



CANAVERAL BEACON

The official newsletter for members 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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Underway as before...

Early in my military career, I learned the curse of being late to anything, "Be late, be left." As such, I found it was always easier to be early, but with no less frustration as the opposite rang true - now I find myself plagued by this curse of "Hurry up and wait."

As we enter September, I'm reminded of my July message, and feeling somewhat repetitious as the COVID 19 pandemic is persistent and your lighthouse remains closed. So much for the Christmas in July miracle. Suffice to say, I find myself empathizing with the salty old sailor who is waking up inside a Mexican jail after a night of too much liberty.... Indeed, it must be akin to hell - no tequila, no mariachi!

Hard as it is to believe another two months have passed, I am exceptionally proud to note our docents, volunteers and Board members stand at the ready – all hands on deck, anxiously awaiting orders. We wait with the perseverance of lonely keepers, tending to our daily routines, nurturing strength of spirit to shield our lighthouse family through a shared misfortune. Our face masks remain ready, our newly installed sanitizing stations remain filled, and the dance of social distancing is a common bond which unites us all. Fortunately for CCLF, “awaiting orders” does not mean sitting by idly as the world spins on its axis.

In this edition, you will see the new "Wall of Honor" recognizing Major Donors, Lifetime Members and Foundation Presidents. You will also see our tribute to an original member of the Foundation, Ginny Davis, who recently moved to Texas to be closer to family. Additionally, CARES Act grants for PPE supplies and Non-Profit's lost revenues have been submitted and approved; new memberships and upgrades to Lifetime Memberships have continued; and new bricks have been purchased. The observant reader may even see an enhanced photo of the lighthouse capturing a brief visit by interstellar guests who bypassed security to get a closer look at our historic Space Coast attraction.

Like you, I anxiously await the mitigation and resolution of this pandemic. I am so ready for the Museum to reopen, for our Tours to resume; for the Education program to bring the laughter and excitement of busloads of Fourth Grade scholars to learn this part of their lessons in history. I am ready for the socialization during our Membership and Volunteer Appreciation events, our Descendants Day luncheon. Most of all, I am ready for another fun sunset event with some splendid appetizers and refreshing beverages, enjoying conversations and renewing friendships while keeping a watchful eye on the light to illuminate, shining its beacon for all mariners at sea. I hope this happens soon, but know that whenever in the future, we will all join together in the company of our friendships. We will reopen!

So as I wait in joyful hope, I pray for the health, safety, and abundant welfare of all our members. Until we are together again...

Keep safe, keep shining, Jim



Museum Highlights

Unfortunately, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we are still closed to tours until further notice. We are as prepared as we can be to reopen safely but will have to await permission to do so from the Air Force, while they closely monitor local infection rates and CDC guidance. We are aligned with the opening of the Air Force Space and Missile Museum, whenever that occurs, so we will not set a new opening date until they do. Through CARES Act funding, we received Personal Protective Equipment kits from the County to augment our supplies.

Fortunately, we have many behind the scenes projects that can continue virtually while we wait to reopen. We have a few informational signs remaining to do in the museum. Inside the lighthouse, we're working to refresh the older signage still remaining in there and provide additional information on the physical features. We are also working on several informational signs we hope to install outdoors to cover topics such as local plants and wildlife, Native Americans in the area, and the layout of the light station when all the buildings were present. While the outdoor signs will be ready later this year or next, there will be many new things for you to see when we reopen.

If you'd like to become a docent, please contact George Eustis at cclhdocent@gmail.com.

Did You Know?

The lighthouse served as a watchtower in both WW I and WW II. As the tallest structure around, it was ideal for trying to spot German submarines and other dangers to Allied shipping. From 1917-1918, the US Lighthouse Service fell under the command of the US Navy for the duration of WW I. The light station was restricted to authorized personnel on Government business, only. The keepers were required to report any German submarines or gunboats in the area. The first telephone was installed in the lighthouse in 1917 and they exchanged phone calls and telegrams with other lighthouses and military installations along the coast when anything was spotted. The US Lighthouse Service was absorbed by the US Coast Guard in 1939, and similar spotting service was performed during WW II (1941-1945). Six ships were sunk off the Cape. Keepers helped report these and assisted survivors, when able, though they never spotted the submarines that caused all the destruction.

