



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

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Message from Our Foundation President



As I reflect on the first two months of 2021, I am reminded of the tremendous commitment of our volunteers who keep the light shining. It has been a year since we were first hit with the Pandemic which has forever changed lives. The resiliency of our volunteers will ensure we are ready when operations return to normal. That said, the docents have safely conducted limited tours of the Keepers Cottage and Lighthouse since October. We are currently planning for our Annual Descendants Day, Running event and our Volunteers/members event. The dates and times are still to be determined, and are obviously dependent on the status of COVID as well as the Space Station's protocols for events. We are excited to once again share the light.

In October of 2019 I had the opportunity to visit the Venus Point lighthouse in Tahiti, French Polynesia. I found it to be fascinating because of the parallels between Venus Point and Cape Canaveral, both places of scientific discovery. The lighthouse was built by the French in 1867 to commemorate Captain James Cook's scientific journey onboard the HMS Endeavor. The primary objective of the voyage was to calculate the distance of the earth from the sun by measuring the time that it took Venus to transit the sun. The transit of Venus across the sun occurs every 120 years.

On August 12, 1768, HMS Endeavor left England commanded by Lt. James Cook bound for Tahiti. This area was so poorly mapped that it would be equivalent to going to the moon or Mars by today's standards. The Endeavor arrived in Matavai Bay, Tahiti on April 12, 1769 and established an observatory at "Fort Venus". Astronomer Charles Green and Captain Cook performed the observation on June 3, 1769 with mixed results due to the fuzziness around the planet. The expedition was likened to a space mission. "The Endeavor was not only on a voyage of discovery," writes Tony Horwitz "it was also a laboratory for testing the latest theories and technologies, much as spaceships do today."

We are continuing to work our way back to normalcy with each day that passes, to once again fully engage in our mission of sharing the Lighthouse with the public. The Foundation currently has a membership of 400, and our goal for 2021 is to grow to 550. So, if you are not a member, please join and if you are, please renew. It is because of our members that we exist! Membership Committee Chair Chris Ecker says it best— Members are the backbone of our Foundation!! Our sponsors are members! Our volunteers, docents, Officers and Directors, advisors, are members! You are all our members, and we share a common mission — "to preserve, protect, promote, and interpret the Cape Canaveral Lighthouse and its historical significance" to others. Please visit our website <https://canaverallight.org> for additional information.

Let's have a great year and keep the light shining bright. Have fun and be safe.

Larry

Museum Highlights

It's been great to see people back enjoying our lighthouse and museum. Our docents just love sharing this unique history. Something the Cape Canaveral Lighthouse has in common with many others is a legacy of caring for the light being shared within a family. At Cape Canaveral, the Mills Burnham family did that in a big way! With his wife Mary, Burnham became keeper of the first, brick lighthouse in 1853. There was always a keeper who was related to them for the next 80 years!

We developed a genealogy chart of the families through four generations that shows the family members who worked at the lighthouse. We color coded it so you can see those who were actual paid keepers, those who were direct descendants of Mills and Mary, those who were both direct descendants and keepers, and those who married into the family and produced the next generation of keepers. There were a total of 22 people!

