



President's Message

One of the great joys of leading this group is the energy that is so present at every event. Our socials and luncheons are well attended and everyone seems to really enjoy the company. I have said many times in the past that we are a truly unique group. We come together with one unifying link - our time at HI. We have been adding new members almost monthly as more and more members are reaching out to old co-workers. The MVA is, without a doubt, the greatest bargain in the history of bargains. So if you know a former co-worker who might like to join our merry band, bring them to an event and point them to the membership form on the MVA website:

(<https://minnregs.com/membership-application/>)

Our community and member vice-presidents are doing a great job of uncovering new ways for us to serve our members and our community. We are actively looking for community agencies to support. If you have personal knowledge of a non-profit (501(c)3) organization that is making a difference in our community, please direct them to the community grant application (<https://form.jotform.com/230034932173044>).

For our members, we are adding some new events - such as picnics - to our events calendar in 2023. Our first picnic is scheduled for Thursday, May 11 at 11 am at Lake Seminole Park Shelter 12. This shelter is right on the lake and across from the ball field. The perfect location for an afternoon in the sun with your favorite people. We will provide the main course and drinks. Please bring a picnic dish to share - ie: salads, baked beans, chips and desserts.

Looking forward to every active and interesting social calendar for the rest of the year. Make sure you check your emails and upcoming newsletters for details and registration information.

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Member Events 2023



The golfers will gather for another MVA golf scramble on Thursday, April 6 at Lake Seminole Country Club. Teams of four will participate in the best-ball event, with prizes for the top teams, closest to the pin, and longest drive. A nice buffet will be served following the tournament. Event starts at 4 with a 3:30 check-in at the club house. MVA active members are free, guests (including ringers) are \$25.



Mark your calendars for Wednesday, July 26, 2023 at 12:10pm! We're planning another fun day at Tropicana Field to watch the Tampa Bay Rays play the Miami Marlins. Just as last year, we will receive group seating and a Rays baseball cap. Tropicana Field is cashless and paperless so you are required to download the MLB ballpark app to your smart phone, create an account and password in order to access your e-ticket to be able to enter the ballpark. For us to be able to go to the game under this promotion a minimum of 20 is required to sign up. Parking and concessions are not included. MVA members will be free and guests are \$30 each. In the May newsletter, an online form will be included for you to sign up to attend this event.



We've had a lot of requests for a picnic this year, so let's get out in the fresh air and enjoy a day at the park before it gets too hot!! We have reserved Pavilion #12 at Lake Seminole Park for May 11th at 11:00. We will provide the main dishes and beverages but how about everyone bring their favorite picnic side dish for all to enjoy! We will have corn hole games and others, but if anyone has anything else that they'd like to bring, please do so! Let's make this a fun day!



MVA in the Community 2023



MVA's efforts in the community will focus on specific segments of the local population. In the first quarter of 2023, our focus will be on partnering with area schools to support their STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) programs. We will also select the recipient of the \$10,000 MVA scholarship. Carol Janney's committee is hard at work reviewing the high school seniors who qualify for the award. The winner will be announced at the April MVA luncheon. In Q2, the focus shifts to homeless men and women. We will collect clothing items for each group later in the year. Information concerning the most requested items will be forthcoming in future editions of the newsletter. We will also support children's cancer center by providing volunteers. In preparation for the 2023 holiday season, we will be working with local charities to provide diapers, wipes and age-appropriate gifts for children in the foster care system. Finally, we will provide emotional support by purchasing and assembling small gift bags for each individual from selected nursing homes, ALFs or veterans groups. Below is the collection calendar for the rest of 2023.



March Children's Cancer Center
Soft socks, small unscented lotion, coloring books, colored pencils, chapstick, small hand sanitizer

May
Clothing for adult male homeless.
Details about specifics to come



July School supplies for homeless and foster children
Notebooks, pens, paper, pencils, bookbags, folders, colored pencils

September
Clothing for homeless females
Details about specifics to come



November
Local food bank
Non-perishable food items

December
Active Military
Toys for Tots



Pictured above is MVA's donation to the PBIS "Positive Behavioral Interventions & Support Project" at Morgan Fitzgerald Middle School. This initiative lets students collect points via positive behavior that then can be used to get school supplies or snacks.

