



President's Message

We welcomed in the Florida summer at our April luncheon as more than 90 members and guests gathered for a Hawaiian luau celebration. I am encouraged that we are adding new members on a fairly regular basis. This is great news for an organization that was stagnant for many years. Events like this luau luncheon are always fun for all involved. Many thanks to Deb Dupper for doing such a great job of planning and organizing all our monthly luncheon meetings. She is a real treasure.

Our dual programs of member events and community outreaches are an attractive lure for Honeywell employees and retirees. As we add new members, they help us discover new ways to enhance the lives of our members and our communities.

One such member is Gerry Sturm. She works closely with both sides of our organization. She is the school coordinator, providing liaison with Pinellas County schools, identifying schools that are involved in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) programs. In the past few months, we have donated 3D printers to Osceola Fundamental High School and iPads to Morgan Fitzgerald Middle School. These contributions have made a real difference at each school, allowing them to better serve students with an interest in STEM.

Gerry has also coordinated our MVA @ Rays events for the past two years. She works directly with the Rays sales office to select the game (this year is July 26 vs. the Miami Marlins) and reserve seats so we can all sit together as we enjoy an afternoon of baseball.

I wonder how many others we have within our organization who have fresh ideas about how we can better serve our membership and our communities. I have heard many times that we have not because we ask not. Well, I am asking!

Is that you? Are you feeling the pull? Just want to make some suggestions? Reach out to me at "president@minnregs.com." I promise an attentive ear and no pressure to serve. But...if you want to serve, we will greet you with open arms and heartfelt thanks. Promise!



Member Events 2023



The spring golf best-ball scramble event was a great success. 8 teams of four competed for bragging rights. The tournament was held on Thursday, April 6 at the Lake Seminole Country Club in Seminole. Check out the winning teams below. Another tournament is planned for the fall. Fore!



Men's winners - Marty Martinez, Brian Martinez, Bill Axley, Al Shields



Women's winners - Jane Gonser, Pat Keegan, Betty Held, Lorraine Wert

Picnic!



We have Shelter 12 at Lake Seminole Park reserved for Thursday, May 11. The event starts at 11 am. MVA will provide the main course and drinks. Members are encouraged to bring a picnic-style side dish to share. (no more potato salad please!) We will have some games set up for the competitive among us. For the rest of us, we can just kick back and enjoy the surroundings, fun, food and fellowship.

So sign up (link below), grab your lawn chairs or blanket if you want to sit under the trees.

(<https://form.jotform.com/230714405024039>)



Tickets to the Rays game are sold out. If you want to be placed on a waiting list, you can do that at:

<https://form.jotform.com/231108025196045>

Tickets will be distributed in June.

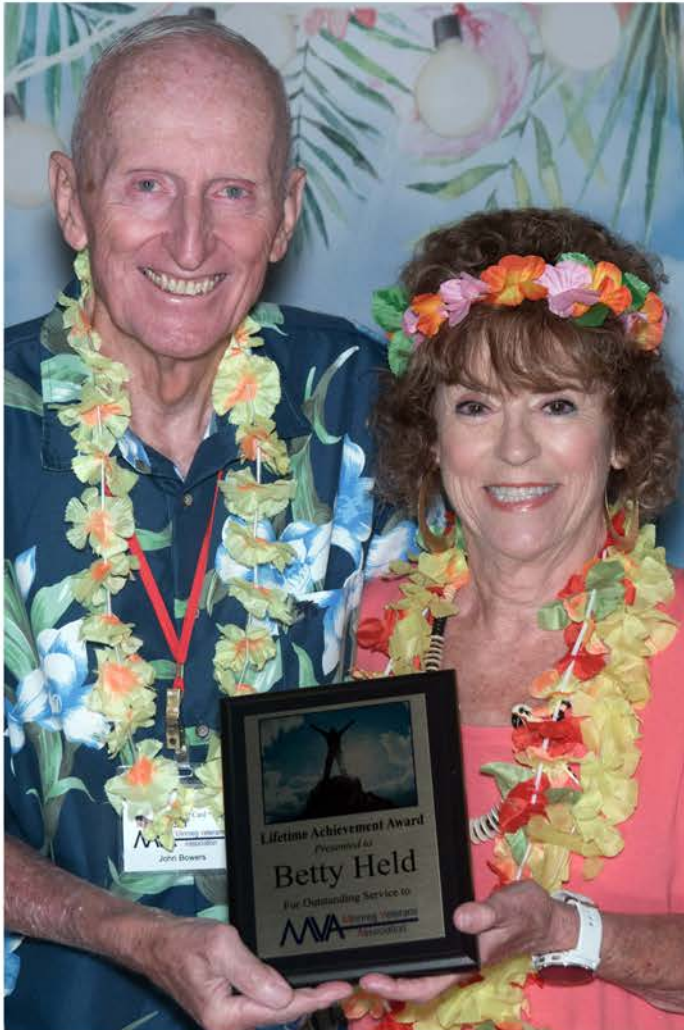
So...what do you plan on growing next year?



