



# **CANAVERAL BEACON**

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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**

**From the President**

**Rocky Johnson**



## **What's that Light?**

Our local Rotary Club held our inaugural "Rotary Glamping Weekend" recently at Jetty Park in Port Canaveral. On an absolutely gorgeous Friday evening, several families walked along the beach, children running in and out of the shallow surf and chasing ghost crabs, all lit by a nearly full moon and highlighted by a backdrop of millions of stars.

Having walked south a bit, we eventually turned around and began the trek north toward the jetty and the campground, with all of the children carrying on their antics and doing what children all over the world do, and the older folks just taking it all in. (It's GREAT to be a grandparent, but that's another story).

As we approached the jetty and began the walk west over the walkway across the dunes, one curious youngster asked about "the lights" and pointed toward the horizon to the north. We identified several lights at the Air Force Station, including lightning protection towers, etc., but the youngster's curiosity obviously had not been satisfied. "No", he said, "the one that flashes kind of slow and is real far away". When we realized that he had fixed on the Cape Canaveral Lighthouse rotating beacon, I was at a loss for words. How many men, women and children have witnessed that light over the past 150 years? How many circumstances and how varied those circumstances must have been. Homecoming. Relief. Fear. Reckoning. Beginning. Conclusion. Romance. The list must be endless, but on that Friday evening, an elementary school boy reminded me of why so many of us value that light so much, and why we work so hard to preserve it and share its story with others.

His journey is just starting, while mine is more than half complete, but on that Friday evening, the lighthouse brought meaning to both of us.

See you at the Lighthouse!

**Rocky**

# Special Recognition from a Dear Friend of the Lighthouse



## THE FLORIDA SENATE

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14th District

September 10, 2018

Ms. Beverly Merrilees  
Cape Canaveral Lighthouse Foundation  
P.O. Box 1978  
Cape Canaveral, FL 32920

Dear Ms. Merrilees:

Congratulations on being a nominee for the Non-Profit Business Champion Award for the Cocoa Beach Regional Chamber of Commerce's 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Business Champion of the Year. Your dedication and leadership in our community is appreciated.

Please let me know if I can ever be of any assistance.

Sincerely,

Dorothy L. Hukill  
State Senator  
Senate District 14



**Florida Senator Dorothy L, Hukill**

**September 20, 1946 – October 2, 2018**

**In memory of Senator Dorothy Hukill, the Cape Canaveral Lighthouse Foundation will engrave a special brick for placement with so many of her friends' bricks at the Lighthouse.**



# 10% Discount for CCLF Members

## Be a part of history, buy a brick!



The walkways that once linked the Lighthouse with the Keeper's Cottages are being bricked in a historically accurate manner.

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 available for an additional \$20.

All donations are tax deductible

The Brick Program is picking up pace and is one of our major fundraisers to rebuild the lighthouse community. We are well on our way in the construction of the first Keeper's Cottage and expect completion in the spring 2019. The 10% discount for Lighthouse Foundation members and the memento of a framed picture of your brick has had a significant positive impact on the program.

An engraved brick at the lighthouse is an excellent way to honor a loved one or a friend with a memorial brick or for a space program retiree that says "I was here!" Also, with the Holidays approaching, a commemorative brick is a great gift idea.

Order online [www.canaverallight.org](http://www.canaverallight.org) just click on "Brick Walkway News" at the top of the web page or mail this order form with a check to: Cape Canaveral Lighthouse Foundation, P.O. Box 1978; Cape Canaveral, FL 32920

Purchaser's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Periods and spaces count as 1 character each.

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If you have questions, please contact our Brick Project Coordinator, Ann Bolton, at

[annbolton@cfl.rr.com](mailto:annbolton@cfl.rr.com)

## Volunteer Spotlight

JOE McLAUGHLIN



Joe is one of our newest Volunteers and has already been a great help at the Keeper's Closet, at special events, and will be a bus escort for our 4th grade students for their fall field trips to the lighthouse.

