



Disco Time with Steve Jones, Jo Ketring, Loni Wellington, Bea Conner, John Schiffgen, Tom Conner, Al Shields

President's Message

As we roll into the dog days of summer, it's a good time to reflect on what we have accomplished so far in 2022 and look forward to what lies just ahead.

Attendance at luncheons and socials has returned to pre-pandemic levels and continues to grow each month. That's a great sign. It says we feel safe coming out in crowds again, especially when there is something worthwhile to come to. We hosted a very successful open house in April - showcasing our fine clubhouse. Dave Hewitt did a great job with the grill and everyone had a good time with the scavenger hunt.

The office still stands empty most of the time. Aside from the weekly Mexican Train Dominoes, and monthly ham radio and bridge club meetings, the facility goes unused. If you have a hobby, craft or game, consider starting an event at the office. Contact Dave Hewitt (office@minnregs.com) to check availability and reserve the room.

We provided coffee machines and supplies to the teachers at Tyrone Middle School as we explore other options to partner with Tyrone and their STEM program in 2022. The school is in the midst of a substantial building project and we are looking for opportunities to enhance those improvements.

We have heard from a group of community organizations about their needs, we learned about cyber currency (at least I think we learned!), we heard about the new NASA and its new customers, and we heard about the PACT (Preventing Alzheimer's with Cognitive Training) study program at USF, and we got some guidance in preparing your personal life history - all at no charge, and all at our monthly luncheons. I am particularly proud of our luncheon programs and I think they would compare favorably with the programs of any similar organization. Do you have an idea about a future speaker? Please forward that along to president@minnregs.com.

In September, we will hear from Dee Collier as Priscilla Alden, wife of John Alden of the Plymouth Colony. Our holiday party will be held on December 2 at Banquet Masters. Doors open at 4. Live music, dancing, dinner and holiday surprises!

Finally, please consider serving this fine group as an officer or board member in 2023. It would be great to see some fresh faces and hear some new ideas for how we can truly make the MVA and organization we can all be proud of - and one that will go on providing quality events for its members and support for its communities. Nominations will open in October. Really - give is some thought!



MVA Member Calendar July 2022



**BUY ONE
GET ONE
FREE**

July Luncheon Speaker



Corporal James Gatti of the Crime Prevention department of the Pinellas Park Police Department will speak about scams and other dangers faced by citizens, especially seniors. If you have a question for Corporal Gatti, please email it to president@minnregs.com to ensure it is included in the presentation.

BOGO Luncheon

Homelessness and hunger are two of the most devastating realities of life. The 2019 Florida Council on Homelessness Annual Report indicates that Pinellas County (2415 individuals in 2019) has the third largest homelessness count in Florida.

People are hungry 365 days a year. In Tampa Bay, about one in four children and one in six adults are food insecure, according to Feeding Tampa Bay, a nonprofit organization. There are simply no good answers for dealing with these problems, but there is something we can all do over the next few months to make a real difference. When we are out grocery shopping and run into BOGO (buy one, get one) offers, we can make that purchase and put the free item aside to be donated to a local food bank for the holidays. This is an easy and inexpensive way for each of us to impact the lives of those 1 in 4 children and 1 in 6 adults who are food insecure right here in our neighborhoods.

Please bring in your non-perishable BOGO items to our luncheon on October 19.

Clothing for Homeless Women

Thousands of homeless women need our help - in the form of sports bras, underwear and socks (not white, please.) These items will be collected at our July luncheon on the 20th so we can distribute them to homeless shelters for the upcoming holidays.

No Luncheon in August, but we can still be social!

As is our custom, we take the month of August off from our luncheon schedule. However, the August social is still on and needs your smiling face. The August 5 social will be held at Banquet Masters. Doors open at 4. Lots of prizes, good conversation, fine refreshments and a great dinner.

MVA Elections just around the corner

We need you to serve! MVA elections are approaching. Nominations are due by October 19. A nomination form will be on the minnregs.com website starting in September. Members may nominate themselves or other active members to serve. Only active members are eligible to nominate and vote in the election. Elections are held in November and new leaders are installed in January.

September Luncheon Speaker



Dee Collier makes a return appearance at our September luncheon as **Priscilla Alden**, wife of John Alden, founder of the Plymouth Pilgrim Colony. Dee last visited us as Marth Washington and was an immediate hit. Her characterization will reveal the tremendous difficulties associated with forging out a life in the Colonial wilderness.