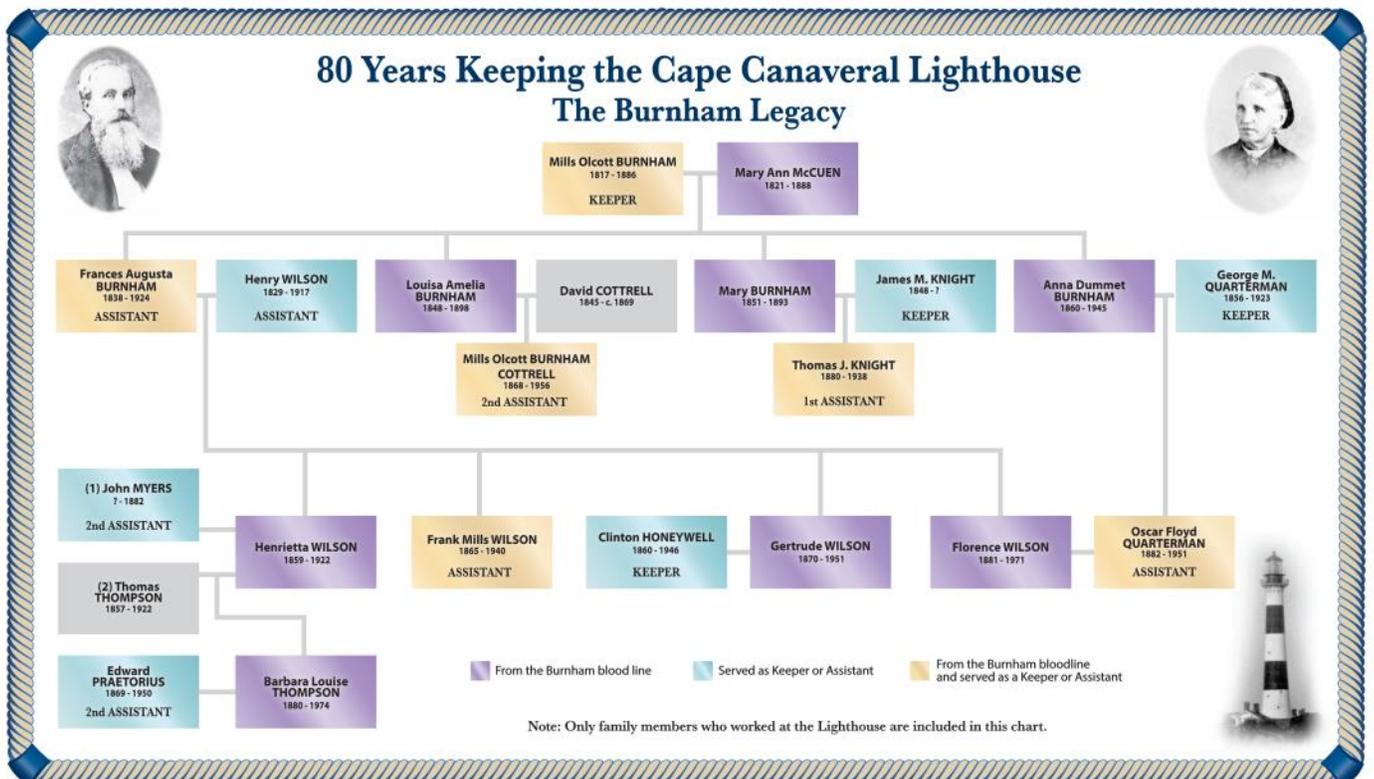
If you'd like to become a docent, please contact George Eustis at cclhdocent@gmail.com, or visit our website and complete the Volunteer form. Enjoy all the other interesting things you can learn on our website, as well at www.canaverallight.org.

Did You Know?

In 1853 Mills Burnham moved his wife and four children to Cape Canaveral where he became the head keeper at the Cape Canaveral Lighthouse. He served in that position for 33 years—holding the position longer than any other head keeper at Cape Canaveral. During his tenure at Cape Canaveral significant changes occurred. The lives of the Burnhams were affected by the Civil War when all lighthouses in Florida “went dark” at the command of the Confederate Superintendent of Lights. The usual duties of the keeper came to a halt. Sadly, this war also brought the death of their son who became ill and died while serving in the Confederate Army. During this time, the Burnhams subsisted by farming, hunting and fishing. Although Congress had voted money to build a new lighthouse at Cape Canaveral in 1859, Burnham would not see the iron lighthouse built until 1868. He served as keeper of this lighthouse for 18 years until his death of a virulent form of measles in 1886. He was buried in his Orange Grove near the bank of the Banana River.

If you'd like to be part of rebuilding this legacy, please visit our website to donate - www.canaverallight.org.