From left to right: Dr Gloria Hill/MVA VP Community Affairs, Lja Hawthorne/Principal, Lisa Ohlemann/Gifted Teacher, Gerry Sturm/MVA Volunteer.



First Wednesday Social February 1, 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 February social was a huge success with lots of great conversations and an abundance of prizes. As always, the staff at Banquet Masters provided an excellent meal and great service. The March social returns to Fat at Tavern in Largo.



Artie Martin



Dave Donnelly



Faith Krahrmer



Jo Ketring



John Janney



Walt Faulkner



Brian Martinez



Vivian O'Dell



Gloria Whitfield



Jim Acosta



Bob Lovejoy



Sam Janofsky



Bonnie Williams



Richard Malzahn

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Marilyn & Don Bayer



Gayle Smith & John Voissem



Emilie & Ben Carter



Bob & Fran Kay



Donald & Barbara Brash



Dennis & Jane Willis



Carol & John Janney



John Schiffgen, Loni Wellington



Bea & Tom Conner



Sherry & Ron Rasmussen



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Margaret & Steve Simmons



Bob Dalton



Jerry Dangler



Larry Trefz



Genevieve Urbanski, Larry Harper



Lorraine Wert



Ron Rasmussen



Jack Freeman



Andrea & Al Shields



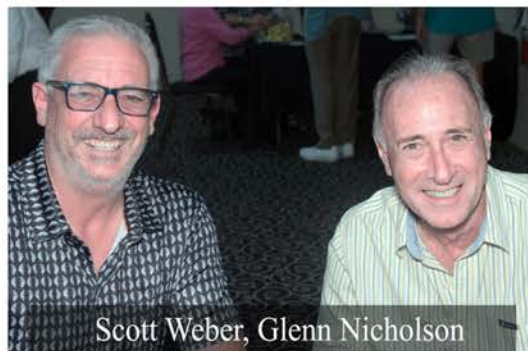
Deb Dupper



Wendy Hugar



Carol Janney



Scott Weber, Glenn Nicholson



Bea Conner



Am I getting older

Or is the supermarket
Finally playing great music?



Monthly Luncheon February 15



Love was in the air at the February luncheon as we celebrated Valentine's Day and heard about blankets for foster children and a program to help disadvantaged students perform better in school after the pandemic. The Adkins received a special award for being married the longest - 65 years!



Natalie & Billy Adkins



Jo Ketring, John Schiffgen, Loni Wellington



Deb & Thom Dupper



Sandy & Sam Janofsky



Deb Dupper & Artie Martin



Dennis & Jane Willis



Barbara & Donald Brash



Emilie & Ben Carter



Margaret & Steve Simmons



Shirley & John Bowers



Richard & Mary Reffelt



Jan & Bob Friend



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Dr. Gloria Hill



Brian Martinez



Terry Miller



Masako & Larry Shannon



Vivian O'Dell



Bonnie Williams



Faith Krahmer



DC Stevenson





Happy Birthday from MVA!



03-01 Angie Buick
 03-01 Phyllis Lee
 03-01 James McGinley
 03-01 Katherine Winterhalter
 03-01 Paul Wittman
 03-02 Albert Cozzoli
 03-02 Lori Epperson
 03-02 Frances Salgado
 03-02 Bonnie Spearman
 03-03 William (Bill) Martin
 03-03 Sheila Polsley
 03-03 Patricia Waloga
 03-04 Marjorie Crosmer
 03-04 Paul Griffin
 03-04 Martin Helveston
 03-04 James Mayes
 03-04 Gerald Pruitt
 03-05 Kirk Brown
 03-05 Andrew Conaway
 03-05 Doris Dick
 03-05 CA (Marty) Martinez
 03-05 Cindy Sartor
 03-06 Richard Elmhurst
 03-06 Daniel Engelken
 03-06 Frank Neri
 03-07 Jay Johnson
 03-07 Lillian Morison
 03-07 Richard Oswald
 03-07 Jimmie (Jim) Perry
 03-07 Mary Slater
 03-07 Dalia Vega
 03-07 Jim Wedlake
 03-08 Marella Cassels
 03-08 Mildred Gold
 03-08 Donald Powers
 03-08 Deborah (Deb) Ring
 03-09 John Bennet
 03-09 Stephen Graff
 03-09 Jean Kerrigan
 03-09 Martha Lovelace
 03-09 Dianne Shircliffe
 03-10 Robert Bolin
 03-10 Morris Hall
 03-10 James Hess
 03-10 Theresa Lee
 03-10 Betty Wise
 03-11 Gloria Browne
 03-11 Evaylon Casteel
 03-11 Frank Christie

