

**History Time Line for Bass River Light and Lighthouse Inn  
(Renamed West Dennis Light in 1989)  
1854-2018**

- \*May 1, 1854            Bass River Light construction began
  
- \*April 30, 1855        Bass River Light was lit for operation
  
- \*1880                    Bass River Light was de-commissioned, sat vacant
  
- \*July 1, 1881          Bass River Light was reinstated and lit
  
- \*June 15, 1914        Bass River Light extinguished because Cape Cod Canal was built, and last Fifth Order Fresnel lens was removed.
  
- \*June, 1915            William H Brown & Harriet G Brown bought lighthouse from US Govt.  
(\*See History of Bass River Light – separate document)
  
  
- August 22, 1917        Harry K. Noyes of Boston area bought Bass River Light and surrounding land from William H. Brown and Harriet G. Brown for “\$1 and other valuable considerations.” (Registry of Deeds, Book ?, pg. 299)  
Mr. Noyes began to develop the land as a summer estate for his family by expanding the Main House and building the Lodge. He expanded the stables building that was next to the Main House by moving the entire building 180 degrees and turned it into the Guest House. He also built the garage by the Main House for his automobiles; a Carriage House on the far end of the property over a hill which is where the Carriage House guest rooms sit today; and a house for his Noyes Buick manager which is now Cottage 31.
  
- 1920-1925              (Unsure of date) Stonestrow was built by Harry K. Noyes. The style was Royal Barry Wills, a popular style of house similar to the full Cape which was designed by the architect of the same name who had an office on Beacon Hill in Boston. Characteristics included doghouse dormers and eaves, and a large central chimney.  
The rumored story was that Mr. Noyes contracted a local builder to build the house during the winter. The builder allegedly double ordered all of the materials, charged Mr. Noyes, and built an identical house for himself on Fisk St. which is now called “Ambleside.” The floor plan was reversed with the kitchen and sun room in the opposite wings of Stonestrow.
  
- Summer 1926            The “L” addition on the East side of the original Lighthouse was built, it is presumed, based on newspapers dating July 29, 1926 that were found in

the bathroom walls when it was renovated January 2017. The newspapers were used as insulation.

1933

Harry K. Noyes died. The property remained vacant for five years. It was a difficult property to sell because of the economic conditions at the time following the Great Stock Market Crash of 1929, and the Great Depression that followed. A brochure that was put together by Harry E. Noyes offered the property for \$35,000.00.

**July 15, 1938**

Harry E. Noyes, son of Harry K. Noyes, sold the property to State Senator Everett Stone for \$21,000. Everett and Gladys, and their son Robert, age 20, each contributed \$1,000 to the purchase price. The mortgage of \$19,000 was the largest mortgage ever written by the Worcester Cooperative Federal Savings and Loan Association.

The Gate House and its little guest house (currently Cottage 33) and the garage (currently the boiler room) were not part of the property. It was owned by the Stanleys and was fenced off by a low gate with a rose trellis (there is a postcard of this view.)

Everett and his wife Gladys along with their son Robert began having overnight guests in the various buildings (Main House, Lodge, Guest House, #28 which was a playhouse over the garage, #31 which was the manager's house, and a carriage house that was made into a dorm) to help offset the cost of the mortgage until Sen. Stone could divide the land into lots for residential homes.

The end of July, 1938, Sen. Stone wrote a letter to his friends:

“Having just purchased the beautiful Noyes Estate called ‘The Lighthouse’ at West Dennis Beach, I am planning to take over-night guests this summer using this beautiful home, the main house of which is the lighthouse property built by the government a hundred years ago (sic).”

“My price is the usual price of ordinary over-night cabins, \$2.50 per night, or \$30.00 per week for two.”

“This offers a quiet, restful summer vacation, at a very reasonable price, with the use of a large living-room with a fire-place, radio and all conveniences of home. Also the use of glassed and screened sun porches, which command a view of the entire harbor and beach. They are beautifully furnished in colonial and wicker furniture.”

“There is a gradually sloping, pure white, sandy private beach in front of the house which assures safe bathing, with no undertow. The water is exceptionally mild, and there is sufficient depth for bathing at all times. Adequate bath houses are in the basement equipped with showers and other conveniences.”

“The grounds in the rear of the house are beautifully landscaped with flower and rock gardens. There are plenty of garden and beach chairs and a croquet ground. Also lawn tennis, horse-shoe pitching grounds and badminton games.”

“Mrs. Florence Lind will serve breakfast, lunch, and afternoon tea at her Swedish Coffee Shoppe in the Lighthouse at very reasonable prices.”

