



President's Message

The new year is well underway now. Your MVA staff is in position to provide a schedule filled with good times and meaningful impact on our local community. But they can't do it alone. They really need two things to do their most effective job - bodies and ideas.

I believe that the reason most people do not get involved is that they were never asked. Well, I am asking. Is there someone out there in MVA land who could donate a few hours a month to serve on our various committees? If you feel that tug, send me an email (president@minnregs.com) and we will make sure you get placed somewhere you can make a contribution.

Ideas are easier. We are always looking for better ways to serve our members and community. We believe there is a vast, untapped reservoir of good ideas floating around out there. We want to hear those ideas. If you have a suggestion about a member event, please email Wendy Hugar (member@minnregs.com.) If you have a suggestion about how we can serve our community better, please email Dr. Gloria Hill (community@minnregs.com.) We want to make 2023 a great year all around. Your help will get us there.

We do value our volunteers. The January luncheon was all about recognition. You can see all the folks we honored inside this edition.

The February 15 luncheon is all about our community involvement. Lots of ways to get involved, so make plans now to attend this important meeting.

Register at <https://form.jotform.com/230246371114142>

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MVA All Stars

The association handed out outstanding performance awards to several MVA volunteers at the January luncheon. Each recipient received an all-star award certificate along with a \$25 Amazon gift certificate. Award winners were nominated by the MVA staff and were recognized for their efforts in contributing time and talent in support of the organization



Shirley Murphy was honored with the first annual President’s Award for her continuing involvement in MVA activities and her “whatever it takes” attitude. Shirley was presented with a plaque and a \$100 Amazon gift card. All-star award recipients: Tom Conner, Shirley Bowers, Mary Reffelt, Bea Conner, Gerry Sturm, Larry Trefz, Bob Dalton, Ron Rasmussen, Carol Janney.



MVA Leadership 2023



Your leadership is in place for the new year. But who are these folks? Here is a bit of information about some of your 2023 MVA leadership - maybe a few things you didn't know. We will present more leader bios in future newsletters.

Chairman of the Board - John Bowers



John Bowers was born in Akron, Ohio and moved to this area in 1962. John spent 44 years at Honeywell working his way up from Production Coordinator, Production and Program Management assignments, and finally in Project Management on MMIII. John's best Honeywell memories include watching early Centaur launches, participating in the Kids' Christmas Carnivals held in the parking lot and sharing many great times with the many people he met while at Honeywell. He did not, however, enjoy his trips to Minneapolis in winter. As Chairman of the Board (second term), John wants to continue building on the great foundation the organization set in 2022.

Vice President Member Events - Wendy Hugar



Wendy has called this area home since she was 5 years old. She spent 42 years at Honeywell, hired right out of high school as a secretary. Most of her HI time was spent on the PII program from which she retired in 2018.

Wendy wants to continue to provide an organization where Honeywell employees and retirees can gather and enjoy having a good time with each other. She has a raft of new ideas for member events, so 2023 should be a very exciting year for MVA members.

Treasurer - Loni Wellington



Loni (Lawona) was born in Watertown South Dakota and moved to this area in 1952.

She worked at Honeywell for 35 1/2 years on line for bomb fuse then group leader in Hybrids. She served as supervisor in Military

Advance production and then production control. Her fondest HI memory is going to Cape Canaveral on a bus for a front row seat at a launch.

Loni is committed to providing accurate and timely financial reporting to the staff and Board.

Vice President Finance - Sam Janofsky



Sam grew up in Brooklyn New York, but has lived in St. Petersburg for more than 60+ years. He earned a bachelor's degree in Engineering from the University of South Florida and worked at Honeywell for more than four decades. Sam is focused on helping the MVA organization through these difficult financial circumstances. He works closely with the Treasurer and the outside accountant to ensure accurate reports.





