



President's Message

We are smack in the middle of the dog days of summer. Can't remember when the heat was this intense. And then those afternoon and evening thunderstorms! Our modem was fried by a close lightning strike, so we were without internet connectivity for about one day. I was amazed at how reliant we have become on this connection with the rest of the world.

I was explaining our group to a casual observer the other day, and it occurred to me that we may be the only organization of this type. Think about it - how many other groups exist whose only tie is a shared employment many years ago? As we look forward to a very active second half of 2022, let's all stop and take a minute to appreciate this great group and what it means to each of us.

It is very gratifying to listen to conversations about "the good old Honeywell days" at our socials and luncheons. Yes, we do have a good time with door prizes, 50/50 drawings, great food and drink. But it seems that the glue that holds this group together is a respect for each other and the ability to share experiences from the big Red H. You people actually LIKE each other. How great is that?

One of the most popular features of past newsletters is the "Didja Know?" articles. But, alas, the well is dry. Why not take this opportunity to send in an article about yourself - focusing on an aspect of your life that very few people know about? Use the online form: <https://minnregs.com/didja-know/>

Shirley Murphy has been working very hard preparing member events for the remainder of the year. They include another golf scramble, another trip to Early Bird Dinner Theater and a Tampa Bay Rays game. Details inside. We won't host a luncheon in August, but Al Shields will host a regular First Friday Social on August 5 at Banquet Masters. You can register for all events by using the online registration form on the www.minnregs.com website.



Miracle ON SOUTH DIVISION STREET

TOM DUDZICK

We have reserved **Friday, November 11** at 4 pm for our next dinner theater outing at the Early Bird Dinner Theater, right next door to our regular meeting place at Banquet Masters..

Miracle on South Division Street

The Nowaks of Buffalo, NY have always known they were special, ever since the miraculous Christmas Eve in 1942 when the Blessed Mother appeared to Grandpa in his barber-shop. When daughter Ruth unveils her plan to write and star in a one-woman Christmas show about the family miracle the entire family's faith is shaken to the very core and the family legend unravels. The results are heartfelt and hilarious in this holiday show.

The Early Bird Dinner Theater is a family run business serving the greater Tampa Bay area for over 25 years. The shows are always funny and entertaining performed by professional actors with years of experience. The food is provided by Banquet Masters, an onsite, chef owned, full service catering company that has also been in business for over 25 years.



Mark your calendars for **Thursday, August 25** for an exciting ball game at the Trop - a 1:10 pm game against the Los Angeles Angels.

MVA members will have special seating at the game and we will receive a Rays cap as well. Sounds like a great afternoon at the old ballpark!

Since the Rays have gone cashless and paperless at the Trop, you will have to download the MLB Ballpark app to your smart phone. Your e-ticket will be sent to your phone and this will be your ticket into the park.

Parking and concessions are not included in this special deal.

MVA members are free, **guests are \$30 each. We are limited to 20 attendees**, so please register soon at: <https://www.jotform.com/build/222093783457059> or find the form on www.minnregs.com



No final date has been set yet, but the final golf scramble of the year will take place at the Seminole Lake Country Club in October. The 4 person, best ball scramble features prizes for the top teams and individuals as well as a nice buffet following theround.

So please assemble your teams and keep your eyes open for the date announcement to be made soon. As always, MVA members play at no cost, and visitors are \$25 each.

See you on the links.



MVA in the Community



Bogo Bonanza

By now we are all familiar with the Buy One Get One sales at our favorite grocery stores. We want to take advantage of the BOGO and provide local food pantries with much-needed, non-perishable items to restock their shelves this holiday season. So the next time you come across a BOGO sale for non-perishable food items, pick up one or two and bring the “Free” one into our September luncheon on the 21st. These food items will bring much cheer to our less fortunate neighbors.



Diaper Drive

Thousands of children in our community need diapers. These are children in foster care, in temporary situations awaiting permanent placement, as well as children in homeless shelters. Please help us make a difference in their lives by bringing in baby diapers to our October 19 luncheon. One of our sponsored community agencies, “Angels Against Abuse” will pick them up and make sure they are put to the very best use this holiday season.



Senior Stressers

The pandemic has been disproportionately devastating to our senior population in local nursing homes. They have become virtual residential islands over the past several years. Before the pandemic, our group hosted a holiday dinner for nursing home and ALF residents with no local families. These events were always well attended and greatly appreciated by all those involved.

We have not been able to host any senior dinners for the past two years, and probably will not be able to host one this year due to travel restrictions.

We want to find a way to reach out to these folks with some holiday cheer, so we are asking for suggestions from our members. If you have an idea about something we can do, please send it along to community@minnregs.com.





