

**Jupiter Inlet Lighthouse & Museum**

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**2nd Annual Lighthouse Luminary Luncheon kicked off 160<sup>th</sup> year celebration of the Jupiter Inlet Lighthouse**

**Exhilarating expert panel discussion - 'South Florida's First U.S. Weather Station: The History – The Impact – The Future' highlighted significance of backyard gem as South Florida's first weather station**

**April 18, 2020 - Jupiter, Fla.** – A community bubbling with pride turned out, to show its support for the Jupiter Inlet Lighthouse & Museum at its 2nd annual 'Lighthouse Luminary Luncheon,' held at the beautiful, waterfront Pelican Club just across the inlet from the Lighthouse. The March 11th luncheon, themed 'South Florida's First US Weather Station at Jupiter Inlet Lighthouse: – The History – The Impact – The Future,' was in celebration of the 160<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Jupiter Inlet Lighthouse in anticipation of the future building of the replica Jupiter Weather Station.

A major highlight of the program was the Loxahatchee River Historical Society presenting Karen Marcus, president, Sustainable PBC and former Palm Beach County Commissioner with the 2020 Outstanding Stewardship Award honoring her environmental legacy work. The nonprofit Society operating the Jupiter Inlet Lighthouse & Museum was excited to recognize Marcus with this important award.

Generously serving again this year as Honorary Co-Chairs of the Lighthouse Luminary Luncheon, were football legend Joe Namath and philanthropist Charles Modica. The Lighthouse is grateful to The Joe Namath Foundation & Charles Modica Family for their ongoing commitment and contributions supporting educational programming and preservation efforts at the Lighthouse & Museum.

WPBF 25 First Warning Weather Expert Mike Lyons, stepped in as the lively and delightful Emcee and moderator for the fascinating luncheon program. A *Conversation With the Experts* featured top national leaders in the field of weather and hurricanes, in honor of the Weather Bureau Station at Jupiter Lighthouse: Ken Graham, Director, NOAA National Hurricane Center, Miami, Robert Molleda, Warning Coordination Meteorologist, National, Weather Service, Miami, Pablo Santos, PhD., Meteorologist-in-Charge, NOAA National Weather Service, Miami/South Florida, Captain Kristie Twining, NOAA Corps, Ret. Hurricane Hunter Pilot , and BOSN3 Eric J. Watson, USCG Aids To Navigation Officer, Sector Miami.

With the backdrop of the perfectly restored Jupiter Inlet Lighthouse outside and a beautiful indoor screen slideshow, the 'Lighthouse Luminary Luncheon' offered attendees a gorgeous setting in which to enjoy a delicious and elegant lunch, fabulous silent & live auctions, and exciting program with distinguished weather experts. A uniquely fun-filled raffle gifted participants with a large red umbrella adorned with the Lighthouse's 160<sup>th</sup> Anniversary logo. Fabulous hand-crafted red lighthouse candle holders graced each table as its centerpiece and were made uniquely for the luncheon by The Very Good Stuff. Adding sparkle and splash to the afternoon, many guests arrived donning a 'pop of red' to show support for the community's beloved icon.

The luncheon was followed by an exciting VIP After-Party amid the breathtaking views of the aqua inlet and Jupiter Light on the Pelican Club deck. The relaxed crowd mingled with custom designed "Lighthouse Sunset" and "Tropical Storm" cocktails provided at the Hurricane Bar by Steel Tie Spirits. Light bites, desserts, and hand-roasted Oceana Coffee were enjoyed along with the music of a steel drum. A delicious rose' wine was provided at the luncheon and VIP After Party by Southern Glazer's Wine & Spirits. This VIP After Party was kindly underwritten by Jupiter Plastic Surgery Center and Fiserv.

Serving on the 2020 Lighthouse Luminary Committee were: Marlene Bennett, Kim Smith, Kelly Parkey, Kimberly Valestin, Andrea Aitken, Sherry Schattie, Kelly O'Shea, Betsy Munson, Katie Newitt, Deb Schuemann, Darlene O'Donnell, Carrie Bligh, Cammi Werling, Jo Ann Jacobson, Kimberly Walestin, Kelly Sturmthal, Sally Byrd, Mary Sunshine, Anna Erickson and Bea Sallabi.

Supporters celebrating the Jupiter Inlet Lighthouse's milestone include *160<sup>th</sup> Lighthouse Anniversary Partners*: Joseph C. Kempe Professional Association Attorneys and Counselors at Law, Olde Lighthouse Plaza, Roger Dean Chevrolet Stadium, Loxahatchee Guild; *VIP After Party*: Jupiter Plastic Surgery Center, Fiserv.; *VIP Table Sponsor*: The Very Good Stuff-Tequesta, Priscilla Heublein & Roe Green; *Capt. Yorke*: Marine Industries Association of Palm Beach County, Margaret Pearson, Aflac, Modica Group, Seven Kings Holdings, Inc.; *Lighthouse Keepers Sponsors*: Pelican Club, Timbers Jupiter, *Lighthouse Tenders*: 2JData.com, Milton Block; *Event Sponsors*: Southern Glazer's Wine & Spirits, Steel Tie Spirits, Oceana Coffee, Palm Beach Florida Weekly, Florida Coast Magazine.

To learn more about the Jupiter Inlet Lighthouse & Museum and its mission an educational programing, visit [www.jupiterlighthouse.org](http://www.jupiterlighthouse.org).

About Lighthouse Luminaries:

The Lighthouse Luminaries are special members of Jupiter Inlet Lighthouse & Museum that also serve as Ambassadors who meet socially to promote and fundraise for the preservation of the Jupiter Inlet Lighthouse and other historic buildings on the site. People who join the Jupiter Inlet Lighthouse & Museum as 'Luminaries,' enjoy perks like special VIP invitations, advanced

ticket-ordering for sell-out events, discounts to the museum store, and so much more. To join, or to learn more about the benefits of becoming a Jupiter Inlet Lighthouse & Museum 'Luminary,' please visit:

[www.jupiterlighthouse.org/join-give/lighthouse-luminaries/](http://www.jupiterlighthouse.org/join-give/lighthouse-luminaries/) or call: 561.747.8380 ext. 101

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