the town's history. The PWHS presents exhibits, lectures, and walkable tours that provide an opportunity for people to learn about Port Washingtons past.
3. Promote Cultural Tourism: A historical society can help promote cultural tourism in the town. The number of out-of-town and out-of-state people who visit the PWHS and especially the Light Station property would surprise you, and they all leave with smiles.
4. Create a Sense of Community: Historical societies bring together people who share an interest in the town's history. By working together, our volunteers, and members develop a sense of community and pride in working to preserve and share Port history.
5. Identify Historic Sites: The PWHS has placed numerous signs depicting Port's historic buildings and residences. Take a walk this fall downtown and make note of Ports historic buildings; we claim the largest collection of pre-civil war buildings in the state.
6. Provide Genealogical Resources: PWHS provides resources, such as cemetery records, family histories, and local census data. These resources can be invaluable for people researching their family history.
7. Support Local Businesses: By promoting the town's history, historical societies can support local businesses. PWHS volunteers point many tourists who come to see the towns historical sites to Ports local restaurants, shops, and other businesses.
8. Foster Civic Pride: Historical societies foster civic pride by celebrating the town's achievements and highlighting its unique qualities. Many who have volunteered at the Light Station and Resource Center have had opportunities to do just that with visitors.
9. Encourage Volunteerism: Historical societies rely on volunteers to carry out their mission. By providing opportunities for people to get involved, the Society can encourage volunteerism and community engagement. Your continued support is needed.
10. Preserve Architectural Heritage: A historical society can play an important role in preserving the town's architectural heritage. By advocating for the preservation of historic buildings and landmarks, the Society can ensure that they are not lost to future generations.

That's our mission to preserve and share community history.
Let me add one final story uncovered as I was surfing the Internet. It was stated that there are more historical and heritage organizations in America than McDonalds, must be true, it was on the Internet. I found that interesting, but as I thought of all the small and large towns and cities that I've passed through, a local history organization seemed to have a home in many of those cities and towns...so yes, maybe historical societies / organizations do outnumber the Golden Arches.

One final word, the Port Washington Historical Society runs on the efforts of volunteers. Volunteerism is essential for the success of PWHS as it provides the necessary manpower and skills to manage projects, organize events, and maintain historical sites and records. Thank you to all our volunteers at the Resource Center, the Light Station, the Board of Directors and the many who give financially. We are always looking for volunteers who can assist with organizing events, maintaining archives, and conducting research: volunteers willing to serve on the board; all of whom help in the society's capacity to preserve Port Washingtons heritage. We would welcome new volunteers, so please contact the PWHS.

Thank you all for your past and continued support to the Port Washington Historical Society. FYI, big projects at the Light Station property are on the horizon in 2027, which will need your help.

Sincerely,
Kevin Grady, President

Executive Director's Report

The 1860 Light Station is on the National Register of Historic Places and includes three buildings: a Lighthouse; a Generator Building; and a replica Oil House. This historic property has been in the loving care of the Port Washington Historical Society since the late 1990s. The Lighthouse was beautifully restored from top to bottom between 2002 and 2005. But the Generator Building, built in 1934 almost 100 years ago, has never benefited from a full historic restoration.

The story of the Generator Building connects two of the three currently standing Lighthouses of Port Washington: the historically significant lighthouse at the 1860 Light Station on the north bluff overlooking the harbor for 166 years; and the recently restored Art-Deco Pierlight. When the Art-Deco Light was fully electrified, the backup power came from the Generator Building at the 1860 Light Station up the hill.

PWHS is undertaking exciting and long overdue preservation plans with KSK Architects, of Milwaukee, for the restoration of the Generator Building and the 1934 addition to the back of the original 1860 Lighthouse. Our plans include new windows and siding for the Lighthouse addition and returning the Generator Building to its original 1934 appearance on the outside, adding an accessible ramp, and installing interactive exhibits on the inside. We will be working with our partners, the City of Port Washington, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Association/ Wisconsin Shipwreck Coast National Marine Sanctuary, and you, our members, to enhance heritage tourism visitors of all ages.