Monthly Luncheon July 20



What a great patriotic tribute! An informative presentation by Corporal Gatti of the Pinellas Park Police, recognition of our many military veterans, a very happy birthday celebration for Shirley Bowers, lots of prizes and a traditional picnic lunch to top it all off. No luncheon in August, but we do plan a first Friday social on August 5 at Banquet Masters. See you there!



Corporal Gatti talks about senior scams



A table full of donations for homeless women



Al Shields leads the pledge of allegiance



Ben & Emily Carter, Larry Harper, Genevieve Urbanski, Howard Howe, John Delich



Jane & Dennis Willis, Bea & Tom Conner, Jo Ketring, John Schiffgen, Loni Wellington, Steve Jones, Teri & Michael Godfrey



Betty Held, Vivian O'Dell, John & Shirley Bowers, Mary Reffelt, Marilyn Ruga



Mary Reffelt, Faith Krahmer, Betty Held



Marilyn Ruga, Al Shields, Pat Keegan



Faith Krahmer, Vivian O'Dell, Betty Held



Jan & Bob Friend



Dennis & Jane Willis



John Delich, Howard Howe



Monthly Luncheon July 20



Marilyn Ruga, Corporal Gatti, Pat Keegan



Tom & Bea Conner



Margaret & Steve Simmons



Larry & Masako Shannon



Gloria Whitfield



Corporal John Gatti



Gayle Smith, John Voissem



Gloria Hill



BDay girl Shirley Bowers



We honor our military veterans





First Friday Social July 1, 2022



Loni Wellington, John Schiffgen, Jo Ketring



Dan & Betty Bordeaux, Kathy & Rick Barry



Pat Keegan, Gerry Sturm, Terry Miller, Marilyn Ruga



Genevieve Urbanski, Larry Harper, Ben & Emily Carter



Shirley & John Bowers



Betty Held, Carl Baum



Bea & Tom Conner



Jane & Dennis Willis



Andrea & Al Shields



Robin Lewis & Harry Blackiston



Cathy O'Dell & Artie Martin



Sam & Sherry Janofsky

First Friday Social July 1, 2022



Cheryl Bartel & Jim Acosta



Richard & Mary Reffelt



John & Carol Janney



Teri & Mike Godfrey



Fran & Bob Kay



Ron & Sherry Rasmussen



Helen & Richard Malzahn



Gayle Smith, John Voissem



Steve & Margaret Simmons



Jerry Dangler, John Bowers



Deb & Thom Dupper



Al Shields, John Bowers

First Friday Social July 1, 2022



Masako & Larry Shannon



Cathy O'Dell



Vivian O'Dell



Jack Freeman



Shirley Murphy



Fred Miller



Dave Donnelly



Our Server, Kiya





Most of us are able to remember the ups and downs of the US economy throughout the past many decades. Unfortunately, the current inflation rate of 9.1% as of the end of June is the worst since 1981, and that's following an 8.6% increase in the previous report.

We have all felt the supermarket squeeze and the gas pump gulp over the past few months. But the US inflation rate is very low compared to Turkey (54.8%) Pew Research Center published a very detailed report of world-wide inflation: <https://www.pewresearch.org/fact-tank/2022/06/15/in-the-u-s-and-around-the-world-inflation-is-high-and-getting-higher/>

So we are not in this alone. According to various news sources, inflation is the natural outgrowth of the pandemic and the interruption of supply chains all over the world. President Biden has referred to inflation as the top domestic priority for his administration.

But what about our personal inflation rate? The US Bureau of Labor Statistics uses a comprehensive list of expenses in determining the Consumer Price Index (CPI) for any given period. The list is extremely complex and is intended to measure a wide range of expenses. <https://www.bls.gov/news.release/cpi.t02.htm>

For most of us, that list does not reflect our spending habits. As we mature our spending tends to narrow around a few categories to the exclusion of many others.

Here's a fun exercise that might make you feel a bit better about your personal inflation rate – or it may make you feel worse! Give it a try.

1. Calculate all your expenditures from bank statements and credit cards, etc. from the past 12 months. Let's say you spent \$50,000 over the past year.
2. Calculate the same from the previous 12 months. Let's say you spent \$45,000 over the previous year.
3. Subtract the totals ($\$50,000 - \$45,000 = \$5,000$)
4. Divide the difference ($\$5,000$ by $\$45,000 = 11.1\%$)
5. That number is your actual inflation rate based on your actual spending.





Good Advice



According to a recent Harris Poll, 52% of Americans are making fewer trips to the grocery store; 45% are purchasing generic brands; 40% are entertaining at home instead of going out and 33% are buying in bulk.

