



President's Message

I am constantly amazed at how well our MVA family enjoy each other - and how many members turn out for our well planned events. Our dedicated staff works very hard to provide a variety of events throughout the year and I know it makes them very happy to have such big numbers turn out. It's important to remember to make a reservation for any event you plan to attend. As always, registration forms can be found on the www.minnregs.com website under "Forms and Reservations." In addition, you will normally receive an email prior to each event with a direct link to that online registration form. Just as important, if you make a reservation and are unable to attend the event, please send an email to secretary@minnregs.com so we don't end up paying for an unused reservation.

The April 3rd Social has found a new home at Quaker Steak & Lube, 10400 49th Street N., Clearwater, FL 33762. As always, doors open at 4. The venue has a separate room that will accommodate us and is preparing a special menu for your dining pleasure. All the rest stays the same with Al Shields conducting a fun and exciting evening.

The MVA picnic is right around the corner on Thursday, April 11 at Walsingham Park, 12615 102nd Av, Largo, 33778. Last year's inaugural event was a smashing success - even with the hordes of flies sharing our food. Wendy Hugar is busy with plans for outdoor games and activities in this beautiful setting. Please remember to bring your lawn chairs so you can sit out in the gorgeous Florida spring sunshine. Make sure you register and sign up for a shared dish.

We are planning a Christmas party for local people with special needs on Saturday, December 7 at Banquet Masters. This event replaces the Senior Christmas Party we hosted for many years at the Honeywell Retirees Club. We are early on in the planning process and will keep you informed as we get closer to the date. But for sure we will need many volunteers to serve these special people and help make their Christmas holiday extra special.

Obituary Policy

We will publish obituary announcements for ONLY active MVA members. Information can be sent to info@minnregs.com

For Our Members



The April 3 MVA social will be held at **Quaker Steak & Lube, 10400 49th Street N., Clearwater, FL 33762**. As most of you know, our regular social spot, Fat Cat Tavern, closed its doors for good. We will have a separate room and plenty of room to socialize and enjoy each other and food from our special menu. As always, the doors will open at 4 pm. Make sure you register at: <https://form.jotform.com/240034026537144> Also make sure if you register you show up. If you have registered and cannot attend, please send an email to secretary@minnregs.com to cancel.



Take me out to the ballgame!

Our annual trek to Tropicana Field is set for Thursday, May 30 at 1:10 pm. Capacity is limited to the first 30 to register online at: <https://form.jotform.com/240894757051160>.

Deadline to register is May 1, 2024.

You must download the MLB Ballpark App to receive your e-ticket for the game. Your registration includes ONLY admission to the game. Parking, refreshments and souvenirs are NOT included.



It's time for another picnic in the park for MVA members and guests. The event is set for Thursday, April 11 at Walsingham Park, Pavillion #4. 12615 102nd Avenue, Seminole. You can still register at: <https://form.jotform.com/240174581372152>.



Live your life and forget your age.
~ Norman Vincent Peale





First Wednesday Social March 6, 2024



The monthly social moved back into familiar surroundings at Banquet Masters. Al Shields and his team did another outstanding job of making sure all ran smoothly. These events are great opportunities to catch up with your HI peeps, have a great dinner, win some door prizes, and just have a good old time. We will meet at **Quaker Steak & Lube** for our April 3 social. See you there!



Loni Wellington, John Schiffgen, Jo Ketring



Al & Andrea Shields



Dick & Patty Rohrs



Bonnie Williams, Masako Shamon, Gloria Whitfield



Sherry and Andy Rasmussen



Richard & Mary Reffelt



Bob & Fran Kay



Margaret & Steve Simmons



Donald & Barbara Brash



Karyn & Jerry Klos



Brian & Katrina Pershing



Dennis Willis, Al Shields



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Jack Freeman



Loni Wellington



Bob Kay



Larry Shannon



Gayle Smith



John Voissem



Patti Jo Clayton



Al Parisi



Teri Godfrey



Larry Harper



Jo Ketring



Sam Janofsky



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Richard Malzahn



Vivian O'Dell



Jack Ptacek



Faith Krahrmer



Terry Miller



Jane Willis



Al Olsen



Gerry Sturm



Bob Lovejoy



Sandy Janofsky



Mike Renaldo



Genevieve Urbanski



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Glenn Nickles



Pat Keegan



John Bowers



Lorraine Wert



Artie Martin



Nancy Dalton



John Schiffegn



Helen Malzahn



Jeff Ring



Sharon Gariboldi



Dave Donnelly



Shirley Bowers



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Richard Reffelt



Carol Janney



Joe Gariboldi



Masako Shannon



Jim Acosta



Jacqueline Morgan



Bryan Martinez



Stephanie Puffer





Early Bird Dinner Theater March 23 "The Underpants"