“It is rather late in the season I realize but if you have not made your plans yet for the summer just look us up. I would also be pleased if you would pass along this information to any of your friends who want to spend a few days or a few weeks on the Cape.”

The kitchen was located in what is now the administrative offices and the dining room was in the sales office and TV/living room area. The reservations office was an office by day and Everett and Gladys’ bedroom by night. There was also the sunroom (now gift shop) and breakfast room (now office space). The second floor was the master bedroom, dressing room, two guest rooms, two baths, and a lavatory. The master bedroom was later cut up into three bedrooms and a bath. The building ended where the front desk is now.

Guests enjoyed staying in the cottages so much they asked to come back the next summer, and thus began Lighthouse Inn.

- September 21, 1938 The Great New England Hurricane hit Cape Cod, Fall River and New Bedford. Cape Cod escaped with minimal damage but Fall River and New Bedford had flooding of up to 8 feet, and the greatest impact was felt in Providence, RI, and the surrounding area. Bob Stone told the story of hitching a ride from Boston to the Cape to see how much damage had been done to the property.
- 1938-1939 Five cold water cabins were built from downed lumber in Worcester from the 1938 hurricane. Everett Stone paid a World War I veteran to saw the trees into logs, and they brought the logs to the Cape. #22, 23, 25, 26, and 24 or 27 had cold running water and fireplaces. Robert paid a man \$50.00 for every fireplace he built. Since many of the cabins in Dennisport only had outhouses and no running water, it was advertised in the Lighthouse brochure that the cabins had modern amenities.  
The Pavilion was built near the beach (next to where shuffleboard is now.)
- Winter of 1939: Robert and his sister, Shirley, went to Wheaton College to recruit waitresses to work for the summer. He met and hired a young 19 year old named Mary Louise Packard along with 2 other girls from Wheaton to work as waitresses.
- June, 1939 Mary Louise Packard started work. She was provided a room and meals and was guaranteed \$100.00 in tips for the summer. If she didn’t receive that amount, she would be paid the difference. Mary laughed when she said she made much more than that. (At that time, there was no minimum wage).  
Rooms were rented with three meals a day (American Plan) provided by the Inn because there were no other restaurants except in Hyannis. Bob also hired two cooks and one dishwasher.

The waitresses made sandwiches every Sunday afternoon for Sunday evening. Sandwiches were eventually supplemented with salads, and the Sunday Night Buffet was born (during the mid '40's.)

1939-1940 Cottages 29, 30 & 16 were built.

1941-1944 Cottages 11, 12, 14, 15 & 19 (without fireplace) were built.

June 6, 1942 Mary Louise Packard married Robert Wellman Stone one week after graduating from Wheaton College with a degree in Sociology.

World War II  
1941-45

Rationing was in effect including gas rationing, but all food had to be picked up in New Bedford. Hoteliers in the area combined forces, sharing transportation and ration cards for various food items. Lighthouse Inn was flush with sugar, Snow Inn (Wychmere Harbor Club today) had meat; products were exchanged. Lobsters were \$.25-.45 a pound and were plentiful, and weekly clambakes every Wednesday were served outside. Bob raised pigs for slaughter and to eat the garbage.

Blackout shades were on all of the windows, and cars couldn't be driven with their lights on.

The Rock Island in front of the Inn was used for target practice; and the guests enjoyed watching the planes drop dummy bombs filled with flour on the Island until the day a real bomb was dropped. Children rowed out to the rocks to pick up the spent shells which were used as fence posts.

A neighbor and Club member, Rev. Dorothy Greene, returns to Lighthouse Inn every VJ Day (August 15, 1945) because she spent the first VJ Day here when she was 13 years old, and remembers going to Hyannis for the big impromptu parade and celebration that occurred.

1943-1944 A dining room was built in the Lower Deck complete with a new fireplace. This replaced the dining room in the TV/living room area. Bob ended up cooking during 1944 when the chef who had been hired didn't come to the Inn.

September 14, 1944 The Great Atlantic Hurricane hit Cape Cod in the evening 3 hours after high tide. There was significant damage to Lighthouse Inn. The new 3 month old dining room in the Lower Deck was completely wiped out, and the lumber from the dining room was washed up the street to Weir Creek where it rested against the bridge. The Lodge and cottages were wiped off their foundations and pushed toward the back of property. The hill where the cottages had been built was stripped of all of the trees, and the dunes at West Dennis Beach were washed away.