Becky Zingarelli
Museum Director



Fair Winds and Following Seas

On July 22, we said “Bon Voyage” to a very special person, near and dear to the Cape Canaveral Lighthouse Foundation family. Ginny Davis is moving to Texas to be with family. Ginny was one of the few remaining people who has worked tirelessly for the lighthouse and the Foundation, since it’s 2002 founding. She was instrumental in many things, most recently in getting the cottage built and supporting the development of the museum. She will be sorely missed, but we wish her all the best in her new adventure.

Next time you’re out at the lighthouse, you’ll notice there’s a new addition to the grounds. In appreciation for Ginny’s efforts over the years, there is now a Southern Dwarf “Little Gem” Magnolia growing between the cottage and the lighthouse. We’re hoping to plant additional historically accurate landscaping in the future.



Friends,

What a wonderful and meaningful send off! I know that was not an easy feat to accomplish making it even more meaningful. My only regret was that I could not give each of you a hug. You have been such a special part of my life. I will miss you but plan to return and see the continued progress that I know the Foundation will make.

Again, thank you for the beautiful signed picture of the lighthouse and, of course, who could go to Texas without “Yellow Roses!” Best of all was that we were able to spend a little time with each other and enjoy the perfect evening. Thank you for the kind words you each expressed.

Sunny, the signed print of the lighthouse will have a prominent place in my new home. Thank you for thinking of me in such a cherished way.

Hugs from my heart, Ginny

Other Museum Upgrades ... done!

The “Wall of Honor” is a beautiful tribute in gratitude to those Major Donors who have given so much towards the Foundation’s goals since its inception, as well as to our Lifetime Members and our Past Presidents. Designed by Nancy Watts and based on research of our archives and financial records from the beginning (Ginny Davis’ last project), we are proud to honor those who contribute in such a significant way. Thank you.



Note the timely addition of our newest Lifetime Members Dwight & Beth Greenberg

Since the beginning of the space program, the lighthouse has been a special place to those responsible for sending people and payloads into space. The lighthouse was even integrated into the mission patch designed by Orbital ATK employees for their March 23, 2016 Cygnus resupply mission to the International Space Station. This is what the patch looks like. We attached a real patch to the center of the accent board hanging in the museum.



CAPE CANAVERAL LIGHTHOUSE FOUNDATION OUTDOOR BENCHES and ROCKERS

You may have heard about the new Poly Outdoor Rockers and Benches we are acquiring for use by our visitors at the Museum and Lighthouse. We selected Breezesta™ Poly Outdoor Furniture for its durability, low maintenance and Lifetime Warranty. And since it is made of recycled milk jugs and plastic water bottles, it also supports a healthier environment.

After some deliberation, it was decided to offer the furniture items as a Fundraising opportunity for donors to help us financially during this pandemic closure. And already, they're almost sold out!

Four Rockers w/arms. Recommend Donor Cost w/ Personalized Donor Plaque - \$1500 (Sold Out)
Eight Solid benches w/arms. Recommended Donor Cost w/Plaque - \$2500 (Five left. - 2 B&W; 3 G&W)



Item Number: SK-0425-36



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To order your bench, please call CCLF Information at 321-351-5052. Leave a detailed message so we can contact you. But you will have to hurry to beat the rush of visitors when we re-open!



Speaking of Visitors...

With great thanks we recognize the vigilant watchkeeping by our cohorts at the Air Force Space and Missile Museum for capturing this recent effort to breach security by some zealous visitors clamoring for the Museums to re-open!

They were clearly unfamiliar with our new protocols to the point one was actually heard saying, "Facemasks? We don't need no stinking facemasks." Wrong answer!

Needless to say, the invasion was quickly suppressed, and the visitors were delivered to Area 51 for attitude adjustment in preparation for Halloween.