MVA membership - Inflation Fighter!

Inflation is similar to any pandemic in that it eventually affects all of us in one way or another. But there is some relief in sight. The Minnreg Veterans Association will hold its annual dues at \$20 – no increase here. That \$20 is one of the best investments you will ever make – inflation or not. It ensures that you are able to attend a wide variety of member and community events at no cost to you! Where else can \$20 purchase so much?

Now is the time to do your part to fight inflation – continue your MVA membership into 2023. You can use the online membership form to do just that.



Announcements

From Jean Miller:

Obituary - James More, retired Honeyweller

For many years Jim was 2nd in command under Bill Cummings in what was then called Procurement. I worked for Jim under Warren Johnson when Procurement saw the need for Subcontract people when Honeywell Space won the original Space Station Program.

Jim was a very intelligent man with a great sense of Irish humor. I enjoyed working with him over the years. Sometime before I retired in 1999 Jim took a special assignment in Plant 5. Rumor had it they tried to force him into retirement but he knew where too many skeletons were buried so they let him keep his salary and work as long as he wanted to. Can't remember when he finally did retire LOL

Anyone who wants to leave their condolences for Jim's family can do so here: <https://dobiesfuneralhome.com/obituary/james-charles-moore-jr/>



Good Advice



Avoid These Senior Scams

Pinellas County Consumer Protection

During these times of social distancing and quarantine, older adults may be more isolated and therefore more vulnerable to scams. Perpetrators may be someone familiar to the person such as a family member, friend or neighbor; or simply a stranger making contact by telephone or email. Here are some tips to keep your love ones safe from scams during this time of separation.

When you can't physically be there, it's especially important to keep in touch. Daily phone calls and video chats can keep you connected. Letting your loved one know you are there should an issue arise.

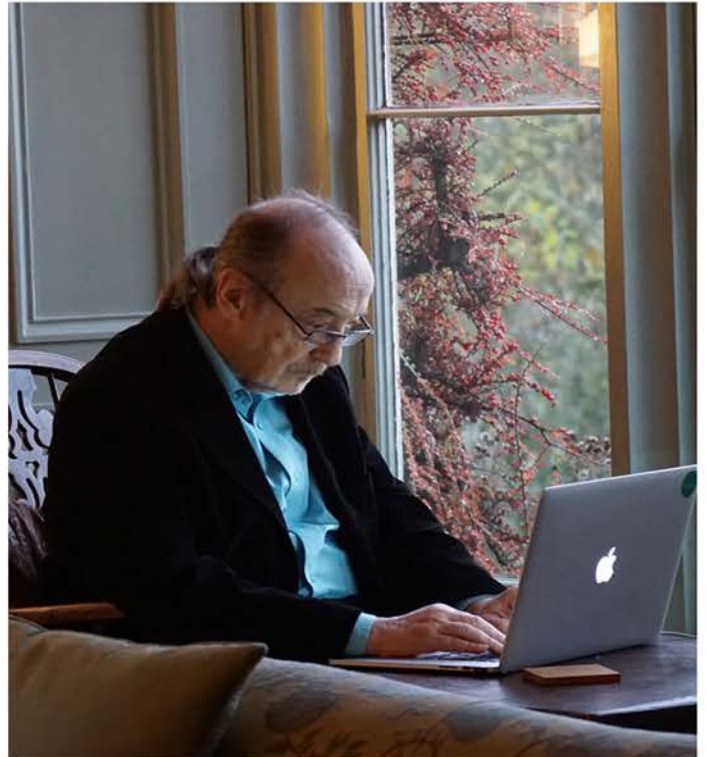
Be sure to ask questions about unexpected visitors, unusual phone calls or emails. Has there been any inquiries made about their personal or financial information or unusual activity on accounts. These are important questions even if your loved one is being cared for in assisted living or nursing facility.

Put preventive measures in place to reduce scams. Use caller ID, if you don't recognize the number don't answer, call block apps will help limit unwanted calls, install antivirus and firewall protection on your computer, don't open and delete emails you don't recognize. Remember it's not rude if you hang up phone or not answer the door to unwanted visitors; especially during this time of quarantine.

Talk to your love ones about common types of scams, so they can spot a scam and avoid falling victim. Scammers are taking advantage of the pandemic to steal your money and personal information. With more people staying home, they're more likely to be on their computers or answering the phone. Watch out for these latest coronavirus related scams that may target you and your loved ones.

Fake Cures, Treatments or Free COVID 19 Tests Fraudulent companies and individuals are selling products that claim to prevent or cure the coronavirus. Currently there is no cure or over the counter treatments. Others may offer free test kits to get you to provide personal information.

