



Thom & Deb Dupper, Tom & Bea Conner, Wendy Hugar and Teri Godfrey in Grand Cayman as part of the MVA cruise on January 20.

President's Message

We are making a difference - in the community and in the lives of our members. 2025 was a banner year for the association as we expanded our support in the community to include the following organizations and award amounts: **Stop the Movement - \$5K; Angels Against Abuse - \$7.6K; Ready for Life - \$6K; Family Enrichment Services - \$6K; Wish to Fish - \$2K; Morgan Fitzgerald Middle School - \$10.8K; Children's Cancer Center - \$6K; Pinellas Education Foundation - \$2.5K; Special Holiday Party - \$3K.**

At our monthly luncheons, we heard from the following speakers:

Sara LaChance	Stop the Movement (Human Trafficking in Tampa Bay)
Richard Moss	Department of Transportation (Road Improvement Update)
Julie Marcus	Pinellas County Supervisor of Elections (Election Process)
Louis Virelli	Stetson College of Law (Ballot Amendments)
Sandy Kearney	Angels Against Abuse (Foster Children)
Michelle Walag	Ready For Life (Aging out of the foster care system)
Hannah Hayes	Heritage Village (Virtual Tour)
Anita Myers	Guardian ad Litem Program (Volunteer Opportunities)

For our members, we sponsored a golf tournament, a visit to Hard Rock Casino in Tampa, a Rays game, a theater outing (about underpants) and a picnic. In addition, 1012 members and guests attended monthly luncheons and 1028 members and guests attended our monthly socials.

As we prepare for our program in 2025, we are asking for input from our members. If you would like to see us sponsor a particular member event, please email your idea to member@minnregs.com.

If you have a suggestion for a community organization that deserves our support, please email community@minnregs.com or direct a representative from that organization to our grant application form <https://form.jotform.com/230034932173044>.

Let's work together to continue to build an organization that serves both its members and the community.



MVA in the Community



Continuing our partnership with Morgan Fitzgerald Middle School in Largo, Dr. Gloria Hill replenished the prize closet for the student/teacher incentive program. These goodies are made available to students and teachers who have demonstrated excellence - and the program has become a mainstay of the school over the past two years.



George Carlin

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“Have you ever noticed that anybody driving slower than you is an idiot, and anyone going faster than you is a maniac?”



Henry Ford

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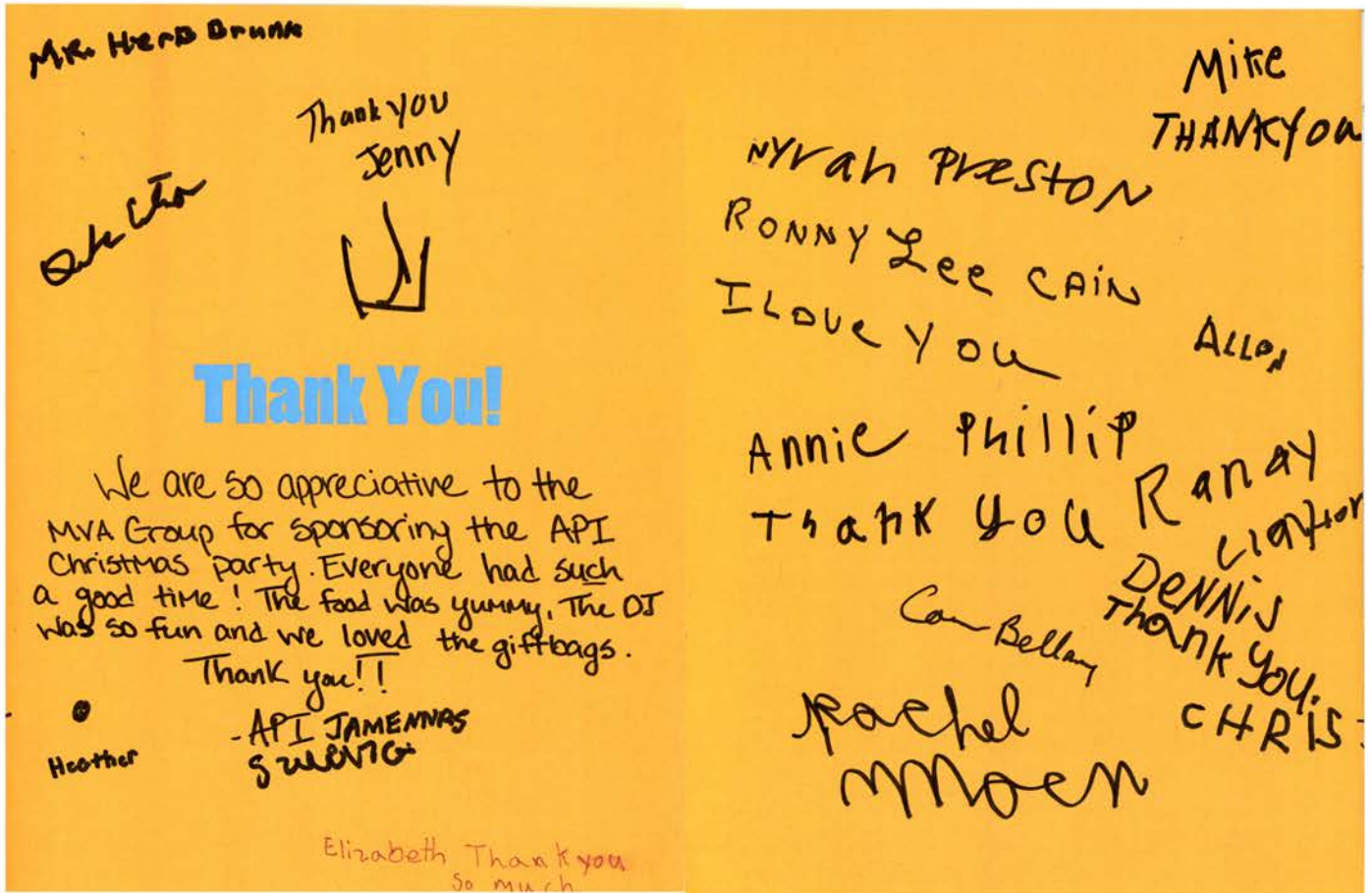
“Opportunity is missed by most people because it is dressed in overalls and looks like work.”