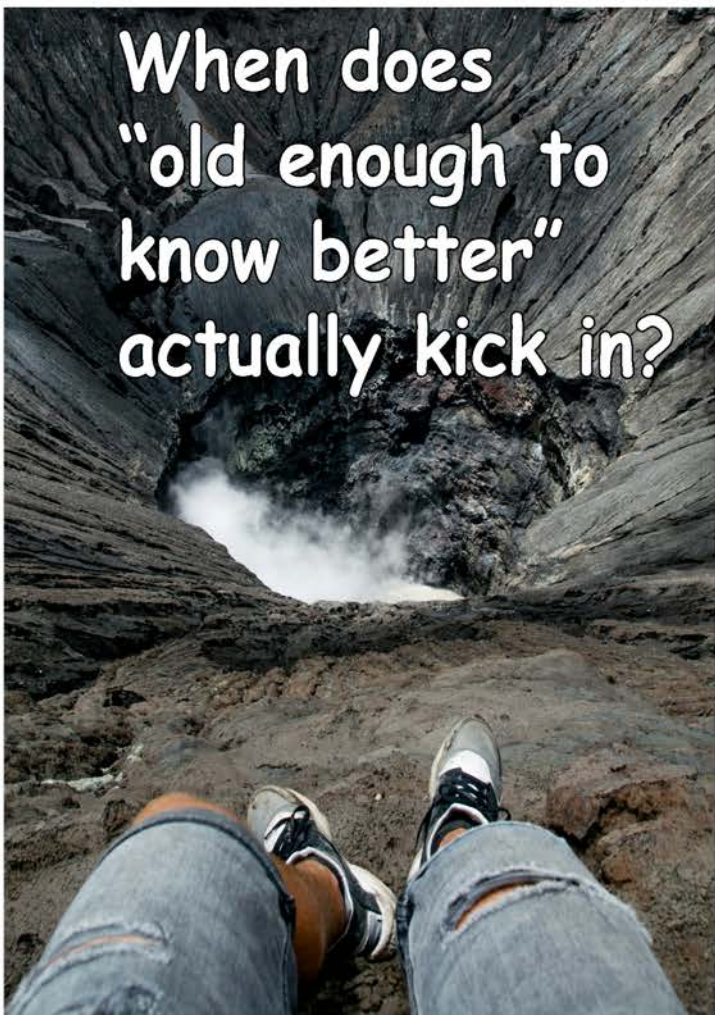


There were laughs and sight gags aplenty at the Early Bird Dinner Theater's presentation of Steve Martin's "The Underpants." 64 MVA members and guests attended the matinee performance on Saturday, March 23 and seemed to thoroughly enjoy the outing. Special thanks to Wendy Hugar for arranging the event. As always, excellent planning and execution. Below are some photos of our group at the performance.

