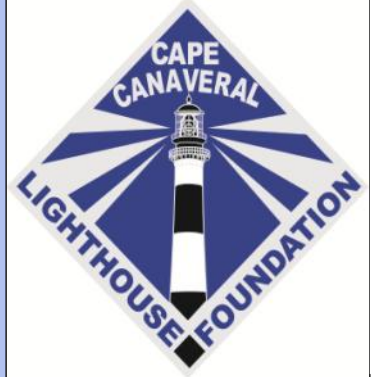




CANAVERAL BEACON

The official member newsletter of the Cape Canaveral Lighthouse Foundation.

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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

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THE ADMIRAL'S LOG; 180 DAYS UNDERWAY

Are we having fun yet? At the halfway point in this first year of my journey as your Foundation President, I ask myself this question, "Are we having fun yet?" And without hesitation, I jump up, waving my arm like a kid who knows the answer – I shout YES, to the computer, then quickly look around my office, wondering if anyone else is listening. Does anyone else share the excitement of our recent accomplishments, the good times at our events, the camaraderie of our docents, volunteers, directors, advisors and members, the incredible future as it captures the history of our past?



Not resting on the laurels of our recent Evening Gala at the Lighthouse in February, nor the Descendants' Day in May, nor even this month's Volunteer Appreciation and Members' evening at the Coast Guard Station, the CCLF Events Committee has been busy planning some really special and important events for July, October and November. In July, the completion of the construction of the first of three replica Keeper's Cottages will be marked by a ceremonial ribbon cutting as the certificate of occupancy is given to CCLF marking a significant step in our progress to developing a Museum at the lighthouse.

On October 19, 2019, Mark Pieloch, owner of the American Muscle Car Museum (AMCM) in Melbourne, will host a Cape Canaveral Lighthouse Foundation fundraising event. AMCM is Mark's private collection of over 300 beautifully restored and operational classic muscle cars. Out of the hundreds of worthy Non Profit 501.c.3', only nine organizations a year are offered this opportunity. After visiting the lighthouse with his wife Tetiana earlier this spring, Mark was delighted to select the Cape Canaveral Lighthouse as one of these recipients. Watch for updates on this event on Facebook and our website - tickets and event sponsorship opportunities will be available within the next few weeks.

And in November, we are again teaming with Mitch Varnes to host the 2nd Annual Run the Cape Half Marathon and 10K. In its first year, over 1500 participants, volunteers and supporters enjoyed the race, finishing at the lighthouse with food, drink, tours and awards. We are hoping to exceed last year in preparations and participation. Registrations are already open - don't be left in the dust!

With all this going on, it is easy to overlook the team behind the scenes that makes this all happen. The extra meetings, the personal commitments, the thoughtful engagements to make membership in our Foundation more than just a pin, a newsletter and a share in preserving our history. We want it to be fun, too. Thanks for all you do. See you at the lighthouse, Jim

Lighthouse Events

HIGHLIGHTS FROM DESCENDANT'S DAY 2019 CELEBRATION

On May 4, the Cape Canaveral Lighthouse Foundation (CCLF) and U.S. Air Force 45th Space Wing co-hosted a reunion of the descendants of families who lived on Cape Canaveral prior to their relocation to develop what is today the premier Space Launch Complex in the world. Approximately 50 descendants participated in the event where memories were shared and friendships renewed.



The day began at the Space Florida Building where descendants assembled before heading to the Greenhouse Navy Recreation Facility. Rocky Johnson, CCLF's Immediate Past President, greeted guests and offered opening remarks before introducing the Commander, 45th Space Wing, Brig. Gen. Douglas Schiess. The general welcomed the group and recognized the rich heritage the descendants represent.

Then, the group honored the families who came before. Dr. Sonny Witt read the names of the families who have relatives buried at cemeteries located at Cape Canaveral Air Force Station. John Whitney, who had spent time before researching the lighthouse keepers' stories, set up excellent displays of family history which were appreciated by all.



After, CCLF sponsored a delicious lunch at the Greenhouse and distributed door prizes to guests. Following lunch, CCLF docents led descendants on lighthouse tours, sharing with them our progress in restoring the grounds. Time was provided for descendant's to pay their respects to their departed families.