Volunteer Spotlight on Rocky Johnson & Family



Rocky Johnson is Vice President, Ivey's Construction, Inc. and is responsible for all operations including day to day operations, Design Build, Construction Management, General Contracting, etc. Regular interaction with leadership at NASA, USAF, USCG, USACE, NOTU, US Customs and Border Protection, the Canaveral Port Authority, Space Florida, BCSO, Brevard County Government, United Launch Alliance, SpaceX, Lockheed Martin Astronautics, Boeing, Blue Origin, Veterans Affairs, etc. He is very active in the community serving as President and current Governor, Port Canaveral Propeller Club. Currently, Rocky is President of Rotary Club of Merritt Island, Breakfast.

Rocky served as President of the Cape Canaveral Lighthouse Foundation and continues to serve on our Foundation Board as Immediate Past President. During his tenure as President he emphasized the importance of increasing Foundation Membership which resulted in a membership increase from 200 in 2017 to the current 433. Rocky also was intent on establishing a lighthouse education program with the Brevard County Public Schools. His daughter, Terrah Boring, a Brevard County Public School Teacher, took on this project and developed a lighthouse lesson plan as part of the 4th grade Social Studies Program. The program includes classroom study followed by a field trip to the lighthouse. Terrah presented the program to several Brevard County schools, coordinated with individual teachers, and put procedures in place to carry out the project. The program has been very successful and is expected to resume when schools reopen, and the lighthouse and museum are up and running again. Terrah is married to Joshua Boring, a Senior Construction Superintendent and is mother of two boys.

Under Rocky's leadership we were able to obtain the funding to begin construction of the first of three Keeper's Cottages. Rocky's construction background helped guide us thru the selection of a contractor and working with our Construction Manager, Hal Row, followed the process thru to completion. The Cottage houses our museum and Keeper's Closet gift shop and has become a key part of the lighthouse tour which will, hopefully, resume soon.

Rocky's wife, Lisa, has always stood ready to lend a hand with our special events and community outreach programs. Lisa also stays busy as Program Coordinator for the National Energy Foundation as well as spending time with her 2 grandchildren. She likes camping, reading, crafts, and being with her family.

Rocky Johnson, Jr. is married to Mercedes and is an Attorney at Wright, Fulford, Moorhead and Brown. Both Rocky, Jr. and Mercedes are graduates of the University of Florida.

Rocky and family, thank you for all you have given to bringing the importance of the history of Cape Canaveral Lighthouse to our community and beyond.

Keeping the Light Shining

MEMBERSHIP MUSINGS

We now have 433 active members in the Cape Canaveral Lighthouse Foundation. Many thanks to all who have renewed their memberships and upgraded their memberships. Your support keeps us going, especially during this time of lockdown when we have been unable to welcome visitors to the lighthouse and our museum. Thank you!

In our last Canaveral Beacon, the Membership committee introduced you to two new Lifetime members; this month we want to introduce you to two long-time members. Please read on

Among the items in the museum are a variety of informational boards, one of which portrays 80 years of lighthouse keepers and assistant keepers at Cape Canaveral dating back to Mills Burnham (1817-1886). We have in our membership a direct descendant of Mills **Burnham**:



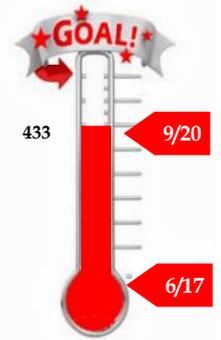
Meet Yvonne Thornton, and her husband Bob. Mills **Burnham** is Yvonne's Great Great Grandfather. Yvonne's grandfather was Clinton Honeywell who married Gertrude Wilson, daughter of Henry Wilson and Frances **Burnham** Wilson, both of whom served as Assistant LH Keepers, and Clinton promoted to Lighthouse Keeper from November 1904 until his retirement in 1930.

Yvonne and Bob Thornton have been married 18 years, having known each other since high school. They have been members of the Cape Canaveral Lighthouse Foundation since March 2003, one year after its founding. Yvonne was the 2nd Membership Chair, serving for 10 years after Ginny Davis.

For fun Yvonne was part of the Musical Theater of Brevard where she performed as an "Extra" in musicals such as Showboat, Mame, and Guys & Dolls, in addition to working on sets, programs, and membership. Yvonne has also enjoyed Yoga and meditation throughout the years, which I am sure is why she always seems so calm.