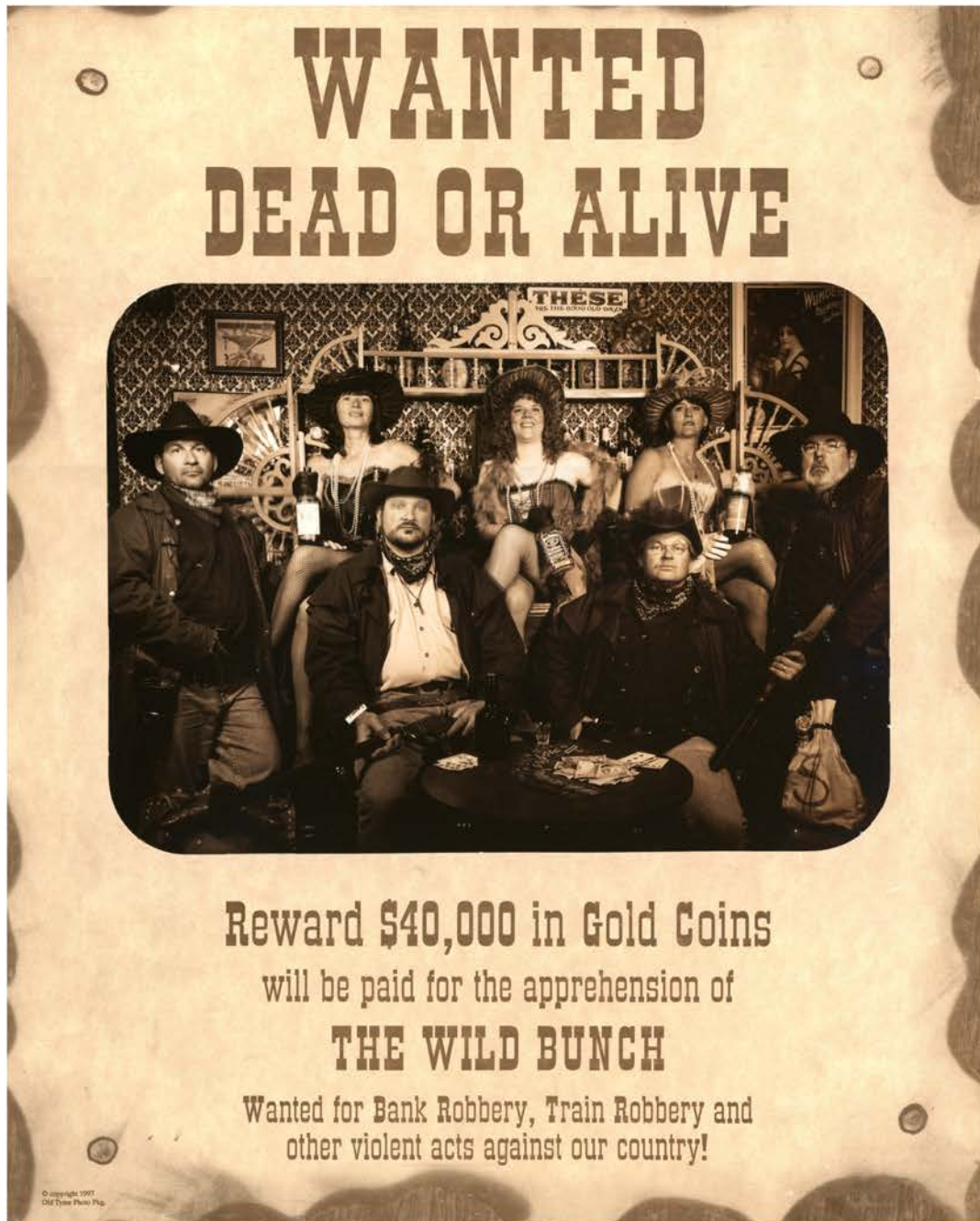




Early Bird Dinner Theater March 23 "The Underpants"



For Our Members



You are all wanted at the April 17th "Wild, Wild West luncheon. New start time is 11 am. Dress the part but **ABSOLUTELY NO REAL WEAPONS!**



Monthly Luncheon March 20



90 MVA members and guests enjoyed a mashup of Mardi Gras and St. Patrick's Day on March 20. We learned something about the origins of each celebration and many attendees sported appropriate attire. We heard a very interesting update on the major highway projects underway in the Tampa Bay area, including the Gateway interchange and the new Howard Frankland Bridge project. Lots of fun, prizes, food and fellowship.



We honor our military veterans every month. Our debt to those who served can never be repaid. We are able to meet because of their service.



Our own "Vanna", Bea Comner, makes Loni Wellington, Clive Bailey & Carol Bailey, and Richard & Mary Reffelt (and others) happy with door prizes.



Gail & Al Olsen



Deb & Thom Dupper and "Vanna" Comner



Jacqueline Morgan, Stephanie Puffer, Betty Held



Brian & Katrina Pershing



Donald & Barbara Brash



TEENAGERS:
Tired of being harassed by your stupid parents?
ACT NOW!
Move out, get a job, pay your own bills
while you still know everything!



