

Friends of Pomham Rocks Lighthouse

A Chapter of the American Lighthouse Foundation

December 30, 2010

Councilwoman Katie J. Kleyla
199 Don Avenue
East Providence, RI 02916

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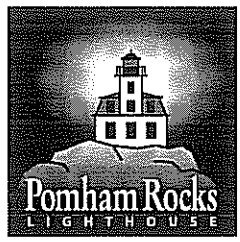
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Councilman Thomas Rose, Jr.
5 Rowley Street
East Providence, RI 02914

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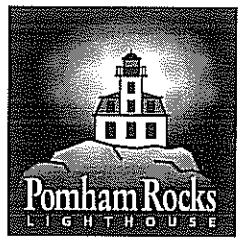
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Councilman Michael DiGioia
11 Benedict Street
East Providence, RI 02915

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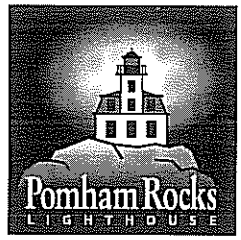
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3 Bridgham Court
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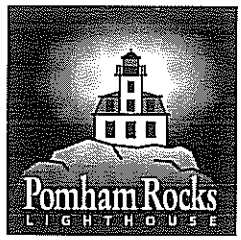
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Honorable Bruce Rogers
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