Older and crankier!



Special Recognition 2023



MVA Chairman John Bowers and Betty Held

Betty stays busy with golf, dominoes and other activities that are far less stressful than keeping close track of the MVA budget.

Betty will continue on as a “consultant” to MVA whenever and wherever needed. This organization has been greatly blessed to have had such a dedicated and talented individual in

Betty Held is a true force of nature. In very many real ways, Betty was the glue that held this organization together for many years. From her first involvement with the Honeybellies in 1968 until her “retirement” from her position as MVA treasurer in March, her energy and enthusiasm were continuously on display.

Betty was awarded the first MVA Lifetime Achievement Award at the April luncheon for her outstanding service to Honeywell organizations spanning 7 decades.

Betty served in a host of positions for the Honeybellies until they disbanded in 2015.

Betty joined the Honeywell Retirees Club (HRC) in 2005 and served in many leadership positions, including liaison with the Minnregs.

As a member of the MVA, Betty served briefly as secretary and then as treasurer since 2017. She helped guide the organization through the merger of HRC and MVA in 2020.





MVA in the Community 2023



Carol Janney, Scholarship Committee Chair, Destiny Gunn - 2023 MVA Scholarship Winner, and Gloria Hill, Vice President - Community Service at Lakewood High School Awards Ceremony.

The MVA May luncheon (May 17) will be all about our continuing efforts to support our community. **Please remember to bring clothing (men's socks, t-shirts and underwear - not white) to the May luncheon.** All items will be donated to the Salvation Army for distribution to homeless men. This is a great opportunity for each MVA member to get actively involved in our ongoing community outreach.



DOING THE MOST GOOD®



The Literacy Council of St. Petersburg

*Teaching Adults to Read,
Changing Lives Forever.*

At the May luncheon, Linda Frease will be presenting on behalf of the The Literacy Council of St Petersburg. She will be discussing their efforts and challenges for the coming year. We will be presenting this organization with a \$2,000 check.

The Literacy Council of St. Petersburg's vision is an educated community of lifelong learners that is well-prepared to meet the challenges of the economy and society. Without the ability to effectively use the written and digital information in the world around them, individuals are unable to help themselves, their families, their friends and their colleagues. We believe that the ability to read is an essential element of an enriched and fulfilling life.

Jealixson Jean-Simon, Volunteer Manager for the local Salvation Army, will pick up your men's clothing donations and give us an update on Salvation Army efforts in the community at the May luncheon.

**If you drop something
when you are young,
you just pick it up and go
about your business.
Now, when I drop something,
I stand there for a moment
thinking about whether I
really need it anymore!**



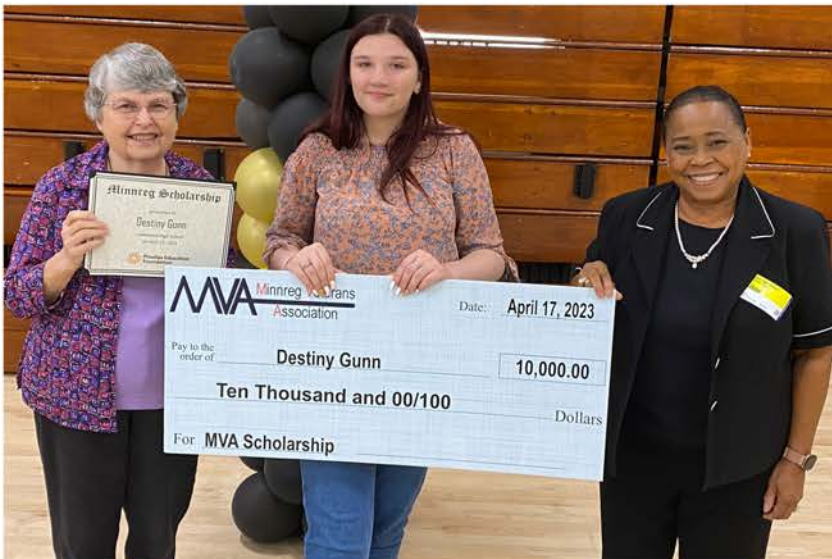
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The MVA college scholarship award was instituted in 2021 in cooperation with the Pinellas Education Foundation. The intent was to make a significant difference in the life of one very worthy Pinellas high school student pursuing a career under the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) umbrella. Under the leadership of Gloria Hill, a scholarship committee was formed to create a set of criteria for determining the winner. Carol Janney has chaired the committee from the beginning and has provided the steady hand necessary to reach consensus. Over 6,000 Pinellas high school seniors applied for scholarships in 2022. Of that number, 61 seniors met the qualifications set forth by the MVA scholarship committee and their information was forwarded to Carol and her committee. Noteworthy is the fact that the committee decided to downplay GPA in favor of employment, extra curricular activities, volunteerism and employment - believing that those things are a better indication of a well-rounded student. Carol then divided up the list of nominees among each committee member to evaluate based on the evaluation matrix they had developed. Each committee member selected their top candidate - seven in total - for the full committee to evaluate and select the overall winner.

