

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

Christmas is getting here faster than you think, only 239 days 'til Christmas, but better yet only 79 days until *Christmas in July*! That is right, the second annual <u>Cape Canaveral Lighthouse Founda-</u><u>tion</u>'s (CCLF) *Christmas in July* is scheduled for July 18, 2024, at the Rising Tide Tap & Table in Port Canaveral from 5 - 7PM. Only 250 tickets are available for a requested donation of \$100 each. The ticket not only gets you and a guest into the event, but also a chance to win the \$5,000.00 first prize or \$1,000.00 second prize. You do not need to be present to win the first prize, but you must be present to win the second prize.

In addition, everyone with a ticket will be eligible for a free caravan in December to see the Lighthouse decorated for Christmas. The caravan will be a late afternoon event so the lights will be shining, and the lens at the top of the tower will be quite visible. Tickets will be available on May 1, 2024, and you can contact any CCLF Board member to get your tickets, or call CCLF at 321-351-5052, or contact me at 321-591-9844.

MAYDAY! The Cape Canaveral Lighthouse Foundation Board of Directors (BOD) needs a secretary since our secretary had to resign due to family issues out of state. The position should take no more than 8 hours a month, including the monthly BOD meeting. If you have any questions, you can call Cheryl Bennett at 321-537-8746. Every-one interested in volunteering please contact me at 321 591-9844 or email <u>cclf-president@canaverallight.org</u>.

HELP! We are also looking to increase the Speakers' Bureau; people who enjoy talking about our Lighthouse. Anyone who would like to be part of the CCLF Speaker team, please contact Sharon Crockett at 321-537-5797. The number of requests for speakers is increasing and we could use additional people to help.

CCLF is in the process of reviewing and updating our Policies and Guidelines. These documents govern how we operate and can be found in the Volunteer Only section of our web site. When a document is updated and approved by the CCLF BOD, we include the changes in the weekly Volunteer Notes so all who volunteer are aware of the changes. We are also reviewing the Processes and Procedures and will include any changes to these documents in the weekly Volunteer Notes as well.

Finally, a huge thank you to our 2024 Annual Sponsors. Their generous contributions significantly support all of the Foundation's efforts. Our 2024 Annual Sponsors are listed on the last page of each issue of the *Canaveral Beacon*. Please give them your support whenever you can.

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

Ron

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Museum Highlights

There are many different ways people can get out to see the lighthouse and museum. The Foundation sponsors commercial tours where individual members of the public can tour, tours for community groups of 10 or more, education tours for public, private and home schools, quarterly caravan tours for members and brick holders, and Open House every Wednesday from 10:00 - 1:00 for anyone who is badged. In addition, the Space Force and other authorized organizations bring tours that they sponsor. A recent Wednesday in April saw an unusual confluence of many of these methods. During Open House, the base archaeologist sent 30 of his UCF archaeology students to tour, Space Florida brought a bus of 40 Department of Transportation engineers, Canaveral Tours brought their typical commercial tour of 10 people, and we had 80 students and chaperones from Mims Elementary! About the only thing missing was a group caravan. All of these methods are allowing us to share the lighthouse with more and more people.

Did You Know?

Following on to the last issue of the *CANAVERAL BEACON*, when the lighthouse was moved to its present location in 1894, two keeper's cottages and a storage building moved with it. Shortly after the lighthouse was moved, the 2nd Assistant Keeper's Cottage was constructed behind the lighthouse. The second storage building was also constructed then. The oil house came shortly thereafter, around 1900. Also built around then



was a stable that became a garage once horses were no longer used. Finally, a water tower and pump house were built around 1950. The tower was removed in 1961.

Becky Zingarelli Museum Director museumdirector@canaverallight.org.

Descendants Day 2024

Descendants Day went very well again this year. On March 9, we had over 60 descendants of Cape families visit the lighthouse after they toured the cemeteries where their ancestors are buried. It's always interesting to hear their stories about life on the Cape before the space program came. A big thank you to Lisa Wilson for coordinating everything and for Jamie Draper's tremendous support, including setting up Hangar C for lunch and being the keynote speaker.



And next time you visit, please notice only one bench remains available for some generous donor to recognize a loved one or family with a charitable contribution to the Cape Canaveral Lighthouse Foundation at the reduced price of only \$1500. Please contact us at: <u>info@canaverallight.org</u> if you are interested in receiving additional information.







The 2nd Annual Christmas in July Raffle Drawing & Party will be held again at Rising Tide Tap and Table in Port Canaveral on Thursday, **July 18th**, **2024** from 5 to 7pm. First Prize is \$5000 and you do not need to be present to win. Second Prize is \$1000, and you MUST be present to win. Only 250 raffle tickets will be sold, and each raffle ticket admits two persons to the Drawing Party. Free drinks, food, door prizes and a live auction for Special Tours to the Top will all be included. Also, if you are not a member, a one-year membership will be included which will entitle you to participate in the Membership Caravan to the Lighthouse—*decorated for the Holidays*—in December.

