



CANAVERAL BEACON

The official newsletter for members of the
Cape Canaveral Lighthouse Foundation.

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Our Mission

To assist Space Launch Delta 45 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



We are the Cape Canaveral Lighthouse Foundation but in most issues of the Canaveral Beacon we promote this specialty license plate and have a full page writeup about the Florida Lighthouse Association. Why do we dedicate a page to the Florida Lighthouse Association (FLA), and why do we even care about the FLA? We care because the Cape Canaveral Lighthouse is a member and has benefitted from that membership to the tune of over \$92K. But some history on FLA:



The FLA was formed in 1996 by twenty-six Lighthouse enthusiasts who lived throughout Florida. The group wanted to form an organization that could be used to share information with lighthouses around the State about restoration and repairs. The larger lighthouses shared lessons learned with the smaller lighthouses since the smaller lighthouse organizations couldn't afford to make mistakes and waste money. To that end, FLA is a success. However, the organization continues to grow in its capabilities to help with lighthouse preservation, restoration, and protection.

FLA receives NO funding from the state and has NO connection to the State Government. In 2008 FLA applied for a Specialty License Plate which was approved and signed into law on 1 October 2008. The application states that "FLA may use a maximum of ten percent of the proceeds to market and promote the plate. The remaining proceeds shall be used by the Association to fund the preservation, restoration, and protection of the 29 historic lighthouses remaining in the state." Please note: None of the License Plate proceeds may be used for administration purposes. However in recent years "Education" has been added to how funds may be expended.

FLA receives roughly 25 dollars per plate and uses this money to support lighthouse projects throughout Florida via grants issued to member lighthouses. To receive grant money, member Lighthouses must pay annual dues of \$60, which is well worth it when considering what they can and have received. At the present time there are 11,312 active lighthouse plates on vehicles around the state, which will give FLA over \$275,000 to fund lighthouse projects this year. This is accomplished through lighthouse organizations submitting a grant request for desired work followed by the FLA approval process.

It should be pointed out that Cape Canaveral Lighthouse does not qualify for license plate grants in a lot of cases since the lighthouse is owned and maintained by the US Space Force. However, we have been able to find projects that FLA can fund, and over the years Cape Canaveral has received over ninety-two thousand dollars.

Florida Lighthouse Association is a good organization and I encourage anyone who likes lighthouses to visit their website at floralighthouses.org and join FLA.

Thanks for your help in keeping our light shining into the future. Ron

Museum Highlights

On August 1st, we were privileged to host 25 staff and volunteers from our neighboring Ponce Inlet Lighthouse. It was great to be able to swap lighthouse preservation stories and talk about our 1st Order Fresnel lens that they've so lovingly maintain on display since it was removed from our lighthouse in 1993 due to damage from rocket launch vibrations.



Also in August, we had a drop-in tour of Space Force Junior ROTC instructors from around the country. They had a meeting cancelled, so just stopped by when we happened to be open. You just never know who you're going to meet at the lighthouse!

We had our first pineapple harvested and enjoyed by many volunteers. It was grown on a small pineapple plant in our "kitchen garden" outside the back steps of the cottage. Plants in this garden include herbs that may have been grown and used by the Keeper's families. The next time you're at the lighthouse stop by and see this plot. In keeping with the 19th century theme of the cottages, you'll notice a barrel. This is actually a hose reel enclosure that allows us to keep the theme of the times while allowing us more flexibility for watering our wonderful native plants.



We've been lucky to have many die-hard visitors over the summer, in spite of the record-breaking heat. It's been very easy for us to stimulate the imagination of everyone out there on how it must have felt to live on the Cape before air conditioning and they can certainly feel for themselves why the keepers never had a permanent residence inside the extremely hot, cast iron lighthouse!

Did You Know?

The need to additional lifeguards along Brevard's beaches has been much in the news, lately. Did you know that Lighthouse Keepers and their families played a key role in helping shipwreck survivors before lifeguards were ever thought of? Keeper Clinton Honeywell was repeatedly recognized for his efforts. Because the Florida shores were so sparsely populated in the 1800s, survivors often struggled to live, even after they made it to shore, if they weren't found immediately. To help, 10 Houses of Refuge were constructed along the east coast of Florida between lighthouses from 1876 to 1886. The Chester Shoals house was a little north – just beyond KSC's LC 39A launch complex. Orlando Quarterman, the brother of Lighthouse Keeper George Quarterman, was the Keeper for Chester Shoals House of Refuge. Many such inter-relationships existed. Chester Shoals was converted to a Coast Guard Station in 1915.