It was truly a wonderful day for descendants and docents alike as they explored their shared connection with history. In telling their multi-generational journeys, descendants gave docents a modern-day perspective into the history of the lighthouse and surrounding area. One descendant even volunteered to become a docent!



CCLF looks forward to welcoming everyone back again in 2020!

CCLF WELCOMES FLORIDA STATE OFFICIAL AND HIS FAMILY TO THE LIGHT

On June 22, the Cape Canaveral Lighthouse Foundation hosted Florida State Representative Tyler Sirois and his family for a special tour of the lighthouse grounds. Accompanied by his wife Katie and their two children, Emma Kate and Jack, Representative Sirois was able to view the lighthouse and observe the progress the Foundation has made in building the first of three keeper's cottages as part of its ground restoration project.

CCLF extends its gratitude to Shelley Parker and Canaveral Tours for their support in putting this tour together for our VIP guest. A special thanks to our docents who were on hand to inform and answer any questions.



Photo by Art Sullivan

Lighthouse Legacies

ORA CARPENTER, CAPE CANAVERAL LIGHTHOUSE KEEPER 1850-1853

Ora Carpenter was born in Derby, Vermont on October 26, 1818. Carpenter came to Florida as a young man in the 1830's and was an original settler of Enterprise, Florida, located on the banks of St. Johns River in 1842. In 1845, he became the first Postmaster for Enterprise before serving as Cape Canaveral Lighthouse's second Keeper between 1850 and 1853. Later he went on to serve as Sheriff and by 1885, Carpenter owned 135 acres of orange grove and farm land and over 100 head of cattle as well as other farm animals. He died on March 19, 1902.



Cape Canaveral Lighthouse Foundation (CCLF) was thrilled to welcome Ora Carpenter's Great, Great Granddaughter, Judy Clifton Steighner and her nephew, Charlie Clifton to the lighthouse as part of the Descendents Day 2019 celebration. Together, Clifton Steighner and her cousin, Angela Herring, traced their family tree and strong heritage, helping CCLF build its library of historical facts about the lighthouse, its keepers and the Space Coast community at large. In particular, they shared the rich history of Carpenter's wife, Antonia.

Antonia Masters was from St. Augustine and a direct descendant of Minorcans, who arrived in to the New Smyrna area in Florida at the beginning of the 18th century where they worked on an indigo plantation as indentured servants for the British. Carpenter and Masters had a daughter, Fannie—which is where the Herring and Steighner family link begins. Fannie went on to marry JHL Botefuhr, a colorful character who settled along Daytona Beach, along Botefuhr Street where there is a plaque designating where his original homestead was located. Fannie and JHL Botefuhr had two daughters, Hannah (Steighner's grandmother) and Doris (Herring's grandmother).

Interestingly, Steighner's grandmother wasn't the only one in her family to have pre-statehood roots within Florida. Hannah, married Ben Clifton of Daytona, who had received a large land grant in the Barberville area after fighting in the Second Seminole War. Ms. Steighner's father, E.O. Clifton, was the youngest son of Hannah and Ben.

CCLF extends its most sincere gratitude to the descendants of Ora Carpenter for allowing the Space Coast community to share in your family's lighthouse legacy!

Community Outreach

FAIR SEAS & FOLLOWING WINDS TO CHIEF PETTY OFFICER JESSICA GUIDROZ

On June 25, during a time honored ceremony, Chief Petty Officer Jessica Guidroz was relieved of her command by Petty Officer First Class Courtney R. Lund, who will serve as the new Officer-in-Charge of the Aids to Navigation Team (ANT) Ponce.

Co-located with Coast Guard Station Ponce de Leon Inlet in New Smyrna Beach, FL, ANT Ponce oversees over 150 miles of the Intercoastal Waterway and along the St. John's River. ANT Ponce monitors over 600 private navigation aids. It is also assigned 613 federal aids to navigation, including the Cape Ca-

naveral Lighthouse, and those inshore aids guiding cruise ships into the world's second largest cruise ship port and Florida's only Atlantic Coast fuel port. As Officer-in-Charge of ANT Ponce, Chief Guidroz did an outstanding job supporting the Cape Canaveral Lighthouse Foundation.

