



# CANAVERAL BEACON

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## OUR MISSION

*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*

## **FINAL MESSAGE FROM OUTGOING PRESIDENT ROCKY JOHNSON**

It is with a genuine sense of awe, appreciation and humility that I submit my parting words as President. It has truly been my honor and privilege to serve these past two years, and I can say without reservation that our accomplishments together have been nothing short of superlative.



Together we have:

- Resumed regular tours of the lighthouse and grounds.
- Partnered with Brevard County Public Schools to launch a new education program, opening the doors to history and the future for Brevard County's 4th graders.
- With the help of the Brevard County TDC and the State of Florida, launched the construction of the Keepers' Cottage Museum so that the many visitors to our lighthouse can receive a much more accurate and meaningful glimpse into what the lighthouse means to Brevard County, the State of Florida, our national defense through the 45th Space Wing, and mankind's exploration of the universe.
- Successfully held the inaugural Lighthouse Half-Marathon, hosting a record 2,000 visitors who participated in the event.
- Launched a coordinated effort with our friends at the US Air Force Space and Missile Museum Foundation to capitalize on our common goals.
- Hosted many special events at the lighthouse, allowing many diverse groups to revel in the beauty and the history of this unique icon.

And please don't forget all of this has been accomplished by way of a 100% volunteer staff, with zero paid employees, relying on the generosity of those who believe in the value of preserving the lighthouse. Many, many heartfelt thanks to our Board members, volunteers, docents, sponsors and supporters!

Please know, while my work schedule requires I dedicate a bit more of my time to those (paying!) endeavors, my commitment to the Cape Canaveral Lighthouse Foundation has not wavered in the least, and is in fact stronger today than on the day I became your President.

Please join me in offering a warm welcome to our new president, Jim Underwood, and I pledge my unwavering support to him and the incoming Board. We have accomplished great things together over the past couple years, yet I do believe our best times are still ahead.

See you at the Lighthouse!  
Rocky

## Lighthouse Events

### CAPE CANAVERAL LIGHTHOUSE FOUNDATION HOSTS FIRST ANNUAL HALF-MARATHON AND 10K

After months of preparation by the Cape Canaveral Lighthouse Foundation Committee, led by Shane Smith and supported by Mitch Varnes and his fabulous production team, the first annual half-marathon and 10K race was successfully held at the Cape Canaveral Air Force Station over Veteran's Day weekend. Over 2,000 individuals participated in the event.



The race was held on two courses leading runners past several historic sites, including the Rocket Garden at the Air Force Space & Missile Museum and skid strip before finishing at the lighthouse, where racers were welcomed by family, friends, volunteers and spectators. Following the race, finishers were given medals, with trophies going to the top runners in various categories. As part of the festivities, event participants were offered tours of the lighthouse and the Air Force Space & Missile Museum's Hanger C, where fully restored historic rockets are on display.

The Cape Canaveral Lighthouse Foundation thanks Mitch Varnes and his production crew for their generous donation to the foundation. Additionally, the Keeper's Closet Gift Shop netted nearly \$2,000 in sales! With this level of success, plans are already underway for next year.



*The 2nd Annual Cape Canaveral Lighthouse Foundation Half-Marathon and 10K is being planned for Sunday, November 10, 2019. Anticipate registration to open soon!*



## Community Outreach

### FOUNDATION PARTICIPATES IN HOLIDAY GIFT FAIR

On Saturday, November 3, the Cape Canaveral Lighthouse Foundation (CCLF) participated in the Annual Museums of Brevard (MOB) Gift Fair at Veterans Memorial Park on Merritt Island. CCLF had a booth at the event and provided information to the public about our lighthouse; the foundation's accomplishments and future goals; membership; tour opportunities and our Brick Walkway fundraising project.

Additionally, CCLF had items from the Keeper's Closet gift shop available for purchase and donated



a gift basket that included a one-year membership to CCLF for the event's silent auction.

Thanks to Volunteers Bob & Bev Merrilees; Jerry & Mary Dean; Ron & Chris Ecker; Ann Bolton; Liz Gravuer; and Shelly Robinson who covered the event. The weather was perfect and the location excellent. We appreciate the opportunity to spread the word about our Lighthouse. We intend to participate next year and look forward to assisting MOB in making the event even more successful.