A young boy was found walking on the street with a ship model wrapped in one of the Inn's bedspreads. The model had been over the fireplace in the new dining room, and one line was broken on it. Bob retrieved it from

the boy, and it was eventually built in over the fireplace at the Sandbar where it remains today.

- 1944-1945 Hurricane damage was repaired with some of the lumber from the dining room. The first dining room and kitchen were built on the second floor with steel girders as their basis (current lobby area where the lobby bar is located and first dining room.) Cottage 17 was built from the small "L" off the back of Lodge which was dislodged from the building and found by Lighthouse Road and the bridge. Pipes were laid for hot water. Loam was brought in by the truckload for the hill because there were no longer any trees, and grass was planted to keep the soil from blowing away.
- 1946-1947 The Breezeway was built. Two new jetties were built. The Lighthouse went from well water (7 wells) to town water.
- October 1, 1947 Everett Stone passed away of heart disease.
- 1947-1948 Cottages 18 & 25 were built. Shirley Stone Pierce (Bob's sister) and her husband, Franklin, bought Uncle Stephen's House on Uncle Stephen's Rd. (now the Beach House Inn). They ran it as a bed and breakfast eventually adding five cottages in a circle around the house. They sold the property in 1964 after their sons William and Robert did not want to take over the property.
- June, 1948 Gladys, Robert, and Mary Stone bought Stonestrow and 19 acres of land from the Noyes family (the house had been so named by the Noyes because it was "a stone's throw" from the Lighthouse). The garage to Stonestrow was made into housekeeping/laundry. The Little House was made out of another garage. The Town of Dennis voted at Town Meeting to "go wet" by six votes, and Bob was granted the first liquor license in town for the Inn.
- 1948-1949 After a second vote re-affirmed the decision to "go wet", the Sand Bar, which had been planned as a cottage (in case the town returned to "dry") was built on land acquired with Stonestrow, and a second liquor license was obtained from the Town. The Sand Bar opened with Frank Coyle as the piano player, and he played for a number of years. Eventually Austie Murphy and Bud Moynihan would play and sing during Happy Hour, and Frank would play at night.
- Fall, 1949 The Gate House and small guest house on the property (now #33) was bought along with the surrounding land from the Stanley family. The Lighthouse Kitchen was extended. Rooms at Stonestrow were individually rented out after bathrooms for each room were added to the building.

- 1950-1951 Cottage 32 was built and Cottage #33 was improved upon.
- 1951: Bill Green came to work as Chef and stayed for 10 years. He also supervised staff at Stoneleigh Gables from 1954-1959. Lena Meyer came to work as head housekeeper and stayed for 26 years. Her daughter-in-law Louise Meyer, and granddaughter Cindy Meyer also worked in housekeeping for a number of years.
- Early 1950's The Chef's cottage was built for Bill and his family.
- 1953 Steel columns were ordered to shore up the second floor of the Inn and re-inforce the lower level (Lower Deck). It is unclear if these were put in before 1955 when the second dining room was built.
- 1953-1954 New roofs were put on the Gate House, several cottages and a part of Main House. There were modernizations of two of the cottages for four and enlargement of the two dormitories that housed the waiters and kitchen staff (Stables and Paddock). The Bulkhead was built to shore up the beach.
- Spring 1954 Stoneleigh Gables in Hyannisport was bought. The hotel had 14 buildings and 90 rooms and had been operated for 40 years by Mr. and Mrs. Lightfoot. The first summer with an "inherited" crew was hectic. Their chef of 32 years was caught stealing and was fired. The second year the first pool in Barnstable was installed. During the 5 summers under Stone ownership, the traffic between West Dennis and Hyannisport became heavier and heavier, and it became increasingly more difficult to operate the hotel from a distance. The Stones decided to sell and a group of Hyannisport residents formed a corporation to buy it. The residents resented having a hotel in the village because they didn't like having strangers around (the old hotel had never brought in many guests according to Mary Stone). The neighbors bought the hotel, filled in the pool, pulled down the main house, and sold off the other houses (a vacant lot where Stoneleigh was is still in Hyannisport). That fall, 1959, John F. Kennedy was nominated for president.
- August/September, 1954: Two hurricanes hit the Cape within two weeks of each other. Hurricane Carol hit first and wiped out the downstairs area of the Inn, knocked the waterfront cottages off of their foundations, and caused extensive damage. The guests and employees were evacuated to Stoneleigh Gables. Two weeks later, Hurricane Edna hit, once again sending massive amounts of water flowing through the main building. Two guests had asked to have their cars stored in the garage where they knocked against the walls and doors and were flooded with 6' of water. Cars in the parking lot didn't fare any better.