Monthly Luncheon March 20



Emilie & Ben Carter, Genevieve Urbanski, Larry Harper, Howard Howe, Shirley Murphy, Clive & Carol Bailey



Sandy Janofsky, Faith Krahmer, Sam Janofsky



Gloria Hill, Larry Trefz, Gloria Whitfield



Thom & Deb Dupper, Mya and MJ Johnson



Gayle Smith, John Voissem



Dennis & Jane Willis



Howard Howe, Shirley Murphy



Mary & Richard Reffelt



Emilie & Ben Carter



Faith & Paul Krahmer



Terri Beamer, Wendy Hugar



Tom & Bea Conner



Monthly Luncheon March 20



John & Shirley Bowers



Bob and Jan Friend



Bonnie Williams, Pat Keegan



Lorraine Wert, Wanda Beasley, Jo Ketring



Margaret & Steve Simmons



Genevieve Urbanski, Larry Harper



Gloria Hill



Fred Miller



Thom & Deb Dupper



Bryan Martinez



Bonnie Williams



John Bowers, Deb Dupper

A Blast from the Past

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JIMMY CARTER

OUR NEXT PRESIDENT

**6:00 P.M. MONDAY, OCTOBER 18
LOWRY PARK BAND-SHELL—TAMPA**

LIVE MUSIC — ALL INVITED

In Case Of Rain: Ft. Homer Hesterly Armory, Tampa

COME AND SAY HI TO JIMMY

PAID FOR BY 1976 DEMOCRATIC PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE, INC., ATLANTA, GA.



I came across this as I cleaned out my garage. Great memory of a gentler time!

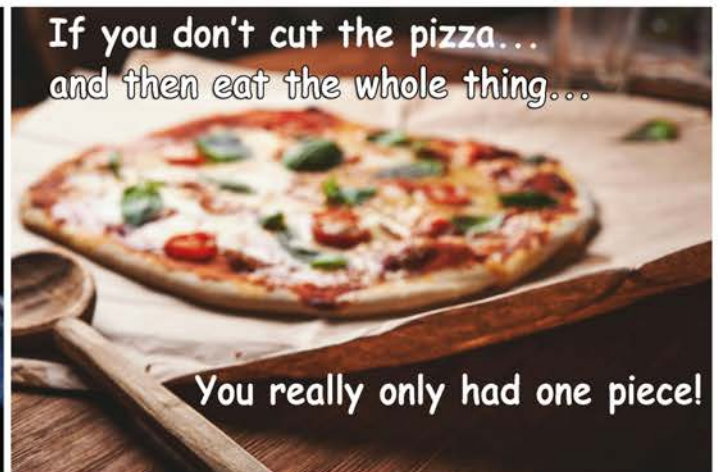
FDOT Presentation on Area Highways



Tampa Bay Next Program



Richard Moss, Florida Department of Transportation Project Manager for the Tampa Bay area, provided us with a great look into the current and future highway development projects in the Tampa Bay area at our March luncheon. In addition to providing information on such major projects as the new Howard Frankland Bridge, Gateway Exchange in St. Petersburg and new exit plans for TIA off I275 in Tampa, he answered questions from the floor concerning traffic signals and bike lanes. The image above is the summary slide from his presentation.





A Blast from the Past



Back in 1979, the area Special Olympics was a focus of the HI community affairs. The new Community Relations Manager, Thom Dupper, took a call from the Minnesota Kicks Soccer Club based in Minneapolis. They heard that we had outdoor soccer fields and an indoor gym - and were asking if we could accommodate the Kicks for their spring training activities. After much discussion, we made a deal that provided them access to our facilities in exchange for an exhibition match with our Tampa Bay Rowdies. The event was a huge success, raised over \$10,000 for the Special Olympics - and gave area Special Olympians the chance to be huggers for halftime activities. The image below appeared in the February 15, 1979 issue of Avineews.