Joe was born in New York, raised in Miami, and attended Florida State University. He enlisted in the Army in 1961 and served in Vietnam as a Green Beret. After discharge from the Army, Joe attended Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University in Daytona Beach to acquire his flight ratings. He was hired as a pilot at Pacific Southwest Airlines (PSA) in California and was eventually promoted to Vice President of Flight. When US Airways purchased PSA in 1998, Joe transferred to US Air and was later promoted to Vice President of Flight Operations. He retired in 2000 with over 20,000 hours of flight time.

Joe has been married for 52 years and has 3 grown children and 5 grandchildren and has resided in Cocoa Beach for the last 2 years.



Joe is on the far right enjoying the Antique Car Display at our Membership Appreciation Event

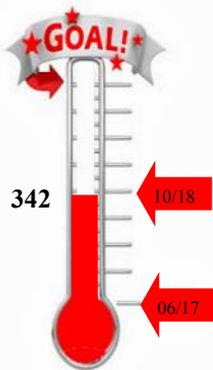
Joe is a terrific addition to our Cape Canaveral Lighthouse Foundation Volunteer Corps. Thank you, Joe, for giving your time and effort to help us meet our goals.



## CCLF Membership Committee Musings

We want you and your friends! The Cape Canaveral Lighthouse Foundation (CCLF) now has a total of 342 active members. As we continue to grow each month with new members and renewals, we are on the way to achieving our goal of 750 members! There are still a few overdue and lapsed memberships from 2017 and 2018, which are easy to overlook. As you read this, check the date on your membership card and consider renewing now if it's out of date. Every membership is important, whether it's the Individual Membership or the Lifetime Family Membership. The Foundation is growing and we would like you to be part of our exciting future. Just go to our website to renew at [www.canaverallight.org](http://www.canaverallight.org) or use the form included in this newsletter. You are a very important part of everything we do; without our members, where would we be?

Having so many active members clearly shows the support CCLF has in achieving the goals set by the Board, which include rebuilding the first of three Keepers' cottages, 4th grade field trips in the study of local history, and increasing tours and activities at the lighthouse. One enthusiastic member even decided to upgrade to a Lifetime Membership after the ground breaking for the cottage. What a fantastic way to support the dream of "What was once...can be again." Now when we visit the lighthouse, we see obvious confirmation that there will be a cottage early next year. As a member, you are a part of this!



Won't you consider becoming a volunteer? As we continue to grow, we need docents, help in our store (the Keeper's Closet), tour guides, Membership Committee members, and more. Contact our Volunteer Coordinator, Beverly Merrilees at [bmerrilees@cfl.rr.com](mailto:bmerrilees@cfl.rr.com) or 321-452-5426 for more information and to sign up.

Do you know someone interested in lighthouses? Membership in CCLF is easy; applications can be found on our website [www.canaverallight.org](http://www.canaverallight.org). You can also call Chris Ecker at (321) 591-5593 or email her at [cclfmbrship1@aol.com](mailto:cclfmbrship1@aol.com).

### Benefits of membership include:

Keeping history alive at the Cape Canaveral Lighthouse

Receipt of our bi-monthly newsletter, The Canaveral Beacon

Obtain Member discounts at the Keeper's Closet

10% discount for the purchase of a commemorative brick (must show membership card)

Attendance at the annual Membership Appreciation meeting held at the lighthouse

Being part of rebuilding three of the Keepers' cottages

And most important, opportunities to support and promote the lighthouse in its historical context.



Tell your friends about the CCLF, and invite them to be part of our Foundation so they, too, can help "in preserving, protecting, and interpreting the lighthouse and its historical significance to the Florida Space Coast, the State of Florida, and our Nation."