Jack Bumer, one of the bartenders from the Sandbar spent the night at the Sandbar sitting on top of the cases of liquor with a shotgun across his lap to prevent looters from taking the liquor. The bottles' labels were washed off, and the next night, the Sandbar opened for a hurricane party so guests could drink the "mystery" liquors.

- 1954-1964 Bill Sydenstricker was hired as a waiter, and in 1955, maître d' and thus began nightly entertainment at the Inn including Bingo, dances, Crazy Hat parties, Beachcomber Balls, slide shows, magicians, piano players, and songsters. Bill, a professional clown, helped with entertainment including one rainy summer staging a carnival and rain dance for the guests. Bill subsequently went on to found Sydenstricker Galleries in 1965, a fine arts gallery that specialized in glassware and is still in existence today.
- 1955 The current 2<sup>nd</sup> dining room and deck were added to the Main House.
- 1955-1956 Bob Stone and brother-in-law Bob Sullivan (married to Nancy Stone) shingled Stonestrow roof and several cottages. The Guest House bathrooms were tiled, and more hot water pipes were laid on the property. A few heaters were installed in cottages (Bob called it an experiment).
- 1957-1958 The two Bob's and Homer Evans, maintenance man, built the Lookout because of the numerous motels that were being built in town and other towns in the area based on Gladys' idea that motels were "the wave of the future." Neither Bob nor Mary wanted the motel design but were convinced by Gladys to build it.
- 1957-1967 "The Beacon", a weekly newsletter for the guests was published all summer. Initially begun by "Liz Rock" (Betty Anne Stone), the paper had articles written by Deborah Stone, Barbara Stone, and Mary Stone; and was published by cousin Bob Pierce. Every week, incoming guests were listed as to their date of arrival, and their hometown. Later issues of "The Beacon" were published over the years but not on a consistent basis.
- 1957-1958 The cement floor was taken out of Lower Deck, the floor was lowered 18" to accommodate more head room and a wooden floor was put in. Stairs were built from the lobby area into Lower Deck. When taking out the cement by hand, broken dishes were found under the floor that had been deposited there by the '44 hurricane.
- June, 1958 Lighthouse Inn celebrated 20 years.
- 1958-1959 New kitchen equipment was bought. The Lower Deck was made to be more lounge-like, and a bar was installed. The Lower Deck flooded in January, 1959, with three feet of water.

- May, 1959 Gladys Stone married Arthur Warren of Auburn. One of Arthur's jobs was to run horse racing (adults only) as one of the nightly entertainments. He also drove to the train station to meet arriving guests.
- 1959 Rock King began his Boogie Woogie and Comedy shows at the Sand Bar where he would entertain for over 50 years through the summer of 2011. Other entertainers over the years on Rock's night off included Marie Marcus, Dave McKenna, Lou Columbo, Saucy Sylvia, Lee Childs, Ken Manzer, Burns and Kaufman, and Wild Bill Corney.
- 1959-1960 A modern fire sprinkler system was installed in the Main House. The Gate House was modernized with plastered walls, wallpaper and wall to wall carpet. Rooms were sound-proofed. An "L" was added to the back of a 3-bedroom cottage so it had 2 bathrooms. A freight elevator was installed in the kitchen.
- Late 1959 Stoneleigh Gables was sold.
- Spring, 1960 The Beach Bulkhead was reinforced with steel girders to protect against future hurricanes.
- September 12, 1960 Hurricane Donna hit Cape Cod and Lighthouse Inn. After the storm, employees and family members including Bob and Nancy (Stone) Sullivan and their three young children were rescued by the Coast Guard using duck boats to get through the flooding and bringing them to safety. Damage was done to the grounds and Lower Deck; the wooden floor downstairs was pushed up with sand, destroying the wooden encasings around the steel girders. The Pavilion went down during the storm for the fourth time. It was not re-built.
- 1960-1961 Bathrooms in the Breezeway were re-plumbed and ceramic-tiled. The Main House was painted.
- 1961 Chef Alan Woodrow came to work at Lighthouse Inn where he remained as Chef for 25 years. He had worked at Stoneleigh Gables for a number of years. His wife, Mary Jo filled in as baker when the baker quit and ended up being baker for 10 years. Mary Mackey, an elementary school teacher from Belmont, was a "hanger on" at the Sandbar and would help Bob Stone on the door when there were too many customers trying to get in for Rock's performances. Eventually, Bob hired her as a hostess, and she continued working through 2011 (50 years) as the "hostess with the most-est."
- 1962 Part of Main House was re-roofed, and new plumbing was installed. The Kitchen floor was torn out and replaced with quarry tiled floor. New equipment was installed.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> dining room was built, and a red carpet was installed as a walkway to the new dining room.

