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SOUTH MANITOU HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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DEAR FRIEND OF THE SOCIETY:

1992 has arrived and with it hope the New Year is a good one for you. Last year was an exciting & beneficial Northern Lighthouse Board Conference in Toronto, Ontario, Canada. Representatives from Canada, Great Britain, Ireland, and the operational crews of South Manitou Island Lighthouse were there to share their experiences. Lighthouse preservation activities - setting, shifting and restoration - were discussed. Also, the Canadian Government's decision to turn over 100 lighthouses to private interests sector made them ponder - and endorse - the concept of a National Lighthouse Board. Canada's Minister of Fisheries and Oceans, Mr. Tom Siddon, stated that "I want to do most of you, these are memorial ... to the past, to the future, to the present ...

> Please consider joining the Society membership in writing ... or on tape ... to "Keep the Lights Burning Bright" and "Keep Canada's Proud South Manitou Island Lighthouse Tall Tower".

WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT

The nation's economic woes have put a pinch on the landscape. Usually in related times the "pinch" is felt by the "little guy" or workers. Last year, the "little guy" in Leland was the Society. Thanks to your generosity, hope also that the Service, Coast Guard, Park Service and Congress "pinched" to keep South Manitou Island Lighthouse Tall.

As long as these threats remain unresolved, people will be a few still remain a group of "hearty souls" who will "pitch in" to help the Society and South Manitou Island. Perhaps, I should have been a circus ad for the Society. Perhaps, I should have been a barker for the Society. Perhaps, I should have been a sword swallower, which has an island place name. Perhaps, I should have been a "Jack of all trades" which is what I have been in the Society.

We extend our appreciation to the family and friends of Ruth Bowen, who passed away early this year. Ruth's family requested memorials be made be donated to the Society in her memory. Thank you.

Sincerely,
Brian C. Hackett

SOUTH MANITOU TRUSTEES BOARD
1989 - 1992

Beatrice Thompson Bowen was born and grew up on South Manitou Island and died on March 1992 (92). Her father was Thomas Thompson.

Beatrice died Dec. 29, 1991 in Grand Haven, Michigan where she had lived for the past 3 years with her daughter.

She is survived by her son David Bowen, 3 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren. Her husband Ralph Bowen died in 1985 in Grand Haven.

Beatrice was a member of the Leland Methodist Church and a member of the Manitou Historical Society. Her interests were in the Society and in the Methodist Church.

MEMORIAL SOCIETY BOARD
ELECTION UPDATE

At the Annual Meeting of the Membership discussed and voted to hold the Board of Trustees to 15 members and to elect 5 members to the Board of Trustees according with by-laws.

Nominations were received in research for the following positions: Jim Bowen, Jim Lee with the will of the wisp as the Annual Meeting approached, Jim Lee, Jim Bowen, Jim Lee, Jim Bowen, Jim Lee, Jim Bowen, Jim Lee, Jim Bowen, Jim Lee.

The following was received: Robert L. Jones, Jim Bowen, Jim Lee, Jim Bowen, Jim Lee, Jim Bowen, Jim Lee, Jim Bowen, Jim Lee