This year, your contributions to our Annual Fund will be dedicated to these restoration efforts at the Light Station. With your year-end donation you will be helping celebrate the Light Station's remarkable legacy as well as its exciting future. Thank you for believing in our mission. You can read more on the history of the Light Station and our newly announced Capital Campaign in this newsletter.

My best wishes for a wonderful winter season..

Dawn St. George PhD, Executive Director



Rendering of Accessible Ramp



Rendering of New Siding



Rendering of New Exhibit Space



CAPITAL CAMPAIGN FOR RESTORATION AT THE LIGHTSTATION

It has been ninety-two years since the Light Station was remodeled by the Coast Guard to accommodate its backup operations and twenty-five years since 1860 Lighthouse was restored and the Generator Building was last repaired by the Historical Society. The Society is embarking on a much-needed restoration project for these two iconic buildings and needs your support.

The Coast Guard took over the Light Station in 1934 after the retirement of the last lighthouse keeper and decommissioning of the light in favor of the newly built and automated Breakwater Light. The light tower and Fresnel lens were removed. To make more housing for Coast Guard personnel, the 1860 Lighthouse was transformed into two apartments with an additional clapboard addition on both the first and second floors at the back of the original brick lighthouse. The Generator Building was constructed on the site of an old barn on the east side of the lot to house the heavy cables and switches for backup operation of the new Breakwater Light in the harbor.

The Historical Society began its first renovation of the Light Station buildings in the late 1990's. The Coast Guard ceased operations in Port Washington in the 1970's and the Light Station buildings were given to the National Park Service and ultimately to the City of Port which leased the property to the Historical Society in 1997. Ultimately, the light was restored with the assistance of the Duchy of Luxemburg and the funds and sweat of many volunteers. In preparation for the rededication of the Light Station in 2002, the clapboard "sunroom" addition to the Lighthouse and the outside of the Generator Building received new wood siding which was hastily assembled and lightly painted.

Twenty-five years later, the wood siding, windows, and doors of the Generator Building and the 1860 Lighthouse addition need replacement. The Generator Building has fourteen windows dating back to 1934 which can be restored. It also has two doors and two garage doors that must be replaced. The Lighthouse clapboard addition has eight windows of more modern vintage which cannot be restored and must be replaced. Windows in both structures need to be restored or replaced before new wood siding can be installed. A historical architect has been engaged to ensure that renovation of these structures is conducted in a manner preserving their historical significance.

The Port Washington Historical Society is responsible for all repair of the Light Station buildings under its current lease with the city of Port Washington and receives no local, state, or federal funding for the upkeep of these iconic structures. The Society has received several generous grants but still requires additional funding to undertake this renovation project. If you are able to donate to this project or sponsor replacement of a window or door, please contact the Historical Society at pwhistory.org/donation-membership or 262-268-9150.



2002 Renovation of Generator Building



2026 Capital Improvements – Chimney Rebuild and New Concrete Wall

1860 Light Station Report

Some places help tell the story of a community. The 1860 Light Station is one of them in Port Washington. Vantage Data Centers, Oracle, and OpenAI have jointly committed to support the restoration of the historic Light Station and help to ensure this iconic piece of Port Washington's history remains a place the community can enjoy for generations to come. The investment funded a new retaining wall along the north side of the property, an important step in the broader restoration effort. We are grateful for this donation along with a generous donation from Paul and Judy (nee Moser) Trump as lead donations to our Capital Campaign to restore the Generator Building's historic exterior, expand public access, and create new educational opportunities to share Port Washington's maritime history.