Telephones were installed in the Breezeway and cottages. A new game room was built in Lower Deck.

1963

Dennis Town Meeting approved a swap of land whereby the road to the West Dennis Beach which ran next to the Breezeway was swapped with marshland for a road to be built over it to the beach. That road (next to the Breezeway) had been given to the Town by Mr. Noyes in the mid '20's for the beach road because the original beach road ran right up to the front door of the Lighthouse. Mr. Noyes gave the Town the road land, a piece of beachfront, and paid to have a bathhouse built at the beach in exchange for the road next to the Breezeway (the bathhouse was destroyed in the '44 hurricane.) The road was exchanged for land across the marsh owned by the Stones and was taken to straighten the road. This was agreed to only if the Town provided a sidewalk from Lower County Road to the public beach.

At that time, Bob Stone's dream was to eventually build a par three golf course on the marsh lands around Lighthouse Inn and across Lower County Rd. Although he owned all of the land, and it remains with the Stone family today, his dream was never brought to fruition.

Summer, 1963

Lighthouse Inn Gift Shop was opened in the lobby area and was operated by Betty Anne Stone.

1963-1964

Negotiations to have new jetties built were begun (The original jetties had been installed during the 1930's). Cottage 32 was enlarged to have 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms and a living room. Heat was also added to 32 as well as the Lodge and Guest House.

Summer 1964

The Children's Program (later named the InnKids Program in 1988-89) was begun with daily activities for Guests' children as well as the opportunity for the children to eat dinner with the Children's Director.

1964-1965

Jetty work began and was completed before the summer of '65. Two groins were rebuilt with riprap and put in front of the remainder of bulkhead and capped with cement. The hope was to build up the beach again.

1965-mid 2000's

The Fernandez family began working in housekeeping. Without their help and loyalty, housekeeping and front desk/reservations would not have run as smoothly as it did. Lillian Fernandez was head laundress, sister Senna Fernandez was one of the housekeepers; and their children were instrumental at Lighthouse Inn. They included Steve and Shaun at Bishop's Terrace as busboys and kitchen help; Betty Sullivan as head housekeeper; Brenda Fernandez as hostess and later as one of Mary's

helper's; Deb Rose in housekeeping; Diane Fernandez in housekeeping; Charlene Fernandez initially in housekeeping and then reservations; and Shelley Fernandez initially in housekeeping and then in reservations.

- 1966 The Corner Cottage was built.  
The Employees' dorms were rebuilt and improved upon – actual walls were put up between the rooms in the Paddock. The Stables never had walls, just hanging sheets. However, the improved dorms were to accommodate more staff.  
Several cottages had the bathroom floors tiled.
- 1967 Marc Amidon began work in the kitchen as Assistant Saladman, eventually moving up to Second Chef. He married Barbara Stone in 1972.
- 1967-1968 Breezeway walls were soundproofed with blown in insulation. Heat was also added to Cottage 33.
- 1968-1969 Three meals a day continued to be offered but room rates were now based on Modified American Plan (including breakfast and dinner but not lunch).  
Heat was added to the Breezeway and more cottages. "Project Heat" was now complete for all accommodations. Plans were begun to build a swimming pool.
- 1969-1970 The Swimming pool, snack bar and cabanas were completed. The pool was also made available as a Pool Membership to outsiders.  
The Dining Room lobby was redecorated.  
A second bathroom was installed in one of the cottages for four which completed the task of renovating all of the cottages for four people so that they had 2 bathrooms.  
Rooms 44 & 45 in the Lodge were enlarged by raising the roof, and those bathrooms were rebuilt.
- 1970 The switch was made to Modified American Plan (2 meals a day) instead of American Plan (3 meals a day). At some point in the '70's, a Shore Dinner was introduced on Wednesday nights to take the place of the afternoon clam bakes that were discontinued with the switch to MAP.
- Summer, 1970 Deacon's Perch on 6A in Yarmouth was opened and run by Deb Stone Haines and Sam Haines. Ken Manzer, pianist extraordinaire, was the entertainer.
- 1970-1971 Rooms 4, 5 & 6 in the Main house were renovated by eliminating room 4 in order to enlarge rooms 5 & 6. The Breezeway roof and a few cottage roofs were re-shingled.

