

MVA Minnreg Veterans Association September 2023



President's Message

Sometimes it's a good idea to take a short break, catch your breath and get ready for a big push to end the year. That's what we have done in August. Now we are ready for a great finish to 2023 with another golf tournament, another picnic, a wine-tasting (a couple of spots still available) and a theater outing. Wrapping it all up will be a rollicking Christmas party on December 20.

Our blue-ribbon task force has published a new set of by-laws (sent out via email last month.) What remains is for all of us to read the new bylaws and get ready for an up/down vote on them at the September luncheon. Only active (dues paid) members can vote. Each active member in attendance will receive a paper ballot for voting. Results will be announced at the meeting.

It's that time of the year again to elect MVA leadership for 2024. Changes in the bylaws call for the board of directors to be reformed into a 9-person assembly, each member serving a 2-year term. All board members will be elected by the membership. If you wish to be considered for a board position, or if you want to nominate someone else, please use the online nomination form (<https://form.jotform.com/232284767811159>)

Mark your calendars for these MVA events between now and the end of the year

- September Social - September 6, Fat Cat Tavern, Largo. Doors open at 4 pm.
- September Luncheon - September 20, Banquet Masters, Doors open at 11 am.
- Wine Tasting - September 21, Total Wine and More, 2 - 4 pm. (a few spots still open - <https://form.jotform.com/230966132471051>)
- October Social October 4 Fat Cat Tavern, Largo. Doors open at 4 pm.
- October Luncheon October 18, Banquet Masters, Doors open at 11 am.
- Francis Wilson Playhouse - October 21, 2 pm (sold out)
- November Social - November 1 Fat Cat Tavern, Largo. Doors open at 4 pm.
- Fall golf tournament - November 9, Seminole Lake Country Club, 3:30 reporting time.
- November Luncheon - November 15, Banquet Masters, Doors open at 11 am.
- December Social - December 6, Fat Cat Tavern, Largo. Doors open at 4 pm.
- December Christmas Party - December 20, Banquet Masters, Doors open at 11 am.



MVA in the Community 2023



Ready for Life

Changing Lives Beyond Foster Care



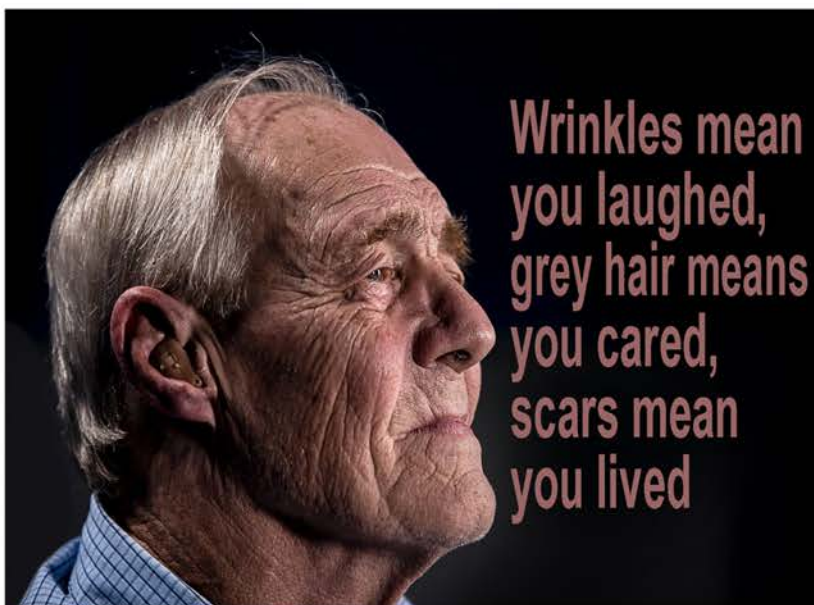
Ready for Life needs volunteers to serve as tutors and coaches. If you want to help young people transition out of foster care, visit the RFL website:

<https://www.readyforlifepinellas.org/volunteer>

At the beginning of this year, we asked MVA members about which types of community organizations we wanted to support. 60% of the responses named aid to children and families. As a result, we will be hearing from the Ready for Life Skill Center at our September luncheon. RFL is a solution-based skill center supporting former foster care youth in homelessness prevention, education & employment, and lifeline support networks. RFL offers a unique Educational Learning Lab program; a full-time Mental Health Counselor, through a partnership with the Pinellas County Public Defender's Office; legal services provided through the Community Law Program, supported by the St. Petersburg Bar Association; Mentor Program; Youth Council; Mommy & Me; Keys to Independence; and more. We are supporting the organization with a cash donation to be presented at the luncheon.