CCLF wishes Chief Guidroz and her family fair winds and following seas as they set sail for their next adventure. CCLF also extends a heartfelt welcome to BM1 Lund, his wife, Hailey Shoffner, and their family to Florida!

COAST GUARD STATION CANAVERAL WELCOMES CCLF MEMBER VOLUNTEERS



On June 6, the Cape Canaveral Lighthouse Foundation held a Membership/Volunteer Appreciation event at Coast Guard Station Port Canaveral. Despite gloomy skies, the rain did not dampen the celebrations as children splashed in the puddles while adults enjoyed sandwiches and cookies under the shelter of the pavilion and tent. Following the Presentation of Colors by the Station's Color Guard, Miss Indigo Boggs sang a beautiful rendition of our National Anthem *a capella*. CCLF President Jim Underwood then welcomed everyone and shared highlights from CCLF volunteer-led programs. When the rain

abated, tours aboard the Coast Guard Cutter Confidence and other small craft in the port were offered to guests so that they could learn about the vessels as well the missions the Coast Guard performs. CCLF would like to extend its gratitude to CWO4 David Ladomirak, Commanding Officer, for opening the Station to CCLF guests and to the personnel who conducted the tours. And, a very special thanks to all the Coast Guard men and women for their service!



SHARING THE HISTORY OF CAPE CANAVERAL LIGHT, ONE EVENT AT A TIME

Would your Club or Group like to know more about the Cape Canaveral Lighthouse located on the Cape Canaveral Air Force Station? Would they like to know about our keeper's cottages restoration project and plans to recreate the lighthouse community as it was when lighthouse keepers and their families lived and worked there? Consider inviting a CCLF docent to speak at your next event.

Take a journey through time with a CCLF speaker and discover the rich history of Cape Canaveral Light and the role it has played in shaping Florida's Space

Coast Community. Your guests will also hear about the Foundation's education programs for Brevard County students and related grounds restoration project, as well as lighthouse tour opportunities and community events.

To schedule a lighthouse historian for your next event, please contact CCLF Speaker Coordinator, Yvonne Thornton, by email at myvonneLight@aol.com or by phone at (321) 267-5208. For further information, please visit CCLF's website at www.canaverallight.org.

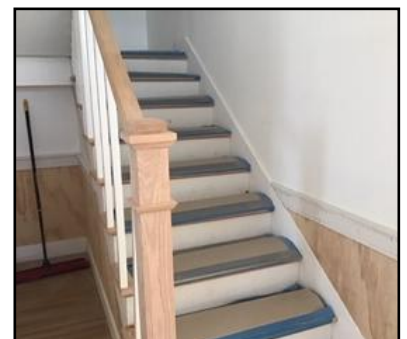
The Keepers' Cottages

FIRST COTTAGE CONSTRUCTION NEARS COMPLETION

Construction of the first of three lighthouse keepers' cottages is complete and CCLF is now in the final trimming stages, installing flooring, cabinetry and interior paint! The exterior has been painted to match the historic paint color scheme of "diamond mine white with pepper green trim" and a brick path has been installed.

Soon we will begin transforming it into a museum displaying historic artifacts and housing interactive exhibits which highlight information about the lives of the isolated families who inhabited the Cape in the late 1880s and 1890s. For this phase of the project, we have obtained the consultation services of Becky Zingarelli, whose most recent credits include the Veterans Memorial Museum on Merritt Island. Over the next few months, she will work with CCLF members who have formed an oversight committee, a working team and a resources group to plan the design, layout and operational aspects of the Keeper's Cottage Museum.

Once construction is fully complete, CCLF is planning to host a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony during July for invited guests, to be followed by a Public Grand Opening later this year, once the interior of the museum is complete. More "Museum" updates to follow in the next issue of *Canaveral Beacon*.



Volunteer Spotlight



"I believe that belonging to [CCLF] is a perfect fit for me in that we work with a lighthouse on USAF property [located among historic sites] both relating to the space milestones of U.S History and early history of Florida. It almost seems like, for a long, long time, I was meant to be on the Space Coast, helping to contribute as best as I can."