Fake Charities pop up overnight, using similar sounding names to real charities to fool you and steal your money.



Suspension of Social Security benefits Claims to be from the Social Security Administration notifying you that your social security benefits are being suspended immediately due to suspicious behavior or due to COVID-19 related office closures.

Person in Need Scam Scammers typically pose as a grandchild but could claim to be any relative or even a friend, who is in trouble and urging you to send money immediately-usually by purchasing a pre-paid gift card or wire transfer. They say they need the money for an emergency like a hospital bill or to leave a foreign country.

Keeping current on the latest scams is the first step to preventing them. Next step is knowing where to report a scam. To report suspected COVID-19 related fraud, contact the National Center for Disaster Fraud hotline at 1-866-720-4721 or disaster@leo.gov.

For more information on scams or where to report a scam contact Pinellas County Consumer Protection at 727-464-6617 or visit www.pinellascounty.org/consumer.



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Winner
VICE-PRESIDENT'S
grand prize

Award

Estimated Savings...
\$5,239,571.00

Actual Savings...
\$5,240,227.24

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Model T's, Model A's, Roadsters, Mustangs...



Harold and Mary Walter and their 1919 Model T, one of five antique cars they own. The Walters are also collectors of antique lamps, furniture and clothes. Harold works in the Manufacturing Model Shop and Mary is in Product Assurance Inspection.

The 24 entries in the Antique Car Show last month ranged from 1919 Model T's to a 1955 MG Roadster to a 1965 Ford Mustang.

Phil Wolfe, Components Product Assurance, received a trophy for his

overall winner, a 1953 Studebaker Champion.

Recipients of Participation Award ribbons for their winning entries in the various classes were...

CLASS	1st PLACE		2nd PLACE	
	ENTRY	OWNER	ENTRY	OWNER
Special Interest	63 Corvette Coupe	Phil Wolfe	65 Ford Mustang	Evaylon Casteel
1955-57	56 Chevrolet	Milt Griffin	56 Corvette	Betty Held
1946-54	53 Studebaker	Phil Wolfe	53 Chrysler	Butch Gates
	Champion - Overall Winner			
1932-45	41 Chrysler	Bill Duvall	38 Mercedes Benz	Mary Walter
1928-31	30 Model A	Glenn Williams	30 Model A	Bob Croslin
19xx-27	19 Model T	Harold Walter	26 Model T	Bud Ludwick



Happy August Birthday from MVA!



