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Mission Statement

To assist the 45th Space Wing 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

A Few Words about CCLF Membership

Bob Merrilees

President, Cape Canaveral Lighthouse Foundation

As I mentioned in our last newsletter, we are making great strides with our tours on Friday and Saturday, each week in educating our community and out-of-town visitors about our lighthouse. The Keeper's Closet continues to do well. We are working to take the history of our lighthouse and the Cape Canaveral community as it once existed, early settlers and prehistoric inhabitants, into our local schools and will keep you posted on our progress.

I cannot stress enough, how important membership is to our Foundation and we hope you will join our team as members and help us to continue to move forward. Detailed information about membership categories and contact information is on page 7. Thanks to our members, volunteers, and sponsors for your continued support.

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GINNY DAVIS

How do we begin??? This article is a group effort “spotlight” to recognize Ginny Davis for her herculean efforts to support the Cape Canaveral Lighthouse but also to recognize her personal characteristics which



make her such a special person. To say that Ginny goes above and beyond in all that she does is putting it mildly. Don't ask her to do a job unless you are prepared for her to do it wholeheartedly-thoroughly, the right way.

Ginny's neighbor, Kathie Ray, writes “Ginny and her husband Charles have been our neighbors on Merritt Island for many years. We feel so lucky to have them as our wonderful neighbors, and call them friends. I remember when Ginny began work with the Cape Canaveral Lighthouse Foundation. Her passion and commitment was sincere and through the years I enjoyed her sharing of the projects and growth of this historic treasure in our community. Through

our years of "over the fence" conversations, and enjoying each other's' company as we walk our dogs and spend time together, it is evident that Ginny brings her kindness, compassion and caring into her friendships, and her loyalty, professionalism, work ethic, and dedication to those causes that touch her heart. It is a pleasure to call Ginny a friend, and a friend to our community as she truly works to make a difference through preserving our historic Florida.”

Yvonne Thornton, one of our Cape Canaveral Lighthouse Foundation Board Members, has worked with Ginny since the Foundation was established in 2002. Yvonne notes that Ginny has served as Membership Chair; Secretary; and Vice President. Her assistance to all of us in the Foundation has been immeasurable. She has been successful in obtaining a DAR Grant to repair Lighthouse windows and Grants from the Florida Lighthouse Association (FLA) for a shell walkway from the parking lot to the Lighthouse and most importantly, architectural drawings of the Keeper's Cottages we plan to rebuild. She also initiated the Brick Program which has been one of our major fundraisers. She just sees what needs to be done and does it. She has always been active in the community, having served as Secretary on the Brevard Public Library Board for several years. Her professional and congenial manner has gained the respect of our Foundation Board, membership, and community leaders who are vital to reaching our goals.

Charles has had major medical challenges these past few years and he and Ginny have worked, as a team, to hit these head-on. Ginny sees challenges as opportunities and seems to find a way thru some of the most impossible situations.

The Foundation could not have functioned without her – She has been there from the beginning and given it her all. One of a kind! She served as Chair of the Florida Lighthouse Association (FLA) Grants Committee. She has worked successfully with the Air Force; Hensel Phelps; and RZK Architects to further our goals. Bob Merrilees says “we would not have the License to construct the cottages if it were not for Ginny's dedication and determination. I could not have served as President without her.”

Knowing what great pals Ginny and her sister, Judy Beckham, are we asked Judy to send her thoughts about Ginny for this tribute -'What can I tell you about my little sister, Ginny? Well, we live nearly 1,000 miles apart but we're never farther away from each other than a phone call, and they are always welcomed. We probably talk on the phone at least every other day and then for 2 + hours every Sunday night with our brother Doug....REALLY!!!!

Sometimes we just call to say – Hey, I'm fixing lunch, want to come over? I can always answer “Sure, be over in a minute!” I wish I could but distance doesn't allow for this to happen. We've always been close and now more than ever.

I'm sure you all know the side of Ginny that is ...don't come to her with a problem that you don't want fixed because when you say, “Ginny, do you think you can ????” well, she's off to the races and within short order it's fixed, done, arranged, ordered, re-organized All Done!

I can speak to a recent Boy Scout Summer Camp that Ginny got involved with because my husband Ted called her and said, “Gin, do you think you could get the boys in to see Kennedy Space Center? Well, hold onto your hats because she came up with 3 days of events that will be FOREVER remembered by those 22 Boy Scouts who came to Florida to see what NASA was all about. Ginny got the kids into see ATLANTIS--- my all time, breathtaking favorite exhibit. They met 2 Astronauts who spoke to the boys on striving for Excellence. Cape Canaveral Lighthouse - USCG Cutter CONFIDENCE - Kennedy Space Center - Air Boat Rides and Kayaking with the Manatees!!!! A Summer to remember.

The funny thing about all of this is that when Ginny started working around the NASA family (Charles – husband worked for Boeing) we always laughed because Ginny didn't like STAR WARS and I always thought that that was a pre-requisite!!! WHO doesn't like STAR WARS???? LOL

We were born in NJ then moved to KY where Ginny and I grew up. Our family moved to TX when Dad was transferred with GAF to be on the startup crew at the plant in Texas City. Ginny moved to Corpus Christi and got her degree at Barry University in 1997. While in Corpus Christi Ginny went back to KY to a high school reunion and rediscovered Charles Davis, classmate, and that's the rest of the story.