NOEL SINCHAK

Describing Noel Sinchak in a few words, all who speak of him agree that Noel is a quiet, pleasant, and a true gentleman. He was born and raised in Trenton, NJ, but it was his call to service that taught him the world.

Noel's journey began in 1961, when he joined the U. S. Air Force and soon after was shipped to Germany where he served until 1965. Following his discharge, Noel attended night school at Rutgers University while working as a substitute teacher by day. Following his graduation, he continued substitute teaching and served as the Career Opportunities Program Team Leader for the Federal Government Education Program. He then went on to spend nine years teaching Social Studies to seventh grade students.

In 1976, Noel joined the U.S. Air Force Reserve, serving as a Medical Admin Specialist out of McGuire AFB. Soon after, he became cross-trained as a C-141 Aircraft Loadmaster which took him to Western Europe, Greece, Turkey, Egypt, Diego Garcia and Kenya – all while giving back to his local community, teaching in Trenton, NJ.

Noel had a pilot's license before he could drive and has an impressive collection of aerial photographs that he's taken throughout his career. His eagle eye has captured his adventures across land and sky, and sometimes atop lighthouses, in places both near and far including California; Florida; Maryland; New Jersey; New York; and North Carolina as well as Brazil; Canada; Iceland; Ireland; Italy; Uruguay; and the United Kingdom (to name a few).

After retirement, Noel settled in Palm Bay, Florida. Soon after he hit the love jackpot while aboard the Sterling Gambling Ship where he met and would go on to marry his wife, Pepita. Sadly, she passed away in 2010.

Thank you, Noel, for your encouragement and support!



Keeping the Light Shining

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE MUSINGS

Currently, the Foundation is 437 members strong, evidence that Florida's Space Coast community feels a connection and reverence with the historic Cape Canaveral Lighthouse.

Indeed, many of today's CCLF members have worked within the space industry at some point in their career. Members represent history buffs, lighthouse lovers, storytelling sailors, educators and entrepreneurs. From its founding in 2002, the Cape Canaveral Lighthouse Foundation has been dedicated to telling the lighthouse story and engaging the community it surrounds.

Think about it, without the lighthouse would there be a space port? During the 1940s, the Army searched for a test and launch site as it began developing rocket technologies. Through a series of skilled negotiations, the Army gained access to U.S. Coast Guard lands surrounding the Cape Canaveral Lighthouse. In time, the site would participate in a

race to the moon that would forever connect Cape Canaveral, FL and the lighthouse to the history of mankind.

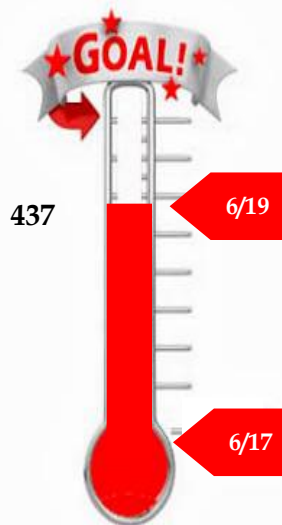
Today, CCLF is focused on its grounds restoration initiative as it nears completion of the first of three keeper cottages. With plans to transform the building into a museum, CCLF is working diligently to locate artifacts and design exhibits. This effort would not be possible without the incredible support of CCLF members and tireless volunteers from throughout the community and beyond who aided in securing grant funding from the Tourist Development Council in 2017 and the State of Florida in 2018. There certainly is strength in numbers!

Reminders have been sent for those memberships that are due in June as well as those that are past due. Please consider renewing now using the form included in the newsletter, or online at canaveral-light.org.

**Since January, more than 120
loyal CCLF members have renewed**

CCLF 750 MEMBER GOAL

CCLF is more than half way to achieving its goal of 750 total members; however, there is still a long way to go. Help CCLF grow and invite your family, friends neighbors and colleagues to a CCLF event so they can learn about the important work we do in preserving the community's and our nation's rich history along the Florida Space Coast. Then, share with them the value of membership and invite them to join!



