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LobsterFest

By David Paterno

The Cape Canaveral Lighthouse Foundation held its annual community event on November 7, 2009 and it was a resounding success. Close to 420 individuals attended the LobsterFest at the Cape Cafeteria on the grounds of Cape Canaveral Air Force Station. For many of the members of the Foundation, it was an opportunity to return to the lighthouse that has had limited access because of possible Native American artifacts under the ground and lead deposits near the surface. The Air Force has been cooperative with the Foundation in making the public more familiar with the Lighthouse and is aware of the Foundation's goal to increase access.

Because of the overwhelming response to the LobsterFest, many volunteers were needed to make the event the success that it was. Also, many new procedures were inaugurated by the Foundation to make the public aware and to organize the event. The website was updated and the public was invited to purchase tickets via PayPal on-line. Most found the experience simple to do, although some of the participants chose to purchase tickets through the mail. Volunteers also coordinated parking and check-in at the SPACE FLORIDA "Auditorium Facility" and buses were made available to transport individuals past base security. This year, the Foundation had three maximum sized air-conditioned buses to transport members to the cafeteria. There was no denying that the lobster served this year was truly delicious, even though the lines were rather long for the food. This is a lesson learned for next year as the event will be held in a larger facility with the food being served as soon as people arrive.

At the cafeteria, members were delighted to hear the Commander of the 45th Space Wing, Brigadier General Edward Bolton, welcome the crowd. General Bolton was introduced to the membership by RADM Bob Merrilees, President of the Foundation. Accompanying the General and his wife, Patricia, was Colonel Andre' L. Lovett, 45th Space Wing Vice Commander and his wife, Lisa. It was the first time that a 45th Space Wing Commander had attended a major lighthouse event, and we appreciate it. We were pleased also that LtCol Patrick Youngson, Commander of Detachment #1, attended. General Bolton indicated that he was both delighted and amazed at the number of people in attendance. He remarked that because the lighthouse had a shape similar to a rocket and that the Air Station supported the launching of rockets and deployment of troops overseas, the public should be reminded of that every time it sees the lighthouse and it will remind them of all of our military serving our Country. Before, during, and after the meal, the membership was entertained by the band known as the "Directions." After door prizes were handed out, members had an opportunity to visit the lighthouse which was illuminated early by the Coast Guard. All in all, it was an exciting night for both new and old members of the Foundation.

Plans are already in the works for an expanded community event for next year as well as for the Annual Membership Meeting. The Foundation and the Air Force are working on new ways to provide greater access for Foundation members. Go on to the web site and watch for newsletters for further announcements.

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The Lobster Fest for 2009 is now behind us. Everyone can be extremely proud of our efforts to double our membership. This could not have occurred without the guidance from the Board of Directors, as they had the vision to develop this long range plan, and the efforts of **all our volunteers** to bring it to a successful completion. As a new member of the Board of Directors, I am impressed by the “can do” attitude of all our members and, in particular, the volunteers.

The volunteers are too numerous to list separately, but I would like to take this opportunity to personally thank the chairpersons of several key areas. They are as follows: Registration: **Yvonne Thornton** and **Ginny Davis**, Security: **Jim Roche**, Set up/Take down & parking cars: **Eric Kucera**. Without them and all our member volunteers, the LobsterFest would not have attained our goal of increasing The Cape Canaveral Lighthouse Foundation membership. I would like to take this opportunity to personally thank **all our volunteers** and all the Cape Canaveral personnel, spearheaded by **Dr. Sonny Witt**, for their untiring efforts to ensure we had a successful LobsterFest.

(New Members Continued)

Assistant Lighthouse Keepers

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 Madeleine Yusna
 Sylvia Zimbauer

Membership Report

Total membership has reached 508 because of the highly successful LobsterFest Membership Drive on November 7th. We certainly appreciate your overwhelming support of our beloved historical Lighthouse. Cape Canaveral Lighthouse Foundation Welcomes its Newest Members.

Head Lighthouse Keepers

Barbara & Charles Whitley

Eileen & James Patrick

Lighthouse Keepers

Brenda, Noah, & Danny Allen

Judy & Aaron Bass

Karen & Charles Beeghly

Suzanne & James Bennitt

Carol & Richard Benson

Denise & Clark Bierma

Margaret & David Bodchon

Vivian & James Bolick

Brig Gen Edward & Patricia Bolton

Sandra & Joseph Bosco

Ann, Mackenzie, Morgan, & Patrick Brady

Deborah & Eric Brian

Marcia Brown & Tom West

Trudy & Paul Burke

Sarah & Robert Callahan

Nelson Carvalho

Allen Civita & Brenda Ford

Michele & William Cleckner

Paula & Bruce Collins

Gail & Thomas Conti

Bridgett Cooper & Daniel Bratt

Marion & Brent Cooper

Ralph & Winifred Crawford

Nancy & Patrick Creech

Janet Cribb & Paul Maciag

Susan & Richard Crum

Paula & Charles Davis

Mary & Jerry Dean

Mary Anne & William Doty

Katherine & Robert DuBois

Diana & Colonel Duke

Nancy & Jim Escoffier

Maynard "Buddy" Evans

Jennifer & Joseph Fanning

Lisa Fiorilla, Dan & Tyler Derr

Michiko & Frank Fisher

Maria & Joe Fisher

Janice & Woodrow (Tom) Flowers

Barbara Floyd & Walter Godfrey

Rachel & Suzanne Friedland

Donna & Brian Fuerman

Alexandra, Jana & Joe Gabrielski

Carol & Doug Goin

Beth & Dwight Greenberg

Vern Harper & Kaylee Chafe

Mary Lou & William Heink

Sharon & Dave Hertzler

John Higgins & Linda Kayal

Mary, Jane, & Kenneth Higgins

Barbara & Jack Hoffman

Marilyn & Patrick Hoffman

Yolanda & Stephen Hopkins

CDR Robert & Cindy & Hurley

Josephine & John Hyde

Margo & Gary Jacob

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Todd Kennedy & Rebecca Andre

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Christine Kroetsch & Jeremiah Hayes

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Linda & W.V. Lecompte

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Mary & Don MacLean

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Freda & Roger Prall

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Julie & Justin White

Katie & Trevor Williams

Linda & Steven Wilson

Betsy & Robert Yanczewski

LtCol Patrick & Cheryl Youngson

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**The Keeper's Closet
By Janey Powell**

Thanks to all of our members, both new and returning, for making the Lobster Fest such a success. We were happy to have so many enthusiastic customers at the Keepers Closet - the new long sleeve t-shirt was a big seller - and we hope you enjoy each and every purchase you made. Good news: soon we will have a PayPal option for Keepers Closet purchases, so keep your eyes open for that announcement on the website or in a future newsletter. With the holidays fast approaching, if you'd like to give any of the Keepers Closet items as a gift to family and friends, please call me at 321-635-8363 or email me at janeyzee@cfl.rr.com anytime - we deliver locally and we ship everywhere!

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