Becky Zingarelli, Museum Director



“Coast Guard to Upgrade Beacon at Lighthouse”

Once again, we say thank you to the Coast Guard personnel from the Aids to Navigation Team Ponce de Leon. As you all know, this is the team responsible for the operational maintenance of the Cape Canaveral Light (Light List #625) - its inner workings and hidden mechanisms that keep the beacon rotating, turning on/off, and projecting the proper signal far out to sea. On January 11, 2021, during routine maintenance, a problem with the antiquated DCB-224 beacon was noted and the light had to be “extinguished” for repairs. Rather than making “band aid” repairs, Officer-in Charge of ANT Ponce, Chief Boatswain Mate Courtney Lund is working with the CG Operations Product Line (WOPL—a logistics support unit of the CG) to replace the old beacon with an upgraded and more reliable VRB –25 (Vega Rotating Beacon). WOPL engineers are designing the box and wiring harnesses to house the new beacon. The replacement date is tentatively scheduled for mid March. Once completed, the new light characteristics will be published in the Notice to Mariners, and the Light List will be updated to reflect a slightly modified signal and a decrease in the luminous range to 15-18 miles.



...And while performing maintenance, the crew consisting of SN Avery Woods, BM3 Tania Bishop, BMC Courtney Lund, MK2 John Lietaert also assisted the Foundation in lowering the Holiday decorations for storage and use next season. To show our gratitude to the four members of ANT Ponce, Ron Ecker presented Chief Lund with a Certificate of Appreciation on behalf of the entire Cape Canaveral Lighthouse Foundation membership



The Wreaths are down!



While We Wait for the Return of Normal

An early January tour group came through, one who was particularly outgoing - Mr. Robert Allen. When his wife took a picture of him standing next to our photo op, our docent asked if he could also take a photo and perhaps include it in the next *Canaveral Beacon*. Mr. Allen confessed that his beard is so long because when he goes to get his haircut he has to wear a mask, and whereas the barber used to cut his beard at the same time, he can no longer do it. Therefore, he's letting it grow. And he dressed like he imagined a "working lighthouse keeper would have in the day... presuming he would not have worn his uniform for every day work." Anyway, you can see he has his own lightkeepers hat, and the pipe for extra measure.

Also out of the ordinary, is this fabulous view of the ground. Acrophobia is not a recommended personality trait for our men and women at the top!



Finally, and again early in January, before the wreath was lowered, another postcard sunset serves as the backdrop for a quiet evening and moments of reflection beyond the leaning light of Cape Canaveral.



Volunteer Spotlight on Ann Bolton



Ann Bolton became our Brick Project Leader in 2012 shortly after the inception of the brick walkway. The bricks to date have raised over \$60,000 towards rebuilding our Keeper's Cottages. One done, and two to go!

(Photo of Ann at GUM, the Moscow department store in 2014)

Ann and her late husband, Ray, have always had a soft spot for lighthouses on their travels. They were especially enamored with the freshwater lighthouses found in places like the Great Lakes. They started volunteering at the Cape Canaveral Lighthouse after they were both retired.

Ann had a career at NASA, first as a computer specialist, and later as a payload engineer. Her job in the Spacelab program was one of the best jobs anyone could hope for! First, she traveled internationally, mostly to Europe, to investigate the experiment instruments that were flying in the Spacelab racks. After gathering the requirements, she would return home and write the tests that would check out their electrical and mechanical interfaces with the rack, Spacelab and Shuttle. Finally, she would conduct the tests as payload test conductor. The astronauts assigned to those flights would participate in the tests because they had only had mock-ups before that. They wanted to touch the real flight hardware before launch.

When Spacelab was winding down, and Space Station was in its early design stages, Ann took an early retirement. Her husband was 12 years older and was already retired and anxious to hit the road on RV adventures. They traveled extensively throughout the United States in their 33-foot motorhome. They drove the motorhome through 48 states and Canada, sometimes staying gone for three months at a time. Eventually the allure of international travel led them to sell the motorhome and take off on worldwide adventures. They traveled in Europe, China, Australia, Scandinavia, the Mideast and Russia. As a widow, Ann recently traveled to Africa for three weeks of photo safaris. Don't ask to see the pictures because she took so many! One of the highlights of the trip was discovering a pair of lions making love!

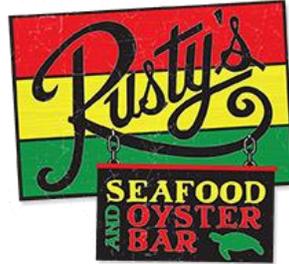
Ann is a terrific member of our team and has approached the brick project with energy and enthusiasm. She promotes the program at every opportunity and carries out the responsibility of getting the bricks engraved and placed at the lighthouse as promptly as possible. Thank you, Ann, for all you do with this especially important program.