- 1971 The fourth generation was begun with Kristen Elizabeth Lehan born to Betty Anne Stone Lehan and Jim Lehan four days before the death of Gladys Stone Warren on December 29, 1971.
- 1966 to early '70's: Bob had bought a piece of land in West Dennis and began constructing Howard Johnsons Restaurants (West Dennis, Centerville, Provincetown) in order to bring in more revenue and keep his maintenance crew busy during the winter. By 1973-74, he and his crew had constructed at least 5 Howard Johnsons and had renovated 1-2 others.
- 1974 The first of two jetties in front of the Inn were rebuilt, and the first dogleg was put on to create the "Lagoon." The original intent had been to have a salt water swimming pool in what is now the Lagoon, but this was not approved.
- 1975-1976 Lookout rooms were redecorated with paint, wallpaper and air-conditioners. Two of the cottages for four were rebuilt. Electric service was increased.
- 1976 Televisions were rented by guests on an "as needed" basis. Eventually, all rooms would be provided with televisions (1980).
- 1977 The Breezeway walls were "bumped out" enclosing the bay windows and breezeways to enlarge the rooms. Wall to wall carpeting was installed. Carriage Trade Restaurant in South Harwich was purchased and run by Barbara Stone Amidon and Marc Amidon.
- 1978 Patricia Costello began work at Lighthouse Inn as Director of Children's Program. In September, she moved to the front desk and worked with Mrs. McDonough, Mary's secretary. Eventually, she became Reservations Manager.  
Refrigerators were installed in all of the rooms.  
Lighthouse Inn celebrated 40 years with a large surprise party for Bob and Mary.
- November, 1978 Jonathan Stone married Patricia Barnett, a guest who had been coming to the Inn with her family for a number of years.
- 1979 The second jetty was completed with the large dogleg to the East, leaving the one opening into the Lagoon.
- 1980 Mike Falconieri began bartending at the Sandbar, and worked maintenance at the Inn during the winter. In 2003, he opened Aqua Sports with Scott MacBeth, a former employee who had worked in the kitchen, dining room, and Sandbar. Mike celebrates his 38<sup>th</sup> year at Lighthouse Inn in 2018.

- 1983 The Lodge back addition was built.
- 1984-1997 Bishop's Terrace Restaurant in West Harwich was purchased and run by Barbara Stone Amidon and Marc Amidon
- 1985 Deacon's Perch and Carriage Trade were sold. Ken Manzer became resident "pianist extraordinaire" at Bishop's Terrace. On his off nights, Lee Childs' Trio (Lee Childs, Jack Bumer, Frank Shea) played dance music. Bishop's was sold after the 1997 season.
- September, 1985 Hurricane Gloria caused damage to many of the buildings thereby necessitating reroofing one side of the Main House dining room plus several cottage roofs.
- Winter, 1986 The Switchboard at the Front Desk was replaced with a modern telephone system. The old switchboard remained a fixture in one of the lobbies until it was destroyed during Hurricane Bob in 1991.  
The Lookout porch was enclosed to expand the size of the rooms.
- 1986 Gregory Stone became General Manager year round with Jonathan Stone. Both Greg and Jon had begun working at the Inn when they were 8-9 years old turning on lights around the grounds and counting laundry.
- 1987 Assigned seating in the dining room stopped which eventually led to the demise of Modified American Plan.  
Paul Beaton became breakfast cook, and eventually became head chef at Lighthouse Inn in 1992. Paul is celebrating his 32<sup>nd</sup> year in 2018.
- 1988 Lighthouse Inn's 50 year anniversary was celebrated with a long weekend celebration that included former employees and guests.  
Pool cookouts were begun in an attempt to replicate the outdoor dining of the old clambakes.
- 1988-2014 Karen Ross Riquinha started in housekeeping but transferred to the office after 2-3 years. She was Reservations Manager until medical issues forced her to retire. She passed away in 2015.
- 1988-1990 Intermittently from 1996-2005  
2007- present Joe Barbieri, dining room assistant manager, initially started in the Lower Deck as bartender/bellhop; eventually became assistant manager in the dining room. Joe is celebrating 20+ years at Lighthouse Inn in 2018.
- November, 1988 Gregory Stone married Patricia Costello who had graduated from InnKids to Front Desk and Reservations. Pat officially became Mary Stone's "right hand person," and eventually General Manager of the Inn.