The \$10,000 scholarship is awarded over four years @ \$2,500 per year. The winner must remain in school to receive the full award.

Our scholarship winner this year is Destiny Gunn of Lakewood High School where she is an honor roll student and has taken five Advanced Placement courses. She is a busy girl having participated in several clubs as well as varsity track and flag football. Starting last May she has been working at Toby's Little Italy for 40 hours/week to earn money for college. She has been in STEM classes since the 4th grade and the robotics program from 6th grade until now. She's taken 3 years of cyber security in High School. Her intent is to attend Florida Atlantic University and major in cybersecurity and forensic psychology. Her career goal is analyzing the forensic psychology behind cyber crimes.



Carol Janney, Scholarship Committee Chair, Destiny Gunn - 2023 MVA Scholarship Winner, and Gloria Hill, Vice President - Community Service at Lakewood High School Awards Ceremony.

Special thanks to the MVA scholarship committee for their dedicated service.

Chair: Carol Janney
Dave Anderson; Jerry Dangler; Gloria Hill;
Faith Kraemer; Danielle Rasmussen; Ron Rasmussen.



Choose a major you love and you'll never work a day in your life because that field is probably not hiring!



MVA in the Community 2023



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April 13, 2023

Mr. Thom Dupper
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Dear Mr. Dupper,

On behalf of all of us at the Pinellas Education Foundation, thank you for your recent donation. Your gift of \$10,000.00 on 4/10/2023 to support the Minnreg Veterans Association Scholarship, will make a tangible impact on the lives of Pinellas County students.

We know there are many organizations worthy of your support, and we are especially appreciative that you chose to support the Pinellas Education Foundation.

Your generosity exemplifies your belief in the Foundation's mission - to accelerate educational achievement for all students through the effective mobilization of innovation, relationships, and resources. Thank you again for your investment in our students and enabling success inside and outside of the classroom.

Sincerely,

Stacy Baier
CEO, Pinellas Education Foundation

No goods or services were received in consideration for this contribution.

P.S. Stay connected and join our email list. Visit pinellaseducation.org/news or contact Rochelle Franklin at (727) 588-4816 ext. 2122 or rochelle.franklin@pinellaseducation.org.



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First Wednesday Social April 5, 2023



In April, we were back to Banquet Masters for our monthly social. These events are always a lot of fun as members and guests catch up, receive door prizes, enjoy adult beverages and eat some great food.



Jo Ketring, Bea Conner, Andrea Shields, Loni Wellington



Ron & Sherry Rasmussen



Bonnie Williams, Gloria Whitfield



Shirley & John Bowers



Andy & Danielle Rasmussen



Barbara & Donald Brash



Jane & Dennis Willis



Artie Martin, Karyn Klos



Glenn Nicholson, John Schiffgen

New MVA Phone # 727.499.8271

We have installed a phone in the MVA office for your convenience. The phone will not be answered live. Rather, audio transcriptions of the call will be forwarded to info@minnregs.com for follow-up





