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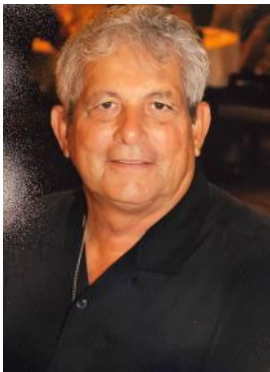
Our Mission

To assist Space Launch Delta 45 in preserving, protecting, promoting, and interpreting the Cape Canaveral Lighthouse and its historical significance to the Florida Space Coast, State of Florida, and our Nation

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Message from Our Foundation President



The Cape Canaveral Lighthouse Foundation celebrated the lighthouse's 153rd year with a fund raising event **Save Our History** at the **American Muscle Car Museum (AMCM)** on **October 23rd**. We were very appreciative of Mark Pieloch for his generosity in opening the doors to his collection of over 325 cars for our event, it is truly an amazing collection. I personally wanted the blue Ford GT. I want to also, say thank you to Jeanna Merrifield and Cinthia Sandoval our event leadership for their personal commitment and the delicious food provided by Wild Ocean Seafood. Thank you to our live auction donors Cape Canaveral Tours, Cocoa Village Playhouse, Cafe Margaux, Go Travel, and Peter Indorf Jewelry Designs of Melbourne. In addition, our other donors/sponsors Florida Air Tours, Jim Underwood, Karen Arbuckle, Dixie Sansom, Bev Merrilees, and Cheryl Bennett. A special thanks to our 50/50 winner Jerry Sansom who generously donated the \$1275 back to the foundation. The event exceeded our expectations due to the generosity of our 175 plus lighthouse keepers that participated in the celebration.

The lighthouse property is looking great. Ric Garwood and Steve Moore have done a tremendous job keeping up with Keepers Cottage routine maintenance from painting shutters, changing automated light switches and working with Space Force to get the Aural Warning System installed. The new signage that was provided by a Florida Lighthouse Association Grant has been installed throughout the grounds and tells our lighthouse story as you walk the property. We are appreciative of the Coast Guard volunteers that provided the strong backs for the installation of the signs. I encourage our members to take advantage of the members tours to visit and see the changes.

Looking to the future our goals are to begin Brevard County Schools field trips again and have a Lighthouse Run. Lisa Wilson and Kate Chase have agreed to lead our Education Committee and will be working to reinvigorate our 4th grade program. The Lighthouse Run will be in the spring or early summer, stay tuned.

As always, a final thought I want to say thank you to our members, the brick owners, and our sponsors who provide the funding to keep the light shining. I hope each and everyone of you take advantage of the opportunities to visit the lighthouse and museum which continues to evolve and exist due to your generosity. If you are not a member please join and if you are please renew. All of you are key to the mission "to preserve, protect, promote and interpret the Cape Canaveral Lighthouse and its historical significance" to others. Please visit our website <https://canaverallight.org> for additional information.

Let's keep the light shining bright. Have fun and be safe.

Larry

“Save Our History” Fund Raiser a Success

Our second fund raising event at the American Muscle Car Museum was a great success—exceeding all expectations in new memberships, total attendance and participation in the live auction, raffle drawings and 50-50 drawing. Many of our Annual Sponsors were in attendance, as well as current members, volunteers and new members from our community. We are most grateful for the generosity of Mark Pieloch for opening his

expansive private collection of over 325 fully restored or original, new “muscle cars” to CCLF. With AMCM and CCLF volunteers, delicious food from Wild Ocean Market; beer, wine and other beverages provided by Mark, our guests were treated to a terrific evening of nostalgia and fun. Thank you to everyone involved for your contribution to preserving and sharing the history of Cape Canaveral Lighthouse.



Museum Highlights

We have another new addition you will want to check out inside the museum. We have installed a new interpretive board – Women Who Kept the Lights. Many people don't know that over 150 women in this country were official, paid head lighthouse keepers, starting as early as the American Revolution. Most received their appointments when their husbands or fathers died while tending their lights. The Lighthouse Establishment had no pensions, so this was their way of looking out for the families and most of these women had actually spent years prior helping to do the job, anyway. This board tells a few of the more interesting stories.