MVA Leadership 2023



President - Thom Dupper

Thom Dupper was born in Cleveland, Ohio. His family moved to Pinellas County in 1962. His career at Honeywell began in 1977 in Community Relations, working for Merlin Keese. He worked his way through Personnel, serving as a recruiter, personnel administrator and finally as communications supervisor. Thom left Honeywell in 1992 to scratch his entrepreneurial itch. Thom holds a MA degree in Organizational Communication from the University of South Florida and a BA degree in Mass Communications from Florida State University. His favorite Honeywell memory is meeting his wife Debra in 1984. He was also a founder of Old-limp-ics, Hambone Follies, The Grand Vette Get, and the Honeywell Cup for Special Olympics. He looks forward to leading a great staff as they work to present a diverse and impactful program of events for members MVA members and expand the MVA footprint in the Tampa Bay community.



Executive Vice President - Al Shields

Al Shields was born in New Haven, CT and moved here in 1969. Al worked at Honeywell for 23 years in various positions. He was hired as a build technician and worked his way up as test technician and then to R&M as a computer technician.

As manager of the Honeywell runners, Al organized the first Honeywell OLD-Limp-ics, an event that fostered team building and an overall positive image of the company. Al wants the MVA to grow and flourish as people who shared so much at Honeywell continue to meet and share stories and great fellowship. Al believes that giving back to the community is and should be a paramount objective of the MVA.

Vice President Community Service - Dr. Gloria Hill

Recording Secretary - Vivian O'Dell



Vivian was born right here at Mound Park Hospital and has lived in Pinellas County her whole life.

Vivian want to continue providing excellent secretarial services to the organization, helping out with whatever needs to be done.



Dr. Gloria Hill moved to Tampa in 1974. She spent 27 years at Honeywell as Principal Industrial Engineer, Contracts Administrator, Marketing Rep, Lean Master and Master Blackbelt. Her favorite Honeywell memory is working with some of the Lean and Blackbelt teams at both local and Corporate level. It was rewarding for her to see the moment when the teams saw the benefits of working with some of the tools to transform their processes.

Her vision is to improve the process of giving funds/gifts to community organizations.



First Wednesday Social January 4, 2023



Monthly socials have officially moved to Wednesdays. For the rest of the year, plans call for the very popular events to alternate between Banquet Masters and Fat Cat Tavern in Largo. The January social was a great success with lots of prizes, great conversations and a selection of fine menu items at Fat Cat Tavern.



Genevieve Urbanski



Howard Howe



Helen Malzahn



Gloria Whitfield



Glenn Nicholson



Gayle Smith



Al Parisi



Faith Krahmer



Donald Brash



Dick Malzahn



Deb Dupper



Clive Bailey



Carol Moyer



Carol Bailey



Bob Dalton



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Carl Baum



Andy Rasmussen



Billy Adkins



Bea Conner



Andrea Shields



Marty Martinez



Barbara Brash



Al Shields



Artie Martin



Michael Godfrey



Margaret Simmons



Kay McCormick



Loni Wellington



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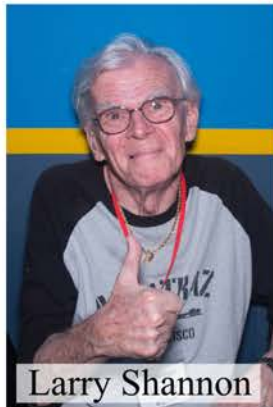
I'm speeding because I have
to get where I'm going...



...before I forget where I'm going



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Larry Shannon



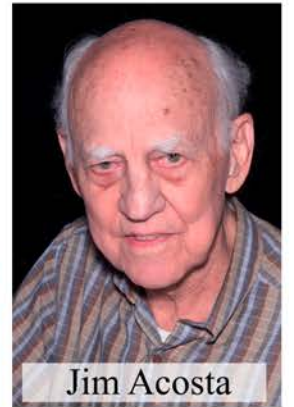
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John Schiffgen



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Jim Acosta



Sandy Janofsky



Sam Janofsky



Penny Rasmussen



Ron Troanovitch



Scott Weber



Tom Conner



Dave Donnely



Teri Godfrey



Steve Simmons



Stephanie Puffer

"I may not be very athletic
or good looking, or funny, or talented.
But...