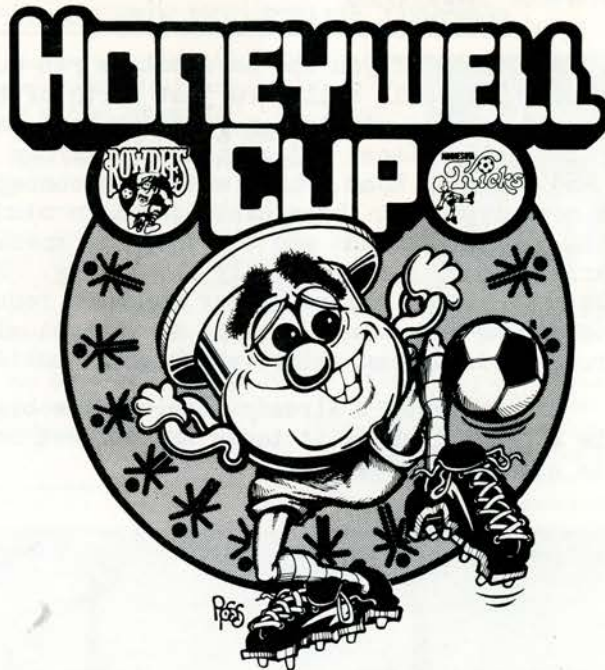
The Honeywell Cup for Special Olympics

Saturday, March 10 - 6:30 P.M.
Clearwater High School

Mark that down on your calendar.

You may end up telling your grandchildren how you saw the first annual Honeywell Cup for Special Olympics. How thrilling it was to see the Tampa Bay Rowdies play a soccer match against the Minnesota Kicks - How your chest swelled as you sat in the stands and saw hundreds of Special Olympic athletes march into the stadium before the game in an opening ceremony reminiscent of the real Olympics. For the past three months, AvD has been negotiating with Freddie Goodwin, coach of the Kicks, for their use of our facilities for spring training. You see, the green ground doesn't appear in Minnesota until May. So, the Kicks will leave their Twin Cities home on March 1 to travel south for 3 weeks. They will be housed at the Save Inn on 54th Avenue North at I-272 and will hold daily workouts on the grassy area southeast of Plant 1. They will use the softball field for shooting practice and the soccer field for scrimmages. The Honeywell Soccer team will work with the Kicks to provide any needed assistance.

The idea for the exhibition match for charity seemed a natural because of the great number of former Twin Citians now living here. Both the Kicks and the Rowdies expressed intense interest in the match. (They do not meet in the regular 1979 season.) Clearwater High was selected for its seating capacity and its central location.



Tickets for the match will be available through the Community Affairs Office (X2173) on a first come basis. There are approximately 1600 reserved seats at \$4 each and the rest are general admission at \$3 for adults and \$2 for children. 100 special seats have been set aside for S.O.B.s (Special Olympics Boosters) at \$25 each. These S.O.B.s are entitled to a special post-game reception with the players and the staff; an SOB T-shirt and button and recognition in the game program.

All net proceeds from the match will benefit the Special Olympics program which encourages handicapped children to participate in athletic competition.

A publicity blitz is planned to begin next week. Each employee is encouraged to "talk it up" to friends and neighbors about the match. This first year event depends on wide participation to succeed. Your support and encouragement are

wanted and needed. Get your tickets early, so you can be among those who witness the first of a very long and successful community affairs sponsored by your organization. Watch for the special "Honeywell Cup" logo which is being designed by nationally famous cartoonist Scott Ross for the event. Be an S.O.B. Come out and watch the Kicks and Rowdies. Pro-Soccer and Special Olympics - an excellent way to spend a Saturday night in March.





Happy Birthday from MVA!