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Keeping the Light Shining

Membership Musings

The [Cape Canaveral Lighthouse](#) Foundation is now 396 active members strong, which includes two renewals in February from 2014. We extend a big “welcome back” to Sybil Studds and Robert Davis! Thank you for your support; we look forward to seeing you at the lighthouse.

Due to last year’s lock-down we, as with many non-profits, are still in “recovery” mode from the inability to plan events which comprise our fundraisers, making membership renewals especially important. It has not been easy for most of you to visit the lighthouse, so the fact that you continue to renew your membership speaks volumes. Our supportive members keep us moving forward to accomplish our goals and set new ones as we progress. There are 45 renewals due in February; reminders have been emailed and we ask for your help in our quest to reach 550 members this year with your timely renewal. Talk to your friends and family members about the benefits of membership and encourage them to join.



Two of our renewals this month involved Life Membership. How great is that?! Robert Davis renewed his membership from 2014 and upgraded to a Lifetime Membership, and Dr. Jess & Bertie Yates became Life Members with their renewal. Their names will become part of our “Recognition Wall” in the museum, along with the other Lifetime Members, our major donors, and past CCLF Presidents. Thank you all for such generous support.

Our next Cape Canaveral Lighthouse convoy will be on 20 March, and has already filled. We on the Membership Committee are pleased that so many members are eager to join a convoy to get to the lighthouse. In December we were fortunate that Hangar C was opened for a group of Boy Scouts, and our members were able to benefit from that occasion. We are happy say that it will again be open when our convoy reaches the lighthouse. Yay!! Quite a perk for our fortunate 20 March convoy members! If you missed this convoy, don’t despair; we will be having one every quarter as long as interest remains high. This is a fantastic benefit of membership.

Since before the pandemic many people shopped Amazon for everything imaginable, and now even more so. Many of you already know that Amazon Smile donates 0.5% of the price of *eligible* purchases to a charity of your choice. For those who are not familiar with it, an Amazon account is essential. If you don’t have one it’s easy to sign up and doesn’t cost anything unless it’s for AmazonPrime, in which case there is a fee. So make sure to visit smile.amazon.com and make Cape Canaveral Lighthouse Foundation your charity of choice. You must remember to go to smile.amazon.com each time you shop for all of this to work; *Amazon.com and Amazon mobile app purchases do not apply*.

For questions, suggestions, or to join the team, please contact the Membership Chair, Christine Ecker at cclf-membership@canaveralight.org. Help us grow; fresh ideas are always welcome.

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

Assistant Keeper (\$35 = 1 Membership)

James Draper
Sean Mulanax
Gail Browning
Jose Pardo
Mark Seitter

Lighthouse Keeper (\$50 = 2 Memberships)

Eric Ostarly
Lon & Lynda Ackerman

Head Lighthouse Keeper (\$100 = 2 Members)

Timothy Yost
Adrian Smith

And Celebrate the Recent Renewals of Our Supporting Members

Membership Renewals Since November 2020

Assistant Keeper (\$35 = 1 Member)

Cynthia Grey
Hilary Seery
Jean King Rivera
Kristi Blanchard
Lee Vicidomini
Roger McCormick

Lighthouse Keeper (\$50 = 2 Members)

Karen & Steve Hebert
Duane & Katrina Kaufhold
Shane & Marian Smith
Bruce & Sandy Deardoff
David & Barbara Eberle
Doug & Bev Kasimier
Edward & Minnie Vasquez
Gina & Frank McTernan
Joe & Helen Franta
Linda Kassof
Steve & Nadine Peacock
Susan Wiggins
Sybil Studds (Renewed from 2014)

Head Lighthouse Keeper (\$100 = 2 Members)

AOTC Sponsorship
Elizabeth Johnson
Larry & Elva Ostarly

Lifetime Membership (Individual - \$1,000 = 1 Lifetime Member)

Robert Davis (Renewal from 2014)

Lifetime Membership (Family - \$1,500 = 2 Lifetime Members)

Dr. Jess & Roberta (Bertie) Yates

***** 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: \$ _____

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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.

Florida Lighthouse Association Update

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.