03-11 Dorothy Clarke
 03-11 Jimmy Cribbs
 03-11 Barbara Hanson
 03-11 Gerald Salgado
 03-11 Alex Zanders
 03-12 Audrey Drobisch
 03-12 James Hart
 03-12 Isabel Harvey
 03-12 Carol Mader
 03-12 Larry Newland
 03-12 Myriam Otero
 03-13 Mary Hughes
 03-13 Roger Sowada
 03-14 Arnold Adams
 03-14 Carol Cunningham
 03-14 Mary Fischer
 03-14 Jerrald (Jerry) Griebler
 03-14 Samuel Moschetto
 03-14 Betty Rohrbacher
 03-14 Nancy Ross
 03-14 Thomas Summers
 03-14 Sarah Walton
 03-15 Robert Fernandez
 03-15 Sharon Kropel
 03-15 Lisa Levy
 03-15 Ralph Olsen
 03-15 R. Pennington
 03-15 Dorothy (Dot) Yancey
 03-15 Greg Zajdel
 03-16 W. Boudreau
 03-16 Elaine De Felix
 03-16 Gloria Dille
 03-16 Sandy Janofsky
 03-16 Janice Jochum
 03-16 Donald Konen
 03-16 James Lafferty
 03-16 Margaret Simmons
 03-17 Emilia Emery
 03-17 Sharon Gariboldi
 03-17 Marian Rothenberger
 03-17 Patricia Sabin
 03-17 Betty Smith
 03-18 Lawrence Clark
 03-18 Bill Jamieson
 03-18 Steadmon Lott
 03-18 Cornelius Seay
 03-19 Mary McClellan
 03-19 Richard Prather
 03-19 Mary (Polly) Woodside

03-20 Jackie Cleaver
 03-20 Masako Shannon
 03-20 Lillian Sowada
 03-21 Don Browne
 03-21 Gail Mickel
 03-21 Cheryl Smith
 03-22 Dave Lenoach
 03-23 Patricia Carr
 03-23 Bruce Davis
 03-23 Rita Garvey
 03-23 Albert Turley
 03-24 Harry Blackiston
 03-24 Bonnie (Agin) Godfrey
 03-24 Merlin Keese
 03-25 Bonnie Chambers
 03-25 Mary Ferrell
 03-25 Susan Kubes
 03-25 Stewart Meeker
 03-25 Jack Ptacek
 03-25 Louisa Scalise
 03-26 Betty Acker
 03-26 Robert Gillmore
 03-26 Patricia (Pat) Keegan
 03-26 Richard Lodge
 03-26 Patricia Wilson
 03-27 Elisabeth Blair
 03-27 Marc (Skee) Danner
 03-27 Marvella (Marv) Phillips
 03-27 Doris (H.) Walker
 03-28 Barbara Bruce
 03-28 Glenda Neville
 03-28 Horace Slater
 03-29 Roger Block
 03-29 A. (Ree) Danley
 03-29 Clarence Lee
 03-29 Jeanette Sahr
 03-30 E. Bubb
 03-30 Jeanne Dougherty
 03-30 Rudolph Klingbeil
 03-30 Donald Parker
 03-30 Joseph Skodje
 03-31 Jean Block
 03-31 Patricia Buss
 03-31 Teresa Mickiewicz
 03-31 Donald Ostendorf
 03-31 Robin Pickel