Our plan to collect school supplies and clothing for homeless have been canceled.

Table top donations will resume in December when we will collect toys and diapers to support local family aid organizations.





Member Events 2023



We still have 3 openings for the **wine tasting event** at Total Wine on September 21 at 2 pm. If you would like to attend, please register now @ <https://form.jotform.com/230966132471051>

The **Francis Wilson Playhouse** event is totally booked. Please let us know ASAP (secretary@minnregs.com) if you have a reservation and will not be able to attend. We have several folks on a waiting list for tickets.

The **MVA Fall Golf Scramble** is set for November 9 @ 3:30 at Lake Seminole Country Club in Seminole. Teams of four will compete in this best ball tournament. Prizes and dinner included with registration. Teams and Individuals wishing to be placed on a team may register @ <https://form.jotform.com/232325960967162>



My doctor told me to take my iron every day and to live on greens



One of these things fixes everything

the other is a roll of tape



First Wednesday Social August 2, 2023



80 MVA members and guests braved the record heat to gather at Fat Cat Tavern in Largo for our monthly social. These events are growing in popularity and are a great excuse to get out of the house and socialize with folks you have known for years.



John & Carol Janney



Mary & Richard Reffelt



Jerry & Karyn Klos



Bea & Tom Conner



Neal & Brian Martinez



Jo Ketring, John Schiffgen



The older I get...

...the earlier it gets late!



Danielle & Andy Rasmussen



Dennis & Jane Willis



Thom & Deb Dupper



Mary reffelt, Shirley Bowers



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Pat Keegan, John Schiffgen



Shirley Bowers, Shirley Murphy



Patti, George Suther



Shirley Murphy, Al Shields



Al Parisi, Larry Trefz, Jeff Ring



Gayle Smith, John Voissem



Billy & Natalie Adkins



Terri & Michael Godfrey



Larry & Masako Shannon



Stephanie Puffer, Jack Ptacek



Al & Andrea Shields



Jim & Kay McCormick



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Jack Freeman



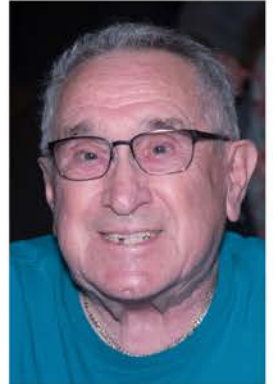
Jean Miller



Howard Howe



Bob Dalton



Sam Janofsky



Carol Bailey



Clive Bailey



Lorraine Wert



Mark Barlow



Bonnie Williams



Jeff Ring



Terry Mickiewicz



Artie Martin



Sandy Janofsky



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Al Olsen



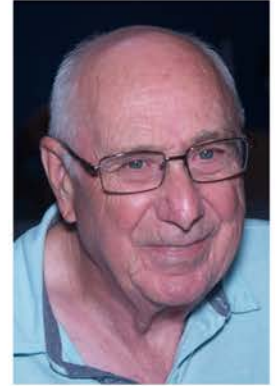
Pat Keegan



Jim Acosta



Genevieve Urbanski



Larry Harper



Marilyn Ruga



Howard Howe



Al Shields, Vivian O'Dell



John & Shirley Bowers



Steve & Margaret Simmons



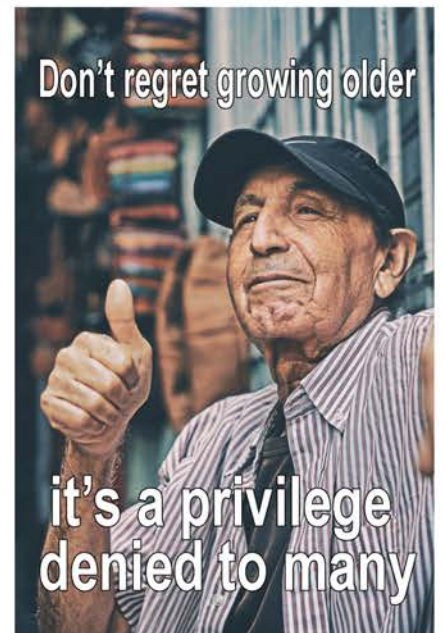
John Schiffgen



Loni Wellington



Andrea Shields





MVA Leadership



This is the time of year when we must plan for leadership in the coming year. Nominations for all elected offices are now being accepted through an online nomination form. <https://form.jotform.com/232284767811159>

Active (paid) MVA members may nominate themselves or any other active member for any of the positions. **All nominations must be submitted by October 14, 2023.**

The Recording Secretary will reach out to each nominee to determine their willingness to serve in the position they have been nominated to fill.