Booth volunteers preparing the table for the Museums of Brevard annual gift fair.



Tip of the hat from CCLF President Emeritus RADM Bob Merrilees, with Jerry Dean.

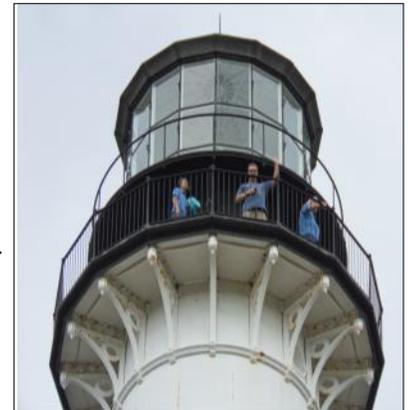


Event attendees learned about the lighthouse and CCLF's projects from booth volunteers.

### CCLF WELCOMES SPECIAL VISITOR FROM JUPITER, FL



On December 15, our Air Force liaison Dr. Sonny Witt and Cape Canaveral Lighthouse Foundation Board Members Ron and Chris Ecker welcomed Josh Liller, Historian and Collections Manager for Loxahatchee River Historical Society (LRHS) & Jupiter Inlet Lighthouse & Museum to the Cape Canaveral Lighthouse. While exploring our lighthouse and climbing to the top to check out our "modern-day" light, Josh shared his insight and ideas for improving our museum and expanding our membership.



## Luminaries That Matter

### CCLF HOSTS VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION LUNCH AT VETERANS MEMORIAL CENTER

On Saturday, November 3, we said a well-deserved “Thank You” to our volunteers with a get-together at the Veterans Memorial Center on Merritt Island. A delicious lunch was served, catered by Sonny’s BBQ restaurant of Merritt Island. Our President, Rocky Johnson, welcomed everyone, brought them up-to-date on all of the exciting things going on with our Foundation, and expressed how grateful we are for their continuing support. A good time was had by all.



Sharon Crockett and Karen Pessaro greeting Yvonne Thornton and providing name badges to luncheon guests.



Carolyn Burby, Jim Underwood and Yvonne Thornton



Joann & Jim Stanley



Bob Kelley, Elaine Marr, and June Horgan



Richard Brooks, Karen Gillet, Anna McQuade, Rita Brooks, Chuck Berry, Liz Gravuer, Karen & Marvin Kantor, and Rick Bloom



Ken & Karen Arbuckle and Dianne & Bob Heidersbach



Cheryl & Frank Parravani, Everett & Vicki Radford, Rose Marie Wiley, and Pat Lautner

## Volunteer Spotlight

### MARY ANNE MOORE



Mary Anne was born in New Brunswick, New Jersey and lived all over the world as her father was an Army Chaplain. In fact, both of her parents were at Pearl Harbor when it was bombed.

Mary Anne and her husband, Steve, have been married for 24 years, and both had previous marriages. With their combined families they have two boys, four grandchildren and one great-granddaughter. They are scattered all across the Country. Mary Anne and Steve moved down here in October of 2014 from Minnesota to get away from the cold, and love it here. They both have a great love for the water and for traveling, are avid cruisers, and have done two world cruises. Next summer, they will spend two months cruising the Baltic Sea, a place they have not visited previously.

Mary Anne did her undergraduate work at Douglass College in New Jersey and her Masters is from Webster College in St. Louis, MO. She made her living in IT and worked in that industry for 46 years. One of her first jobs was working for Boeing on the Saturn rocket for the first moon landing, at Michoud in New Orleans. That is her connection to the space industry. Over the years she has been a programmer, CIO, consultant and had many jobs in between in many different industries, but for the last 20 years she strictly worked in healthcare. For the last 10 years she was also an adjunct professor for the University of Phoenix where she taught healthcare informatics. Mary Anne's love is project management, so she loves being our Tour Committee Chair as it falls right into that wheelhouse.

Since Mary Anne and her husband both enjoy the water and boating, lighthouses are just an extension of that. They knew there were a lot of lighthouses here in Florida, but did not know there was one at Cape Canaveral. A neighbor, who was a docent here, told her about it and asked if she and Steve would be interested in volunteering, which they did. Mary Anne says that they actually knew little about this lighthouse until they started working here. They have both learned so much and feel so lucky to be involved with the Foundation.

