



## President's Message

July has always been one of my favorite months. Way back in my Cleveland days, July was really the start of official summer. The 4th was a magical time on the Lake Erie waterfront with the sound of fireworks scaring the little ones (and the dogs) and the spectacular, colorful bursts reflected in the lake waters were awe inspiring.

I think it's pretty significant that next year, our country will celebrate its 250th Anniversary - or its semiquincentennial! I am sure that local, state and federal government agencies are making plans for the celebration. This will be a great opportunity to reflect on the importance of our military from the very birth of this great nation. We at the MVA are blessed to have so many military veterans in our midst.

Just a reminder that we are taking the month of August to relax and refresh. No Social or Luncheon in August this year. In their place, we will host a casino party at Banquet Masters (in the small room) on Wednesday, August 20. This event promises to be a nice afternoon out playing casino games. For the seasoned casino pro, this will be a good opportunity to stretch out your casino muscles without risking any cash. For newbies, this will be a great opportunity to learn about Craps, Roulette, Poker, BlackJack and more. All attendees will receive the same number of gambling chips, and the top three chip stacks at the end will receive nice prizes. The event is limited to MVA members and there is no admission charge. Some light refreshments will be served. The Casino Party starts right at 2 pm and ends at 5 pm sharp. Registration closes at the end of July, so register now at:  
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Stay safe and keep cool!



# American Independence Day



As we look forward to celebrating our nation's independence on July 4th, it's a good time to take a look back at the events that surrounded the history of this historical document - **the Declaration of Independence.**



Independence Day, also known as the Fourth of July, is a federal holiday in the United States that commemorates the ratification of the Declaration of Independence by the Second Continental Congress on July 4, 1776, establishing the United States of America as an independent country.

The delegates of the Second Continental Congress declared that the 13 colonies were no longer subject to the Great Britain and were now united, free, and independent states. The Congress voted to approve independence by adopting the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776.

During the American Revolution, the legal separation of the thirteen colonies from Great Britain in 1776 actually occurred on July 2, when the Second Continental Congress voted to approve a resolution of independence that had been proposed in June by Richard Henry Lee of Virginia declaring the United States independent from Great Britain's rule. After voting for independence, Congress turned its attention to the Declaration of Independence, a statement explaining this decision, which had been prepared by the Committee of Five, which asked Thomas Jefferson to author its first draft.

While Jefferson consulted extensively with the other four members of the Committee of Five, he largely wrote the Declaration of Independence in isolation over 17 days between June 11, 1776, and June 28, 1776, from the second floor he was renting in a three-story private home at 700 Market Street in Philadelphia, now known as the Declaration House, and within walking distance of Independence Hall.

Congress debated and revised the wording of the Declaration, removing Jefferson's vigorous denunciation of King George III for importing the slave trade, finally approving it two days later on July 4. A day earlier, John Adams wrote to his wife Abigail:

*The second day of July 1776, will be the most memorable epoch in the history of America. I am apt to believe that it will be celebrated by succeeding generations as the great anniversary festival. It ought to be commemorated as the day of deliverance, by solemn acts of devotion to God Almighty. It ought to be solemnized with pomp and parade, with shows, games, sports, guns, bells, bonfires, and illuminations, from one end of this continent to the other, from this time forward forever more.*

By remarkable coincidence, Thomas Jefferson and John Adams, the only two signatories of the Declaration of Independence later to serve as presidents of the United States, both died on the same day: July 4, 1826, which was the 50th anniversary of the Declaration.

\*Taken from Wikipedia



# First Wednesday Social May 7, 2025



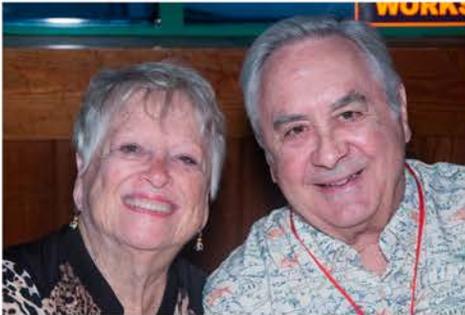
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*Steve & Margaret Simmons*



*Andrea & Al Shields*



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*Michael & Teri Godfrey*



*Bob Dalton, Jerry Dangler*



*Frank & Argie Easton*



*Jeff Ring, Larry Trefz*



*Teri Godfrey, Wendy Hugar*



*Paul Krahrmer, Karyn Klos*



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*Cathy & Bill Naabe*



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Betty Held, Jean Miller



David Hadsock



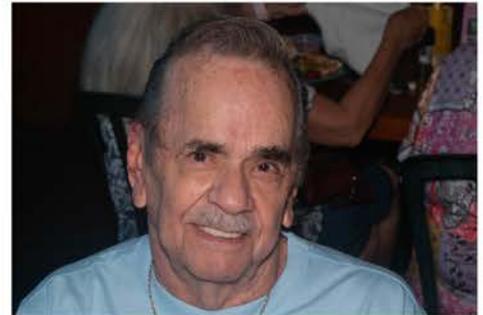
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Bob Lovejoy



