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5th Annual Lobster Fest draws Record Crowd *By Ginny Davis*

Saying the Cape Canaveral Lighthouse Foundation was joyfully overwhelmed by the almost 700 reservations is in understatement! On January 12th we announced the event and within two weeks over 400 reservations were received. The CCLF's 5th Annual Lobster Fest was a huge success. Visitors enjoyed a delicious lobster (from "Mainly Lobster") dinner prepared by Cape Café Manager, Quan Rutirasiri. Live entertainment provided by "The Directions" was enjoyed throughout the day and many, many door prizes were won by lucky attendees. Commander of the Cape Canaveral Lighthouse and Commander of the 45th Space Wing, Brig Gen Ed Wilson, was the guest speaker. He announced that the first fundraiser for the Foundation will be a brick project. Individuals and Corporations will have an opportunity to purchase bricks and have them engraved. These bricks will be used to pave the walkways at the lighthouse as part of the restoration. The brick project is being finalized now and we look forward to kicking off the project in the near future. The details will be posted on our website.

General Wilson also announced that coming this summer the free tours of the Cape Canaveral Air Force Station grounds (including the lighthouse) will be increased to three (3) tours a week. The crowd reacted with cheers and applause.

The Keeper's Closet gift shop had many new items for sale and by the end of the day they had little inventory left. You can always make purchases through the website if you cannot attend an event. Visitors were bused to the lighthouse where they were permitted to climb to the 5th level. We could not have requested more perfect weather which made the view from the 5th level spectacular. New photos have been recently mounted on the lighthouse walls which the visitors carefully perused.

We are grateful to the Air Force for the extraordinary support and our many enthusiastic volunteers for their superb performance in making this our best event yet.

Our thanks, also, to each attendee for participating in this fun annual event and, most of all for your continued participation and support of the Cape Canaveral Lighthouse Foundation.

ANNUAL CCLF MEMBERSHIP MEETING

PUT THIS DATE ON YOUR CALENDAR

JUNE 18, 2011



Brig Gen Ed Wilson, RADM Bob Merrilees, LtCol Shane Sullivan, RADM Jim Underwood, Dr. David Paterno



Membership Report by Yvonne Thornton

Our membership is now 548 and we certainly appreciate your continued interest and support of our historical Cape Canaveral Lighthouse. We hope you will renew your membership dues for the upcoming Membership Meeting in June, and encourage your family and friends to join. We especially need more volunteers to help with our events.

CCLF Welcomes our Newest Members:

Head Lighthouse Keeper

Betty Mallamas

Lighthouse Keepers

B. J. and John Byron

Wanda and Walter Dermody

Debbie Mayfield

Tom Penders

Carol and Lt Col Shane Sullivan

Minerva and Edward Vasquez

Assistant Lighthouse Keepers

Elaine Hoerner

Robyn Petterson

Michael Ransom

CAPE DESCENDANTS DAY REUNION

The Air Force is sponsoring the Annual Descendants Day Reunion which is open to all descendants of the original Cape Canaveral Settler families. The event is Saturday, 7 May, 2011 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Lunch includes turkey or barbecue sandwiches at a cost of \$7.00. The day includes sharing family photographs, a visit to your respective cemeteries, and a tour of the Lighthouse. If you are a member of a Cape descendant family and wish to attend, please R.S. V. P. by April 29 by calling the Cape Commanders Office at (321) 853-3900 or email toni.bearden@patrick.af.mil with your attendee information.

Florida Lighthouse Association Meeting

We were honored that the Florida Lighthouse Association chose to have their meeting at the Cape Canaveral Lighthouse on January 29. There were 190 FLA members in attendance. Col Jim Ross was the guest speaker. The National Anthem was sung by Ginnette Ward. Janey Powell and Peggy Armeay loaded their cars with Keeper's Closet items and arrived at the Lighthouse at 7:30 a.m. and had a great day of sales and fun meeting everyone. It was one of the largest gatherings FLA has had, mostly due to the opportunity to see Cape Canaveral Lighthouse. They were excited to be able to go to the 5th level. We appreciate FLA's support.

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To assist the 45th Space Wing in preserving, protecting, & interpreting the Cape Canaveral Lighthouse & its historical significance to the Florida Space Coast, State of Florida, & our Nation