We are the lucky ones, in that Mary Anne agreed to head up the CCLF's effort to increase tours and make the Cape Canaveral Lighthouse more accessible to our community and the public in general.

Thank you , Mary Anne!



# The Keepers' Cottages

## CONSTRUCTION PROJECT UPDATE

On March 22, 2018, Cape Canaveral Lighthouse Foundation broke ground for the first of three lighthouse keepers' cottages. The first building will become a museum/display cottage staffed by experienced personnel. It will house historic artifacts and feature interactive exhibits which highlight information about the lives of the isolated families who inhabited the Cape in the late 1880s and 1890s.

The Air Force approved the license to build all three cottages in 2015 after extensive requirements were met. The Foundation has contracted Kinley Construction to build the project. The Foundation extends its whole-hearted thanks to the Tourism Development Council and Brevard County Commission for approving \$500K, and to the State of Florida for appropriating \$250K to fund the first of three cottages.

### Cottage 1 Build Overview

#### **Current Status:**

- Notice to Proceed (NTP) issued on August 15, 2018
- Site grading & utilities installation completed
- Foundation work for museum and restrooms completed
- Concrete floors poured for restrooms and museum
- Landscaping & groundwork prep in progress

#### **Scheduled Work for 2019:**

- January:* Frame restrooms and museum
- February:* Dry-in / utility rough-in restrooms & museum
- March:* Begin interior / electrical / HVAC  
Finish flooring & appliance installation
- April:* Interior / exterior painting, plumbing / electrical / HVAC finish  
Trim, cabinets installation
- May:* Final completion



# Keeping the Light Shining

## CCLF MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE MUSINGS

As of December 19, the Cape Canaveral Lighthouse Foundation (CCLF) has a total of 356 active members, including 10 new individual members since last publication of this newsletter.

Thanks to the tremendous support of its members, CCLF made significant progress in restoring this historical landmark and in making it more accessible to the community this year. In 2018, we:

- Commemorated Cape Canaveral Lighthouse's 150th Anniversary with a festival for the public;
- Partnered with Brevard County schools to hold field trips to the lighthouse for fourth-graders;
- Expanded our tour packages to accommodate large and small groups;
- Hosted the inaugural Cape Canaveral Lighthouse Half-Marathon and 10K Race; and
- Began construction on the first of three lighthouse keepers' cottages.

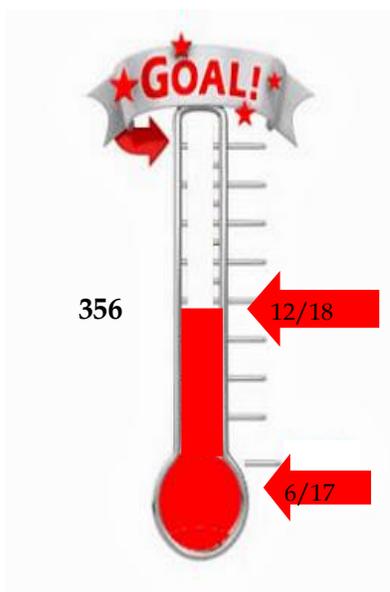
Members also serve as volunteers through our Community Outreach program, helping to spread the word and promote membership at local area events. This year, CCLF volunteers participated in the City of Cape Canaveral Founders Day celebration, and Paws & Pints event at the Exploration Tower. Most recently, we were at the Veterans Memorial Center on Merritt Island where, in addition to information, the foundation provided a gift basket for the silent auction. Included in this basket was a free, annual membership to CCLF. The winning bid for the basket went to Kevin and Regina Butler.



Every member is key to CCLF's success in keeping history alive at the Cape Canaveral Lighthouse. As members, we need your help if we are to achieve our goal of 750 members! How? One easy step is talk to your friends and family, and encourage them to join. Another way is to give the gift of membership to celebrate any gift giving occasion including holidays, anniversaries, birthdays, retirements, etc. ...

To purchase a new membership or to renew, please use the 2019 Membership Application Form included in this newsletter.