John Bowers



Carl Baum



Al Shields, Bea Conner



Dave Donnelly



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Greg Zajdel



George Hafer



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*Darrell Schreiber*



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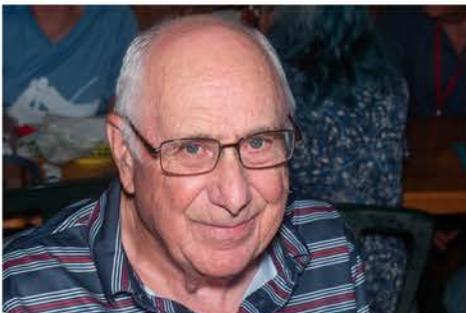
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*Jim Acosta*



*Clive Bailey*



*Artie Martin*



*Al Parisi*



*Marge Lynch*



*Jane Willis*



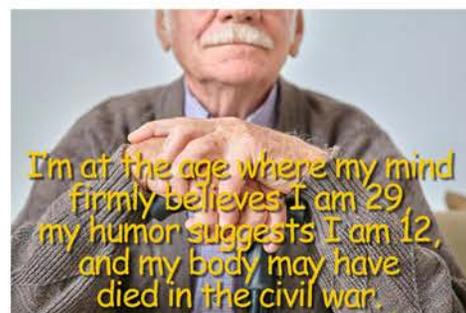
*Jerry Klos*



*Dave Cox*



*Betty Held*



I'm at the age where my mind firmly believes I am 29, my humor suggests I am 12, and my body may have died in the civil war.



*Cheryl Bartel*



*Genevieve Urbanski*



# First Wednesday Social May 7, 2025



*Happy Server*



*Jane Willis*



*Congratulations to all the happy winners*





# First Wednesday Social May 7, 2025



*Carol Janney*



*Bonnie Williams*



*Helen Malzahn*



*Julie Zajdel*



*Fran Kay*



*Teresa Mickiewicz*



*Karyn Klos*



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*Cheryl McAvoy*



*Anne Burton*



*Andrea Shields*



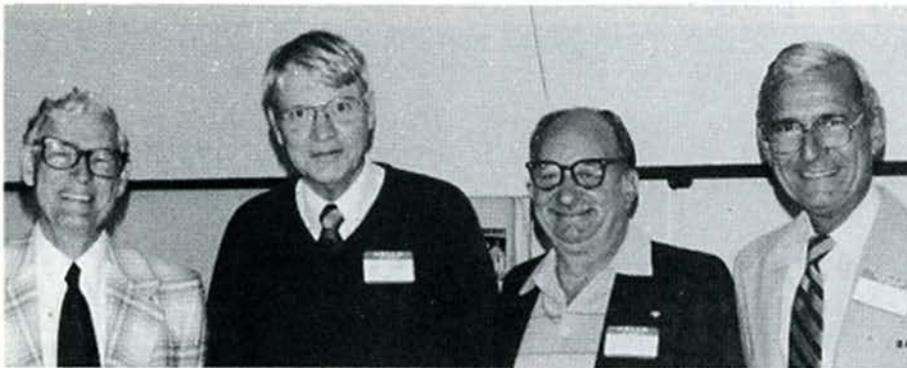
*Mary Reffelt*



# A Blast from the Past



## FLORIDA HONEYWELL RETIREE PROJECT



Ross Byers, Dallis Gates, Ole Olsen and George Manthos

At a Luncheon Meeting on January 27, 1981, in the Minnreg Building forty-five Honeywell retirees and spouses gathered to organize the Florida Honeywell Retiree Volunteer Association. The group will sponsor the Honeywell Retiree Volunteer Project meeting the special needs of the retiree and the community by:

- Encouraging Retirees and spouses to become active as volunteers in nonprofit community service agencies and organizations.
- Helping these volunteers to find ap-

propriate agencies or organizations with needs matched to the Retirees' talents and desires.