New Retaining Wall

Resident Keepers joined by an Invited Guest

Lighthouses are for everyone and our 1860 Light Station is no exception. Several visitors to our 1860 Light Station Museum this summer were tickled to meet PWHS member Vaughn Hallada, who loves lighthouses, our history, and just happens to be Deaf. Like all our well-trained resident keepers, Vaughn studied the book, "The Lighthouses of Port Washington", poured over the docent script, and was awarded a museum T-shirt. During his shift he staffed the front desk cheerfully greeting guests, collecting museum entrance fees and ensuring the waivers were properly signed. Later that afternoon he staffed the tower's lantern room, taking care that guests read the sign and faced the ladder after admiring the beautiful view of the harbor.



Vaughn Giving a Tour

During a private tour for the Deaf community, his fingers gracefully told the stories of historic Keepers Margarette and Charles while his facial expressions shared the awesomeness of our tower being replaced with a gift from the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg and engaged guests with a demo of how water was historically carried up the bluff. He interpreted the stories of our lighthouse history with such high energy!

Following the daily closing of the museum to the public, today's resident keepers still have work to do. Like keepers of yore, Vaughn meticulously removed bugs, cleaned the lantern room glass, and polished the brass. Vaughn, like so many of our members, has a huge commitment to our lighthouse. He even sports a tattoo of the Art Deco Light his daughters got him for his birthday. Truly, he is a gift to the work and care taking place at the 1860 Light Station Museum.



Other Duties as Assigned

Resource Center News

We had over 877 visitors tour the Resource Center this summer. One of the big draws is our interactive exhibit mapping the locations and giving historical information of known shipwrecks in the Wisconsin Shipwreck Coast National Marine Sanctuary. Another is an interactive touch screen following the journey of the immigrants from the east coast of the United States to the east coast of Lake Michigan. Visitors also watched videos of maritime archaeologists diving to Great Lakes Shipwrecks. Often museum displays have "Hands Off" signs so when ours say "Hands On", visitors of all ages smile with glee.

The exhibit of Port Washington's newspapers and advertising pieces has been enjoyed by many. If you haven't seen it, please stop in and see which ads you remember. Our thanks to Paul Hansen, Mary Kay Schuknecht, Mary Fran Lepeska, Mary Downing, Nancy Haacke, and Nancy Holley for making it possible for the Resource Building to be open Fridays and Saturdays from June through September.

When we moved into the Resource Center site on Franklin Street in 2013, the space upstairs for the archives seemed unlimited. And here we are thirteen years later needing to move some of those items that we don't often use to our storage unit. Several years ago, we purchased a storage unit we had been renting. Recently, it has undergone a re-organization with shelving added, all in preparation for the re-locating of some of the collections. There's been help from school age kids and adults to prepare the unit for the move.

Collections has been working with the Biever Family and two Wisconsin film makers to produce a small market film on Vernon Biever, *The Forgotten Packer*. Vernon's career as a photographer beyond that of Packer team photographer. Watch for information in future announcements. A donation from the Jerome Hubbard Family has expanded our WW II service uniforms to include that of a Marine Corp soldier. We would still like to acquire Air Force and Navy uniforms.

Geri Zehren & Jackie Oleson, Co-Managers at the Resource Center



Generator Building Clean Out



Move to Fredonia Storage



Jerome Hubbard

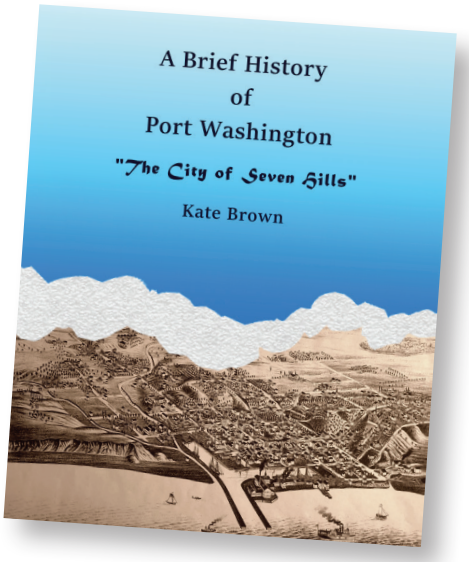
Hubbard Uniform

The Travels of the Wisconsin Street School Bell

This is the story of the long journey of the schoolhouse bell. It hung in the bell tower of the first Wisconsin Street School built in 1892 in the center of a parklike setting bordered by Jackson Street on the north, Washington Street on the south and Wisconsin Street on the east. Deterioration of the tower caused the bell to be removed in 1957. Gustav Hirsch had a passion for collecting discarded treasures. He had served in administration at the Port Washington Vocational School, then located in the former schoolhouse. When he heard of the proposed demolition of the tower, he contacted the firm doing the work and managed to obtain the bell. It stayed with the family through the years.