MVA in the Community API Holiday Party



On Saturday, December 7, we hosted over 100 individuals at Banquet Masters for a Holiday party for special needs adults, complete with live DJ (DJ Wiggles) and a fantastic meal. Each attendee received an instant photo of themselves along with a gift bag. We partnered with a local agency - Always Promoting Independence - that provides a wide variety of services to the special needs community in the area. We received a very large "Thank You" card at the MVA office last week.



The dance floor was packed right from the start as DJ Wiggles got everyone involved with lively dance tunes - from YMCA to the Electric Slide. Feedback from the API staff indicates that the guests had the time of their lives and haven't stopped talking about how great the party was. This was truly one of the best events ever held by the MVA.



For Our Members



For one glorious Saturday afternoon, Elvis was alive again and breaking hearts all over the Pinellas Park Performing Arts Center. 30 MVA members were treated to two hours of world-famous Dwight Icenhower performing many of the king's songs from the 50s, 60s and 70s. Icenhower, considered one of the world's best Elvis tribute artists, has taken home over 75 first place awards in contests all over the world.



MVA members are taking a road trip to the Seminole Hard Rock Casino and Florida State Fairgrounds on Saturday, February 8. Bus leaves Seminole Home Depot at 10:30 am and returns at approximately 3:30 pm. The MVA covers the cost of the bus transportation - all other expenses are the responsibility of the members.

You are still able to register for the trip (transportation only) at: <https://form.jotform.com/250057845683161>



First Wednesday Social January 8, 2025




We welcomed in the new year with a delayed celebration on January 8 at Quaker Steak & Lube in Pinellas Park. 92 MVA members and guests welcomed in the new year, enjoyed fellowship, food and drink - and some were lucky enough to win a door prize and share in the 50/50 drawing. Monthly socials are held the first Wednesday of each month.




Lily Tomlin
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"I always wanted to be somebody, but now I realize I should have been more specific."



Groucho Marx
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"Age is not a particularly interesting subject. Anyone can get old. All you have to do is live long enough."