Bob worked for Pan Am in liquid propellants. An interesting factoid is that he worked on John Glenn's 1st flight into space, and again on his last flight. Bob taught himself to play the piano and the guitar, and he is quite a fan of NASCAR and Formula One racing. Bob is an avid car buff, and still drives a little sports car, a Honda S2000. Yvonne said if you want to know anything about cars, just ask Bob.

Is there something you would like to see us do? Drop an email at cclfmbrship1@aol.com or call 321.591.5593. Help us to spread the word about our wonderful lighthouse and new museum; renew, and encourage your friends and family to join via the application in this newsletter or at www.canaverallight.org. We need you!



Please join us in welcoming the newest members of our Cape Canaveral Lighthouse Foundation family!

Assistant Keeper (\$35 = 1 Member)
Lighthouse Keeper (\$50 = 2 Members)

Richard & Donna Sherman

Head Lighthouse Keeper (\$100 = 2 Members)

Bill & Jean McCarthy

Family Lifetime Members (\$1500 = 2 Members)

Dwight & Beth Greenberg

As of August 14, 2020

And Celebrate the Recent Renewals of Our Supporting Members

Membership Renewals Since July 2020

Assistant Keeper (\$35 = 1 Member)

Coleen Seitter
Terrah Boring
Patricia Stusick
Boneta Nord
Gene Johnson
Kathy Coon
Noel Sinchak
Liz Gravuer
Elizabeth Grimstead
Judith Qualls
Linda Hennig
Elaine Marr
Joan Ouellett
Mary Lou Wilson

Lighthouse Keeper (\$50 = 2 Members)

John & Tammy Conway
John & Melinda Tribe
George & Becky Holmes
Judy Whitnable & Cowan Parrish
Amy Gottsche
Ann Bolton
Heather Winkopp
Todd McDowell
David Shelton
Robert & Julia Armacost
Michael & Jennifer Evans
David Smith
Timothy Zimmer
Steve & Mary Anne Moore
Eugene Vogt
Chuck Berry
Phil & Bunny Finney
Al & Emma Jean McKinley

Head Lighthouse Keeper (\$100 = 2 Members)

Norman & Elaine Moody
Jack & Linda Young
Gale & Chuck Nelson
Ray & Flory Valley
Lee & Lynn Roll
Barbara Read
Gerard Gleckel
Lang & Judy Houston
Don & Sharon Osteen
Jerry & Darleen Hunt

Student Member (\$15 = 1 Member)

J. Michael (Mikey) Ecker, II

Upgraded to Lifetime Memberships (\$1,500 = 2 Lifetime Members)

Dwight & Beth Greenberg

***** CCLF Membership Application Form *****

SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL COMMUNITY & JOIN CCLF TODAY!

Completed forms should be submitted along with payment to:
CCLF | P.O. Box 1978 | Cape Canaveral, FL 32920

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

E-mail address: _____

Yes, please contact me regarding volunteer opportunities.

Please select a membership level from the categories below:

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIPS

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Head Lighthouse Keeper | \$100 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lighthouse Keeper (Family) | \$50 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Assistant Lighthouse Keeper (Individual) | \$35 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Student Lighthouse Keeper | \$15 |

LIFE MEMBERSHIPS

- | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Life Membership (Family-2 member) | \$1,500 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Life Membership (Single) | \$1,000 |

TOTAL AMOUNT DUE: \$ _____

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

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To pay your membership dues online via PayPal, visit CanaveralLight.org

CCLF Member Benefits

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

**MEMBERS SAVE 10% AT
KEEPER'S CLOSET**

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

Paving the Way & Building a Legacy

BRICK WALKWAY NEWS

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. Some service clubs have special locations with members' bricks such as Propeller Club Port Canaveral and local Rotary Clubs. It's a great way to show your support of CCLF and another organization at the same time.



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, such as a lighthouse or heart, are 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.



**Restore a Part of Florida's Space Coast History Today!
CCLF Members Receive a 10% Discount on All Bricks**

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***** BRICK ORDER FORM *****

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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.

PRESERVING FLORIDA'S LIGHTHOUSES IS AS EASY AS DRIVING A CAR

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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