Fire destroyed the schoolhouse in 1985. Upon his death in 2003 his children donated the bell to the PW Historical Society. It was determined that the bell would become a part of the memorial to the city's volunteer firemen on the southwest corner of the Wisconsin Street lot which at that time was home to the Fire and Police department. Advance now to 2026; the departments have moved and the lot was sold for development. So once again, the schoolhouse bell needed a new home. There is a small parklike setting on the northeast corner of the Wisconsin Street lot. It is fitting that this school bell rests once again on the lot and overlooks the city it has served. Although battered and missing its clapper, the bell is a reminder of the formidable brick school building that served thousands of schoolchildren of all ages for decades.





Kate Brown was born in the U.K. and moved to the U.S in 1961. She arrived in Port Washington in 2006. Being a librarian, she found a place at the Port Historical Society. She felt right at home sorting and cataloging the extensive photo collection. As it happened, the Society had just received the Ambrose Mayer Collection donated by his daughter, Jeannie. Kate spent the next two years working with this collection of more than 3,000 historical photographs; gaining an introduction to Port's history that piqued her curiosity to learn more. Unfortunately, there was no concise, easy to read history available, so she decided to write one. After going through the varied sources available at the Society Resource Center and other local materials with assistance from Chat GPT, the final product was *A Brief History of Port Washington*. This small volume describes the events both 'good and not so good' of the city's founding and development over the past 190 years. It is easy to read the narrative, which includes many pictures from the Mayer Collection.
The book is available at the Resource Center for $11.00.

"YOUR KIDS DON'T WANT IT"

Old photographs and local artifacts of Port Washington that you might be keeping for your kids and grandkids may not be the treasures that they will cherish forever. This summer, the Resource Center received donations of posters, a 1923 yearbook, scrapbooks, letters, and photos rescued from basements, dumpsters, and even the closet of the Fredonia Town Hall.

Talk to your kids about your treasures and, if they do not share your love of the past or do not have the space to spare, consider donating them to the Resource Center or other appropriate historical society while you are still available to share the story that these items may tell.

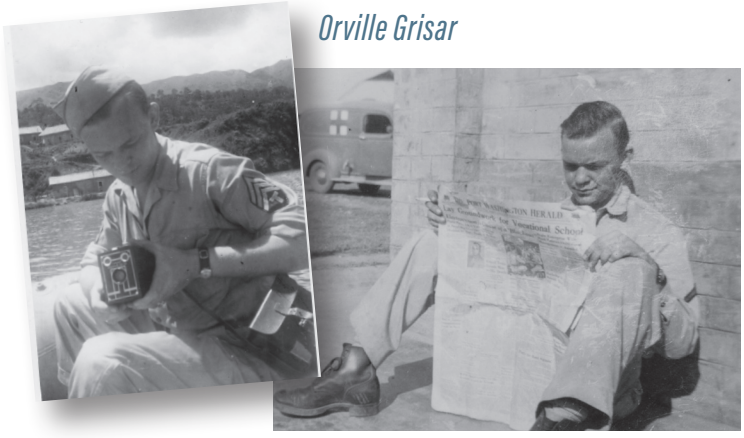
Orville Grisar, a Port Washington Resident and WW II Veteran.

Grisar was born March 8, 1920 and died August 3, 1989. He graduated from Port Washington High School, Class of 1939. Orville joined the Army in 1942 and, in Fort Bliss, TX, trained as an ambulance driver as part of the 95th Station Hospital which had been formed in 1942. This is Orville's story as shared by his family through photographs, many he took with his camera during service time, and documents that chronicle his years.