I forgot where I was going with this.
But I do know I love a good steak!



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Jack Freeman



Wendy Hugar



Vivian O'Dell



Jane Willis



Sherry Rasmussen



Jean Miller



Pat Keegan



Jim McCormick



Terry Mickiewicz

Save the Dates

Monthly Luncheons

All monthly luncheons are held at the Banquet Masters facility, 13355 49th St N, Clearwater, FL 33762. Doors open at 11 am. Luncheons are free to active members. Guests are welcome at \$15.

2023 Dates:

January 18; February 15; March 15; April 19; May 17; June 21; July 19; September 20; October 18; November 15.

Monthly Socials

Monthly socials are held on the first Wednesday of each month at various locations in the area. Check the MVA newsletter for location details. Doors open at 4 pm. Socials are free to active members. Guests are welcome at \$15.

2023 Dates:

January 4; February 1; March 1; April 5; May 3; June 7; July 5; August 2; September 6; October 4; November 1.



Monthly Luncheon January 18



The January luncheon was all about recognition and a fond look back at how much our world has changed in our lifetimes. Over 90 MVA members attended the event and were treated to a fine meal, lots of prizes and great fellowship. That's what this group is all about - continuing relationships that started years ago at Honeywell.



Carol & Clive Bailey, Ben Carter, Shirley Murphy, Howard Howe, Larry Harper, Genevieve Urbanski



Gerry Sturm, Pat Keegan, Terry Miller, Marilyn Ruga, Martha DiPanfilo



John Schiffgen, Loni Wellington, Carol Moyer, Jo Ketring



Darrell Schreiber, Carol Bailey, Jerry Dangler



Margaret & Steve Simmons



Carol & John Janney



Helen & Richard Malzahn



Michael & Teri Godfrey



Masako & Larry Shannon



Bea & Tom Conner



Jane & Dennis Willis



Shirley & John Bowers

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Richard & Mary Reffelt



Bea Conner, Al Shields



Sandy Janofsky, Faith Krahmer



Fran & Bob Kay



Marilyn & Don Bayer



Marilyn Ruga, Bob Friend



Ron Troanovitch, Larry Trefz



Vivian O'Dell, Mary Reffelt



Barbara & Donald Brash



Ron & Sherry Rasmussen



Gayle Smith, John Voissem

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Marty Martinez, Al Shields



Jack Ptacek, Stephanie Puffer



Natalie & Billy Adkins



Gloria Whitfield



Jack Freeman



Artie Martin



Vivian O'Dell



Marty Martinez



Steve Jones



DC Stevenson



Scott Lapham



Dr. Gloria Hill

Request for Corporate Documents

Board Meeting Minutes and Corporate financial reports are available to any active MVA member.

Please send your request for a specific report to secretary@minnregs.com



Happy Birthday from MVA!