Once a verified slate of nominees is determined, the Recording Secretary will prepare an election ballot. This ballot will be distributed to active members attending the October 18 luncheon.

The new MVA leadership will be announced during that meeting.

To assist you in your nomination process, we have published a list of leadership positions along with a position description for each office.

Position: Director

Term of Office: 2 years

Description: 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.

Position: President

Term of Office: 1 year

Description: The President will be the chief executive officer of the Corporation, will have general and active management of the business and affairs of the Corporation, subject to the directions of the Board of Directors, and, in the absence of a Chair of the Board of Directors, will preside at all meetings of the Board of Directors.

Incumbent: Thom Dupper



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Position: Executive Vice President
Term of Office: 1 year

Description: In the event of the absence or disability of the President, the Executive Vice President or Vice Presidents will succeed to the President's power and duties in the order designated by the Board of Directors.

Incumbent: Al Shields

Position: Vice President of Member Activities
Term of Office: 1 year

Description: Plans and executes all member focused events and activities on behalf of the organization. Determines the calendar of all member activities.

Incumbent: Wendy Hugar

Position: Vice President of Community Service
Term of Office: 1 year

Description: Plans and executes all community focused activities on behalf of the organization. Determines the calendar of related events. Coordinates and partners with community organizations to provide charitable grants and scholarships as approved by the Board of Directors.

Incumbent: Dr. Gloria Hill

Position: Recording Secretary
Term of Office: 1 year

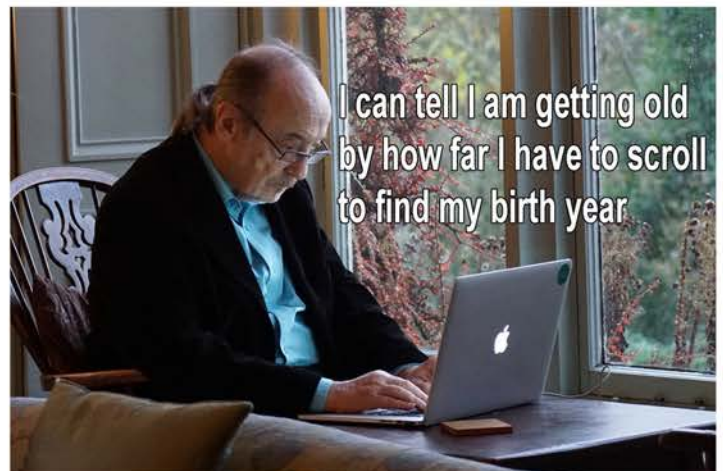
Description: The Secretary will attend all meetings of the Board of Directors and Officers, record all proceedings of such meetings in the minutes book of the Corporation, and authenticate records of the Corporation. The Secretary will perform such other duties as may, from time to time, be prescribed by the board of Directors or the President.

Incumbent: Vivian O'Dell

Position: Office Manager
Term of Office: 1 year

Description: • The Office Manager serves as the point person for all office-related issues including repairs and maintenance, liaisons with the office landlord, supervises all office-related vendors, maintains a supply of refreshments in support of office activities, maintains the online calendar of office events on minnregs.com website, attends all staff meetings, manages the Office budget

Incumbent: Dave Hewitt





Happy Birthday from MVA!