First Friday Social June 3, 2022



Sherry, Andy & Ron Rasmussen



Shirley Murphy, Howard Howe



Mary & Richard Reffelt



Bea & Tom Conner



John & Carol Janney



Dennis & Jan Willis



Larry & Masako Shannon



Paul & Faith Krahrmer



John & Shirley Bowers



Steve & Margaret Simmons



Andrea Shields, Deb Dupper



Betty Held, Thom & Deb Dupper



First Friday Social June 3, 2022



Betty Held, Stephanie Puffer



Michael & Terri Godfrey



Bob & Fran Kay



Andrea & Al Shields



Marilyn Ruga



Terry Miller



Wendy Hugar



Jim McCormick



Fred Miller



Betty Held



Deb Dupper



Pat Keegan



Walt Faulkner



Bob Lovejoy



Jack Freeman



Thom Dupper,
Al Shields





June Luncheon June 15, 2022



It was a disco party - a complete throwback to the sizzling seventies with tie-dyes and bellbottoms all around. Thom Dupper was the featured speaker, giving a presentation on Personal Life History. Anyone needing a copy of the handout, please contact Thom: president@minnregs.com.



Steve Jones, Jo Ketring, Loni Wellington, Bea Conner, John Schiffgen, Tom Conner, Al Shields



John & Shirley Bowers



Mary & Richard Reffelt



Bea & Tom Conner



Ron & Sherry Rasmussen



Jan & Dennis Willis



Deb Dupper & MJ Johnson



Fred Miller, Vivian O'Dell



Fred & Donna Cutting



Deb & Thom Dupper



Jan & Bob Friend



Gloria Whitfield, Bonnie Williams



June Luncheon June 15, 2022



Michael & Terri Godfrey



Pat Keegan, Marilyn Ruga



MJ Johnson, Andrea Shields, Mya Johnson



Deb Dupper, MJ Johnson, Mya Johnson,
Thom Dupper



Andrea & Al Shields



Howard Howe, Shirley Murphy



Faith & Paul Krahrmer



Deb Dupper, Mya & MJ Johnson



D.C. Stevenson



Andrea Shields,
Mya Johnson



Larry & Masako
Shannon



Gayle Smith,
John Voissem



Vivian O'Dell



Faith Krahrmer



Bea Conner,
Mya Johnson



MVA Member Events Golf Scramble - June 24



*John Bowers, Shirley Murphy
& Al Shields*

28 players on 7 teams faced the back nine at Bardmoor Country Club on Friday, June 24, and came out alive - and very wet!

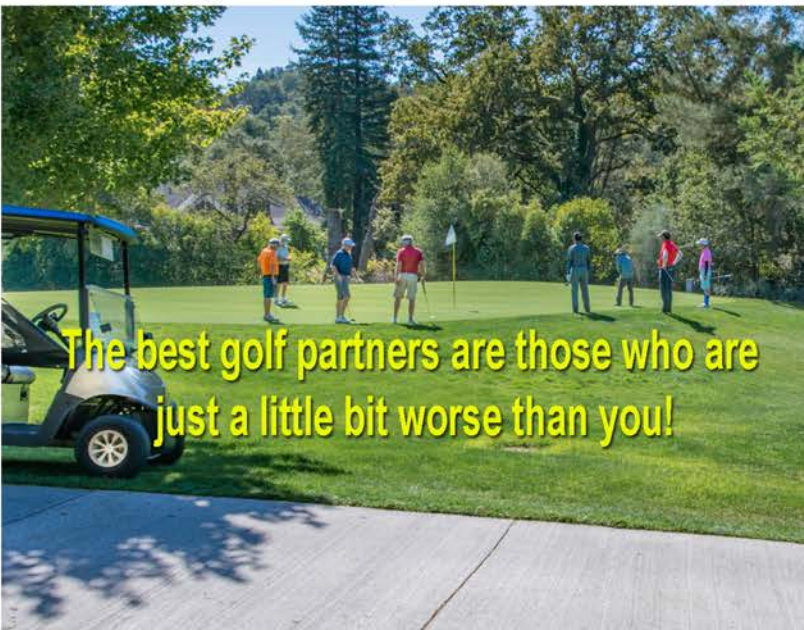
Placing first was John Bowers team with Dan Bordeaux, Tom McKennsey and Joe Mancuso at one over par. The longest drive award went to Brian Martinez and John Bowers took the award for longest putt. After the scramble the group enjoyed a barbecue buffet and some great conversation. Another scramble is planned for some time in October, so work on your slice and short game and be ready for another great time on the links.



Wanda Beasley, Vivian O'Dell, Don Weidner, Deb Dupper



Brian Martinez, Shirley Murphy, Al Shields



The best golf partners are those who are just a little bit worse than you!



*Carol Bailey, Mary Reffelt,
Shirley Murphy, Shirley Bowers*



Happy July Birthday from MVA!