First Wednesday Social April 5, 2023



Jerry Dangler



Leslie Tuck



Al Shields



Teri Godwin



Richard Reffelt



Tom Conner



Wendy Hugar



Artie Martin



Carol Janney



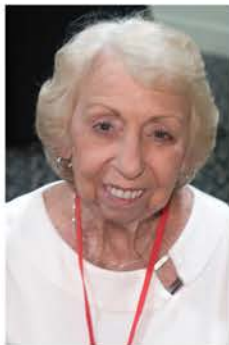
Vivian O'Dell



Marilyn Ruga



Al Parisi



Pat Keegan



Bob Lovejoy



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Fran Kay



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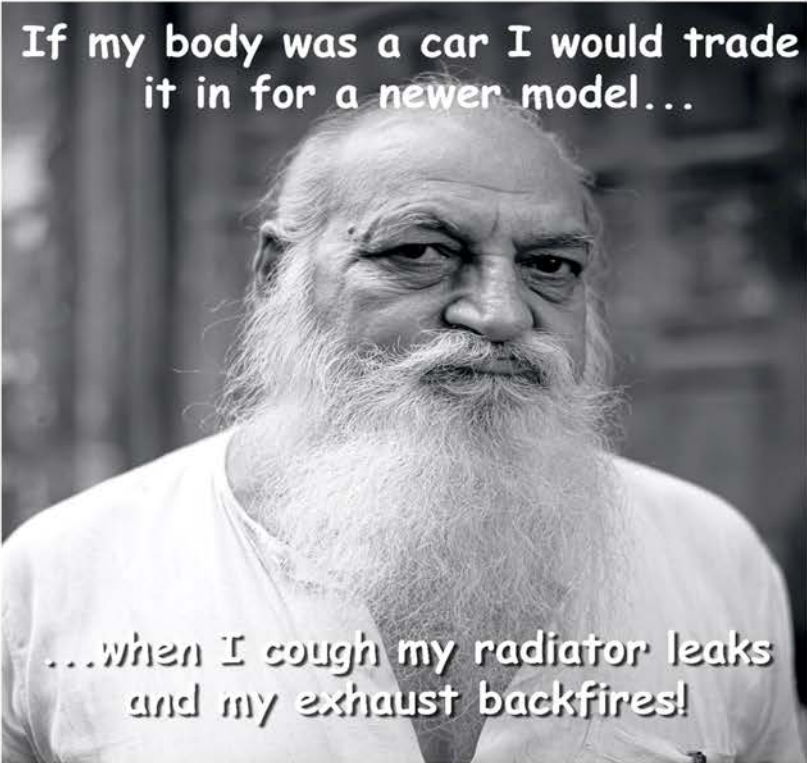


Bob Kay, Deb Dupper

Be kind to your children... they choose your nursing home

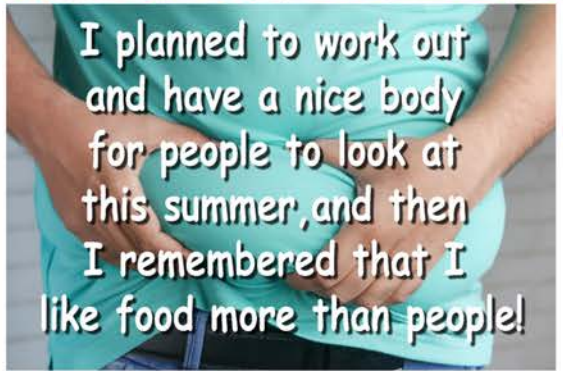


When they ask about your beach body



If my body was a car I would trade it in for a newer model...

...when I cough my radiator leaks and my exhaust backfires!



I planned to work out and have a nice body for people to look at this summer, and then I remembered that I like food more than people!



Ten minutes into summer vacation



Monthly Luncheon April 19



Aloha! Our luau-themed party was a great success. Over 90 members and guests were treated to a hula demonstration and a presentation by Thom Dupper concerning future trends. Banquet Masters continues to provide a great space and excellent food for our gatherings.



*Kathy Hubbard, Steve Jones, Pat Keegan, Gloria Hill,
Brian Martinez, Betty Held, Deb Dupper*



Clive & Carol Bailey, Howard Howe



Jo Ketring, John Schiffgen, Loni Wellington



Jack Freeman, Larry Trefz, Jeff Ring, Bob Dalton



Tom Campolettano, Karyn & Jerry Klos



Leslie Tuck, Teri Godfrey, Wendy Hugar



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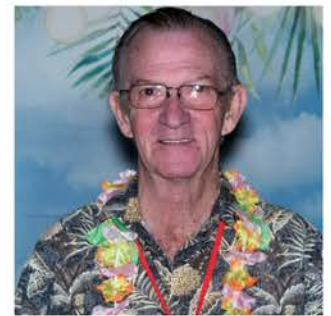
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Monthly Luncheon April 19



Jerry Klos



Darrell Schreiber



Bonnie Williams

MVA in the Community - iPads for Morgan Fitzgerald Middle School



In efforts to enhance the STEM program throughout the Pinellas County Schools, MVA awarded three iPad Mini tablets to their Gifted Program. This will not only enhance the student learning but also interdepartmental teacher collaboration.