First Wednesday Social January 8, 2025



Harry Blackiston, Al Shields, Robin Lewis



Gloria Whitfield, Mike Ranallo, Kathie Hubbard



Dick & Patsy Rohrs, guest



Clive & Carol Bailey



Shawn Cotton, Al Shields



Andrea & Al Shields, Bea Conner



Brian & Katrina Pershing



Teri & Michael Godfrey



Glenn & Debbie Verheller



Ron & Sharon Mason



Sam & Sandy Janofsky



Al & Gail Olsen



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Patty Jo Clayton, Wendy Hugar



Mary & Richard Reffelt



Steve & Margaret Simmons



Al & Gail Olsen



Dennis & Jane Willis



Carl Baum, Betty Held



Mary Reffelt, Betty Held



Darrell Schreiber, Gloria Whitfield



Betsy & Roddy King



Bea & Tom Conner



Thom & Deb Dupper



Richard Malzahn



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John Bowers



Kathie Hubbard



Jerry Klos



Cheryl McAvoy



Hendrik Gelderloos



Loni Wellington



Andrew Rasmussen



Stephanie Puffer



Artie Martin



Genevieve Urbanski



John Schiffgen



Sherry Rasmussen



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Jeff Ring



Karyn Klos



George Suther



Wendy Hugar



Bill Nabbe



Jo Ketring



Rick Shea



Pat Keegan



Jim Acosta



Bonnie Williams



Jim Hansen



Carol Janney



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Harry Blackiston



Robin Lewis



David Hadsock



Helen Malzahn



George Hafer



Jean Miller



Bob Dalton



Cheryl Bartel



Larry Trefz



Fran Kay



Bob Kay



Rox Sliger



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Brian Pershing



Dick Malzahn



Larry Harper



Jack Ptacek



Jerry Dangler



Dave Donnelly



Shawn Cotton



Douglas MacArthur
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**“Aging wrinkles
the body.
Quitting wrinkles
the soul.”**



C.S. Lewis
wikipedia photo

**“You can’t go back
and change the beginning,
but you can start
where you are
and change the ending.”**



Monthly Luncheon January 15



We hit the century mark for the first time - 100 MVA members and guests attended the January luncheon at Banquet Masters. The new MVA leadership was introduced and installed at the event. We had a lesson in English 101, handed out two All-Star awards (Bea Conner and Carol Janney), had a great lunch and lots of conversation.



Bea Conner (left) and Carol Janney (right) received MVA All Star awards for their continuing and outstanding volunteer service.





Monthly Luncheon January 15



Teri & Michael Godfrey, Al Shields



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



Mark Barlow, Dave Cox, Darrell Schreiber



PJ Clayton, Wendy Hugar, Bea Commer



Cheryl McAvoy, Karyn & Jerry Klos



Emilie & Ben Carter, Howard Howe



Loni Wellington, John Schiffgen



Sam & Sandy Janofsky, Faith Kraemer



Dick Matzahn, Bob Kay



Dennis Willis, Steve Jones



Bryan Martinez, Jeff Ring



Pat Keegan, Bonnie Williams



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Larry Trefz, Betty Held



Clive & Carol Bailey



Eldridge & Barbara Brash



Jim Acosta, Cheryl Bartel



Gloria Hill, Carol Jamney



Genevieve Urbanski, Larry Harper



PJ Clayton



Jack Freeman



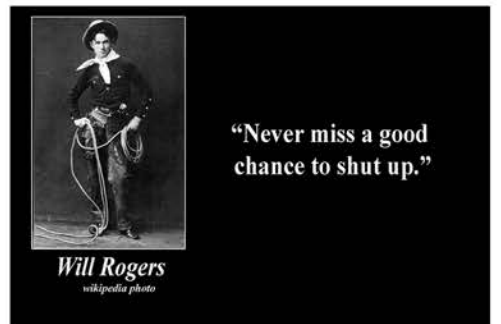
Shirley Bowers, Mary Reffelt



Artie Martin



Brian & Katrina Pershing





Monthly Luncheon January 15



Gail & Al Olsen



Bonnie Williams, Pat Keegan



John & Shirley Bowers



Bob & Jan Friend



Dennis & Jane Willis



Tom & Bea Conner



*Steve Jones, Loni Wellington, Jo Ketring,
John Schiffgen*



Deb & Thom Dupper



Margaret & Steve Simmons



Gayle Smith, John Voissem



Larry & Masako



Gloria Hill



Monthly Luncheon January 15



Larry Trefz



Fred Miller



Bryan Martinez

MVA Socials

*(all held at Quaker Steak & Lube,
10400 49th Street N) Doors open @ 4 pm.*

- January 8
- February 5
- March 5
- April 2
- May 7
- June 4
- July 2
- August 6
- September 3
- October 1
- November 5
- December 3

MVA Luncheons

*(all held at Banquet Masters,
13355 49th St N) Doors open @ 11 am.*

- January 15
- February 19
- March 19
- April 16
- May 21
- June 18
- July 16
- September 17
- October 15
- November 19
- December 17

Save the Dates

A Blast from the Past

ART SHOW WINNERS



Honeywell had four winners in 55 entries at the Betty Blue Art Center of Seminole, Florida on April 26. Shown in front are Kent Foster (Best of Show) and Darrell Schreiber (First Place). Standing are Polly Boyle and Ruth Johnson, both second place winners. The foursome are now members of the Monte Blue Memorial Art Society formed in honor of Betty's late husband, the famous film star.