The 95th Station Hospital was a successful overseas installation of a medical outfit that in 1943 covered the China-Burma-India Theater of Operations, going from 50 beds to 100 beds and then 750 beds by October,1944. In the summer of 1945, the 95th was the only large Army Station Hospital unit in China. They treated ailments typical when a large group are housed together, cared for battle casualties from China fronts, served as an evacuation hospital to India installations, and served as a general hospital for personnel. The hospital treated British, French, Chinese, and other Allied Army soldiers. They also treated Japanese soldiers.

Orville served through India and China, documenting his service time with many photos of the areas, its people, culture, and his experiences living and working within their communities. He documented himself visiting local markets, riding camels and carts, posing with a dead white tiger, and driving an ambulance.

After the conclusion of WW II, Orville returned to Port Washington. He got a job, married Linda Meyer on October 29, 1955, and enjoyed the following years raising a family of three children. The remarkable donation from the family of Orville Grisar includes hundreds of photos from the time of Orville as an infant, youngster, serviceman, husband, and father. Documents included his Will and Power of Attorney, written as he left for war, his birth and confirmation certificates, a booklet on the 95th Station Hospital, and an Easter telegram home from China. Watch for an exhibit later next year highlighting Orville's photographs.



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Tax Smart Ways to Support the Historical Society

Many supporters of the Historical Society are looking for meaningful ways to preserve local history while also making financially sound charitable gifts. Two strategies that may offer tax advantages are Qualified Charitable Distributions (QCDs) from IRAs and gifts of appreciated securities.

Use Your IRA to Make a Charitable Gift

If you are age 73 or older, the IRS generally requires you to take Required Minimum Distributions (RMDs) annually from tax deferred retirement accounts. A Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) allows individuals age 70½ or older to transfer funds directly from an IRA to a qualified charity, such as the Historical Society.

For 2026, up to $111,000 may qualify as a QCD. The amount donated can count toward your annual RMD while being excluded from your taxable income.

This can be a valuable planning strategy because reducing taxable income may help lessen the taxation of Social Security benefits and avoid other income-related tax consequences.

To qualify, the distribution must be made directly from your IRA custodian to the Historical Society. Donors should consult their tax advisor to determine eligibility and reporting requirements.

Consider Donating Appreciated Stock

If you own stocks or mutual funds that have increased significantly in value and have been held for more than one year, donating those securities directly to the Historical Society may provide additional tax benefits.

By contributing appreciated securities directly, donors may avoid paying capital gains tax on the appreciation while supporting the Historical Society's mission. In many cases, this can be more tax efficient than selling the investment and donating the cash proceeds.

Which Assets Are Often Best for Charity?

Many financial professionals believe that IRA assets can be among the most tax efficient assets to leave to charitable organizations because charities generally receive the full value of the account without paying income taxes.

Conversely, appreciated investments such as stocks and real estate often receive favorable tax treatment when passed to family members. Because of this, some donors choose to direct IRA assets to charitable organizations like the Historical Society while leaving other investment assets to children and grandchildren.

Preserve History. Create a Legacy.

Your support helps preserve our community's stories, landmarks, and historical treasures for future generations. Whether through a Qualified Charitable Distribution, a gift of appreciated securities, or another planned giving strategy, your generosity can make a lasting impact.

Please consult your tax and legal advisors regarding your individual situation before making any charitable gift.

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The Port Washington Historical Society is supported through sponsorships, donations and memberships from individuals, foundations, and corporations. By becoming a member, you play a vital role in preserving our community history and ensuring the success of the Resource Center and the 1860 Light Station.

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- Free admission to the 1860 Light Station and PWHS Resource Center
- Free admission to special programming and the PWHS Speaker Series
- Free guest passes based on the level of your membership
- Our newsletter, Historical Perspectives
- Free admission to the Research Center archives at the Luxembourg American Cultural Society & Center in Belgium, Wisconsin

Join online at pwhistory.org/donation-membership

Thank you.