Becky Zingarelli
Museum Director

museumdirector@canaverallight.org.

National Lighthouse Day Celebration

National Lighthouse Day brought together dozens of visitors in a festive mood to celebrate the Cape Canaveral Lighthouse. The group of close to 100 people came by tour van and a caravan of cars, most of them as first-time visitors eager to learn about the Cape Canaveral Lighthouse and its place in the history of the Cape. Lighthouse Day is celebrated Aug. 7 in the United States to commemorate the act of the establishment and support of lighthouses by Congress in 1789. There were cookies, giveaways and discounts, enjoyed by all. This year, lighthouses around the country participated in a video competition sponsored by the US Lighthouse Society, to the original music of “Meet Me at the Lighthouse” by Joe Rivers. Check out our entry, posted on our website and Facebook page and see the fun had by all.

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International Lighthouse and Lightship Weekend Event



The International Lighthouse and Lightship Weekend usually takes place on the 3rd full weekend in August each year and attracts over 500 lighthouse entries located in over 40 countries. On August 18-20 this year, the Kennedy Space Center Amateur Radio Club once again participated in this event from Friday through Sunday from inside our museum. This year they were able to take advantage for the first time of having permanent tie-downs for their radio tower in the parking lot between the lighthouse and Hangar C. As in years past, they made contact with 625 people around the world, including 15 other lighthouses and 3 Lightships. They contacted people in 41 States, including all those on the Eastern and Western seaboards. Even if you're not an amateur radio buff, it's great fun to watch the constant activity!



Tours to the Top for Friends in "high places"... including:

Florida State Senator Debbie Mayfield and her Legislative Assistant Ian Nolan

After Florida approved new boundaries for its districts, State Senator Debbie Mayfield's 17th District evolved into the 19th District which expanded her boundaries into northern Brevard County and included the Cape Canaveral Lighthouse. Eager to visit her new Lighthouse, Senator Mayfield spent almost two hours touring the facilities on June 29, 2023. After climbing to the top, Senator Mayfield and her legislative assistant Ian Nolan enjoyed the "climate control" of our museum. Senator Mayfield is a strong proponent of Florida history and chairs the Senate Rules Committee.



Brevard County Commissioner District 2 (and Lifetime Member) Tom Goodson's Staff

Tuesday 14 August was an exciting day at the lighthouse. Not only did we have the van tour, and an ordnance exercise at the same time, but there was a tour by County Commissioner Tom Goodson's staff! Thank you Kerensa Slocum (Chief of Staff), Susan Smith (Legislative Aide), and Kika Golan (Director of Community Affairs) with her husband Frank for your support!



CCLF Presents at Brevard County Commissioners Board Meeting. And since there seems to be an "all politics are local" theme on this page - On Tuesday, August 22, 2023, CCLF President Ron Ecker made a brief presentation before the Brevard County Board of Commissioners to express the need and value of the County's contributions to the CCLF mission to advertise our facilities beyond the local population—adding to the Tourism value of our venue. With half the CCLF Board in attendance to show support, the meeting was followed by lunch at a local restaurant. Well done!



Keeping the Light Shining - Membership Musings

The [Cape Canaveral Lighthouse](#) Foundation (CCLF) currently has 587 members, which includes 14 new members and 68 renewals, two of whom became Lifetime Members. Thank you to all our members, with special thanks to Roger S. Fowler and David Spain, our newest Lifetime members!

Have you been to the lighthouse lately during one of our quarterly convoys? Or the National LH Day event on 7 August? The Membership Committee usually has a table set up for membership enrollment, questions and information, as well as sample bricks and order forms for ordering bricks. Often those lucky visitors who come to the table to see what it's all about end up enjoying cookies. It all began as something "extra" for our members, and from there...it escalated. For National LH Day on 7 August, there was an abundance of cookies provided from our volunteers and docents, some homemade, some store-bought. Usually, Ron Ecker's chocolate chip cookies win the taste test hands-down, but on that day our own Keeper's Closet Karen Arbuckle was the winner. Visitors wanted the recipe! So Karen kindly gave us the recipe for both her Almond Joy Cookies and Scottish Shortbread, and consented to sharing them in this issue of the Canaveral Beacon. It's a perfect opportunity to bake some cookies with (or for) someone you love. Following are a note and recipes from Karen Arbuckle.

