

SPECIAL CONNECTIONS



For TWU classmates **Kaye Stripling** and **Karen Crouse, Class of 1962**, the chance to be “lighthouse keepers” for a few weeks this fall was an opportunity they simply could not pass up. It was a chance to share TWU memories and experience new ones together.

TWU Alumni Connection asked the two about their experience and here are their responses.

Kaye Stripling - I found out about the lighthouse experience through Karen Crouse who lives in Port Townsend, Washington. The lighthouse is located on a 5 mile sand spit on the Olympic Peninsula in Sequim, Washington.

We volunteered 3 years ago, too. The duties were about the same but the visitors who hiked 5 miles out to the lighthouse provided a variety of things to talk about, etc.

We received a very informative DVD outlining specific directions for the care and duties of the lighthouse. We also received written directions about the history of the lighthouse.

First of all, I had never been inside a lighthouse much less take care of one and the grounds around it....so just about everything was new to me. The chance to have a new experience and spend time with 3 very good friends for a week was wonderful. I will add that I would do this again in a heartbeat.....it was entertaining, enlightening relaxing, and a lot of fun.

Connections asked Karen Crouse – What did you learn that you had not known before?

I had no idea about the spit increasing 20 ft. a year. The lighthouse used to be at the end of the spit, it is now about a fourth of a mile from the end.

Connection: *What was a memorable part of the experience?*

Watching 2 Trident Subs go by with Coast Guard tenders on either side. Watching the seals and eagles. The quiet. No noise except for the wind, water and boats...no traffic or people noise.

I would recommend the trip to anyone who would like to get away from the daily routine and spend some time reflecting.

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