The Florida Lighthouse Association (FLA) held its quarterly meeting at the Ponce Inlet Lighthouse on February 5 & 6, 2021. It was a highly informative meeting with the Lead Docent for Ponce Inlet, John Mann, serving as the Guest Speaker. John spoke on the twelve National Historic Landmark Lighthouses, of which Ponce Inlet is one. The National Historic Landmark is the most elite of all historic designations in the United States. In addition to the presentation, we were given a guided tour of the grounds, the Lighthouse, their Lens Museum (where the Cape Canaveral Fresnel Lens is prominently displayed), and the recently acquired Pacetti Hotel, also on the Historic Register.

The hotel is located just across the road from the lighthouse and has a long history with the lighthouse. The original owners of the property sold the land where the lighthouse resides for \$400 and used that money to extend their house and convert it into a hotel. The Ponce de Leon Inlet Lighthouse Preservation Association is restoring the hotel and will open it as a museum in about two to three years.

The best part of the meeting from our perspective, was Board approval for a grant requested by The Cape Canaveral Lighthouse Foundation (CCLF) for outdoor interpretive signage. There was no problem approving the grant; however, there was no money in the budget at the time. Fortunately, we were able to work around this “small” technicality and the Cape Canaveral Lighthouse Foundation will have the funding when the signs are ready to be installed.

With this grant, the Cape Canaveral Lighthouse Foundation has been the recipient of about \$70,000 from FLA since 2011. FLA raises most of its money through the sale of a specialty license plate, which currently features the Jupiter Lighthouse. If you are due to renew you tag and would like to help the Cape Canaveral Lighthouse Foundation and other Florida lighthouses, we hope you will consider the “VisitOurLight.org” tag. Our members are also encouraged to join and attend the FLA meetings, which are not only informative, but fun as well.

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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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 *****

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

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Address _____

Email _____ Phone _____

Member Non-Member

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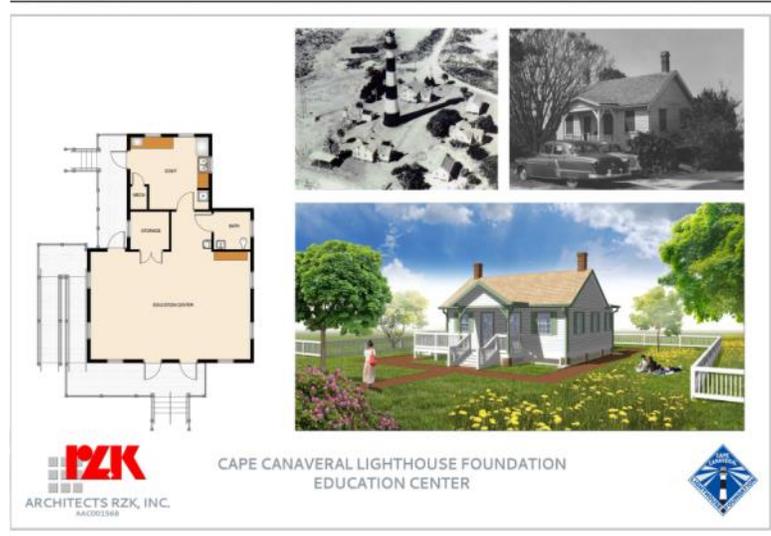
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Cape Canaveral Lighthouse Foundation Cottage Construction

In January and February of 2020, before the shutdown due to COVID 19, our Keeper’s Cottage Museum and Lighthouse supported 49 tours and hosted 722 visitors. With many restrictions still in place at both Brevard Public Schools and Kennedy Space Center Visitors Complex, this year during the same period, we have hosted 26 tours and 170 visitors. Clearly our numbers are significantly lower than last year for the same period, but we hopefully will continue to increase over the next several months (when last year we were completely shut-down), and regain the momentum we were building prior to the pandemic. Tours and visitors not only impact our operating revenue, but also our data base for establishing value added for grant requests—especially, in support of new construction. Rest assured the Officers and Board of Directors are unrelenting in their pursuit of funding streams, and innovative ways to develop our Building Fund so we may begin construction on the next cottage - an Educational Center to support youth school and organization field trips as well as adult learning and historical reference.



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