If you'd like to become a docent, please visit our website's Get Involved page and complete the Volunteer form. <https://canaverallight.org/get-involved/> Enjoy all the other interesting things you can learn on our website, as well at www.canaverallight.org.

Did You Know?

There have been many lighthouse preservation projects conducted over the years, including painting every 10 years or so. The last painting was just completed in the summer of 2020 and the lighthouse looks great! To see more painting and restoration projects you can check out our Lighthouse Preservation accent board inside the museum. It shows one of the Coast Guard keepers hanging precariously from the top while repainting the lighthouse by hand, as was always done in the early days. It also shows the major renovation projects in 1995-1996 and 2006-2007 working on the roof. Some of you may have been around and remember the later project.



Becky Zingarelli
Museum Director
museumdirector@canaverallight.org

The Eagle Has Landed—New Outdoor Signage!

The Eagle has Landed! At least the eagle on our outdoor interpretive sign is now on display with all the other wildlife on Cape Canaveral. This sign joins four others that cover plant life on the Cape, Native Americans, living on the Cape as an early settler, and the full layout of the Cape Canaveral Light Station when all the buildings were still present. This was a labor of love over many months by our volunteers and made possible by a generous grant from the Florida Lighthouse Association. Installation Day found our (younger) friends from the Coast Guard Chief's Mess digging post holes and pouring concrete for us. Special thanks to the Coast Guard: Landon F. Carter, Mike Logue, John Flores, Chris Smith, Mika Beckely, Robert Martin. . Our maintenance team, Steve Moore and Ric Garwood also did a tremendous amount of physical work, along with Liz Gravuer. A bunch more of us enjoyed watching as all five signs were installed in just an hour! Thanks go to Chris and Ron Ecker for feeding the troops! And a big THANKS to the Florida Lighthouse Association for the grant that paid for them! There are two signs along the walkway leading to the cottage and three signs along the perimeter behind the lighthouse. Now you'll have an excuse to walk all over the Light Station!



Keeping the Light Shining

Membership Musings

There are currently 538 active members in The [Cape Canaveral Lighthouse Foundation \(CCLF\)](#); Yes, 538! Since our September 2021 newsletter (prior to the fundraiser at the American Muscle Car Museum (AMCM)), we added 17 new members, and 43 renewals, and then.....Thanks to our AMCM fundraiser on 23 October, we added another 100 new members! It was an amazing event where not only did we get 100 new members, but all who attended had quite a time checking out over 325 cars, enjoying delish food & beverages, and helped raise funds for the CCLF by bidding on the live auction and raffles items. What an event! Welcome to all our new members and thank you to all our established members for your renewals and support of the Cape Canaveral Lighthouse Foundation.



One of our original Lifetime members is Carolyn Burby, who also served on the Board as our Volunteer Coordinator. Asked why it was so important to her to become a Lifetime member as soon as the option was available in 2016, Carolyn answered as follows:

In September 2015, my name was placed in nomination to serve as Volunteer Coordinator for the Cape Canaveral Lighthouse Foundation, and I was subsequently appointed by then President Bob Merrialees. I was immediately drawn into the activities of the Foundation by the enthusiasm of the volunteers themselves and inspired by the dedication and commitment of the Board Members.

The mission of the Foundation is to enable future generations to understand the importance of the Lighthouse and the role it has played in maritime safety since it was established in 1848. There is such pleasure in watching the joy and excitement in the face of a child when they see the Lighthouse up close for the very first time.

When part of the vision of the Foundation became the goal of rebuilding the Keepers' Cottages, which had been destroyed many years ago, I was all in, and In July of 2016, I signed up as a Lifetime Member. It was my hope that my contribution would, in some small way, help the Foundation to achieve its ambitious and quite challenging goals. It is with great interest that I continue to follow the many achievements of this dedicated organization with the publication of its bimonthly newsletter, the Canaveral Beacon.

I would say that Carolyn's contribution as one of our original Lifetime members, as well as her volunteer service, has certainly benefitted the Foundation and contributed to achieving its goals. Her enthusiasm is contagious. Thank you, Carolyn, for all you have done to preserve the history of our light and support the CCLF. We could not do without dedicated members such as yourself.

Our last convoy of the year has been scheduled so be sure to check your email periodically for pertinent details. Come see the lighthouse and museum alight in Christmas glory on the afternoon of 4 December; we hope to even see the light flash as evening descends. As always there will be a limit of 20 vehicles.

