



### President's Message

School is back in session and tropical storms are brewing in the Atlantic. Seems like we do something like this every year! Since we had no social or luncheon in August, this newsletter will be shorter than normal. We did have a very entertaining Casino Party on August 20 at Banquet Masters. 46 members played casino games from 2-5 pm in the quest for bragging rights and top prizes. Congratulations to Sam Janofsky, Shirley Bowers and Mike Ranallo for claiming the big prizes.

We want to welcome our new office manager, Larry Trefz. Larry is in charge of scheduling office events, maintaining an inventory of refreshments, and managing the office budget. Larry maintains informal office hours and can usually be found there on Monday, Wednesday and Friday afternoons. **The new office phone number is 727.316.7148.**

Speaking of the office - one of the reasons we lease a permanent space is to provide a location for MVA members who want to share their interests with other members. So if you are really into canasta or cribbage, or board games or dice games, or whatever - please feel free to invite others to share and use the facility for your group. If you have an interest in hosting such events at the office, please give Larry a call and work out the details.

It's also MVA election season. Unlike previous years, the only leadership election this year is for 4 Board Directors. The terms of John Bowers, Mary Reffelt, Gene Ward and Mark Wolf are expiring this year so we need to fill those spots in our October election. These elections present the opportunity for members to get involved - through nominations and through actual voting. If you are interested in filling a board position, or know of another MVA member who would make a good board member, please fill out the online nomination form: <https://form.jotform.com/252244566814157>

The September social will be our last for the year. As we move into 2026, we will be offering a more robust menu of other member activities in place of the monthly socials.



# MVA Casino Party



46 MVA members enjoyed an afternoon of fun and games at the Casino Party on August 20 at Banquet Masters. Casino Parties of Tampa Bay brought Blackjack, Poker, Roulette, Craps and Slot Machines. Prizes went to the top 3 gamers - Sam Janofski was the big winner, Shirley Bowers came second and Mike Ranallo placed third. Congrats to all!



*Vivian O'Dell and Deb Dupper - Casino check-in*



*Margaret Simmons and Pat Keegan work the slots while Steve Simmons looks on*



*Thom Dupper, Sam Janofski, Al Olsen, Bill & Cathy Naabe - Hold'em*



*Fred Miller, Mary Reffelt, Pat Keegan try roulette*



*Pat Keegan, Bonnie Williams, Eldridge Bradley, Gloria Whitfield, Larry Trefz at the craps table*



*Mary Reffelt and Julie Zajdel try their luck at Blackjack*



# MVA Casino Party



*At the blackjack table - Vivian O'Dell, John Bowers, Bob Canistraro, Anne Burson, Mike Ranallo, Tom Conner looking on.*



*Lots of action on the casino floor*



*Rosemary Bradley, Shirley Murphy, Shirley Bowers, Bob Dalton looking for the "21"*



*Gail Olsen at the slot machine with Gloria Whitfield providing encouragement*



*Pat Keegan, Bonnie Williams, Eldridge Bradley, Larry Trefz with Vivian O'Dell at the blackjack table*



*Teri Godfrey, Wendy Hugar, Bea & Tom Conner, Mike Ranallo trying their luck at blackjack*



# MVA Casino Party



*Gloria Hill works the slot machine!*



*Wendy Hugar, Bea Conner, Tom Conner, Mike Ranallo*



*John Bowers tries roulette*



*Pat Keegan, big winner at slots*



*The big winners - #1 Sam Janofski, #3 Mike Ranallo, #2 Shirley Bowers*



*David Haddock, Shirley Bowers, Sam & Sandy Janofski*



# MVA in the Community



Continuing our partnership with Morgan Fitzgerald Middle School in Largo, The MVA helped support the school's foster family population by supplying school supplies to ensure a successful school year.



We have added a second school to our partner program in 2025 - Richard L. Sanders School in Pinellas Park. This is a K-12 school serving special needs students with comprehensive programs as described below on their website:

*We are a K-12 school in Pinellas County serving students with a variety of exceptionalities. Services available on campus include Speech/Language therapy and Occupational therapy. Our school has four full-time social workers, three behavior specialists, nursing services, and a psychologist to help with any student needs.*

*Our Reintegration VE Specialist works to provide opportunities for our students to return to the general education setting. The mission of Richard L. Sanders is to produce college and career ready graduates by offering a positive, supportive, growth-oriented environment, where students can develop the academic, behavioral, and affective skills necessary to be successful, regardless of the setting.*



# A Blast from the Past



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*Remember the \$2 bill?*



*It's returning!*



The \$2 bill is coming back! On April 13, 1976, it will begin appearing in your change. You'll be using it to buy a \$1.98 bargain.