"Thank you for all the positive comments regarding my cookies. I chose these recipes because they are so easy to make. If anyone has any questions, call or email me. Enjoy!!! May be something different for next year."



Almond Joy Cookies Makes about 3 dozen.

- 1 14oz bag sweetened coconut flakes
- 2 cups semi-sweet chocolate chips
- 2/3 cup sliced almonds or slivers
- 1 14 oz can sweetened condensed milk

Preheat oven to 325 degrees.
Line a large cookie sheet with parchment paper.
In a large bowl combine all above and stir till all moistened.
Scoop dough with a cookie scoop onto cookie sheet. Moisten fingers with water and shape into haystacks.
Bake cookies 12 to 14 minutes or till tips are golden brown.
Let cool on baking sheet.
Store cookies in an airtight container.

Scottish Shortbread

- 2 cups all-purpose flour, spooned & leveled with a knife
 - 1/2 teaspoon salt
 - 1 cup (2 sticks) unsalted butter at room temperature, plus more for greasing the pans
 - 1 cup confectioner's sugar
 - 2 teaspoons vanilla extract (pure not imitation)
 - 1/4 teaspoon almond extract
 - Turbinado sugar or use Sugar in the Raw or colored sugar
1. Preheat oven 300 degrees. Grease two round 9 inch cake pans with butter. I lined the cake pans with parchment rounds and buttered the parchment, and I used 6 inch cake pans which made 4 rounds.
 2. In a bowl whisk flour and salt. Set aside.
 3. In a stand up mixer beat rest till smooth and creamy. Add flour mixture and beat on low speed till evenly mixed scraping down sides.
 4. Divide dough in half for 9 inch rounds – or – divide into 4 for 6 inch rounds. Press the dough into each pan on top of parchment. Use a fork to prick the dough to allow steam to escape while shortbread bakes. Sprinkle Turbinado sugar to amount desired.
 5. Bake 25 min for 6 inch pans or 35 min for 9 inch rounds until a light golden brown and a deeper brown on edges.
 6. Remove pans and immediately turn shortbread out onto clean surface. Cut disk to 6 inch pan into 4 wedges, or for 9 inch pan up to 12 wedges. Cut disks while warm otherwise it will crumble.

Cool completely and store up to a month

We are playing **Jeopardy at the Keeper's Closet gift shop** and we welcome all to join in the fun. In case you are not familiar with the game:

The game is a quiz competition that reverses the traditional question-and-answer format of many quiz games. Rather than being given questions, contestants are instead given clues in the form of answers and they must identify the item that the clue describes, phrasing each response in the form of a question.

The category is New Keeper's Closet Gift Shop Items, there are 3 answers, see below.

- #1) Barbie Pink #2) Exploration Tower #3) Sunrise Logo

One submission per day per Volunteer/Member.

Read the 3 answers in the picture and send your response to email: arbucklekennethk@bellsouth.net. Sending your answers to Bev Merrilees will NOT count as a valid response.

Make sure your subject line says "Jeopardy Answers".

Your responses MUST be in question form and correctly identify the new gift shop item.

Contest begins September 5, 2023 at Noon and will end on September 30, 2023 at Noon or when a winner is declared.

The first email response received starting September 5th at Noon that correctly identifies the 3 new items will be declared the winner. Responses received prior to that date are invalid. Response date/time will be determined by AT&T's mail server postmark as received by us, Ken and Karen Arbuckle .

Winner will receive ONE of the 3 new items mentioned in the game. Once the contestant has been declared the winner, one of the 3 items is chosen, we will place the item aside in the work area of the gift shop. Prize awarded has no cash value and cannot be refunded for cash or traded in for other items.

