

MVA Minnreg Veterans Association December 2023



Dr. Gloria Hill, with the MVA donations to Ready for Life. These items will be distributed to homeless in the area over the holidays

President's Message

Well, another year is rapidly coming to a close. We have two more member events scheduled for the balance of 2023-the social on Wednesday, December 6, 4 pm at Fat Cat Tavern in Largo, and the Christmas party on December 20, 11:30 am at Banquet Masters.

We successfully selected 6 members to fill out the new 9-member MVA Board of Directors. The following members were elected for a two year term - incumbents John Bowers and Mark Wolf, and new members Mary Reffelt and Clive Bailey. Elected for a one-year term - John Schiffgen and Gene Ward. These members will join Terry Miller, Tom Conner and Al Shields (non-voting member) who are filling out the last year of their terms..

All the incumbent officers (staff) ran unopposed and will serve again in 2024.
Thom Dupper, President - president@minnregs.com
Al Shields, Executive Vice President - evp@minnregs.com
Wendy Hugar, Vice President of Member Activities - member@minnregs.com
Gloria Hill, Vice President of Community Service - community@minnregs.com
Vivian O'Dell, Recording Secretary - secretary@minnregs.com
Dave Hewitt, Office Manager - office@minnregs.com

We are still hoping to get some holiday traditions or memories to share at the Christmas party. Each of us has a rich history of holiday traditions (good or bad!) that can be shared and enjoyed by all of us as we work our way through the busy holiday season. So if you have something to share, please use the online form on the minnregs.com website.

We are also looking for your suggestions for member events next year. Our number one goal is to present a program of events that will engage our members and provide good opportunities for fellowship and fun. Let's work together toward that end. You will find the suggestion form online at www.minnregs.com.

May each of you have the most joyous holiday season this year!



Member Stuff



The winners - Bryan Martinez, Mike Kelly, Bill Axley, Al Shields

MVA Fall Best Ball Scramble

Another MVA golf tournament is in the books and all involved had a good time.

Seven teams of four participated in the best ball scramble event at Lake Seminole Country Club in Seminole on November 9.

Two teams in the men's division tied for 1st place. The tie was broken by comparing handicaps.

The 2 teams of women golfers ended up in a tie so everyone won! Following the tournament, we all enjoyed a buffet dinner. It was a great time for all involved, and we look forward to seeing you all in the Spring for another MVA golf outing.



It's time to renew your MVA membership for 2024. The annual fee is \$20 - the best \$20 you can spend! The membership fee makes you an active MVA member, entitled to all events at no cost and to vote in the annual elections. Membership form is available online on the minnregs.com website.

Save the dates in 2024

Monthly Socials

- January 3
- February 7
- March 6
- April 3
- May 1
- June 5
- July 3
- August 7
- September 4
- October 2
- November 6
- December 4

All held at Fat Cat Tavern in Largo. Doors open at 4

Monthly Luncheons

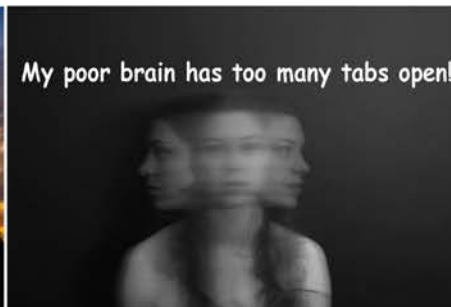
- January 17 (leadership installation)
- February 21 (Valentines)
- March 20 (Mardi Gras)
- April 17 (Spring)
- May 15 (Mothers)
- June 19 (Fathers)
- July 17 (Independence Day)
- August (Off)
- September 18 (Cruisin')
- October 16 (Octoberfest)
- November 20 (Thanksgiving)
- December 18 (Christmas Party)

All held at Banquet Masters in Largo. Doors open at 11 am



I don't see joggers smiling a lot

that's all I need to know about that



My poor brain has too many tabs open!



Really had my mind set on waking up rich this morning



First Wednesday Social November 1, 2023



These events just keep getting better and better as evidenced by the growing number of MVA members who are attending each month. We invade the Fat Cat Tavern in Largo every first Wednesday at 4 pm for a few hours of fun, fellowship, food and prizes. Host Al Shields always makes everyone feel right at home.