When shopping online, choose smile.amazon.com where 0.5% of the price of eligible purchases will be given to the CCLF. It's easy to get an Amazon account and doesn't cost anything unless it's for AmazonPrime, in which case there is a fee. Remember, you must go to smile.amazon.com each time you shop for all of this to work; *Amazon.com and Amazon mobile app purchases do not apply.*

See you at the lighthouse!

**Welcoming the newest and celebrating our renewed members of the
Cape Canaveral Lighthouse Foundation family!**

New Memberships

Assistant Lighthouse Keepers (\$35—1 Member)

Bryant Aumack
Carol Aumack
Walter Barnes
Bonnie Barnes
Rob Bernard
Bob Birmingham
Janet Birmingham
Heather Boberson
Joe Bonadonna
Jennie Bowers
Nicholas Boyd
Amanda Brailsford-Urbina
Nancy Brower
John Brower
Amelia Brylawski
Alan Brylawski
Jonathan Calderone
Ruth Calderone
Dorothy Causey
Christina Clark
Chris Cloney
Julie Cloney
Frank Coccovizzo, Jr.
Gary Cordelli
Wanda Cordelli
Lynn Cornelius-Miller
Bill Craddock
Charleen Craddock
Brandy Crisafuli
Robert Cullen
Lisa Cullen
Tara Cumming
Susan Dabrowski
Jaime Dillinger
Ronald Dupuis
Dean Friedman
Danny George
Michelle George
Angelina Geraneo
Judy Gerard
Chase Gerard
Robert Groff
Tim Guiles
Cindy Hadaller
Gary Halpin
Evelyn Halpin
Vikki Havius
David Havius
Robert Hemingway
Josh Hester
Lindsey Hester
Anne Holmes
Howard Hori
Irene Hori

Thomas Houston
David W. Hughes
Daniel Jankowski
Carl Jones
Brian Jones
Heidi Jones
Abigail Jorandby
C. Jorandby
Renea Kosino
David Markle
Jaime Markle
Robert Martin
Ross Martin
Gary Miller
Frank Moramatos
Braeden Nevue
Rob Nickles
Cosette Nickles
Penelope Ostarly
Carol Overstreet
Dan Palencar
Steve Parker
Mike Paul
Jenny Paul
Bob Paxson
Connie Paxson
Ruth Peipert
Alina Ramirez
James Rao
Mary Rao
Ken Rhodes
Wendy Ryan
Marti Seawright
Eric Sharp
David Shirah
Curt Smith
Linda Smith
Gerardo Urbina
Jose Vidal
Ian Vogt
Barbara Widerman
John Wilansky
Chris Yaeger
Roy Yates
Laurie Yates

Lighthouse Keeper (\$50 = 2 Mbrs)

Robyn & Aaron Hattaway
Tim & Jenny Hattaway
Daniel Luna
CIMCO (Sponsor)
Jody Romanowski
Paul & Kimberly Rezanka

Head Lighthouse Keeper (\$100 = 2 Members)

Douglas Reed
Michele Rohrmann

Student (\$15 = 1 Member)

Zeke Zucco
Vaughn Havins

Renewals in Sept & Oct 2021

Assistant Keeper (\$35 = 1 Member)

Garrett L. Clark
Gene W. Johnson
Janey Powell
Cathy Riddell
Mary Lou Wilson

Lighthouse Keeper (\$50 = 2 Mbrs)

Russell & Deborah Allison
Robert & Julia Armacost
Pamela Black
Bob & Cheryl DeWitt
Phil & Bunny Finney
Linda Halpin
Alton & Emma Jean McKinley
Paul & Debbie Meeks
Jim & Karen Munster
Beverly Oakes & Tommy Hasty
Annette & Paul Pike
Richard & Donna Sherman

Head Lighthouse Keeper (\$100 = 2 Members)

Chery Bennett
Ginny Blaetz
Larry G. Clark
Richard & Diana Grimison
Jay & Margaret Honeycutt
Brendan & Sandra McMillan
Sharon & Don Osteen

