



October 2022 Newsletter



President's Message

Looks like we made it through Ian! Sorry about the delay in getting this together, but we were without Internet for 4 days.

We are moving headlong into the holiday season. I don't know about you, but the holidays are my favorite time of the year. They bring back reminders of my youth in northeast Ohio. We had a large Italian family and during the holidays we were able to tighten our bond with the various cousins, aunts, uncles and other near relatives. Great times, happy memories!

Meanwhile, down south, we are creating some memories of our own as an organization. Our efforts to positively impact our community will expand in the next few months. We have and will impact many community agencies with gifts of money, volunteers and other resources. A big thank-you to all of our members who filled two very long tables with non-perishable food items to fill the shelves of the Interfaith Food Pantry in Seminole.

Please remember to bring infant and toddler diapers to the October luncheon as we bless Angels Against Abuse, one of our 2021 community grant recipients.

Halloween is our October luncheon theme. So dress appropriately! We have lined up a very interesting program, lots of prizes and a great meal.

Our fall golf scramble is the day after our October luncheon at Lake Seminole Country Club. We have another Early Bird Dinner Theater event planned for Friday, November 11 at 4 pm. Finally, we need your nominations for the upcoming MVA leadership elections. 3 Board positions and all officers are open.

As always, details on all these events are included in this newsletter. The registration forms for all events can be found on the minnregs.com website.



MVA in the Community



Diaper Drive

We hope to collect a whole raft of infant and toddler diapers at our October luncheon. These diapers are desperately needed by Angels Against Abuse - one of last year's community grant recipients. Angels helps with the process of placing children with foster families when necessary.



Bell Ringers

A team of MVA volunteers, headed up by Ron Rasmussen, will be on duty at the Publix Super Market on Belcher and Gulf-to-Bay in Clearwater on Thursday, December 9.

All of the money collected by bell ringers goes directly to help local homeless people. Plus, the organization that collects the most money gets special recognition by the Salvation Army. Last year the team raised \$551.58

You are all invited to stop by and say hello and make a donation. Let's really help the homeless this holiday season.



Howard Howe and Shirley Murphy take a two-hour shift last year.

Ian Relief

Aside from fallen trees and debris, some light structural damage and loss of power in many areas, our Tampa Bay region was spared from Hurricane Ian's harshest winds and storm surge as we are very grateful.

In response to Hurricane Ian relief efforts in southwest Florida area, members can make direct donations to any of the following charitable organizations:

Donate on line at redcross.org/donate or text REDCROSS to 90999 to give \$10

Donate online at www.HelpSalvationArmy.org or donate by phone 1-800-SAL-ARMY(1-800-725-2769)





MVA Member Events



October luncheon Program - Wednesday, October 19, Banquet Masters Child Life Program - Advent Health

Play is an essential part of children’s health and well-being. At AdventHealth for Children, child life specialists are available to help promote a positive stay for both parent and child. Their child life specialists work with the multidisciplinary team to reduce stress and create an environment that helps support emotional and physical health in children patients. We will hear from *Leah Frohnerath* about how she and her service dog, *Brea*, help children overcome all the fears and anxiety associated with a hospital procedure.



It’s Halloween Dress-up Time!

With Halloween just around the corner, our October luncheon will have a spooky theme. So join the fun and come dressed in your favorite Halloween costume. Witches and Goblins and Ghosts, oh my!



Last Call for MVA Leadership Elections

Nominations for Board of Directors and all officers close on Friday, October 14. If you want to nominate yourself or some other active MVA member for any position, please do so using the online nomination form on the website (<https://form.jotform.com/222336199906160>)

After the close of nominations, Vivian O’Dell will contact each nominee to determine if they are willing to serve. Each of these will be given 2 minutes at the October luncheon to introduce themselves and discuss their plans for the position.

Elections will take place using an online election ballot available in early November. Those unable to vote online will be able to vote with a paper ballot at the November luncheon.



Last Call for Dinner Theater

October 21 is the deadline for reservations for the Early Bird Dinner Theater presentation of *Miracle on South Division Street* on Friday, November 11 at 4 pm. The theater is located adjacent to the Banquet Masters facility that hosts our socials and luncheons. Use the online registration form on the MVA website: (<https://submit.jotform.com/222336009679157>)





First Friday Social September 2, 2022



What a great time and what a great venue for our Friday festivities. These gatherings give all of us a chance to catch up with each other, exchange war stories about HI days, talk about sports, TV and a whole host of other topics. Dinners are always great, and adult beverages help make the time even better. If you are not joining us on first Fridays, you might reconsider!