**Welcoming the newest members of the
Cape Canaveral Lighthouse Foundation Family!**

NEW MEMBERS 23 June - 23 August 2023

Assistant Keeper (\$35 - 1 Member)

Charlie DeGangi
Belinda Lawson
Jim Passarelli
Donna Sitkoff

Lighthouse Keeper (\$50 - 2 Members)

Paula Killian
Tm & Tammy Papreck
Anne & Ben Sentz

Head Lighthouse Keeper (\$100 + 2 Members)

Patti Halterman
Michael & Kristen Moehle

***...And celebrating our renewing members of the
Cape Canaveral Lighthouse Foundation Family!***

RENEWALS 23 June - 23 August 2023

Assistant Keeper (\$35 - 1 Member)

Elsie Andreen-Mauer Sally Benson Ann Bolton Terrah Boring Kathy Coon
Eliza Cox Linda Hennig Laura Kelly Elaine Marr Eric Martin

Lighthouse Keeper (\$50 - 2 Members)

Carole Burgess John & Tammy Conway Sheila Cootes & Michelle Amicarelli Michael & Jennifer Evans
George & Becky Holmes C. Lamar Johnson Erich & Louise Konjevich Connie Kostyra
Todd & Jennifer McDowell Michael Piana Col (Ret) Jim & Marcia Ridenour David Smith
John & Melinda Tribe Eugene Vogt Cowan & Judy Whitnable Heather & John Winkopp Courtney & Eloise Yelle

Head Lighthouse Keeper (\$100 - 2 Members)

Glenn & Lois Clutter (GC Electric) James Jarnac Heather Johnson Nancie Marin
Brendan & Sandra McMillin Norman & Elaine Moody Steve & Mary Anne Moore
Ed & Kathy Otto Ed & Lisa Wilson Jack & Linda Young

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

**Rodger S. Fowler
David Spain**

Cape Canaveral Lighthouse Foundation Lifetime Members

Pierre & Kathy Alix Titusville, FL	Larry Kaczor & Caroline Kaczor Elliott Cocoa Beach, FL
Julia & Joseph (Jett) Black, III Cocoa Beach, FL	Al & Carol Koller, Jr. Titusville, FL
Carolyn Burby Port St. John, FL	Eric Kucera Merritt Island, FL
Lloyce Campbell Merritt Island, FL	Lynn & Mike Mariotti Naples, FL
Barry & Sheila Compagnoni Melbourne Beach, FL	Jeanna & Mike Merrifield Titusville, FL
Preston A., Jr & Nancy C. Creech Goose Creek, SC	RADM Robert & Beverly Merrilees Merritt Island, FL
Sharon Crockett Rockledge, FL	Cal & [Virginia] Myer Naples, FL
[Charles] & Ginny Davis Manvel, TX	Ellen & [Donald] Myer Washington, D.C.
Robert Davis Merritt Island, FL	Jamie & Jessica Myer Los Angeles, CA
Jill & Jim Dooley Merritt Island, FL	Jeff & Cathi Myer Burlington, MA
Cynthia Dropeski Melbourne, FL	Larry & Elva Ostarly Rockledge, FL
Ron & Christine Ecker Satellite Beach, FL	Caroline & Jimmy Raleigh Merritt Island, FL
Albert & Marie Elebash Melbourne, FL	Jim Ravitch Merritt Island, FL
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Ric & Nancy Garwood Merritt Island, FL	Dixie & Jerry Sansom Cocoa, FL
Rep. Tom Goodson Rockledge, FL	Michael & Susan Schwarz Port Canaveral, FL
(Bud)/Liz Gravuer Cocoa, FL	David Spain Merritt Island, FL
Beth & Dwight Greenberg Cocoa, FL	(Yvonne)/Bob Thornton Titusville, FL
Bobbie Grine (Deceased) Tuscaloosa, AL	James Trammell Melbourne, FL
Bob & Dianne Heidersbach Cape Canaveral, FL	RADM James and Kathie Underwood Merritt Island, FL
Christy & Randy Horn Oviedo, FL	Rose Marie Wiley Cocoa Beach, FL
Bill Jelen Merritt Island, FL	Dr. Elbert (Sonny) & Kay Witt Melbourne FL
Gene Johnson Merritt Island, FL	Dr. Jess & Bertie Yates Melbourne, FL
Rocky & Lisa Johnson Cocoa, FL	

*** * * 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

- | | |
|---|-------|
| <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

- | | |
|--|---------|
| <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:

Chris Ecker, CCLF Membership

Phone: (321) 591-9844

Email: cclfmbrship1@aol.com

Bev Merrilees, CCLF Volunteers

Phone: (321) 452-5426

Email: bmerrilees@cfl.rr.com

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.