Cape Canaveral Lighthouse Foundation Lifetime Members

Carolyn Burby
Port St. John, FL

Lloyce Campbell
Merritt Island, FL

Sharon Crockett
Rockledge, FL

[Charles] & Ginny Davis
Manvel, TX

Robert Davis
Merritt Island, FL

Jill & Jim Dooley
Merritt Island, FL

Ron & Christine Ecker
Satellite Beach, FL

Albert & Marie Elebash
Melbourne, FL

Ric & Nancy Garwood
Merritt Island, FL

Rep. Tom Goodson
Rockledge, FL

Beth & Dwight Greenberg
Cocoa, FL

Bobbie Grine (Dec)
Tuscaloosa, AL

Bill Jelen
Merritt Island, FL

Rocky & Lisa Johnson
Cocoa, FL

Al & Carol Koller, Jr.
Titusville, FL

Jeanna & Mike Merrifield
Titusville, FL

RADM Robert & Beverly Merrilees
Merritt Island, FL

Cal & Virginia Myer
Naples, FL

Jim Ravitch
Merritt Island, FL

Dixie & Jerry Sansom
Cocoa, FL

James Trammell
Melbourne, FL

RADM James and Kathie Underwood
Merritt Island, FL

Rose Marie Wiley
Cocoa Beach, FL

Dr. Jess & Bertie Yates
Melbourne, FL

Dr. Elbert (Sonny) & Kay Witt
Melbourne FL

*** * * CCLF Membership Application Form * * ***

SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL COMMUNITY & JOIN CCLF TODAY!

Completed forms should be submitted along with payment to:
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Name(s): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

E-mail address: _____

☐ **Yes, please contact me regarding volunteer opportunities.**

Please select a membership level from the categories below:

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIPS

- | | |
|---|-------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Head Lighthouse Keeper | \$100 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lighthouse Keeper (Family) | \$50 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Assistant Lighthouse Keeper (Individual) | \$35 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Student Lighthouse Keeper | \$15 |

LIFE MEMBERSHIPS

- | | |
|--|---------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Life Membership (Family-2 member) | \$1,500 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Life Membership (Single) | \$1,000 |

TOTAL AMOUNT DUE: \$ _____

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

Chris Ecker, CCLF Membership
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Email: cclfmbrship1@aol.com

Bev Merrilees, CCLF Volunteers
Phone: (321) 452-5426
Email: bmerrilees@cfl.rr.com

To pay your membership dues online via PayPal, visit CanaveralLight.org

CCLF Member Benefits

- Admittance to annual membership appreciation meeting held at the lighthouse;
- Subscription to *The Canaveral Beacon*, CCLF's bi-monthly newsletter;
- Discounts at the Keeper's Closet Gift Shop, including 10% off commemorative brick orders;
- Volunteer opportunities to support & promote the lighthouse in its historical context; and, most importantly,
- Supporting CCLF's efforts to restore the lighthouse grounds and resurrect history!

**MEMBERS SAVE 10% AT
KEEPER'S CLOSET**

Stop by the Keeper's Closet gift shop during your next visit to the lighthouse. Browse our selection of souvenirs, books, apparel, jewelry, children's items and other lighthouse memorabilia. Proceeds support Foundation initiatives and community events. Members who present their membership card when shopping will receive a 10 percent discount on their purchase.

Volunteer Spotlight on Colleen Seitter



Coleen Seitter grew up on the barrier island when her Air Force father was transferred from Kadena AFB, Okinawa to Patrick AFB in 1960. She went to almost all the schools in Satellite Beach and Indian Harbour Beach, as new ones were built almost every year and new school lines were drawn, graduating from Satellite High School in 1970. She then went to Nashville, TN for her collegiate years, graduating from Trevecca Nazarene University (B.A.), Middle Tennessee University (M.Ed.), and Vanderbilt/Peabody (Ed.S). She stayed in Nashville for several years working with special needs adults but moved back to Indian Harbour Beach in 1979 to join her family's business.

In 1981, she joined the Army Reserve as a Military Police Officer, working her way up to become a Criminal Investigator with Army CID. Army CID investigates any felony with an Army nexus, but is also the lead agency for the personal protection for the highest level of personnel in the Department of Defense---Secretary of Defense, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs, Secretary of the Army, etc. Personal protection was her specialty, and this included close-in protection, motorcade movements, hotel security, foreign governments liaison, coordination with Navy NCIS & Air Force OSI, etc. She traveled the world on protective service missions, but her two favorite missions were the 50th Anniversary of D-Day (Portsmouth, England) and the 60th Anniversary of D-Day (Normandy, France) due to interaction with WWII Veterans.