Gathering at the watering hole



Ron Troanovitch, Bob Dalton, Jerry Dangler



*Carol Moyer, Loni Wellington,
John Schiffgen, Jo Ketring*



Terry Miller, Martha Dipanfilo



Masako & Larry Shamon



Mark Wolf, Kristi Brendla



Clive & Carol Bailey



Genevieve Urbanski, Larry Harper



John & Carol Jamney



Michael Godfrey, Al Shields



Helen & Richard Malzahn



Dick & Patty Rohr



First Friday Social September 2, 2022



Natalie & Billy Adkins



Fran & Bob Kay



Marilyn Ruga, Pat Keegan



Margaret & Steve Simmons



Dennis & Jane Willis



Artie Martin, Cathy O'Dell



Wanda Beasley, Lorraine Wert



Gayle Smith, John Voissem



John Schiffgen, Loni Wellington



Penny Rasmussen, Carol Moyer



Gerry Sturm, Thom Dupper



Jim Acosta, Cheryl Bartel



Monthly Luncheon September 21



The September luncheon was a tribute to our favorite sports teams. Our featured speaker was Dee Collier portraying Priscilla Alden of the original Plymouth Colony. We collected two tables worth of non-perishable food items which were donated to the Interfaith Food Pantry in Seminole. All in all, a great day for peanuts and Cracker Jacks, hot dogs and burgers!



*Doris Kyrsay, Gerry Sturm,
Cheryl McAvoy, Beverly Whiteley*



*Bea Conner, Wendy Hugar,
Thom & Deb Dupper*



*Al Shields, Deb Dupper, Wendy Hugar,
Bea & Tom Conner*



Biggest Fan - Dr. Gloria Hill



Fran & Bob Kay



Ron & Sherry Rasmussen



Shirley Murphy, Howard Howe



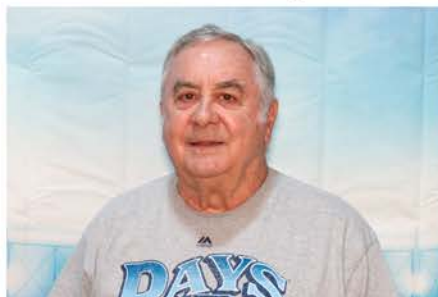
John & Carol Jamney



Jan & Bob Friend



Margaret & Steve Simmons



Tom Conner



Bea Conner



Monthly Luncheon September 21



Dee Collier (guest speaker)



John Bowers, Priscilla Alden, Shirley Bowers



Carol Moyer, Priscilla, Penny Rasmussen



Fred Cutting, Priscilla Alden, Donna Cutting



DC Stevenson, Priscilla



Priscilla Alden, Vivian O'Dell



Mary Reffelt, Gloria Hill, Betty Held



Priscilla Alden, Fred Miller



Deb Dupper, Faith Krahrmer, Mary Reffelt



Faith Krahrmer



Jo Ketring



Jack Freeman



Gayle Smith, John Voissen



Jane & Dennis Willis



Monthly Luncheon September 21



Deb & Thom Dupper



Thom Dupper, Kim Johnson, Deb Dupper, MJ Johnson, Mya Johnson, Allison Williams



Dee Collier as Priscilla Alden



John & Shirley Bowers



Masako & Larry Shannon



Deb Dupper, Mary Reffelt



Congratulations and thanks to all of you for filling up two tables with non-perishable food items that were donated to the Interfaith Food Pantry in Seminole. Your generosity will provide much needed help for the food insecure in our immediate area.



Good Stuff from the past



Sometimes when you run to the store to pick up some milk and bread, you run into something that transports you back many decades. This beauty was parked in the Bardmoor Publix parking lot a few weeks back. It was fully restored and so beautiful that I stopped and took a bunch of photos. By the way, this is a 1957 (notice the fins) Lincoln Commander. Serious America metal for sure!



From the '80s, a photo of the Space Station Cupola mockup with Thom Dupper, Tom Jacobus, Richard Reffelt, Joel Panabaker and Steve Jones participated in a photo shoot that ended up in a marketing brochure about Honeywell's role in the ISS.



Happy October Birthday from MVA!