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262-268-9150
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If you need more information or want to volunteer, call the Resource Center at (262) 268-9150.

The Historical Society is always looking for volunteers to serve at the Resource Center. Currently we are looking for weekend greeters who would volunteer to share their knowledge of Port Washington one Saturday morning a month from 10:00 a.m. to 2 p.m. beginning May 30 through October 31, 2026. If you are interested in helping this way, please contact Geri Zehren or Jackie Oleson at 262-268-9150.

BOARD MEMBER NEWS

Mike Keller was reelected to the BOD for a second three-year term. Mike was a member of the Building & Grounds Committee for the past three years. Mike retired from the Port Washington Police Department in 2019 after a 42-year career.

In Memoriam

Donald Roller
William Flierl

VOLUNTEER NEWS

HOLIDAY PARTY

Thank you to our dedicated volunteers for their unending passion and dedication!

Where: The Resource Center Museum
When: 7 December, 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.

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2027 PWHS Speaker Series

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Tuesday, March 23
Todd Gordon and Dale Palechek, **The Eastland Tragedy**

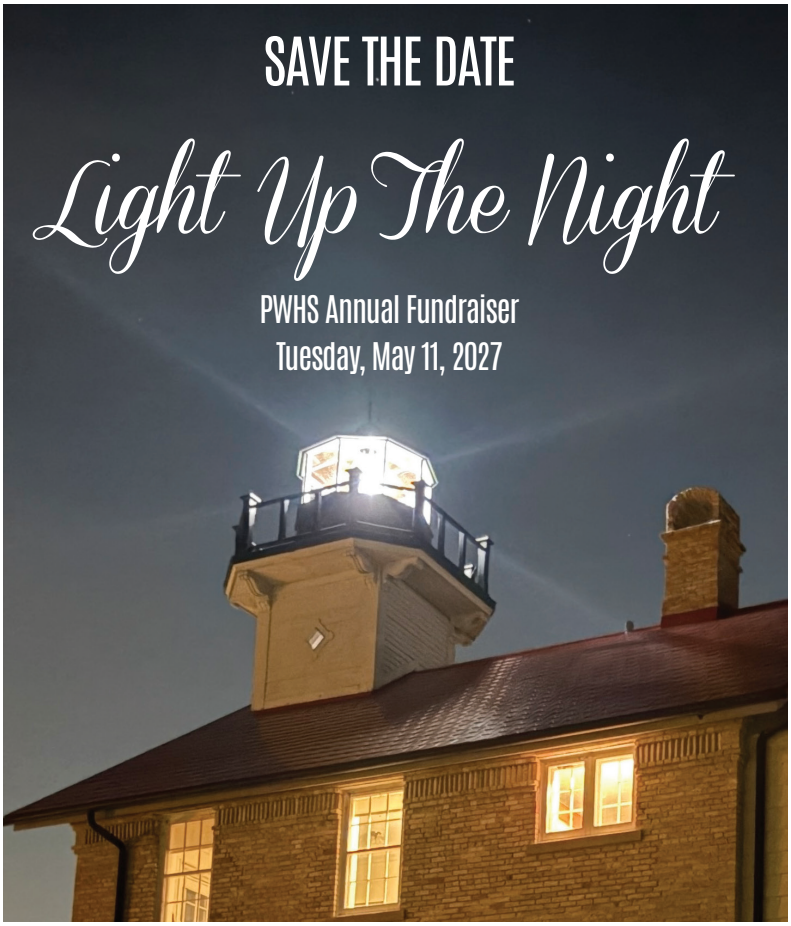
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Marie and Allan Blunt, **Location! Location! Location!** Where have lighthouses been built...or moved?

Thursday, May 20
Mary Beth Volmer, President of the Friends of Plum and Pilot Islands, **The Accidental Historic Preservationist: My journey of discovery restoring the buildings on Plum and Pilot Islands**

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