On November 3, 1975, Secretary of the Treasury, William E. Simon, announced the reissuance of the \$2 bill as a Federal Reserve Note, Series 1976.

The new note will be issued on April 13, Thomas Jefferson's birthday. It will feature an engraving of Jefferson from a portrait painted in the early 1800's, and the back will incorporate a rendition of the "Signing of the Declaration of Independence" painted during the post-Revolutionary War period.

It's estimated the note will result in a savings of \$4-7 million per year in printing of \$1 notes. An average of 1.6 billion one dollar notes are printed per year, which accounts for 55-60% of the total volume of currency printed.

The new \$2 note is expected to re-

place about one-half of the "ones" in circulation over a period of the next several years.

A sufficient volume will be printed, 400 million per year, to assure wide availability. This production volume is 60 times greater than the average annual production of the previous \$2 note last issued in 1966.

Issuance will also result in total savings to the Federal Reserve System of approximately \$27 million (in '76 dollars) over the next five years.

The reissue of the \$2 bill can add a new convenience to our currency system and help reduce the cost of government.

As two-dollar bills gradually come to be substituted for "ones", fewer pieces of currency will need to be carried by individuals, and small cash transactions will be greatly facilitated.

This will mean an improved cash handling convenience for buyers and sellers alike.



# MVA Leadership



It's that time of year again - when we elect board members to serve for the next two years. Four Board positions are open in 2025 to fill the vacancies of Board members whose terms run out in 2025 - John Bowers, Mary Reffelt, Gene Ward, Mark Wolf.

Nominations for the openings can be made through the online nomination form:  
<https://form.jotform.com/252244566814157>

Nominees must have been employed by Honeywell for at least 5 years and be a member in good standing.

Any active member may nominate any other active member (including self-nomination) to fill a 2-year Board term. The Recording Secretary will contact all nominees to determine eligibility and willingness to serve.

Nominations will close on October 6. Elections will take place at the October 15 luncheon by secret ballot. All active MVA members will be handed a ballot upon entering the hall. Ballots will be collected and counted during the meeting. The Recording Secretary will provide the results to the President during the meeting. The newly-elected Board members will be announced and recognized at that meeting.

### **According to the MVA by-laws:**

*The Board of Directors is the governing body of the organization, overseeing vision, mission, and internal operations. Board members hold overall fiscal and managerial oversight responsibility. They are charged with the supervision and oversight of the organization's mission and goals. The Board shall appoint standing or ad hoc committees to perform specific tasks, internal operations, or functions. Ultimately, all Board members serve as ambassadors for the organization's mission, inside and outside the organization.*

*A director will perform the duties of director, including the duties as a member of any office or committee of the Board upon which such director serves, in good faith, in a manner reasonably believed to be in the best interest of the Corporation, and with such care as an ordinarily prudent person in a like position would use under similar circumstances.*



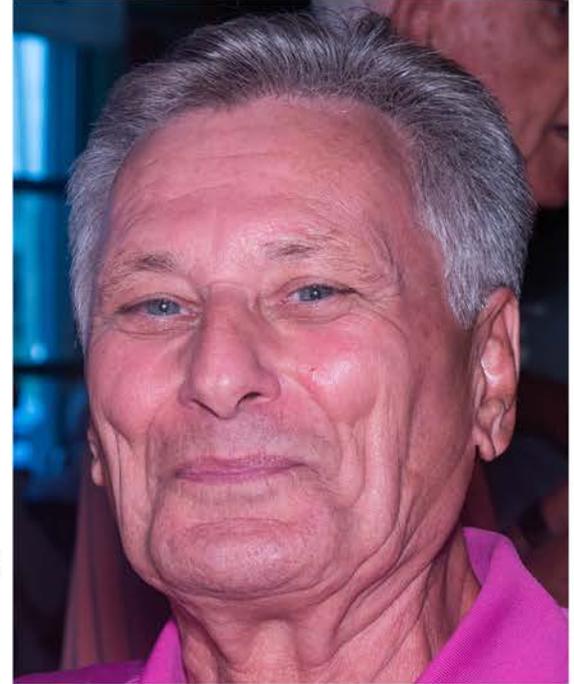
# For Our Members



There's a new sheriff in town! Larry Trefz, a frequent guest at the MVA office, has taken over as the MVA office manager. In that role, Larry will keep the calendar of events for the office, act as liaison with the landlord, maintain all office equipment, and keep an inventory of refreshments and supplies to ensure a smooth operation.

As a reminder, the MVA office is available to any active MVA member for member-oriented activities. The facility is ideal for board games, card games, book clubs or any other activity of interest to the members. There is no charge for the facility.

Any scheduling requests for office space, or reports of office issues, should be directed to Larry at [office@minnregs.com](mailto:office@minnregs.com) or by calling the new office phone number **(727) 316-7148**.