Volunteer Spotlight on Jody Yeomans & Margaret Gibb

When Jody Yeomans was a student at Cocoa Beach Junior/ Senior High School, he would go fishing with his father off the coast where they relied on the guiding light of the Cape Canaveral Lighthouse.

Both his father and grandfather served in the U.S. Coast Guard and were commercial shrimpers who fished off the Space Coast.

“The Lighthouse was a tool,” he said.

Today, Yeomans and his wife, Margaret Gibb, both retired occupational therapists, serve as docents at the Cape Canaveral Lighthouse.

“He actually used the lighthouse as a navigational aid,” Gibb said. “We feel like it’s an honor to volunteer here.”

The couple, who live on Merritt Island, are members of the Lighthouse Foundation and have a brick on the lighthouse walkway as a tribute to Yeomans’ father.

Yeomans and Gibb started volunteering at the lighthouse in November, shortly after seeing a notice that volunteers were needed. They are enthusiastic about learning as much as they can to better serve. Both are now training to also serve in the Lighthouse Museum gift shop.

They volunteer at the lighthouse once or twice a week whenever they are needed or when there is an opportunity to help.

Yeomans said that while he enjoys serving at the lighthouse, he also likes being in the museum. In the lighthouse he said he sticks to the talking points. The museum is a little different because visitors seem to have more diverse questions, allowing him to talk about more topics.

Yeomans was born in Key West and went to school there and in Brevard County, graduating from Cocoa Beach Junior/ Senior High School in 1975. He was on the wrestling team in high school.

Gibb was born in Niagara Falls, New York. Both moved away from their respective hometowns and lived in Arizona and Nevada before moving to Merritt Island.



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.

You can purchase a 4" by 8" brick for \$150. Purchase includes engraving of three (3) rows, up to 12 characters per line *as well as insignias and art designs, such as a lighthouse or heart and a matted 5 x 7 inch picture of your brick ready for framing - all at no additional charge.* 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**

***** 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

Name _____

Address _____

Email _____ Phone _____

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Florida Lighthouse Association Update



Florida Lighthouse Association

Protecting, Preserving, & Restoring Florida's Lighthouses

Florida Lighthouse Association - Save the Dates!

Membership Meetings

St. Augustine Lighthouse & Maritime Museum ~ Fall 2023

&

Cape Canaveral Lighthouse ~ Winter 2024

Hello Lighthouse Enthusiasts,

We are getting closer to our upcoming membership meeting dates and asking that you please save the dates. We are excited to announce that we will be meeting at two of our taller lighthouses here in Florida.

We are looking forward to seeing you there!

St. Augustine Lighthouse & Maritime Museum ~ Fall 2023

1. Friday, November 3rd: Social
2. Saturday, November 4th: Membership meeting and catered buffet lunch or dinner (TBD whether this will be a daytime or evening event)

Cape Canaveral Lighthouse ~ Winter 2024

1. Friday, January 26th: Social
2. Saturday, January 27th: Membership meeting and catered buffet lunch

Stay tuned - More information to come!

Keep our Lights shining!

Alan & Dora Lee

Chairpersons

Meetings & Events Committee

Meetings@FloridaLighthouses.org

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Our First Annual "Christmas in July" —A Big Success!!!



Our Christmas in July drawing and party was held on Wednesday, 7/12 at Rising Tide in the port. It was very well attended and a lot of fun. There were door prizes handed out for the correct answers to trivia questions, and a live auction for tours to the top. There was a drawing for the first prize of \$5,000 and the second prize of \$500. Tickets were sold out and the entire event netted the Foundation about \$18,000!

Thank you to all who worked to make this so successful by selling tickets and by buying tickets. An extra big THANKS to Jeanna Merrifield, Cinthia Sandoval and Jim Underwood for spearheading this event and to Rocky Johnson for whipping the crowd into a state for the record-breaking live auction! Also, a big thanks to Rich Hensel at Rising Tide Tap & Table for not only being an annual sponsor but putting on a great party for us!



Now Get Ready for the REAL Thing! "Christmas at the Lighthouse" - December 2, 2023.

Mark your calendars now—tickets on sale soon!!!

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