- 1989 Kelly Grennan was hired as a waitress, worked on the front desk, and transferred to the kitchen as sous chef after one year. In 2018 she is celebrating her 29<sup>th</sup> year of employment. Stone Family Receptions were begun on Monday evenings in order for the guests to become acquainted with all of the Stone family members (then numbering 25).
- August 7, 1989 The Light at Lighthouse Inn was relit as a private navigational tool for mariners as recognized by the US Coast Guard on the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Lighthouse Service after Gregory Stone petitioned the Coast Guard to have it relit. It was renamed West Dennis Light. It has a modern optic Fresnel lens (ML-300 high intensity lantern) The ML-300 lantern was changed in 2004 to a 100 w halogen lamp changer. The lighthouse was renamed West Dennis Light. It is listed on the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Chart 13229 and as a Private ATON (Aid to Navigation). The Signal is 1 second white flash every 6 seconds, and the light is lit from May 1 to November 1st.
- 1990 Rooms were offered with just breakfast or with breakfast and dinner rather than all patrons having to have Modified American Plan that had been offered since 1970.
- June, 1990 The Crowell House on Rte. 28 was bought for \$167,500, thereby providing more employee housing a short way away from the main property.
- 1991 With the change to room rates with breakfast only, not necessarily including dinner; a new menu was introduced which was much more extensive than the old menus that had changed daily and offered only six entrees every evening. The new menu was standardized with approximately 14 entrees that did not change but nightly specials augmented the menu. Bridgette Brooks Steede began work as a waitress. She became assistant dining room manager and then moved into the office in Accounting in 1995. In 2018, she is celebrating her 27<sup>th</sup> year at Lighthouse Inn as Greg's right hand person and administrative assistant.
- August 19, 1991 Hurricane Bob hit as a Category 2 hurricane. Once again, the Lower Deck was wiped out with at least six feet of water flowing through it, breaking through the wall and going out the doors that had been opened on the other side of the building. The storm hit at low tide, and there was a storm surge of 12-15 feet. Guests and employees were evacuated to Bishop's Terrace, but family members along with maintenance and bellhop employees (total of 13 people) remained behind to move furniture and "batten down the hatches."

Bob Stone was caught in the flow of water pouring through the grounds, and he managed to drive his van to the hill by the cottages where he spent the entire storm watching over the property.

Over a million dollars of damage occurred at Lighthouse Inn, power was out for over a week. Lighthouse Inn re-opened with no access to the Lower Deck on August 29, 1991.

- 1991-1992 The Lower Deck was reconstructed with a new bar, Bob's Bar, in the middle of the room; and a second kitchen was added next to the conference rooms in order to accommodate dinners and parties downstairs.
- 1992 A Handicap Accessible ramp was built at the end of the Main House into the third dining room. There had been a chair lift on the stairs from the Lower Deck to the lobby area but that was eventually removed.
- 1992-1993  
1993-1994 Title Five septic system was completed in two phases for all of the buildings at the Inn resulting in "Mount Bob" parking area behind the pool.
- 1994 Computers began to appear in the offices, eventually taking over reservations and ordering in the dining room. The old handwritten "chart" which had been used since the beginning was retired around 2000.
- 1995 Jonathan and Patty Stone moved to Nantucket where they owned and operated Nantucket Gourmet for 15 years.
- 1996 Bill Sherman was hired as food and beverage manager as well as wedding planner. He is celebrating his 22<sup>nd</sup> year at Lighthouse Inn in 2018.
- 1997 – present As it became increasingly difficult to find good employees, a new program through the Dept. of Labor was offered, H2B visas for employees to come to the United States for 6 months. So began the "Jamaican wave" of employees.  
Delores Burgher came with the first group of Jamaican workers. She was employed in housekeeping from 1997-2017.
- 1997-1998 The pool area was re-plumbed, resurfaced, and new decking was laid. The cabanas were made into an all-purpose room. A pool chair for individuals with disabilities was installed at the pool.
- 1998 – present Jim Girard, "Tractor Jim" came to work at Lighthouse Inn initially upon the recommendation of a relative, Conrad Willis, longtime head of maintenance. Jim is celebrating his 20<sup>th</sup> year at Lighthouse Inn.
- 1998 The Deck was replaced with a new deck made of ipe hardwood and railings to cut down maintenance on the deck and enhance the view.