# In Memoriam



*Byron V. Hall, 89 Beloved Husband, Father, Grandfather, and community volunteer.*

Byron V. Hall, 89, passed away peacefully on July 23, 2025. A longtime resident and devoted servant to his community, Byron lived a life full of generosity, service, and quiet strength.

Byron worked for many years in the aerospace division of Honeywell, where his steady hand and sharp mind contributed to important work during a time of great innovation. Outside of his professional life, he was a man deeply committed to helping others. He served as president of the MINREG club and was known as a warm and welcoming greeter and Sunday School opener at Harvest Temple during the 1970s.

He continued to give back throughout his life- volunteering at Bay Pines VA, supporting a church bicycle mission, and helping feed community through feeding America. Byron also had a passion for flying and found great joy in the skies, a fitting metaphor for his adventurous and generous spirit.

He is survived by his beloved wife, Evelyn Hall; his devoted daughter, Diane Nees, and her husband Jeff; his grandchildren, Hannah and Andy; and his brother, Bill Hall. Byron's legacy lives on in the many lives he touched with kindness, and unwavering support.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to the Parkinson's Foundation in honor of Byron's memory.

**Byron's memorial service is scheduled for September 6 at 10:30 am. at Royal Palms, 200 Lake Avenue NE, Largo.**

We knew how to  
love them in their  
presence, now we  
must learn to love  
them in their absence

*David Kessler*

*Grief.com*

**Loss can remind us  
that life itself is  
a gift.**

Louise Hay and David Kessler  
From You Can Heal Your Heart

Grief.com



# MVA Marketplace



Do you have something to sell? Do you need to buy something? Do you have a side business selling stuff? Do you offer services in your spare time? Would you like to do business with people you know and trust?

We are creating space in the monthly newsletter for classified ads about all of the above. These ads will be free of charge for any active MVA member. We have created an online form for your ad (<https://form.jotform.com/252344543719056>) Photos are welcome as part of your ad.

The MVA organization makes no warranty. We are simply providing a forum for members to do business with each other. So if you have items for sale, want to purchase items, or offer services, please take advantage of this offer.

## MVA Holiday Schedule

With the holiday season just around the corner, it's a good time to mark your calendars for MVA member events between now and the end of the year.

### September

Social - September 3, Quaker Steak & Lube 4 pm

Luncheon - September 17, Banquet Masters, 11 am. Cruise theme

### October

Luncheon - October 15, Banquet Masters, 11 am. Halloween theme

### November

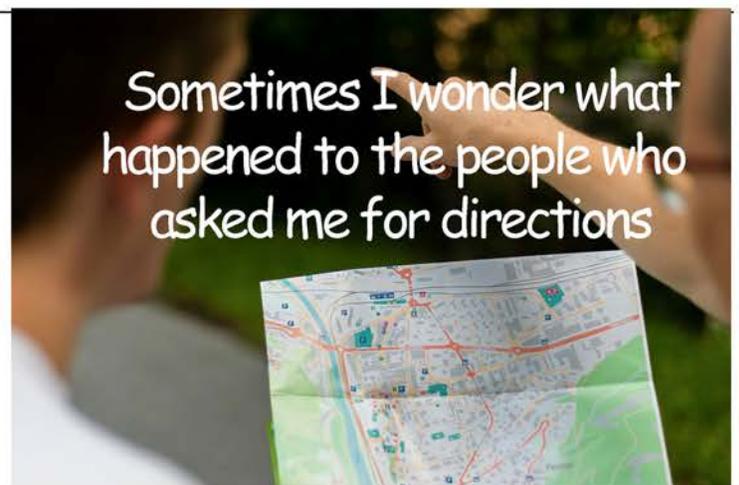
Luncheon - November 19, Banquet Masters, 11 am. Thanksgiving theme

Picnic - Thursday, November 13, Lake Seminole Park #12, 11 am.

### December

Luncheon - December 17, Banquet Masters, 11 am. Christmas theme

Celine Dion Tribute Show, December 20 (details to come)





# Happy April Birthday from MVA!



- 09/01 Teri Godfrey
- 09/01 Jerry Klos
- 09/02 Rosemary Bradley
- 09/09 William Naabe
- 09/13 Carol Bailey
- 09/15 John Bowers
- 09/15 Linda Lopez
- 09/16 James Hansen
- 09/19 Vivian ODell
- 09/21 Debra Dupper
- 09/21 Clyde Schreiner
- 09/24 Lawrence Shannon
- 09/25 Don Gillespie
- 09/26 Sherry Rasmussen
- 09/26 Rosalyn Sliger
- 09/28 Argintina Easton
- 09/28 Lee Hoffmann
- 09/30 George Hafer
- 09/30 Glenn Nikles