Coleen was assigned to Army Reserve CID units in the role of Operations Officer and Commander. She was assigned to units in Jacksonville, Boston, and Phoenix and after 9/11, was constantly mobilizing individual Soldiers and her units to Washington, D.C., Iraq, and Afghanistan. She retired as a Chief Warrant Officer 3 in 2012 and moved home to Indian Harbour Beach.



She jumped right in volunteering with the Sea Turtle Preservation Society and the Brevard's Zoo Sea Turtle Healing Center, transporting sick and injured sea turtles and caring for them at the Zoo. She also volunteers at Sebastian Inlet State Park.

Having visited a plethora of lighthouses in New England when she was stationed there, Coleen joined the Florida Lighthouse Association. It was at one of their quarterly meetings in the Panhandle that she met Rocky and Lisa Johnson who told her all about Cape Canaveral Light. Even though she had lived in the area since 1960, she had never heard about it! She joined Cape Canaveral Lighthouse Foundation in 2017 and volunteers in the gift shop, as an escort, and is trying to learn the brick program under Ann Bolton's tutelage. She loves our Light and is so proud of the new buildings and the wonderful work of all the volunteers! We are privileged to have Coleen on our team.

An Event You Won't Want to Miss



Museums of Brevard Holiday Tour of Historic Homes

The lighthouse will be featured as one of eight historic sites on the MOB Holiday Tour of Historic Homes. Tickets are on sale only through Eventbrite and only 150 will be sold. The \$60 event ticket of will enable you to see all eight sites and proceeds will assist in the preservation of the lighthouse and the other historic sites. All sites, including the lighthouse and cottage, will be gaily decorated to celebrate the season. We will participate through a caravan tour on each of the first 3 Saturdays in December – 12/4, 12/11, and 12/18. The other homes will all be open the Friday, Saturday and Sunday of each of those weekends.

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BRICK WALKWAY NEWS

Buy an engraved paver for your friend, colleague or family member to commemorate life's milestones and support Cape Canaveral Lighthouse Foundation's (CCLF) Brick Program. CCLF's Brick Program is one of our major funding sources helping to rebuild the keeper's cottages and restore Cape Canaveral Lighthouse grounds. Some service clubs have special locations with members' bricks such as Propeller Club Port Canaveral and local Rotary Clubs. It's a great way to show your support of CCLF and another organization at the same time. BTW Lee Sherman celebrated her 100th birthday this year!



You can purchase a 4" by 8" brick for \$150. Includes engraving of three (3) rows, up to 12 characters per line. Insignias and art designs, such as a lighthouse or heart, are available for an additional \$20. CCLF members will receive a 10 percent discount on all brick orders. All donations are tax deductible. For additional information, please contact Ann Bolton, CLF's Brick Project Coordinator, at annbolton@cfl.rr.com.



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Florida Lighthouse Association Update



The Florida Lighthouse Association (FLA) mission is to protect, preserve, restore, and defend Florida's Lighthouse towers, along with their material culture, buildings, artifacts, and records to assure that the magic of Florida's lighthouses and lighthouse keepers will be available for the enjoyment and understanding of future generations.

Cape Canaveral Lighthouse Foundation has been the recipient of about \$70,000 from FLA since 2011. If you are due to renew your tag and would like to help the Cape Canaveral Lighthouse Foundation and other Florida lighthouses, we hope you will consider buying the "VisitOurLight.org" tag. FLA raises most of its money through the sale of a specialty license plate, which currently features the Jupiter Lighthouse.

PRESERVING FLORIDA'S LIGHTHOUSES IS AS EASY AS DRIVING A CAR

Florida residents can show their love of lighthouses while driving when they purchase a "Visit Our Lights" license plate for their vehicle. The design features Jupiter Inlet Lighthouse and 90 percent of the proceeds from plate sales help support the Florida Lighthouse Association's mission to protect, preserve and restore the Sunshine State's remaining lighthouses. For further information on how to get a "Visit Our Lights" tag, visit FLA's website at FloridaLighthouses.org.

Our members are also encouraged to join and attend the FLA meetings, which are not only informative, but fun as well.

For additional information about FLA membership and meeting registration, go to FloridaLighthouses.org.



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