07-01 Joyce Broadwell
 07-01 Anthony (Tone) McDonald
 07-02 Bob Broadwell
 07-02 Joanne Donaldson
 07-02 John Fox
 07-02 Betty Rolfe
 07-02 Margaret Sentowski
 07-02 Margaret (Bonnie) Swauger
 07-02 Iris Toelken
 07-03 Thomas Kiernan
 07-03 Susan McCormick
 07-03 Joyce Pearson
 07-04 Laura Adams
 07-04 Clarence Chumney
 07-04 Jon Comeau
 07-04 Florence Lancor
 07-04 Marie-Gay Lodge
 07-04 Richard Mitchell
 07-04 Norman Roffey
 07-04 Kathleen (Kathy) Samson
 07-04 Virginia (Ginny) Stewart
 07-04 Marleen Witte
 07-05 Marjorie Arnold
 07-05 Helen Hyland
 07-05 Mary Mattingly
 07-05 Wilford Poe
 07-05 Margaret Tripodi
 07-05 Sonya Urban
 07-05 Shuh Ying
 07-06 Linda Cox
 07-06 David (Dave) Donnelly
 07-06 Phyllis Hutcherson
 07-06 Roger Johnson
 07-06 Guyla Ross
 07-06 Charlene Russell
 07-06 Linda Sigman
 07-06 Genevieve Urbanski
 07-06 Caroline Vrooman
 07-06 Raymond (Dave) Watson
 07-06 Alfreda Young
 07-07 Delores Clark
 07-07 Doris Markley
 07-07 Rudolph Oswald
 07-07 Nancy Wieland

07-08 Gloria Brown
 07-08 Shirley Jeup
 07-08 Richard Johnson
 07-08 Mary (Jean) Rashleigh
 07-08 Virginia Reed
 07-08 Shelagh Schock
 07-09 Wanda Beasley
 07-09 John O'Hare
 07-09 Keevan Tatlock
 07-09 Robert Warth
 07-09 Margaret Wisler
 07-09 Walter Zawada
 07-10 Edward Daniel
 07-10 C. Johnson
 07-10 William Mahoney
 07-10 Patricia Pilver
 07-11 Steve Buchanan
 07-11 Kathy Campolettano
 07-11 Harold Curry
 07-11 Bernard Mohs
 07-11 William (Bill) Phillips
 07-12 Marlyn Daly
 07-12 Phillip Haywood
 07-12 Danielle Rasmussen
 07-12 Kay Shaw
 07-12 Andrea Shields
 07-13 Sheila Cotner
 07-13 Darwyn Fortney
 07-13 Mel (Mr. Mel) Macon
 07-13 Edna Mill
 07-13 Gayle Mohs
 07-14 William Borgelt
 07-14 Lee Dreger
 07-14 Julia Noah
 07-14 Charlotte Page
 07-14 James Smoot
 07-14 Patricia Vlha
 07-15 Joan Breslo
 07-15 Gloria Gerlach
 07-15 Rex Moore
 07-15 Fredrick Siwinski
 07-15 Alice Troy
 07-16 Arija Breikss
 07-16 Opal Gjermundson

07-16 Joseph (Joe) Mancuso
 07-16 Charles Nichols
 07-16 William Schwitzgebel
 07-16 Barbara Whalen
 07-17 Walter (Walt) Faulkner
 07-17 Betty Hanusek
 07-17 Adele Schwier
 07-17 Donna Siebel
 07-18 Delphine Barnhill
 07-18 Catherine Blick
 07-18 Patricia Debolt
 07-18 Dorothy Keteltas
 07-18 Betty Sittloh
 07-18 Winona (Jeannine) Turner
 07-19 Shirley Bowers
 07-19 Stephen (Steve) Cole
 07-19 Edwina Curtis
 07-19 Lenora Gilmore
 07-20 Lewis (Lou) Alexander
 07-20 Carl Baum
 07-20 Thomas Briest
 07-20 Lorraine (Lorrie) Lundeen
 07-20 Anne Stewart
 07-20 Diane Wyatt
 07-20 Sue Wysocki
 07-21 Emilie Carter
 07-21 Rose Ebeltoft
 07-21 Donald Grinenko
 07-21 Charlotte Schoneman
 07-22 Norman Allen
 07-22 Terry Gillenwater
 07-22 Alice Lincoln
 07-22 Ronald (Ron) Simon
 07-22 Leroy (Lee) Swauger
 07-23 Elaine Hanna
 07-23 Shirley Kanyuck
 07-23 Diane Martin
 07-23 Keith Shively
 07-23 Nancy Starr
 07-23 Robert (Bob) Teets
 07-24 Nancy Griffin
 07-24 Herbert (Herb) Howell
 07-24 Edwin Mccarthy
 07-24 Betty Seavey