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| 04-01 | Jessie Barco | 04-12 | Frank Schock | 04-21 | Ronald Bailey |
| 04-01 | Kathleen Wacker | 04-13 | Diane Champion | 04-21 | Mary Redmond |
| 04-02 | Arthur Davis | 04-13 | Fran Krzesicki | 04-21 | Carla White |
| 04-02 | Carol Gruber | 04-13 | John Moeller | 04-22 | Sherry Armstrong |
| 04-02 | Sandra Kitto | 04-13 | Ihla Niesen | 04-23 | Thomas Neville |
| 04-02 | Eugene Kubicki | 04-13 | Judy Shima | 04-23 | Steve Simmons |
| 04-02 | Irene Schrimshaw | 04-13 | Ann Yingling | 04-23 | James Smith |
| 04-02 | Allen Wright | 04-14 | Joy Feininger | 04-23 | Frances Smoot |
| 04-03 | Becker Courtot | 04-14 | Doris Giraudi | 04-23 | D'Ann Stone |
| 04-03 | Brian Pershing | 04-14 | Josephine Hibner | 04-23 | Robert (Bob) Strunce |
| 04-03 | Martha Ross | 04-14 | Violet Hummel | 04-24 | Dorothy Ferrall |
| 04-04 | Ellie Ayres | 04-14 | Andrew Liphay | 04-24 | Ruth (H.) Johnson |
| 04-04 | Judith Fielding | 04-14 | Jane Lyons | 04-24 | Deloris Pudwill |
| 04-04 | Elaine Smart | 04-14 | James Saxon | 04-24 | Richard Wainscott |
| 04-05 | Robert (Bob) Cannistraro | 04-14 | Mary Winkle | 04-25 | Maureen Bissonette |
| 04-05 | Barbara Douglas | 04-15 | Betty Kemink | 04-25 | Margie Fenton |
| 04-05 | Myrtle Forehand | 04-15 | Harry Larson | 04-25 | Bruce (Bruce) Fowler |
| 04-05 | Madonna (Donna) Polivka | 04-15 | Sue McCollum | 04-25 | Donald Nelson |
| 04-06 | Jeanette Cason | 04-15 | Elizabeth Watson | 04-25 | Charlotte (Char) Ogilvie |
| 04-06 | Elizabeth Coble | 04-15 | Fred Zeiss | 04-25 | Howard Wolff |
| 04-06 | Rose Kafer | 04-16 | Elizabeth Goldie | 04-26 | Claire Hull |
| 04-06 | Marie Lacy | 04-16 | Robert Melcher | 04-26 | Mark Klafter |
| 04-06 | George McBride | 04-16 | Thomas (Tom) Smith | 04-26 | Karyn Klos |
| 04-06 | Gloria Smith | 04-16 | Cecil Talbot | 04-26 | Edward Menees |
| 04-06 | Donna White | 04-17 | Robert Adams | 04-26 | John Ray |
| 04-07 | Linda Miller | 04-17 | Amedee (Al) Dallaire | 04-26 | Rose Ray |
| 04-08 | Patricia Gallup | 04-17 | Gertrude Desjardin | 04-26 | Willis Unruh |
| 04-08 | Marilou Konen | 04-17 | Martha Kenney | 04-27 | Marjorie Brozenske |
| 04-08 | Raymond Ott | 04-17 | Rebecca Peterson | 04-28 | Sylvia Barnett |
| 04-08 | Judy Shindelbower | 04-17 | Lawrence (Larry) Piper | 04-28 | Mildred Luebbe |
| 04-08 | Vivian Younts | 04-18 | Lindsay Ball | 04-28 | Bette Packard |
| 04-09 | Shari Drothler | 04-18 | Evelyn Hall | 04-29 | Florence Dinger |
| 04-09 | Dorothy Larson | 04-18 | Eleanor Klein | 04-29 | Luella Guzzi |
| 04-09 | Roy Seavey | 04-18 | Ellen Trezza | 04-29 | Duane Peterson |
| 04-09 | John Stuebs | 04-19 | Bettie Barfield | 04-29 | Marilyn Ruga |
| 04-10 | Patricia Bartlum | 04-19 | Gregory Guzzi | 04-29 | Stephen J. Smith |
| 04-10 | Arlene Blitzer | 04-19 | Marilyn Harley | 04-30 | Carol Anderson |
| 04-10 | Mary Jennings | 04-19 | Robert Hubbard | 04-30 | Joye Beneyfield |
| 04-10 | Barbara Prather | 04-19 | Coleen Kremer | 04-30 | Margaret (Kitty) Chellberg |
| 04-10 | Ronald (Ron) Troanovitch | 04-19 | Lydia Owens | 04-30 | Betty Held |
| 04-10 | Martha (Niki) Williams | 04-20 | Alfred Allen | 04-30 | Nancy Krause |
| 04-11 | Donna (Dee) Grinenko | 04-20 | Diane Borree | 04-30 | Debbie Reinsel |
| 04-11 | Clifford Perry | 04-20 | Esther Chisholm | 04-30 | Linda Schmidt |
| 04-12 | Stephen Ewankowich | 04-20 | Ronald (Ron) Davis | 04-30 | Claudia Struble |
| 04-12 | Reuben Kitto | 04-20 | Loren Dewall | | |