Raffle tickets are available for a \$100 donation that can be purchased from a board member (see list at the back of this Beacon), or sending an email to <u>info@canaverallight.org</u> to coordinate the sale, or online by clicking on the QR Code from Zeffy. You will be contacted on how to get your physical ticket, required to enter the drawing and for admission to the party.



Ticket Sample



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CCLF Supports USSF Delta 45 Family Day

Once a year, the Space Force opens the Cape Canaveral Space Force Station for all military and civilian personnel who work on the Cape to be able to bring their family and friends to see where they work and explore other key areas of the Cape. This year's Cape Family Day was held on Saturday 27 April from 8-1. The lighthouse and Hangar C are always a big draw and this year was no exception. Thousands of visitors climbed the lighthouse to the 3rd floor, explored the grounds and the museum and made purchases in the Keeper's Closet Gift Shop. It was great to share the lighthouse with so many people, young and old. We



CCLF Speakers Bureau Seeks Additional Speakers

Just a reminder that if you know of an organization that is looking for speakers, our Cape Canaveral Lighthouse Foundation has a very nice presentation that covers the past, present and future plans of our lighthouse. We currently only have four speakers so we are looking for a few more. I'm sure there are some CCLF members out there who would like to go out into the community and spread the word about our historic lighthouse. We will provide presentation training. If you are interested, please contact Sharon Crockett, CCLF Speakers Bureau Coordinator, at 321-537-5797.

Speakers requests so far this year - the East Coast Sailing Association, Satellite Beach (April); Cocoa Beach Sail and Power Squadron, Veteran's Memorial Center, Merritt Isand (April); Boomers and Beyond, a seniors ministry group in Cocoa Beach (May); and, The Villages Lighthouse Group, The Villages, Florida (October).

Pictured (left to right) - Boating Club Commander John Gonzalez, CCLF Docent Coordinator George Eustis, and CCLF Presenter Rocky Johnson, Former CCLF Foundation President and current Board member.



Cape Canaveral Lighthouse Diorama On Display Again

In 2014, George Holmes and Rebecca Horner donated to CCLF a wonderful Cape Canaveral Lighthouse Diorama that they spent hundreds of hours constructing. Since then, it has served as an outreach ambassador, being placed at various locations. For the past five plus years, it has been housed at Exploration Tower but few people have been able to see it due to the tower's closure for renovations for several years. Exploration Tower is not going to reopen as the same type of venue so they requested we move the diorama. Jamie Draper agreed to host it at the Sands Space History Center. This is a perfect location where the public can visit without security issues and learn about the lighthouse and how to take a tour. Stop by and see it sometime when you get a chance.

On March 28, 2024, the lighthouse diorama was moved from Exploration Tower to the Sands Space History Center. The move was carefully completed by CCLF Board of Director Todd McDowell's crew and truck from Alpha Omega Training and Compliance, Inc. (AOTC). Thank you!



Photos courtesy of Cheryl M. Bennett

Community Outreach

Group Tours

Boy Scouts of America On February 26, we hosted 25 Boy Scouts of America with their Scout Leaders.







LEAD Brevard. On March 21, we hosted 19 members of LEAD Brevard to a full tour of Launch Complex 26, Hanger C and the Lighthouse Museum and station. A picnic lunch was enjoyed by all thanks to the great support of our volunteers led by Volunteer Coordinator Bev Merrilees. Tours Coordinator Mary Anne Moore worked closely with Taylor Donovan, Community Engagement Coordinator for LEAD Brevard to set up the security clearances, while Michele Rohrmann led the tours.

American Boating Club. And on March 21, we hosted 25 members of the American Boating Club. A good time was had by all.



Keeping the Light Shining

Membership Musings



What a fun convoy we had in March, complete with leprechauns, cake pops, cookies, and green lemonade. There were also door prizes for some lucky folks! Once again, the lighthouse is becoming the center for community socializing and entertainment. As always, your membership committee had a table available to take renewals and add new members. A big thank you to our volunteers and docents who always make these visits so enjoyable; what would we do without you?



that grow. And may trouble avoid you wherever you go."

As much as we enjoy these convoys, the various fundraisers, and the annual picnic, membership is about more than the annual dues and benefits; you become a partner in the future of the Cape Canaveral Lighthouse Foundation (CCLF). For those of you who are already members, we thank you for the support you have provided to allow us to continue to educate the public about the importance of lighthouses in our maritime history and to honor the lighthouse keepers and their families that endured hardship and danger to provide a beacon to seafarers.

Becoming a member of the Foundation represents your commitment to our goals and a way to directly support our efforts to preserve and disseminate the maritime and social history of this important historic treasure, and to keep the beacon lit for generations to come.

