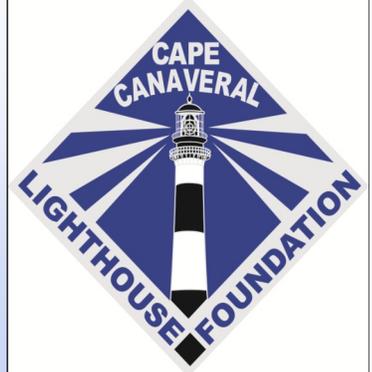




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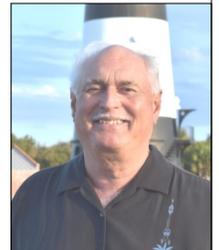


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As the year's twilight rapidly approaches, I pause with a metaphorical sextant in hand, check the chronometer and align the stars. It is time to fix our position. I recall an old sailor's lesson about a sea captain who once radioed the captain of a light in the distance to yield the right of way only to discover he had been calling a lighthouse. Although, Cape Canaveral's Lighthouse is fixed in position, its "keepers" seem forever on the go.



Indeed, 2019 was a "banner year" for the Cape Canaveral Lighthouse Foundation (CCLF). Most significantly, we completed the first phase of our grounds restoration project, successfully reconstructing the first of three keeper cottages. Soon we will be unlocking the cottage doors to celebrate the grand opening of our long awaited Cape Canaveral Lighthouse Museum and Gift Shop. Our history education program also achieved a participation milestone, surpassing more than 800 fourth-graders from Brevard County Schools since the first field trip took place. Thanks to the collaborative effort of CCLF's leadership, committees, advisors and sponsors, we have also made headway on improving accessibility to the lighthouse grounds. And our lighthouse tours continue to increase in frequency and attendance. Canaveral Tours has added more lighthouse packages to their tour offerings, and soon the lighthouse will begin welcoming Kennedy Space Center's visitors supporting their new "Cape Canaveral's Rise to Space" tour on Tuesday afternoons.

Thanks to the tireless enthusiasm of our amazing volunteers and docents, CCLF hosted a variety of events this year including our "Night Under the Stars" fundraising dinner at the lighthouse; a membership appreciation event at Coast Guard Station Port Canaveral; a fundraising reception at the American Muscle Car Museum in Melbourne; and celebrated Descendant's Day with a luncheon at the lighthouse which included a preview of the Keeper's Cottage. Oh, and did I mention we just hosted over 1,000 runners, walkers and supporters to our Second Annual Cape Canaveral Lighthouse Foundation Half Marathon and 10K "Run to the Lighthouse."

And so, to all our sponsors, keepers, volunteers, docents, committees, advisors and leadership who helped make this one fantastic year, I thank you and look forward to seeing you next year at the lighthouse.

Wishing you and yours, a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! - *Jim*

CCLF 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

Lighthouse Events

2ND ANNUAL CAPE CANAVERAL LIGHTHOUSE HALF-MARATHON & 10K RACE

Over Veteran's Day weekend, more than 1,000 runners, walkers and spectators descended on Cape Canaveral Air Force Station for the 2nd Annual Cape Canaveral Lighthouse Half-Marathon & 10K "Run to the Lighthouse."

The event kicked off early Sunday morning as participants arrived at the offsite parking provided courtesy of the Canaveral Port Authority in time to meet shuttle buses which took them to the starting line. But before the 7:15am starting horn blasted through the air to kick off the race, attendees paid special tribute to our veterans of

the U.S. Armed Services with the singing of our national anthem. And then the runners were off... blessed with a cool, dry morning, racers got to observe historic launch sites and missiles as they made their way to the lighthouse. It wasn't long before they arrived at the finish line where they were greeted with ribbons and carbs.

A huge thank you to all who participated in the event, and especially, Smooth Running for organizing this USATF sanctioned event and the amazing volunteers that came out to help with the race. We could not have done it without you!