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| 02-01 June Avery | 02-11 Lois Christie | 02-18 Anona Martin |
| 02-01 Martha Branks | 02-11 Betty Delich | 02-18 Arthur Oppenheimer |
| 02-01 Jean Clark | 02-11 Linda Edwins | 02-18 Edith Therrien |
| 02-01 Jeanette Frazier | 02-11 Brian Howell | 02-19 Barbara Boyce |
| 02-01 Chris Janes-Fortney | 02-11 Guy Kenney | 02-19 Carol Rice |
| 02-02 John Cantlay | 02-11 Iris La Fave | 02-20 Lois Hensley |
| 02-02 Barbara Capuro | 02-11 Jan (Jan) Weaver | 02-20 Harold Larson |
| 02-02 Marie Chaple | 02-12 Dorothy Bertels | 02-20 Henry Moses |
| 02-02 Elizabeth (Betty) Dallaire | 02-12 James Buchanan | 02-20 Linda Tatlock |
| 02-02 Clotilda Malloy | 02-12 Richard Cleary | 02-21 Robert Denney |
| 02-02 Kellie Simpson | 02-12 Susan Davis | 02-21 Robert Ferguson |
| 02-03 Ada Bennett | 02-12 Joseph (Joe) Gariboldi | 02-21 Lisa Kaposci |
| 02-03 Betty Catlett | 02-12 Alvin Goodson | 02-21 Linda Oppenheimer |
| 02-03 Kellie Dreger | 02-12 Friday Mathews | 02-21 Marie Reinke |
| 02-04 Marion McIntyre | 02-12 Janice Menees | 02-21 David Silvera |
| 02-04 Charles Wyllie | 02-12 Ann Russell | 02-22 Joanne Inman |
| 02-05 James Bruner | 02-12 Ronald Steiger | 02-22 Peter Kau |
| 02-05 Agnes Gabrielson | 02-12 Mildred Turner | 02-22 Bonnie Ketcham |
| 02-05 Herbert Hirsch | 02-13 Linda Burnette | 02-22 Ralph Marshall |
| 02-06 Stephen Bongiovanni | 02-13 Thomas Campolettano | 02-22 Barbara Nugent |
| 02-06 James Bruce | 02-13 Edward Felton | 02-23 Frank Easton |
| 02-06 Lou Climo | 02-13 Valentine (Val) Gersbach | 02-24 Elizabeth Dubiel |
| 02-06 Winifred Harding | 02-13 Walterine Hubbard | 02-24 Bill McIntire |
| 02-06 Maia Kran | 02-13 Janet Meranda | 02-24 Max Perez |
| 02-06 Salonia (Solly) Wendt | 02-13 Steve Reinsel | 02-24 John Smith |
| 02-07 Sherry Akins | 02-13 Marvin Sackett | 02-25 Betty Charie |
| 02-07 Sue Bayly | 02-13 Jessie Tindol | 02-25 Raymond Fennessy |
| 02-07 Caterina (Kathy) Bolliger | 02-13 Richard Walker | 02-25 Lucille Formanek |
| 02-07 Julia Brown | 02-13 Marcy Wing | 02-25 Anthony (Tony) Morrison |
| 02-07 Ronald Buss | 02-14 Hazel Ewen | 02-26 Elizabeth (Betty) Bitting |
| 02-07 June Dreger-Parsons | 02-14 Sherlie Kittelson | 02-26 James Domke |
| 02-07 Gary Linn | 02-15 Ben Carter | 02-26 Speros Georgiou |
| 02-07 Lee Silverstein | 02-15 Janis (Jan) Friend | 02-26 Marilyn Lovejoy |
| 02-07 Richard Valentine | 02-15 Hans Knight | 02-26 Clemmie Preyer |
| 02-08 Bonnie Williams | 02-15 Charlotte Melcher | 02-26 Richard (Dick) Smith |
| 02-09 Margarite Buchanan | 02-15 Stanley Soroka | 02-27 Alan Graff |
| 02-09 Julia Chamberlin | 02-16 Sarah (Sally) Berthy | 02-27 Patricia (Pat) Stone |
| 02-09 Suzanne (Sue) Francis | 02-16 Barbara Caldwell | 02-28 Robert Almer |
| 02-09 Salithiel Thomas | 02-16 Carolyn Dixon | 02-28 Mary Cooper |
| 02-10 Kathy Annand | 02-16 Martha (Jane) Tisdell-Willis | 02-28 Joseph Kunz |
| 02-10 Thomas Fennell | 02-16 Elizabeth Wienke | 02-28 Helen Raffles |
| 02-10 Sylvia Ferriter | 02-17 Phyllis Balzart | 02-28 Michael (Mike) Siebel |
| 02-10 Nancy Hall | 02-17 Bill Heubaum | 02-29 Richard Loring |
| 02-10 Willie James | 02-17 George Macilroy | |
| 02-10 Roxanne Lindquist | 02-17 Joseph Niklas | |
| 02-10 Helen Peters | 02-17 Jane Woody | |
| 02-10 Jeannie Springer | 02-18 Edith Hackett | |