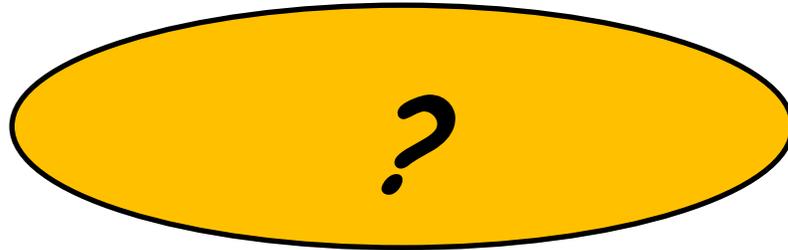


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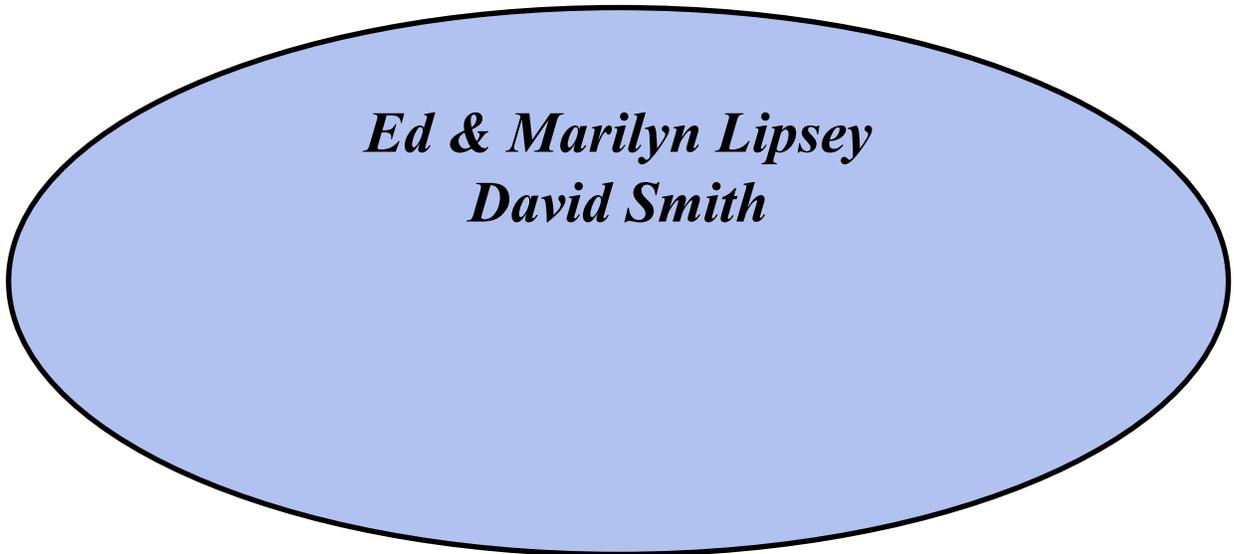
*CCLF Welcomes its newest members as of August 2018:*