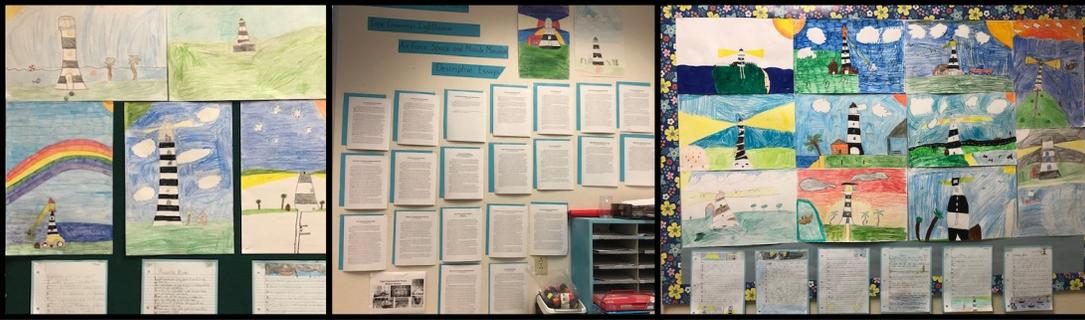


Images from the event were provided by Art Sullivan.

Community Outreach

EDUCATING TODAY'S YOUTH, ONE FIELD TRIP AT A TIME

Recently, we welcomed our 800th student visitor during the Lewis Carroll Elementary School's fourth-grade class field trip to Cape Canaveral Lighthouse and the 45th Space Wing. Over 100 students, teachers and volunteers participated in the event. Following the field trip, students sketched pictures and wrote acrostic poems and essays about their experiences.



Student Observations...

"Imagine you are on a boat at night in the 1500s. You are trying not to crash into rocks. That is how sailors must have felt all the time while sailing the ocean before lighthouses were placed along the coast..." - *Kaitlyn Welch*

"In 1948 (sic) the lighthouse was moved because they thought the beach would erode and the lighthouse would fall so they moved it to its current location....It was fun climbing the lighthouse." - *Cecelia Marie Getchell*

"In conclusion, the field trip was a blast." - *Hailie Reed*

**"Thank you
for a great
trip! The
kids had a
blast and
learned so
much!"**

- *Helen Iacabucci, 4th Grade
Teacher, Lewis Carroll
Elementary*

CCLF COMPLETES FIRST CONVOY TOUR OF THE LIGHTHOUSE

On November 23, CCLF volunteers led the first ever convoy tour for members, brick owners and their guests to visit the lighthouse and see the progress of the lighthouse grounds restoration project. There were 19 vehicles in the convoy bringing 55 people to the lighthouse. It was great to see CCLF members enjoy this opportunity to tour the lighthouse and newly completed keeper's cottage, locate their bricks along the pathways, and visit the Keeper's Cottage.

Just hearing how pleased everyone was to be there validated the work to make it happen. Whether it was opening the buildings, raising the flag, manning the gift shop counter or answering visitor questions, we could not have been successful without the help of our dedicated volunteers: Ric & Nancy Garwood, Luba Kreidler, Coleen Seitter, John Winkopp, Lucia Peek, Art Sullivan, Ginny Blaetz, Peggy Arme, Chuck Berry, Bonnie Nord, Pat Stusick, and Karen Arbuckle. We cannot thank them enough for their help in making this such a successful effort.

CCLF ANNOUNCES NEW DISTRIBUTION SCHEDULE FOR MEMBER NEWSLETTER

Over the past year, our Board has been focused on improving member communications, increasing event participation and growing support for CCLF's education and restoration programs. One change you may have noticed is the look of our bimonthly newsletter. Beginning on January 1, 2020, we will switch to a new distribution schedule where issues will be published in January, March, May, July, September and November. All issues will be distributed via email on the first day of each month. You won't want to miss a single issue so please ensure current membership and your preferred email address is on file.

