

## Help us save South Haven's historic lighthouse

- Join us for appetizers and wine while learning about the restoration effort needed to preserve our historic lighthouse at 5:30 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 26 at the Historical Association of South Haven's museum, 355 Hubbard St.
  - Join us for hors d'oeuvres, musical entertainment and a video presentation about our famous lighthouse during our Kick-off Fundraising Celebration Thursday, May 7 at the South Haven Yacht Club.
  - Purchase one of our chapbooks that highlights local poetry, short stories and artwork focusing on the lighthouse.
  - Join us Aug. 7 to celebrate National Lighthouse Day by donating funds for government and community leaders as they spend 48 hours at the top of our lighthouse tower as part of the first-ever Lighthouse Sit.
- For more information, visit [www.southhavenlight.org](http://www.southhavenlight.org)

## Did you know...

- South Haven's lighthouse turned 100 years old in 2013?
- Our catwalk that connects to the lighthouse is one of only four that remain in the State of Michigan?
- Our lighthouse is one of the most photographed beacons on Lake Michigan?
- Our lighthouse ranks as South Haven's No. 1 tourist attraction by Trip Advisor.com?
- Did you know thousands of South Haven lighthouse fan photos have circled the globe? Nearly 3,000 alone are posted on the photo sharing website, Flickr.com.
- Did you know that visitors spend \$100 million dollars each year in Van Buren County and the lighthouse is one of their favorite landmarks to see when visiting South Haven?

— Photo illustration  
by Sheryl Kaptur

*Our  
Lighthouse...*



*... Our Heritage*

# Our lighthouse...Our heritage

Can you imagine South Haven without a lighthouse? It could happen.

For more than a century, South Haven's popular beacon has lured hundreds of thousands of people and boats to our shores. It has become synonymous with our town's name.



Corrosion covers the stairway and stairwell leading to the lighthouse's second and third stories.

But after more than a century of battling harsh winter weather and Lake Michigan's waves, our lighthouse needs extensive repair and restoration.

It might look just fine on the outside, with a fresh coat of paint applied in 2014, but the structure's interior reveals a much different story.

Inside, corrosion

threatens to destroy the beacon's base, seams, windows and stairs. Lead paint peels along the second-story floor and walls, while asbestos poses an environmental health threat.

The Historical Association of South Haven owns the historical light and wants to restore it to its original beauty, but we need your help.

The association's lighthouse commit-

tee is embarking on a campaign to raise \$300,000 to not only restore the lighthouse, but maintain it for future generations to enjoy. Your donation will go a long way to preserving the Light!



Corrosion has eaten through the balcony and the exterior walls of the lighthouse.



The windows and interior walls of the lighthouse need extensive repair.



Roger Horton of the Lighthouse Committee points to corroded seams on interior walls.

## Our Lighthouse...Our Heritage 2015 Capital Campaign

I have enclosed \$\_\_\_\_\_ to support the \$300,000 capital campaign for the preservation of the South Haven Lighthouse. This includes repair of corrosion and restoration of the interior and the stripping, repair and repainting of the exterior of the lighthouse.

Please make check payable to: Historical Association of South Haven

If you prefer to pay by credit card, please visit our website at [www.historyofsouthhaven.org](http://www.historyofsouthhaven.org) and use our PayPal service.

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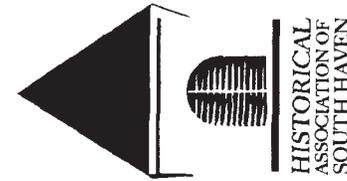
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