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

Head Lighthouse Keepers

Kathryn Geib
Olga Emgushov & Brian Boggs
Mario Vittone

Lighthouse Keepers

Cal & Virginia Myer
Kathy Coon
Michael O. Sellers
Becky Zingarelli

Student Member

Mckenna Ecker

New Members as of June 21, 2019

* * * **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
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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

Looking for that one-of-a-kind gift that makes a lasting impression? An engraved paver is an excellent gift to pay tribute to a space program retiree, celebrate an anniversary or honor a loved one. Commemorative bricks are also a perfect birthday present for that "someone who has everything!"

CCLF's Brick Program is one of our major funding sources helping to rebuild the keeper's cottages and restore Cape Canaveral Lighthouse grounds. Soon, the first of three cottages will be finished and we will begin paving the walkways to link it to the lighthouse, keeping with the historical accuracy of the restoration project.



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.



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

*** 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.

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.



PRESERVING FLORIDA'S HISTORY, ONE LIGHTHOUSE AT A TIME

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.

GET YOUR VISIT OUR LIGHTS TAGS TODAY!



Much of the grant money awarded to Florida's lighthouse organizations comes from the sale of Florida's lighthouse car tags. First time cost to replace your old tag with a Visit Our Lights specialty plate is approximately \$53. \$25 of that goes to the Florida Lighthouse Association, \$28 is a one time, State of Florida, plate exchange fee. Your regular registration fee also applies. After the initial cost, the annual renewal fee is only \$25 more than your normal renewal fees. Please consider purchasing this specialty tag when you renew your vehicle's registration.

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[Activities & Upcoming Events](#)

KEEPER'S COTTAGE RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY SCHEDULED FOR JULY

The Cape Canaveral Lighthouse Foundation will have a private ribbon cutting ceremony to honor invited guests who were integral in constructing the first of the three replica Keepers' Cottages. This event is scheduled to take place on Wednesday, July 18 where Kinley Construction will hand over the certificate of occupancy for the Keeper's Cottage Museum. Brig. Gen. Douglas Schiess, Commander of the U.S. Air Force 45th Space Wing, will keynote the event.

OCTOBER 19 - LIGHTHOUSE FUNDRAISING EVENT AT THE AMERICAN MUSCLE CAR MUSEUM

On October 19, the Cape Canaveral Lighthouse Foundation will host a special fundraising event at Mark Pieloch's American Muscle Car Museum. Event details will be posted on CCLF's website during July. Please be sure to visit us at www.canaverallight.org.

2ND ANNUAL CAPE CANAVERAL LIGHTHOUSE 1/2 MARATHON AND 10K RACE

Join us on November 10, 2019, for the 2nd Annual Cape Canaveral Lighthouse Foundation Half Marathon and 10K Race, benefiting the Cape Canaveral Lighthouse. On this one-of-a-kind course, you'll wind through iconic rocket launch complexes and historic testing sites before reaching the finish line at the 151-year-old lighthouse where a party and awards await all runners. Registration for the race is now open. For more information and to register for the race, visit www.runthecape.com.



LIGHTHOUSE TOURS

Interested in arranging a private tour for your office? Small group excursions for up to 10 people as well as larger group tours are available through Canaveral Wildlife Tours. Bus tours can also be arranged through SunWard Tours. For more information and to schedule your trip, please visit CanaveralLight.org.

[Hey Big Spenders...](#)

SUPPORT CCLF WHEN YOU SHOP ONLINE

Shopping on Amazon? Switch to AmazonSmile and contribute to CCLF with every order you place, and at no cost to you. To support CCLF today, go to Smile.Amazon.com, and select "Cape Canaveral Lighthouse Foundation Inc" as your charity then begin shopping.

Every bit counts, so share this information with your friends!

MEMBERS SAVINGS AT KEEPER'S CLOSET

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

2019 Sponsors

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES ARE AVAILABLE

Becoming a Cape Canaveral Lighthouse Foundation Sponsor is an excellent way to increase your company's visibility within Florida's Space Coast community! In addition to event sponsorship opportunities, this year we are expanding the program to include annual packages as well. Our hope to attract local businesses and community partners whose dollars will enable us to continue educating today's youth, promoting public awareness and making the full restoration of the lighthouse grounds a reality. For more information on Sponsorship opportunities, please contact Jim Underwood at radmjim@aol.com.

CCLF would like to extend its sincere appreciation to those who've pledged their support for 2019:



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