- 08-01 Paula Agin
- 08-01 Wendell Barfield
- 08-01 Paula Broderick
- 08-01 Pamela Burton
- 08-01 Joe Campalongo
- 08-01 Ben De Leon
- 08-01 Ernest Graetz
- 08-01 Luane Mason
- 08-01 Naoma (Jo) Ross
- 08-02 Carl Ayres
- 08-02 Donald (Don) Bayer
- 08-02 Carl Neubauer
- 08-02 Robert Van Hooser
- 08-03 Jack Berthy
- 08-03 Virginia Coon
- 08-03 Betty LaPointe
- 08-03 Patricia Pelzel
- 08-04 Twilia Heffner
- 08-04 Mary Liphay
- 08-04 Sami Ray
- 08-05 Carnelia Blazo
- 08-05 Shirley Christner
- 08-05 Jerry Dangler
- 08-05 Leonard (Andy) Hill
- 08-05 Marvin Petersen
- 08-05 Jerry Rennaker
- 08-05 James (Mike) Ross
- 08-05 George Shipley
- 08-06 Irene Delorenzi
- 08-06 Eleanor Georgiou
- 08-06 Maida Lamoureux
- 08-06 Michael (Mike) Lloyd
- 08-06 Robert Pauley
- 08-07 Alton (Al) Blackburn
- 08-07 Joan Carbonaro
- 08-07 William Israel
- 08-07 Margaret Lonquist
- 08-07 Cloretha Zanders
- 08-08 Luis (Bob) Abreu
- 08-08 Martha Garvie
- 08-08 Jean McCullough
- 08-08 William Smith
- 08-08 Theresa Wright
- 08-09 Susan Barber
- 08-09 Annie Bell
- 08-09 Bernice Blodgett
- 08-09 William (Bill) Ely
- 08-09 Francine (Fran) Kay
- 08-09 Shirley Moore
- 08-09 George Morison
- 08-09 I. Thompson
- 08-10 Marguerite Blackwood
- 08-10 Katherine Gray
- 08-10 Garnett Humphries
- 08-10 Helen Neubauer
- 08-10 June Olsen
- 08-10 Rose Patterson
- 08-10 Kristi (Kris) Stanley
- 08-10 Donald Weidner
- 08-11 Donny Eastman
- 08-11 James (Jim) McCormick
- 08-11 Carol McMann
- 08-11 Mary Milavec
- 08-11 Kathy Mullarkey
- 08-11 William (Bill) Schoen
- 08-12 Mary Gonser
- 08-12 Catherine (Denise) Graff
- 08-12 Richard Hester
- 08-12 Ronald Prince
- 08-12 Pat Seibert
- 08-12 Gene Shank
- 08-12 Loni Stiles
- 08-13 Donald Brash
- 08-13 Margaret Brexa
- 08-13 Lillian Kobe
- 08-13 Margaret Lounsberry
- 08-13 Donald (Don) Martin
- 08-14 Stewart Goldie
- 08-14 Marjorie Griffin
- 08-14 Shirley Murphy
- 08-14 Virginia (Ginny) Rose
- 08-14 Steve Samsel
- 08-15 Kathryn Barmore
- 08-15 Susan Clough
- 08-15 Robert (Bob) Friend
- 08-15 Mary Lupo
- 08-15 Kay McCormick
- 08-15 Margaret Mills
- 08-15 Marie Schreiner
- 08-15 Dolores Seelye
- 08-15 Phyllis Smilnak
- 08-15 Carl Wilson
- 08-16 Jeffrey Barber
- 08-16 Tyrone Berry
- 08-16 Adrienne Bertrand
- 08-16 Dorothy Martin
- 08-16 Janice (Jan) Sheedy
- 08-16 Dorothy Snyder
- 08-17 Bev Bingham
- 08-17 Joseph (Jody) McCreary
- 08-17 Robert (Tony) Russell
- 08-17 Donald Siegelin
- 08-17 Margie Tapp
- 08-18 Mary Acker
- 08-18 Denise Badgett
- 08-18 Eldridge (Brad) Bradley
- 08-18 Arthur Larivee
- 08-18 David (Dave) Laufenberg
- 08-18 Donna List
- 08-18 Lawrence Mello
- 08-18 Lavada (Scott) Schultz
- 08-18 Gary Urban
- 08-18 Helen Warner
- 08-18 Anita Wiker
- 08-19 Roberta (Sue) Rogers
- 08-19 Anne Schreiner
- 08-20 Norma Anderson
- 08-20 Jewel Barrow
- 08-20 Patricia Overstreet
- 08-20 Howard Scott
- 08-20 Sherry Thode
- 08-20 Ronald (Ron) Wagner
- 08-20 Betty Williams
- 08-21 Gerald Bates
- 08-21 David Bennett
- 08-21 Shannon Gruber
- 08-21 Nancy Hossbach
- 08-21 Doris Mahaffy
- 08-21 Carolene (Carrie) Martin
- 08-21 Evelyn Morrison
- 08-21 Anthony Seale
- 08-21 Carl Seale
- 08-21 John Trezza
- 08-21 Gordon Wysocki
- 08-22 Phil Dubiel
- 08-22 Regina Fulton
- 08-22 Mildred Hickert
- 08-23 Carole Brown
- 08-23 Theodore Riser
- 08-24 M. (Liz) Hill
- 08-24 Anthony Lopez
- 08-24 Debra Ortmann
- 08-24 Loni Wellington
- 08-25 Virgil Sturgis
- 08-25 Pam Wedlake
- 08-25 Edward Wyatt
- 08-26 Kathleen Baxter
- 08-26 Hazel Dayhuff
- 08-26 Nancy Eastman
- 08-26 Judith Furry
- 08-26 Marlene Kraus
- 08-26 Sharon Regan
- 08-27 Joseph Carbonaro
- 08-27 Chris Christner
- 08-27 Darnell Dawson
- 08-27 Robert Funkhouser
- 08-27 Ilene Griesmeyer
- 08-27 Richard Kemp
- 08-27 Phyllis Otto
- 08-27 Suzanne Ross
- 08-27 John Samson
- 08-27 Barbara Schauer
- 08-27 Alice Smith
- 08-27 Garland Stump
- 08-28 Judy Dubin
- 08-28 Jean Kennedy
- 08-28 Connie Kirkland
- 08-28 Garold Lemley
- 08-28 Norma Pruitt
- 08-28 Nancy Zeigler
- 08-29 Francesca Olma
- 08-29 Brenda Wolfe
- 08-30 Robert Hubbard
- 08-30 Tilson Lacy
- 08-31 Phyllis Berlage
- 08-31 Mary Bocook
- 08-31 Robert Parker
- 08-31 Larry Wing