It has been a pleasure and honor to tell you a little bit about my Ginny, of whom I am very proud. My very first memories are about her. I was just 3 years old when Daddy and Mom brought her home. It was in NJ, in January and it was snowing. So when Daddy bent down to show me the “bundle”, snowflakes were all over his gray over coat and the “bundle”. “She's in there”, he smiled and said, “Dig her out!”, and so I dug her out. All of a sudden there she was, dark curly hair, pink cheeks and chubby! She looked like a little cherub. Being almost 3 years old my name for her was “Nin” and as we grew up together I became, “BooBooCare” because Judy Clare in baby talk was, well of course it was, “Boo”. Thank you for allowing me to tell you about my, Nin. Love you, Boo xoxoxo”

And last, but not least, Mike, Ginny's son said “I am glad someone is taking the time to “spotlight” my Mom – she has ALWAYS gone above and beyond what others do.

Thank you Ginny – we are all honored and privileged to know and work with you.

Sincerely,

Your family, neighbors, and friends at CCLF



Mike's daughter Lexie, Charles & Ginny at Volunteer Appreciation Event



Ginny; General Cotton ; Dr. Sonny Witt; Bob Merrilees; Cape Canaveral Mayor, Rocky Randels; Jim Roche; Dr. David Paterno; Wayne Wheeler, President of the U.S. Lighthouse Society; and representatives from the Florida Lighthouse Association at the presentation of the FLA Grant for the Architectural Drawings by FLA President, Ken Smith.



Florida Lighthouse Assoc.

The Florida Lighthouse Association is a nonprofit group of citizen activists dedicated to the preservation of the 30 remaining historic lighthouses that line our state's 1,350-mile coastline. Once central to the economic growth and settlement of our nation, many of Florida's lighthouses face uncertain futures.

The Mission of the Florida Lighthouse Association 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.

We encourage members of the Cape Canaveral Lighthouse Foundation to support FLA by joining and attending meetings. For details check out the website at www.floridalighthouses.org. FLA grants have helped us toward our goals of restoring our Canaveral Lighthouse community as it once was. We ask you to show your appreciation by joining FLA today!

Members receive the following benefits:

- You are actively working to preserve an important part of Florida history
- Receive FLASH, the FLA newsletter published three times annually
- Receive up-to-the-minute news via e-newsletters
- Priority invitations to FLA Educational Meetings, Events and Lighthouse Tours
- Free admission to six Florida lighthouses: St. Augustine, Ponce Inlet, Jupiter Inlet, Crooked River, Cape St. George and Pensacola
- Voting Privileges

Much of the grant money awarded to Florida Lighthouse organizations comes from the sale of Florida Lighthouse car tags. Please consider this specialty tag when you renew.



Newsletter Editor Needed

The Cape Canaveral Lighthouse Foundation needs an Editor for its newsletter, “Canaveral Beacon”. The newsletter has been an important part of our communication with our membership and the community. The newsletter is currently done using Microsoft Publisher. The format is pretty well set up however we are open to new ideas and creativity. The newsletter is generally done every other month unless there are special events to report like Lobster Fest or our Membership/Volunteer Appreciation Picnic. Input for the newsletter comes from our Board Members and our membership. The Editor is responsible for soliciting input, formatting and editing the newsletter and getting it out on a regular basis.

Bev Merrilees is the current Editor and is looking for someone to take on this important task. Bev will work with the new editor for a smooth transition. She has the distribution list and will be happy to assist by sending out the final product by email. Please contact Bev at Bmerrilees@cfl.r.com or (321) 452-5426 for further information.

From the Archives By Eric Kucera CCLF Archivist

The following list of our Cape Canaveral lighthouse keepers is scrambled. See if you can place them in proper order of service, from earliest to latest:

Name and Birthplace:	Years as keeper at C.C.
A. John L. Sturk/Stuck (Germany)	1. 1848-1849
B. James M. “Jim” Knight (Georgia)	2. 1850-1853
C. Oscar “Floyd” Quarterman (Cape Canaveral)	3. 1853-1886
D. Nathaniel C. Scobie (Nova Scotia)	4. 1887-1887
E. Ora Carpenter (Vermont)	5. 1887-1893
F. Clinton P. Honeywell (Maryland)	6. 1894-1904
G. Mills Olcott Burnham (Vermont)	7. 1904-1930
H. William “George” Middleton Quarterman Jr. (Georgia)	8. 1930-1939

There is a lot more of this type of information available for you to review on the Foundation’s Google drive. If you would like access to our on-line archives, please contact Eric at archives@canaverallight.org

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Upcoming Lighthouse Events

Archaeologists for Autism November 19, 2016

at Sams House on Merritt Island 9 am to 3 pm

AmazonSmile

Fund Raising Opportunity

The Cape Canaveral Lighthouse Foundation is now signed up with an online method for fundraising called "AmazonSmile". The way it works is you go to www.AmazonSmile.com where you are prompted to select a charitable organization. Enter "Cape Canaveral Lighthouse Foundation". When you make purchases on this site the AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price to the customer's selected charitable organization. Each quarter, the Amazon Foundation makes donations to the organization by electronic funds transfer. Donations will be transferred approximately 45 days after the end of each calendar quarter.

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Answers to puzzle on Page 5

Correct order key: 1=D; 2=E, 3=G, 4=H, 5=B, 6=A, 7=F, 8=C

MEMBERSHIP

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Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Email address _____ Willing to Volunteer _____ Yes _____ No

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIPS

Head Lighthouse Keeper	\$100
Lighthouse Keeper (Family)	\$50
Ast. Lighthouse Keeper (Individual)	\$35

LIFE MEMBERSHIPS

Life Membership (Family-2 member)	\$1,500
Life Membership (Single)	\$1,000

Keep the Light Shining!

Yvonne Thornton

CCLF Membership & Speakers Bureau

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**Welcome to our
New Members**

Life Membership

Carolyn Burby

James Trammell

Assistant Lighthouse Keeper

Cheryl Bennett