Donna & Jim Hansen



Bea & Tom Conner



Dave Watson, John Bowers



Jody & Ron Mason



Jack Freeman, Bob Dalton, Al Parisi



Dick & Patsy Rohrs



Helen & Richard Malzahn



Clive & Carol Bailey



Genevieve Urbanski, Larry Harper



Jerry Dangler, Jeff Ring, Larry Trefz



Jerry & Karyn Klos



Barbara & Donald Brash



First Wednesday Social November 1, 2023



Jerry Dangler, Jeff Ring



Mary & Richard Reffelt



Teri & Michael Godfrey



Bob & Fran Kay



Bob Dalton, Al Parisi



Shirley Bowers, Shirley Murphy



Al & Andrea Shields



Thom & Deb Dupper



Harry & Nina Thomas



Jean Miller



Wendy Hugar



Mary Reffelt



Leslie Tuck



First Wednesday Social November 1, 2023



Wanda Beasley



Artie Martin



Lorraine Wert



Bryan Martinez



Gayle Smith



Gayle Olsen



Terri Mickiewicz



Jim McCormick



Patty Jo Clayton



John Bowers



Pat Keegan



Andy Rasmussen



Jo Ketring



Dave Donnelly





Monthly Luncheon November 15, 2023



The November luncheon was a roaring success, with 92 MVA members and guests enjoying a full Thanksgiving meal and a great message from Lenora Spence, Consumer Advocate with the Florida State Division of Consumer Services. Lenora's presentation covered the role of her department in helping consumers avoid being scammed - and helping those who have been preyed upon. She is available by phone if ever needed - (850) 528-2423.



We were also able to provide much-needed supplies to the **Ready for Life** organization that provides assistance to foster children aging out of the system. Our donations will be given to area homeless over the Holiday season.

The December luncheon on the 20th will be an old-fashioned Christmas party full of prizes and surprises. This is one you will not want to miss. Make sure to wear your ugly Christmas sweater - prizes to the ugliest!

Lots of great photo opportunities, so wear your holiday apparel and mark your calendars. Make sure you register <https://form.jotform.com/232746228897168>



Roberta Harvey, Claire Aucker, John Schiffgen, Jo Ketring, Loni Wellington



Lorraine Wert, Wanda Beasley, Pat Keegan



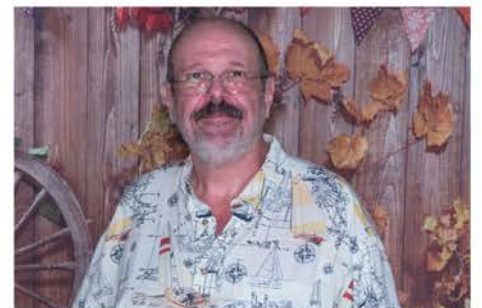
Loni Wellington, Clair Aucker, Roberta Harvey



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



*It's very strange
being the same age
as old people*



MVA Photog Extraordinaire - Paul Kraemer



Monthly Luncheon November 15, 2023



Margaret & Steve Simmons



Genevieve Urbanski, Gloria Whitfield



Patty Jo Clayton, Terry Beamer



Bea & Tom Conner



Dennis & Jane Willis



Larry & Masako Shannon



Gayle Smith, John Voissem



Bob & Fran Kay



Al Shields, Bea Conner



John & Shirley Bowers



Deb & Thom Dupper



Tom Conner, Wendy Hugar



Monthly Luncheon November 15, 2023



Bob Canistraro



DC Stevenson



Artie Martin



Wendy Hugar



Hendrick Gelderloos



Patty Jo Clayton



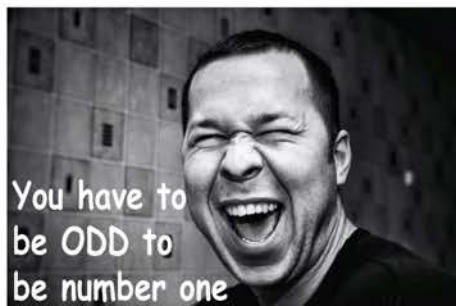
Bryan Martinez



Gloria Hill



Jacqueline Morgan





Happy Birthday from MVA!