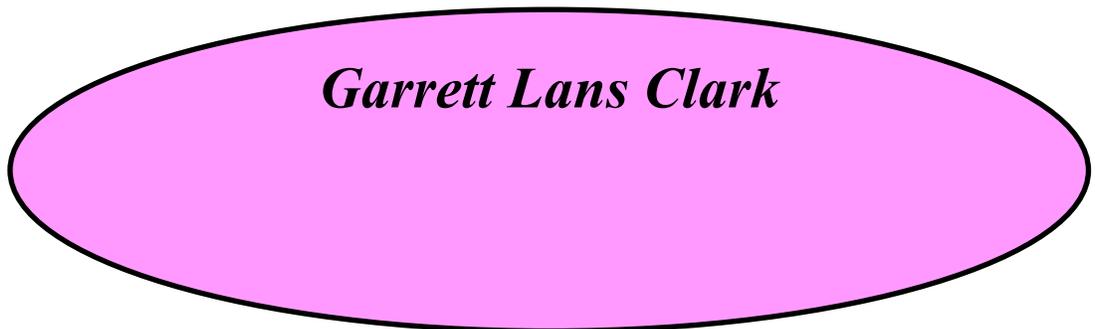
## Head Lighthouse Keepers



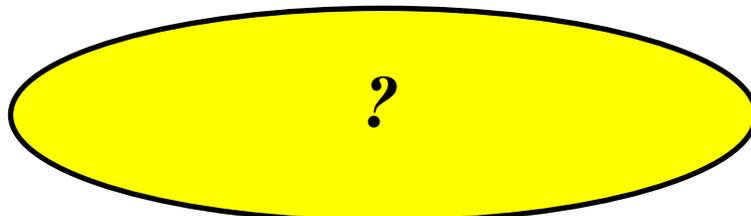
## Lighthouse Keepers



## Assistant Lighthouse Keeper



## Student Keeper





## Membership Application Form



**New Member**     **Renewal**

Join or renew today on our website [www.CanaveralLight.org](http://www.CanaveralLight.org) and pay by Pay Pal on line, or complete the following form and mail with your check to CCLF, P.O. Box 1978, Cape Canaveral, FL 32920.

Names \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_ **Willing to Volunteer?**  Yes  No

Please circle category of membership below:

### **ANNUAL MEMBERSHIPS**

Head Lighthouse Keeper	\$100
Lighthouse Keeper (Family)	\$50
Assistant Lighthouse Keeper (Individual)	\$35
Student Lighthouse Keeper	\$15

### **LIFE MEMBERSHIPS**

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

#### **For additional information please contact:**

***Chris Ecker, CCLF Membership at 321 591-9844 , or email her at [cclfmbrship1@aol.com](mailto:cclfmbrship1@aol.com)***

***Bev Merrilees, CCLF Volunteers at 321-452-5426, or email her at [bmerrilees@cfl.rr.com](mailto:bmerrilees@cfl.rr.com)***

#### **Call for volunteer to Chair the 2018-19 Events Planning Committee**

***Anyone interested in helping plan and work on any events in the initial planning stage for 2019 and the remainder of 2018, please contact **Jim Underwood**, CCLF Nominating Committee Chair at 321-750-7227 or email him at [radmjim@aol.com](mailto:radmjim@aol.com)***



**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.

**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-newsletter.

Priority invitations to FLA Educational Meetings, vents and Lighthouse Tours.

Free admission to 6 Florida lighthouses: St. Augustine, Ponce Inlet, Jupiter Inlet, Crooked River, Cape St. George and Pensacola.

Voting Privileges.

**The Winter 2019 meeting of the Florida Lighthouse Association is scheduled at**

**Cape Canaveral Lighthouse, January 25 - 26, 2019**

**For more information visit [www.floridalighthouses.org](http://www.floridalighthouses.org)**

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.



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## Upcoming Lighthouse Events



**Tours** of Cape Canaveral Lighthouse are available through SunWard Tours. Sign-up at [CanaveralLighthouse.com](http://CanaveralLighthouse.com) or call (321)453-3394 to register.



**Cape Canaveral Lighthouse Foundation Half Marathon** Sunday, November 11, 2018—The Cape Canaveral Lighthouse Foundation in coordination with 45th Space Wing and Space Coast Office of Tourism is hosting a Half Marathon. See <http://www.runthecape.com/> for details.



**Museums of Brevard Gift Fair** Saturday, November 17, 2018—Museums of Brevard is hosting a Gift Fair at the Veterans Memorial Park in Merritt Island. Admission is free. CCLF is participating. Great holiday gifts!



**Cape Canaveral Friday Fest** Friday, Dec 7, 6pm - 10pm at Taylor & Poinsetta Avenues, Cape Canaveral. Admission is free. Craft and Retail Vendors • Food Trucks • Bounce Houses. Beer and wine for purchase. Live music! Call (321) 868-1226 for more information.