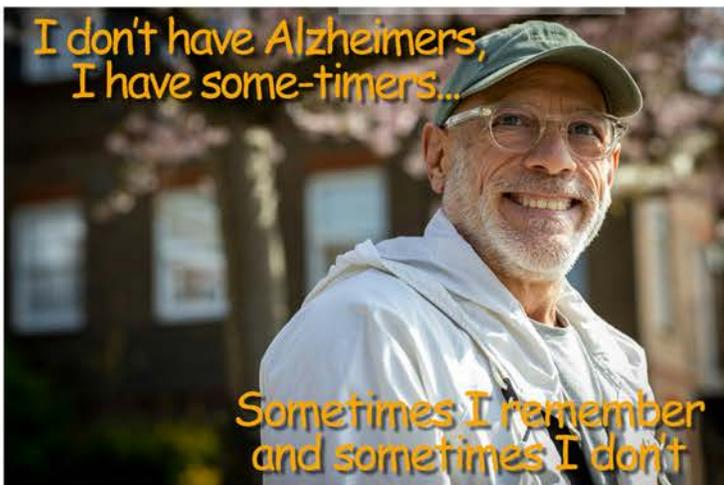
John Wilson, in welcoming the group expressed the need for volunteers throughout the community. He said, "It is a cooperative effort by Honeywell Retirees and the Company to involve retirees in voluntary activities in the community. The program is intended to be mutually beneficial to the retirees and the Community while responding to the Community Service Goals of the Company."

By-laws for the organization were reviewed by the retirees and spouses and adopted.

Officers elected for one year terms were: Ross Byers, Chairperson; Dallis Gates, First Chairperson; Ole Olsen, Second Chairperson; and George Manthos, Secretary. Jack Fitzgerald, in his role as Chairman of the Honeywell Retiree Project Committee, will serve as a member of the Management Committee.

These member retirees all volunteered to assist in getting further organized and forming the Operating Committees: Emerson Schweikert, Lloyd Horton, Joseph Rauseo, Agnes Rauseo, Marlin Eldred, Doris Gehring, Ole Olsen, Herm Seibert and Tom Riggs.

### THE QUOTATION CORNER



WELCOME

To *Fabulous*  
Casino Parties  
of  
Tampa Bay

# For Our Members



CASINO

How about an afternoon at the casino? Texas Hold 'em poker, craps, blackjack and roulette are on the menu and the buy-in is just your MVA membership. Nothing to lose and a great time to win! We have contracted with Casino Parties of Tampa Bay to bring their casino equipment and operators to Banquet Masters on Wednesday, August 20, from 2 to 5 pm. This is a great opportunity for seasoned gambling professionals to build their chip stacks. It's also an opportunity for non-gamblers to learn all about the casino games from the professionals on hand. At the start of the party, each attendee will receive the same amount of chips. At the end of the party, the members with the top three chip amounts will receive gifts along with bragging rights for the rest of the year. We will serve some finger food (not the luncheon we are used to at Banquet Masters). You can reserve your spot now at:

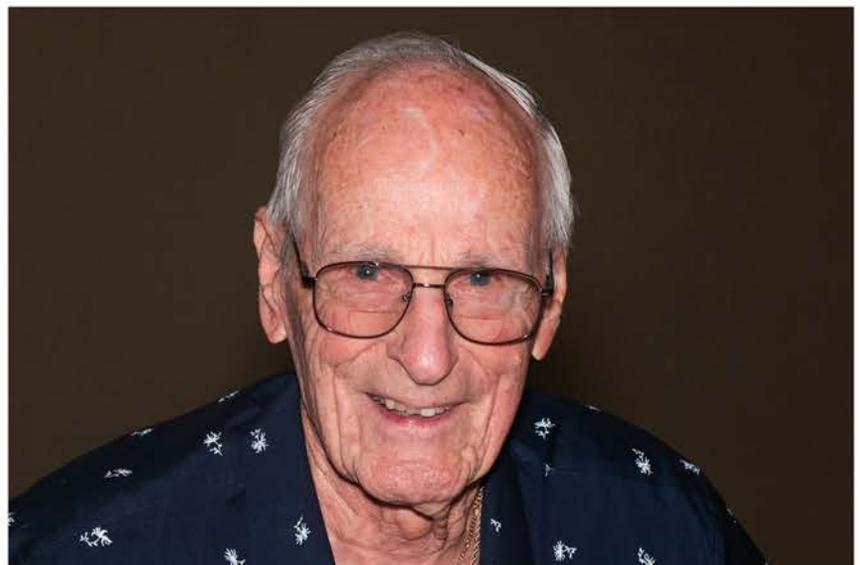
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So put on your game face and let's have some casino fun. **This event is in lieu of a monthly luncheon in August.**