Please see the Board of Directors Strategic Update for members on Page 15.

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

NEW MEMBERS 25 February - 20 April 2024

Assistant Keeper (\$35 - 1 Member) Willa Wood Rita Shapiro

Lighthouse Keeper (\$50 - 2 Members)

Gwen Birck Nancy Brunetti Douglas Davies Louise Schuster Wade & Mindi Redditt Flora & Dale Wood

Head Lighthouse Keeper (\$100 - 2 Members)

Robin Courtney Dale McClelland Laura Lee Walko

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

RENEWALS 25 February 2024 - 20 April 2024

Assistant Keeper (\$35 - 1 Member)

Christopher GillardSheilia LaVoieMarcia LambertSandra LeBlancCandyce LongMichele PiechockiAnita StephensBailey ForeMackenzie Ecker

Lighthouse Keeper (\$50 - 2 Members)

Aggressive Pest Control (Sponsor Shawn Lewis)Todd & Dawn BowersJames DraperSam & Susan FergusonJulie GottscheEd & Marilyn LipseyNadine & Steve PeacockAryne & Robert PattersonJames ReedVirginia ScottKen & Dede SmithAnne SullivanMark & Dorothy Willis

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Gail Browning



Cape Canaveral Lighthouse Foundation Lifetime Members

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> Gail Browning Cape Porpoise, ME

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Completed forms should be submitted along with payment to: CCLF P.O. Box 1978 Cape Canaveral, FL 32920				
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Yes, please contact me regarding volunteer opportunities.				
Please select a membership level from the categories below:				
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Life Membership (Single)	\$1,000			
TOTAL AMOUNT DUE:	\$			

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

CCLF Member Benefits

- Admittance to annual membership appreciation meeting held at the light-house;
- 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!

<u>Members Save 10% at</u> <u>Keeper's Closet</u>

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 Jim Jarnac

After 30+ years in the Coast Guard, in 2021 Jim and Jo Ann (wife) and their Golden Retrievers (Mr. Bond and Stella) bought a house and settled in Cocoa Beach. While in the Coast Guard, Jim was in the Aids to Navigation (ATON) community for seven years (Guam/Alaska), so the Cape Canaveral Lighthouse was a natural and comfortable transition into the "volunteer" community.

According to Jim, he "has been lucky/unlucky (choose one) to be adopted by the Wednesday Crew" and enjoys the spontaneity of Open House and the banter of the Crew. Aside from Docent duties, Jim assists on an "as-needed" basis with Lighthouse maintenance projects, Education Tours, and Docent Orientation.

Jim also volunteers with Special Olympics, American Legion Post 332 (Finance Officer), and participates with Surfing Santas; it's rumored that Post 332 sponsors Jim's international surfing trips. Aside from volunteering, Jim stays very busy with family, working around the house/yard, surfing, running, working out, and generally enjoying a more balanced life now that he is "retired."

Thank you Jim for all you are doing to make the Cape Canaveral Lighthouse Tour experience so great!

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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.

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, CCLF's Brick Project Coordinator, at <u>annbolton@me.com</u>.





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

*** BRICK ORDER FORM ***

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Save the REVISED Dates! Florida Lighthouse Association

Spring 2024 Membership Meeting

Friday, June 21

&

Saturday, June 22

at the

Mayport Lighthouses

As we get closer to our Spring Meeting and Social, we invite you to please save the dates **NOW**.

> The event will be held at the Mayport Naval Station, Ocean Breeze Catering and Conference Center, Jacksonville, Florida

> > More information to come!

Keep Our Lights Shining!

Dora Lee & Alan

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CCLF Board of Directors Strategic Update for Members

The CCLF was formed in 2002 to assist the Air Force (now the 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. Over the years the Foundation has relied on its members and volunteers to accomplish many of its goals. As we have progressed, funding for the restoration of the lighthouse community and meeting operational expenses is increasingly challenging. Because our lighthouse is located on a secure military installation and access is restricted, options for fundraising are limited. Funding for building the first of the three cottages came from grants from the Tourist Development Council through the Brevard County Commission and the State of Florida. An important factor in obtaining funding/grants is a committed membership. In addition to major construction costs, membership dues are used to meet our operational and maintenance expenses.

Your CCLF Board is in the process of seeking funding for Phase 2 to complete the original footprint of the lighthouse community, and as a member, you are a large part of it since a key parameter in this endeavor is a strong CCLF membership.

Two buildings were completed in 2019: the "Head Keepers' Cottage" which became our museum, and a "maintenance building" which is our restroom facility. Both buildings replicate a part of the original footprint of the light station, although with different purposes. We are now seeking funding to build the 1st Asst. Keepers' Cottage and the 2nd Asst. Keepers' Cottage to complete the community as it once was.

Please help build our membership - renew annually and invite a friend to join!

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