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| 10-01 Kathleen Miller | 10-11 Mary Springer | 10-20 John (JohnnyG) Voissem |
| 10-02 Dickie Glover | 10-11 Cletus Turley | 10-21 Charlie Gray |
| 10-02 Byron Hall | 10-11 Gloria Whitfield | 10-21 Matthew Muskovac |
| 10-02 Robert Harvey | 10-12 Fred Bloom | 10-21 Larry Romeo |
| 10-02 Richard (Dick) Malzahn | 10-12 Joan Bujnoski | 10-21 Robert Smith |
| 10-02 Bobby Matteson | 10-12 Sharon Griessel | 10-22 Mary Gillmore |
| 10-02 Patricia Roberts | 10-12 Jerry McCollum | 10-22 Suzanne (Sue) Hirsch |
| 10-02 William Verville | 10-12 Elizabeth Miller | 10-22 Virginia Kaszer |
| 10-02 George Zajack | 10-12 Marilyn Urban | 10-22 Robert (Bob) Lovejoy |
| 10-03 James (Jim) Acker | 10-13 David (Dave) Cox | 10-22 Chris O`Hare |
| 10-03 William Busler | 10-13 Carolynne Gibson | 10-22 Sharon Witthuhn |
| 10-03 Ernest Garvie | 10-13 Beverly Mason | 10-23 Christine (Cargo) Andresen |
| 10-03 Marjorie Gates | 10-13 Ernestine Petryszak | 10-23 Daniel (Dan) Bordeaux |
| 10-03 Bert Hadley | 10-13 Pam Richards | 10-23 Betty Bordeaux |
| 10-03 Bonnie Kiernan | 10-13 Edna Zunker | 10-23 Gwen Campbell |
| 10-03 Kay Maize | 10-14 Steiner (Merf) Humerick | 10-23 Violet (Vi) Swift |
| 10-04 Randall Egli | 10-14 Elizabeth (Terri) Knight | 10-24 Robert Foley |
| 10-04 Geraldine Given | 10-14 Merle Lundeen | 10-24 Lon Grider |
| 10-04 Mary Ann Moore | 10-14 Judith Schafer | 10-24 George Harley |
| 10-04 Lois Norman | 10-14 Lonnie Wollitz | 10-24 James (Jim) Janowski |
| 10-04 Mary Jo Routzahn | 10-15 Jacqueline Grzegorzcyk | 10-24 Jean Miller |
| 10-04 Wayland Stewart | 10-15 Gerald Kraus | 10-24 Kendall Yoder |
| 10-05 Marilyn Fritz | 10-15 Frank Sammut | 10-25 Connie Bertuglia |
| 10-05 Molly Gable | 10-15 Alan (Al) Shields | 10-25 Carol Ertsgaard |
| 10-05 Althea Patterson | 10-15 Bruce Walling | 10-25 Wendy Hugar |
| 10-05 Lee Patterson | 10-15 Florence Yager | 10-26 Mary Ewers |
| 10-06 Candace (Candy) Abreu | 10-15 Patricia Young | 10-26 Jeanne Green |
| 10-06 Janet Carnahan | 10-16 Karen DeFelix | 10-26 Frederick Groover |
| 10-06 Louisa Crawford | 10-16 Charles Fulmer | 10-26 Carol Taylor |
| 10-06 Bernice Mcdonald | 10-16 Beverly Johnson | 10-26 Robert (Casey) Warren |
| 10-06 Esther Tsikos | 10-16 Debbie Newland | 10-27 Jeanne Lowe |
| 10-06 William Woodham | 10-16 Patsy Reeve | 10-27 Thomas Preusser |
| 10-07 Nancy Currens | 10-16 Robert Young | 10-28 Martha Araujo |
| 10-07 Ruth Hines | 10-17 Theresa (Terry) Ash | 10-28 Mark Barlow |
| 10-07 Mike Kearns | 10-17 Lorraine Connell | 10-28 Bryan Hossbach |
| 10-07 Willene Nichols | 10-17 Dorothy Gutz | 10-28 Mary Houser |
| 10-07 Cheryl Orr | 10-17 Iris Hogan | 10-28 Clarie Kelley |
| 10-07 Norma Perry | 10-17 Dolores Larivee | 10-28 Marilyn Kueber |
| 10-07 Carol Remelsberger | 10-17 Jean Schoen | 10-28 William Simonin |
| 10-07 Robert Sheperd | 10-17 Thelma Summers | 10-28 Geraldine Soboleski |
| 10-07 Dennis Temple | 10-17 Urai Welton | 10-28 John Yancey |
| 10-08 Laudelino (Jim) Acosta | 10-17 Lorraine Wert | 10-29 Beverly Cribbs |
| 10-08 Guy Otto | 10-18 Carol Merrefield | 10-29 Marleen Forslund |
| 10-08 Carole Pagels | 10-18 William Schmitt | 10-30 Ruth Carlin |
| 10-08 Doris Peters | 10-19 Elsie Clifton | 10-30 Larry Harper |
| 10-08 Beverly Whitley | 10-19 George Donaldson | 10-30 Teresa Kemp |
| 10-09 Marilyn Buchanan | 10-19 Harold (Hal) Feininger | 10-30 Paul Krahrer |
| 10-09 H. Frost | 10-19 John Millen | 10-30 Anne Mueller |
| 10-09 Barbara Hall | 10-19 Anna Milliken | 10-30 Andrew (Andy) Rasmussen |
| 10-09 Denise Parker | 10-19 Leo Voltz | 10-30 Linda Tolliver |
| 10-09 Gladys Tennant | 10-20 Barry Blood | 10-31 Shirley Deprisco |
| 10-10 Nancy Boatwright | 10-20 Florence Deaton | 10-31 Leland (Lee) Walton |
| 10-10 Miriam Dixon | 10-20 Alan Gilbert | |
| 10-10 Robert Owens | 10-20 Paul Giordano | |
| 10-11 Sue Benton | 10-20 Alfred (Al) Olsen | |
| 10-11 Lois Guay | 10-20 Joelle Siwinski | |