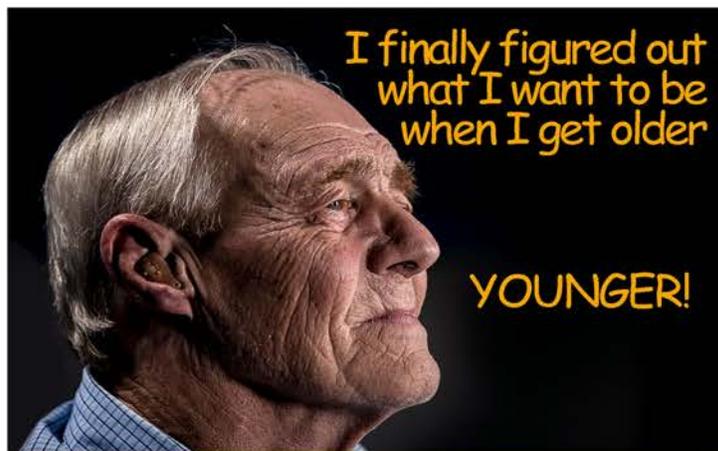
# Monthly Luncheon June 18

What a great celebration of the 1960s decade! Lots of tie-dyes and peace signs were the order of the day. We honored our most senior father, Bill Martin, and spent a few minutes reliving life 60 years ago in Pinellas County.



Our most senior father, Bill Martin

# Monthly Luncheon June 18



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*Masako Shannon, Deb Dupper, Larry Shannon*



*John Voissem, Gayle Smith*



*Howard Howe, Carol & Clive Bailey*



*Deb Dupper, Shirley & John Bowers*



*Jane & Dennis Willis, Loni Wellington, Jo Ketring*



*Deb Dupper, Bryan Martinez, Mary Reffelt*



*Faith & Paul Kraemer*



*Steve & Margaret Simmons*



*Betty Held, Carl Baum*

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*Greg & Julie Zajdel*



*Loni Wellington, Jo Ketring*



*Brian & Katrina Pershing*



*Shirley & John Bowers*



*Dennis & Jane Willis*



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*Barbara Pothier*



*Hendrik Gelderloos*



*Jacqueline Morgan*



*Fred Miller*



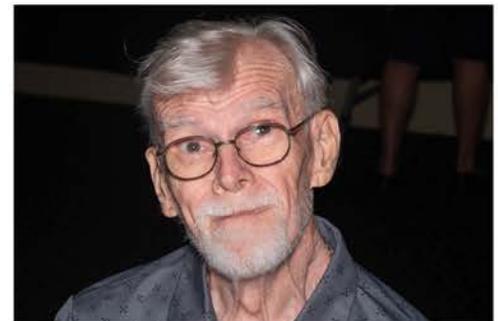
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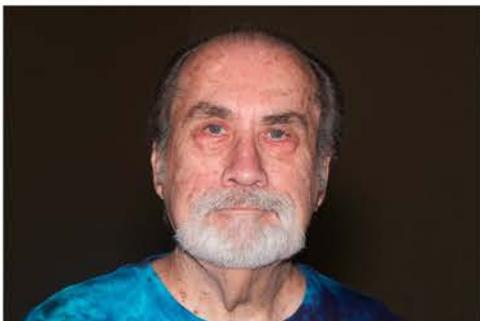
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*Cathy Hubbard, Cheryl McAvoy*



*Clive & Carol Bailey*



*Thom & Deb Dupper*



*Roger Block*



*Bryan Martinez, Deb Dupper*



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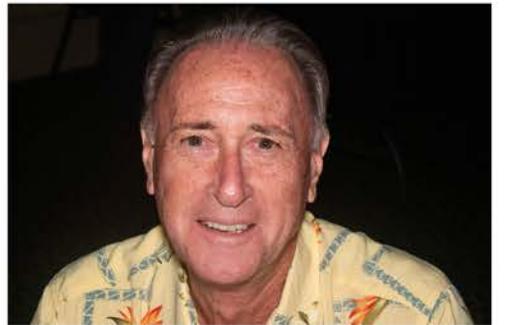
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*David Hadsock*



*Bob Dalton*



*Shirley & John Bowers*



*Richard & Mary Reffelt*



*Vivian O'Dell, Mary Reffelt*



*Barbara Pothier, Jacqueline Morgan*



*Faith & Paul Kraemer*



*Bryan Martinez, Deb Dupper*





# Happy July Birthday from MVA!



- 07/04 Ronald Mason
- 07/04 Kathleen Samson
- 07/06 David Donnelly
- 07/06 Genevieve Urbanski
- 07/09 Wanda Beasley
- 07/12 Danielle Rasmussen
- 07/12 Patsy Rohrs
- 07/12 Andrea Shields
- 07/12 Don Trepanier
- 07/16 Shawn Cotton
- 07/17 Sharon Coogan
- 07/17 Donna Siebel
- 07/19 Terri Beamer
- 07/19 Shirley Bowers
- 07/20 Carl Baum
- 07/21 Emilie Carter
- 07/31 Gerry Sturm