### **CCLF Goal = 750 Members**



### **Please join us in welcoming the following new members to the Cape Canaveral Lighthouse Foundation family!**

#### **Lighthouse Keepers:**

Kevin & Regina Butler  
Nadine & Steve Peacock  
Terry Ryan  
Greg & Mary Weldon

#### **Assistant Keepers:**

Shelia Levoie  
Linda McDaniel  
Jeffrey Stumpfhauser

New Members as of December 19, 2018

**\*\*\* 2019 CCLF Membership Application Form \*\*\***

**SIGN UP NEW MEMBERS OR RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTION TODAY!**

Visit *CanaveralLight.org* to pay your membership dues online via PayPal, or  
complete the form below and mail it with your check to:  
CCLF | P.O. Box 1978 | Cape Canaveral, FL 32920

       **New Member**             **Renewal**

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

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

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Interested in volunteering?      \_\_\_ Yes      \_\_\_ No

Please circle your desired membership category from the lists provided 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

**TOTAL AMOUNT DUE:**      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONTACT:**

**Chris Ecker, CCLF Membership**

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**Bev Merrilees, CCLF Volunteers**

Phone: (321) 452-5426

Email: [bmerrilees@cfl.rr.com](mailto:bmerrilees@cfl.rr.com)

**CCLF membership benefits include:**

- Admittance to annual membership appreciation meeting held at the lighthouse;
- Subscription to *The Canaveral Beacon*, CCLF's bi-monthly newsletter;
- Member 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 resurrect history and rebuild three lighthouse keepers' cottages and restore the lighthouse grounds!

## Paving the Way & Building a Legacy

### BRICK WALKWAY NEWS

CCLF's Brick Program is picking up pace and is one of our major fundraisers to rebuild the keeper's cottages and resurrect our lighthouse community. We are well on our way in the construction of the first of three cottages and the walkways that once linked the lighthouse to the keeper's cottages are being bricked in a historically accurate manner.



Save a part of history, buy a brick! 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!" A commemorative brick is also a great gift idea for that "someone who has everything!"

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



**Save a part of history, buy a brick!  
10% Discount for CCLF Members**

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### \*\*\* BRICK ORDER FORM \*\*\*

To purchase a 4" X 8" brick paver, please return this form along with payment to:  
Cape Canaveral Lighthouse Foundation, P.O. Box 1978; Cape Canaveral, FL 32920

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

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

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Brick orders may be placed online under the Brick Walkway News section at [CanaveralLight.org](http://CanaveralLight.org).

## Florida Lighthouse Association



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.

### HELPING TO SAVE FLORIDA'S LIGHTHOUSES

FLA is a nonprofit membership organization whose members play a critical role preserving, restoring and protecting Florida's remaining 29 historic lighthouses and educating the public. Individual, family and corporate annual membership packages are available.

Member benefits include:

- 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.

For additional information about FLA membership, or to join, go to [FloridaLighthouses.org](http://FloridaLighthouses.org).

### FLA WINTER 2019 MEETING REMINDER

The Florida Lighthouse Association's Winter 2019 Meeting will take place on January 25-26, 2019 at the Cape Canaveral Lighthouse. For more information, or to register, please visit [FloridaLighthouses.org](http://FloridaLighthouses.org).

### WHAT'S ON YOUR PLATE?

Much of the grant money awarded to Florida Lighthouse organizations comes from the sale of Florida's lighthouse car tags. Please consider purchasing this specialty tag when you renew your vehicle's registration.



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## Activities & Upcoming Events

### LIGHTHOUSE TOURS

**NEW!** Small group excursions (4-10 persons) are now available through Canaveral Wildlife Tours. Look for their ad in the February 2019 Space Coast Fun Guide. To arrange your tour, please visit [CanaveralLighthouseTour.com](http://CanaveralLighthouseTour.com) or call (321) 307-2900.

Also, larger bus tours to Cape Canaveral Lighthouse are still available through our partner SunWard Tours. To register for this personal or group visit, go to [CanaveralLighthouse.com](http://CanaveralLighthouse.com) or call (321) 453-3394.



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### CCLF FUNDRAISING GALA ON FEBRUARY 8



Grab your sweetheart and join CCLF members for an enchanting evening at the lighthouse. A buffet dinner along with drinks will be provided. Dine under the stars and watch the lighthouse shine. Tickets will go on sale in January.

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