Volunteer Spotlight

NANCY AND RIC GARWOOD



Nancy grew up in the New London / Groton area of Connecticut. Ric grew up in Ft. Lauderdale. Ric graduated from Auburn University with a degree in Industrial Engineering in 1967 through the Navy ROTC Program. They met at

the Officer's Club on the submarine base in Connecticut and married a year later in 1970. They have two daughters. Ric left active duty service in 1971 but stayed in the Navy Reserve. They moved to Gaithersburg, MD where Ric worked as a civil servant for the Food & Drug Administration (FDA). He transferred from the Navy Reserve in 1984 to the US Public Health Service remaining at FDA and retired from active duty in 2004 as a Captain. He returned to FDA as a Civilian and retired in 2011 with a total of 39 years service at FDA. Nancy owned and operated a baby accessory manufacturing company from 1977 to 1988 selling to baby stores around the country. She spent the remainder of her working career as an ophthalmic technician for a retina specialist until she also retired in 2011.

Having visited the area on and off over the years to visit family, they decided Merritt Island was a great place to retire so they moved here in 2012. Because Nancy's grandfather put the current slate roof on the New London Ledge Lighthouse in the early 1900's and a great aunt and her husband were keepers for the New London Harbor Lighthouse, Nancy became interested in lighthouses and was very happy to become involved with the Cape Canaveral Lighthouse. She started as a docent and now is the Foundation's archivist and also serves on the Museum Development Team. Nancy kept volunteering Ric's help for various things, so he decided to make it official. They both feel fortunate to be part of helping preserve this Florida treasure.

They are avid boaters and members of the Port Canaveral Yacht Club and the Cocoa Beach Sail and Power Squadron. They own a powerboat and when asked why a powerboat and not a sailboat their answer is "we like to get there." Not having enough to do, they are also members of the Cape Kennedy Corvette Club; volunteer at The American Muscle Car Museum; and serve as President and Treasurer of their homeowners association. Ric spends his time restoring old cars (currently a 1952 MGTD). Nancy belongs to several local camera clubs and enjoys going on photo field trips, and especially likes taking macro photography of flowers.

Their latest and most important job is helping care for their one and only 21-month-old granddaughter who lives in the same neighborhood with her parents (their younger daughter and her husband). Their older daughter and her husband and Granddogs still live in MD.

Thank you, Nancy and Ric, for being such hard-working, loyal, and enthusiastic members of Cape Canaveral Lighthouse Foundation.



Keeping the Light Shining

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE MUSINGS

Members are the backbone of our organization whose dedication and support are key to our year-over-year successes. Today, CCLF has nearly 500 members – all of whom are interested in *our* Cape Canaveral Lighthouse and helping us achieve extraordinary success and pursue a united vision, *“What was once, can be again”*.

Ignited by a spark of imagination and fueled by collective determination, CCLF successfully reached an important milestone in completing the reconstruction of the first of three keepers’ cottages as part of the foundation’s grounds restoration project. Thanks to the enduring efforts of the many who helped us obtain project grants and construction permits, we broke ground in March 2018 and celebrated project completion with a ribbon cutting ceremony in July 2019. More recently, CCLF hired a curator to aid us in transforming the cottage into a museum and gift shop for members and all our lighthouse visitors.

In anticipation of the museum opening, we’ve taken steps to improve accessibility to the lighthouse grounds. We partnered with a second tour company to add a new group package offering for small groups interested in visiting the lighthouse. We also worked with the Cape Canaveral Air Force Station to create a convoy tour for our members and brick owners which we hope to offer on a quarterly basis going forward.

Indeed, it has been another amazing year for our foundation. Thank you ALL for your dedication and continued support!

Keep in Touch: For further information about CCLF membership, activities, and volunteer opportunities, please contact CCLF Membership Committee Chair, Chris Ecker at cclfmbrship1@aol.com.