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| 1998-1999       | The Carriage House was built on the footprint of the old Paddock, a carriage house that had been renovated into a dorm in the 40's. The Carriage House expanded the Inn's capacity for the first time since 1956; and some of the accommodations were constructed specifically for individuals with disabilities.             |
| 1999-2011       | The Sandbar was opened as a breakfast place in addition to nightly entertainment with Rock King. Deb Stone Haines was manager.  |
| 1999-2003       | All of the windows (approximately 700) in all of the buildings were replaced.   |
| 1999-present    | Philip Anderson, from Jamaica, began working as a bus person. He graduated to bartender/bellhop, and has been employed at Lighthouse Inn since with the exception of two years. He is celebrating 17 years of employment in 2018.   |
| 2000-2017       | Rohan Brown, from Jamaica, was part of the H2B wave of people from Jamaica. He worked from 2000-2017 as bartender/bellhop with the exception of 2004 when the H2B quotas had been met, and no one was allowed to return. In 2006, he brought his new wife, Charmain, with him; and she worked as head housekeeper until 2017. |
| March, 2002     | Six of the glass panels in the lantern room of the lighthouse were replaced with ¼ inch plated heat-treated glass, and the light was repainted.   |
| May, 2002       | Bob and Mary Stone were honored by Governor Jane Swift at the Annual Governor's Travel and Tourism Awards Dinner in recognition of their "dedication and commitment to serving the public at Lighthouse Inn."   |
| November, 2002  | The fifth generation was begun with the birth of Connor James Lehan O'Neill, son of Kristen (Stone) Lehan O'Neill and Frank O'Neill.  |
| October 1, 2004 | Robert Wellman Stone passed away of natural causes.   |
| 2005-present    | Paul DaSilva was hired as head of maintenance. He is celebrating his 13 <sup>th</sup> year at Lighthouse Inn in 2018.   |
| 2005 - present  | Cottages were renovated with new bath tiles and pedestal sinks. Much of the pine paneling was removed and replaced with sheetrock, and wall to wall carpeting was installed.  |
| 2005            | Tiana Tillman began working at the front desk and became front desk supervisor and resident manager. She is celebrating her 13 <sup>th</sup> year in 2018.  |

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| 2006                       | The Lobby Bar was built, replacing the Gift Shop; and the Lighthouse Inn Gift Shop was moved to the Sunroom area (lobby off of Main Lobby).<br>Wi-Fi was made available initially in the Main House, eventually in all of the rooms.<br>Solar panels were installed at the pool.  |
| 2011                       | Solar panels were installed on the Main House roof.   |
| 2011-2013,<br>2014-present | Josh Moore started working maintenance during summers when he was in high school. In 2014, he was hired year round for maintenance. He is celebrating his 8 <sup>th</sup> year at Lighthouse Inn.   |
| 2012                       | The Waterfront at Lighthouse Inn was introduced with new menus that are available inside and out on the deck and lawn; and with extended hours throughout the day and evening.<br>The Sandbar was leased out to Andy Murphy, owner of the Lost Dog, in East Dennis. He has continued the tradition of providing live entertainment as well as lunch and dinner. |
| 1994-1999<br>2013- present | Judith McIntyre worked on the front desk in the 90's, then returned in 2013 as manager of group sales. She is celebrating 10 years in 2018.   |
| 2014                       | The three Dining Rooms were renovated including all new wiring, sheetrock and plaster in place of pine paneling, and new serving stations.  |
| April 18, 2016             | Mary Louise Packard Stone passed away of natural causes. All family members (now numbering 53) were present for her Celebration of Life July 4 <sup>th</sup> weekend, 2016  |
| January, 2017              | The bathroom off of the reservations office was renovated.  |
| Fall, 2017                 | Dana Miller who worked as dining room manager for 6 years from 2001-2006 began as general manager at Lighthouse Inn. Greg Stone continues as President/Treasurer, and Patricia Costello Stone is Vice President of Operations.  |
| Spring, 2018               | A new roof and solar panels are installed on the Lookout.   |
| June, 2015-<br>May, 2018   | Permitting was sought for reconfiguring of jetties in front of the Inn. 15 permits were applied for and approved including federal, state, local, and Army Corps of Engineers; and the jetties were re-built during the month of May, 2018 and completed October, 2018.   |

Memorial Day  
Weekend, 2018

Lighthouse Inn re-opens and celebrates 80 years of business run by the Stone family. From a small Inn that could initially accommodate 30 people, the Inn has grown to 30 buildings that can accommodate 220 guests and house 50 employees. The Inn serves breakfast, lunch, dinner and cocktails; accommodates numerous family reunions, special events, business conferences and groups; and hosts 50 weddings a season.

**Barbara Stone Amidon**  
**May 10, 2018**

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