09-01 John Erickson	09-13 Paula Dalton	09-23 Thomas (Al) Martin
09-01 Teri Godfrey	09-13 Rodney (Rod) Harris	09-23 Anne Martin
09-01 Jerry Klos	09-13 Douglas (Doug) Hunt	09-23 Dolores Sigler
09-02 Linda Allen	09-13 James Mill	09-23 John Winkle
09-02 Rosemary Bradley	09-13 Elaine Rodrigues De Miranda	09-24 John Brexa
09-02 Larry Carawan	09-14 Ted Andresen	09-24 Virginia Crump
09-02 Joyce Mcleod	09-14 Richard (Rick) Barry	09-24 Raymond Kelly
09-02 June Migliorisi	09-14 Dolf Boll	09-24 Lawrence (Larry) Shannon
09-02 Glenn Thompson	09-14 Edna McCall	09-24 Jerry Spinger
09-03 Mary Dumont	09-15 John Bowers	09-25 Don Gillespie
09-03 Mark Gray	09-15 Linda Lopez	09-25 Gerald Gjermundson
09-04 Philip Bayly	09-15 Dorothy Patterson	09-25 Edmund Ketcham
09-04 Patricia Craig	09-15 Reyna Teets	09-25 Diane Krzeminski
09-04 Margaret Donehoo	09-16 Jacquelyn Alexander	09-25 Phillip Martin
09-04 Martina Haywood	09-16 James (Jim) Hansen	09-25 Ken Nelson
09-04 Ted Konkle	09-17 Rose Barnes	09-25 Gordon (Gordon) Nichols
09-05 Earle Lincoln	09-17 Barbara Bayless	09-25 Judy Peterson
09-06 Linda Blechschmidt	09-17 Brianda Carawan	09-25 Anne Schmitt
09-06 Gerald Johnson	09-17 Joanne Konkle	09-25 Jean Sell
09-06 Enrique (George) Munoz	09-17 Connie Lotz	09-25 Lorraine Warren
09-06 Denise Seyler	09-17 John (Jack) Malley	09-25 Patrick (Pat) White
09-07 Frederick Glover	09-17 Kirk Mason	09-26 Roger Bourdeau
09-07 Susan Hill	09-17 Bill Zuben	09-26 Geraldine Brooks
09-07 Vivian Kerr	09-18 Jay Bennett	09-26 Marie Malley
09-07 Carolyn Townsend	09-18 Charles Crow	09-26 Sandy Mcintire
09-08 Margaret Borgelt	09-18 Delores Cwynar	09-26 Sherry Rasmussen
09-08 Ralph Gabert	09-18 Margaret Fennell	09-26 Rosalyn (Roz) Sliger
09-08 Marlene Householder	09-18 Dolly Jamieson	09-27 Rod Badgett
09-08 Bart Savino	09-19 Mary Arthur	09-27 Donald Clayton
09-08 Elaine Tarrance	09-19 Ted De Felix	09-27 Charlotte Haddad
09-09 Russell Dumont	09-19 Shelley Egli	09-27 Jeff Kremer
09-09 Helen Eaker	09-19 Deena Hopkins	09-27 Maryanne Letteri
09-09 Pat Kearns	09-19 Debi Horn	09-27 Denise Martin
09-09 James Lewin	09-19 James Miller	09-27 Donald Phillips
09-09 Sharon Miletich	09-19 Vivian (Viv) ODeil	09-27 Karen Romeo
09-09 Dorothy Stonebrook	09-20 Fred Cutting	09-27 Alice Schwitzgebel
09-09 Joe Tennant	09-20 Tony Deprisco	09-27 Dorothy Shimel
09-09 Joseph (Joe) Wieland	09-20 Elizabeth (Lee) Foley	09-27 Ethel (Sunny) Wood
09-10 Carolyn Acosta	09-20 Michael Green	09-27 Shun-Si Ying
09-10 Peggy Herrington	09-20 Sandra Hamilton	09-28 Nelda Burton
09-10 Doris Johnson	09-20 Herbert (Bill) Hart	09-28 Caroline Buyse
09-10 Edward Miner	09-20 Sylvia Scoble	09-28 Theodore Eitel
09-10 John Nicolas	09-21 Catherine Baro	09-28 Robert Fenton
09-10 Beverly Schmitt	09-21 Shirley Creamer	09-28 Peter Stoneham
09-10 Lorraine Shelander	09-21 Debra (Deb) Dupper	09-28 Greg (Weaver) Weaver
09-11 Carolann Mancuso	09-21 Glenn Harger	09-29 Leroy Chamberlin
09-11 Marianne Rich	09-21 Clyde Schreiner	09-29 Arthur Damon
09-12 Wilma Fletcher	09-21 Rosamond Soulis	09-29 Robert Malloy
09-12 June Heiser	09-21 Robert Willms	09-29 Dean Olson
09-12 Betty Kelley	09-22 Eileen Carr	09-29 Gloria Wick
09-12 Katherine Lewin	09-22 Brenda Lapointe	09-30 Paul Arnold
09-12 Jeanette Meier	09-23 Deborah Gabert	09-30 Glenn Nikles
09-13 Carol Bailey	09-23 Louise Johnson	
09-13 Catherine Blackburn	09-23 Shirley Judy	