12-01 Mary Larkins	12-07 Thomas Jacobus	12-12 John Emery
12-01 Brenda Ochs	12-07 Patricia Logan	12-12 Marilyn Hall
12-01 Jeffrey (Jeff) Ring	12-07 Terry Mulkey	12-12 Bernadette Henrikson
12-01 Janice Vassalo	12-07 Alma Reitmeyer	12-12 David (Dave) Hewitt
12-02 Mary Farrell	12-07 Diane Shank	12-12 Joyce Pairsh
12-02 John Francis	12-08 Robert Caldwell	12-13 Gail Olsen
12-02 Robert Kelley	12-08 Gertrude Hagen	12-14 Charles Adams
12-02 Sandra (Sandy) Lloyd	12-08 Barbara Hall	12-14 Bonnie Baker
12-02 Clara Pesnell	12-08 Margaret Jasper	12-15 Mae Bissonette
12-02 Sandra (Sandi) Smith	12-08 David Richardson	12-15 Nanilii (Nani) Freeman
12-03 Judy Griebler	12-08 Rex Schrimshaw	12-15 Pat Seifried
12-03 Robert (Bob) Kay	12-08 Barbara Seidel	12-15 Marilee Williams
12-04 Sherry Brunk	12-08 Steven Taylor	12-16 Helen Hersh
12-04 Charlotte Bush	12-08 Benita Watson	12-16 Gene Lilly
12-04 Harley Reed	12-08 Mark Wolf	12-16 Arthur (Artie) Martin
12-04 Ronald Rich	12-09 Peggy Campalong	12-16 Allan Mason
12-05 Ann Barrett	12-09 Curt Norman	12-16 Douglas Pfromer
12-05 William (Bill) Mullen	12-09 Wilford (Will) Perry	12-16 William Slone
12-05 Arthur (Art) Stewart	12-09 Marilyn (Lynn) Winger	12-17 Carol Armstrong
12-05 William Zeigler	12-10 William (Billy) Adkins	12-17 Helen Flanagan
12-06 Joanne Bates	12-10 Roxanna Fall	12-17 Patricia Millen
12-06 Elaine Bicking	12-10 Carol Janney	12-17 Veronica Murph
12-06 Helen Charette	12-10 Gordon Kafer	12-17 Jeanne Wagner
12-06 Kevin Hughes	12-10 Gloria Leach	12-17 Rebecca Webb
12-06 Marilyn Humphries	12-10 Mary McMurtrey	12-17 David Wilson
12-06 Harry Jennings	12-10 Brenda Riser	12-18 Patricia (PJ) Clayton
12-06 George Suther	12-10 Richard (Rick) Weaver	12-18 Barbara (Barb) Tiry
12-07 Charles Bissonette	12-11 David (Dave) Anderson	12-18 Donna Zuben
12-07 Joyce Broker	12-12 Florence Barbieri	12-19 Paul Barco

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- 12-19 Mary Kelso
- 12-19 Betty Martin
- 12-19 Linda Poe
- 12-19 Jim Shima
- 12-20 Joann Fuller
- 12-20 William Knight
- 12-20 Pamela Laskey
- 12-20 John Snyder
- 12-21 Carol Moyer
- 12-21 Mary Sikorra
- 12-22 Darlene Bourdeau
- 12-22 Colleen Brenda
- 12-22 Tom Carr
- 12-22 William Fulton
- 12-22 Shirley Woodall
- 12-23 Alan (Al) Adams
- 12-23 Joan (Joni) Blomberg
- 12-23 Alice Hall
- 12-23 Steve Jones
- 12-23 Barbara Peterson
- 12-23 Ruby (Peggy) Russell
- 12-24 Nancy Dalton
- 12-24 Glenn Ferrall
- 12-24 Holly Wagner
- 12-25 John Blackburn
- 12-25 Charles Courtot
- 12-25 Thomas Milavec
- 12-26 James Douglas
- 12-26 Marlene Ewankowich
- 12-26 Marilyn Klapka
- 12-26 Patricia Moschetto
- 12-27 Jerry Beitz
- 12-27 Walter Coddington
- 12-27 Hendrik Gelderloos
- 12-27 Kathie Hubbard
- 12-27 James Miletich
- 12-27 Connie Peterson
- 12-27 Margaret (Gayle) Smith
- 12-28 Carolyn Bates
- 12-28 Veronica Hadden
- 12-28 Owen Jensen
- 12-28 Shellie Smith-Martin
- 12-29 Carl McCormick
- 12-29 Joan Ten Eyck
- 12-30 Karen Denney
- 12-30 Nancy Kau
- 12-30 John Schoepp
- 12-30 Richard Tolliver
- 12-31 Everett Barnett
- 12-31 David Beazley
- 12-31 Sonja Willis