MEMBERSHIP GROWTH REPORT

CCLF currently has 478 members and is more than half way to achieving its goal of 750 total members. Help us grow by sharing our newsletter, encouraging your family, friends and colleagues to a CCLF event, and invite them to become a member.



Please extend a warm welcome to our newest Cape Canaveral Lighthouse Foundation members!

HEAD LIGHTHOUSE KEEPER

C. Lamar Johnson

LIGHTHOUSE KEEPERS

Linda Halpin
Barbara Eberle
Steve & Karen Hebert
Annette & Christopher Gray

Assistant Keepers

Julie Gottsche
Mindy Heath
Linda Kassof

New Members as of November 15, 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: \$ _____

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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

GIVE A ONE-OF-A-KIND GIFT THAT MAKES A LASTING IMPRESSION

Buy an engraved paver for your friend, colleague or family member to commemorate life's milestones and support Cape Canaveral Lighthouse Foundation's (CCLF) Brick Program. 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,



**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 _____

ENGRAVING: *Periods and spaces count as 1 character each. CCLF has right of final approval of copy.*

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Line 2 _____

Line 3 _____

Brick orders may be placed online under the Brick Walkway News section at CanaveralLight.org.

Upcoming Events

DECEMBER 19 - CAPE CANAVERAL LIGHTHOUSE MUSEUM GRAND OPENING CELEBRATION

The Cape Canaveral Lighthouse Foundation will officially open the Keeper's Cottage Museum and gift Shop on December 19, 2019. This event is scheduled to coincide with tours already scheduled for that day, and will provide guests with the first glimpse of the amazing work of our Museum Development Committee led by Ms. Becky Zingarelli, Light Shift Associates, LLC and a working team consisting of volunteers from the Foundation. Congratulations to all on this latest achievement!



LIGHTHOUSE TOURS

Interested in arranging a private tour for your office? Small group excursions for up to 10 people as well as larger group bus tours are available through Canaveral Tours. For more information and to schedule your trip, please visit <https://canaverallighthouse.tours/>

Marketplace

LOOKING FOR A ONE-OF-A-KIND GIFT THIS HOLIDAY SEASON?

Finding the perfect gift for someone who has everything can be difficult. Did you know that CCLF offers several unique gift ideas for students, colleagues, friends and family. You can give the gift of membership and help our lighthouse family grow or purchase a paver brick and engrave it with their name. To complete your holiday shopping and purchase a brick or membership package, please use the forms included in this newsletter or shop online at www.canaverallight.org.

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.



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.

Members receive:

- *FLASH*, FLA's semi-annual publication as well as routine updates on FLA activities via an electronic newsletter;
- Priority invitations to FLA Meetings, educational events and lighthouse tours; and
- Free admission to St. Augustine Lighthouse, Ponce Inlet Lighthouse, Jupiter Inlet Lighthouse, Crooked River Lighthouse, Cape St. George Lighthouse and Pensacola Lighthouse.

Individual, family and corporate annual membership packages are available. For additional information about FLA membership, or to join, go to FloridaLighthouses.org.

SUPPORT FLORIDA LIGHTHOUSES WHILE YOU DRIVE

Florida residents can show their love of lighthouses while driving when they purchase a "Visit Our Lights" license plate for their vehicle. The design features Jupiter Inlet Lighthouse and 90 percent of the proceeds from plate sales help support the Florida Lighthouse Association's mission to protect, preserve and restore the Sunshine State's remaining lighthouses. For further information on how to get a "Visit Our Lights" tag, visit FLA's website at FloridaLighthouses.org.



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Community Beacons

CCLF SPONSORS ARE VITAL TO BUILDING COMMUNITY AWARENESS

Becoming a Cape Canaveral Lighthouse Foundation Sponsor is an excellent way to increase your company's visibility within Florida's Space Coast community! For more information on becoming a CCLF "community beacon", please contact Jim Underwood at radmjim@aol.com.

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



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