**FLA Winter Meeting** Friday, Jan 25 and Saturday, Jan 26, 2018 — The Florida Lighthouse Association is holding their Winter 2019 meeting at the Cape Canaveral Lighthouse. Visit [www.floralighthouses.org](http://www.floralighthouses.org) for more information.



## Education Project Update

Our Education Committee was represented at the Brevard Zoo 22nd Annual Open House for Teachers



*The 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Teacher Open House was a great success!*

188 educators and 48 exhibitors from Central Florida attended this year's event. Comments included, "Enjoyed learning about the resources", "What a great way to network", "Great, so many diverse vendors", "Love to gather and share ideas", "A lot of fun and great educational ideas to supplement our curriculum", "Absolutely love this event", "Beneficial and instructive", "Always great people and fantastic information", "Exciting. Thanks for supporting education", "Huge resource for science contacts", "Wonderful event, thank you for doing this!"

The door prize finale was the one feature of the evening not to be missed. Educators loved receiving door prizes that enhance their classrooms. Thank you for your donations and time. We look forward to seeing you next year.

Sincerely,

  
Education Curator



## What Was Once, Will Be Again!

### *Ensuring the legacy of the Cape Canaveral Lighthouse*

There are many ways to support the Cape Canaveral Lighthouse Foundation and Historical Museum. One way that you may not have considered is the bequest. While many may think philanthropy is reserved for a select few, the truth is that every bequest to the Foundation makes a lasting impact. In fact, the charitable bequest is the most frequently utilized planned gift method in America. Simply stated, a charitable bequest provides for a distribution of cash or property to charity upon a donor's passing. The charitable bequest provision is usually contained in or can be easily added to a donor's will or revocable living trust.

***Consult with your attorney if you are considering one of these ways donors make bequests:***

Specific Bequest – The donor designates a specific dollar amount, percentage, or property to the nonprofit.

Residual Bequest – The donor's estate will pay all debts, taxes, expenses, and specific bequests. The remaining amount will be transferred to the nonprofit.

Contingent Bequest – A donor decides to give the designated nonprofit all or a portion of their estate only under certain circumstances. For example, naming the nonprofit as a beneficiary of the estate only if there are no surviving close family members. Childless couples sometimes provide for the entire estate to go to the surviving spouse, or if the spouse does not survive, to one or several nonprofits.

Example:

All the rest, residue and remainder of my Estate of whatsoever kind or whatsoever the same may be situate at the time of my decease, I give, devise and bequeath as follows:

*I give and bequeath the sum of \$\$\$ unto the Cape Canaveral Lighthouse Foundation (CCLF),  
P.O. Box 1978, Cape Canaveral, FL 32920*

Another excellent way to make a planned gift is to name CCLF as a beneficiary of certain types of "beneficiary designation" assets. For example, a donor may name CCLF as a 20% beneficiary of her life insurance policy or IRA. By doing so, a donor quickly and easily creates a planned gift that will avoid probate, fulfill philanthropic goals and potentially save significant income and estate tax.

Many people own life insurance policies and qualified retirement plans, such as 401(k) plans, 403(b) plans and IRAs. In fact, these assets in most cases represent a significant portion of a person's estate. Accordingly, prudent estate planning requires giving careful thought to eventual distribution of these valuable assets.

To many people's surprise, "beneficiary designation" assets are not controlled by a person's will or revocable living trust. Instead, a beneficiary designation form controls the ultimate distribution of these types of assets. Depending on the particular asset, the appropriate beneficiary designation form can usually be obtained from a plan administrator, an insurance company or a financial services company custodian.

Making your wishes known now through wills and beneficiary designations takes the burden of much of the estate decision-making off of your survivors, family and friends later. And, just as every lighthouse keeper tends to the wick, you will know you have done your part to keep the light shining in support of the Cape Canaveral Lighthouse Foundation.

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