Pictured from left: Dr Gloria Hill, VP Community Affairs, MVA; Ija Hawthorne, Principal, Morgan Fitzgerald Middle School; Lisa Ohlemann, Gifted Program Teacher, Morgan Fitzgerald Middle School; Gerry Sturm, MVA Volunteer School Coordinator.

Tweet others the way you want them to tweet you



Be kind to your enemies



It messes with their heads



I'm not getting old... I'm outliving the warranty!

Moses downloaded files to his tablet from the cloud



Happy Birthday from MVA!



05-01 James (Jim) Akins	05-14 Beverly Blackburn	05-23 Robert (Bob) Fall
05-01 Larry Bisgrove	05-14 Samuel (Sam) Janofsky	05-23 Hazel Larson
05-01 Anne Dibble	05-14 Cheryl Lapham	05-23 Joseph Lebo
05-01 Robert Hoel	05-14 Margaret (Margie) Lynch	05-23 Mary Loggins
05-01 Marjorie (Joyce) Masey	05-14 Mary Reffelt	05-23 Pamela Oswald
05-01 Karen Matteson	05-15 Vivienne Holmes	05-23 Dick (Carl) Rohrs
05-02 Clive Bailey	05-15 Gerald Kaszer	05-23 Barry Ross
05-02 Pat Zajdel	05-15 Sandra McGraw	05-23 Terry Shelander
05-03 Barbara Easton	05-15 William Whitehurst	05-23 Rosemary Snider
05-03 Ann Tiller	05-16 Doris Ingram	05-24 Paul Kueber
05-04 Christina Berry	05-16 Cathy ODell	05-24 E. Mills
05-04 Sharon Carrozza	05-17 Patrick Brownson	05-24 Penny Rasmussen
05-04 Patti Stephens	05-17 Keith Krzeminski	05-24 Guerry Thode
05-05 Helen Malzahn	05-17 Odessa Williams	05-24 E. Whitehurst
05-05 Thomas Tarrance	05-17 Julie Zajdel	05-24 Lucille Zeiss
05-06 Maureen Cadzow	05-18 Dorothy Klingbeil	05-25 Thomas Chase
05-06 Mary Davidson	05-18 Lydia McNeice	05-25 Diane Dubendorff
05-06 Daniel Fernandez	05-18 Angela Paul	05-25 Carol Strother
05-06 Jo Ketring	05-18 Dorothy Robinson	05-25 David Young
05-06 Robert Worthington	05-18 Nora Szonntag	05-26 Karen Grider
05-07 Debie Comeau	05-19 Mary Abbott	05-26 Calvin Kanyuck
05-07 Saralee (Sara) Martin	05-19 Mary Cox	05-26 Mary Sheperd
05-07 William (Bill) Puller	05-19 Thomas Kubes	05-27 Troy Clifton
05-08 William (Bill) Acker	05-19 Mark Levy	05-27 Patricia (Patty) Marchand
05-08 Lyle Dennison	05-19 Joe Martin	05-27 Richard (Dick) Roller
05-08 Barbara Smith	05-19 Geana Sanders	05-29 Steve Paul
05-08 Wanda White	05-19 John Thuirer	05-29 Lois Strunce
05-09 Marcia Close	05-19 Dennis (Dennie) Tiry	05-30 Edith Braband
05-09 Marion Goodman	05-20 Barbara Brash	05-30 Marilyn Ferguson
05-09 Richard Johnson	05-20 Lawrence (Larry) Brogan	05-30 Katherine Fernandez
05-09 Robert Pezzuti	05-20 Margarita Brown	05-30 Al Parisi
05-09 Charlotte (Peg) Spetz	05-20 Linda Ely	05-30 Herbert (Lee) Robertshaw
05-09 William (Bill) Williams	05-20 William Miller	05-30 William Rogers
05-10 William Inman	05-20 Glenn Quasius	05-31 Zaidee Hastings
05-10 Melba Kert	05-21 Jackson (Jack) Freeman	
05-11 Thalia Coleman	05-21 Margie Linn	
05-11 John Meade	05-21 Velma Whiting	
05-12 Jack Granato	05-22 Mozelle Bell	
05-12 Bruce (Tom) Stiles	05-22 Ken Horn	
05-13 Norma Callahan	05-22 Helen Novak	
05-13 William (Bill) Kerrigan	05-23 Denny (The Kid) Bowman	
05-13 Kathleen Olivit	05-23 John Camall	
05-13 Pat Thoele	05-23 Rogers Davidson	