Happy Birthday from MVA!



02-01	June Avery	02-10	Jeannie Springer	02-18	Edith Hackett
02-01	Martha Branks	02-11	Lois Christie	02-18	Anona Martin
02-01	Jean Clark	02-11	Betty Delich	02-18	Arthur Oppenheimer
02-01	Jeanette Frazier	02-11	Linda Edwins	02-18	Edith Therrien
02-01	Chris Janes-Fortney	02-11	Anthony Hill	02-19	Barbara Boyce
02-02	John Cantlay	02-11	Brian Howell	02-19	Carol Rice
02-02	Barbara Capuro	02-11	Guy Kenney	02-20	Lois Hensley
02-02	Marie Chaple	02-11	Iris La Fave	02-20	Harold Larson
02-02	Elizabeth (Betty) Dallaire	02-11	Jan (Jan) Weaver	02-20	Henry Moses
02-02	Clotilda Malloy	02-12	Dorothy Bertels	02-20	Linda Tatlock
02-02	Kellie Simpson	02-12	James Buchanan	02-21	Robert Denney
02-02	Nina Thomas	02-12	Richard Cleary	02-21	Robert Ferguson
02-03	Cheryl Acosta	02-12	Susan Davis	02-21	Lisa Kaposci
02-03	Ada Bennett	02-12	Joseph (Joe) Gariboldi	02-21	Linda Oppenheimer
02-03	Betty Catlett	02-12	Alvin Goodson	02-21	Marie Reinke
02-03	Kellie Dreger	02-12	Friday Mathews	02-21	David Silvera
02-04	Marion McIntyre	02-12	Janice Menees	02-22	Kim Heinicka
02-04	Charles Wyllie	02-12	Ann Russell	02-22	Joanne Inman
02-05	James Bruner	02-12	Ronald Steiger	02-22	Peter Kau
02-05	Agnes Gabrielson	02-12	Mildred Turner	02-22	Bonnie Ketcham
02-05	Herbert Hirsch	02-13	Linda Burnette	02-22	Ralph Marshall
02-06	Stephen Bongiovanni	02-13	Thomas Campolettano	02-22	Barbara Nugent
02-06	James Bruce	02-13	Edward Felton	02-23	Willard Beamer
02-06	Lou Climo	02-13	Valentine (Val) Gersbach	02-23	Frank Easton
02-06	Winifred Harding	02-13	Walterine Hubbard	02-24	Elizabeth Dubiel
02-06	Maia Kran	02-13	Janet Meranda	02-24	Bill McIntire
02-06	Salonia (Solly) Wendt	02-13	Steve Reinsel	02-24	Max Perez
02-07	Sherry Akins	02-13	Marvin Sackett	02-24	John Smith
02-07	Sue Bayly	02-13	Jessie Tindol	02-25	Betty Charie
02-07	Caterina (Kathy) Bolliger	02-13	Richard Walker	02-25	Raymond Fennessy
02-07	Julia Brown	02-13	Marcy Wing	02-25	Lucille Formanek
02-07	Ronald Buss	02-14	Hazel Ewen	02-25	Anthony (Tony) Morrison
02-07	June Dreger-Parsons	02-14	Sherlie Kittelson	02-26	Elizabeth (Betty) Bitting
02-07	Gary Linn	02-15	Ben Carter	02-26	James Domke
02-07	Lee Silverstein	02-15	Janis (Jan) Friend	02-26	Speros Georgiou
02-07	Richard Valentine	02-15	Hans Knight	02-26	Marilyn Lovejoy
02-08	Joe Simpson	02-15	Charlotte Melcher	02-26	Clemmie Preyer
02-08	Bonnie Williams	02-15	Stanley Soroka	02-26	Richard (Dick) Smith
02-09	Margarite Buchanan	02-16	Sarah (Sally) Berthy	02-27	Alan Graff
02-09	Julia Chamberlin	02-16	Barbara Caldwell	02-27	Patricia (Pat) Stone
02-09	Suzanne (Sue) Francis	02-16	Carolyn Dixon	02-28	Robert Almer
02-09	Salithiel Thomas	02-16	Ellen Sturtevant	02-28	Mary Cooper
02-10	Kathy Annand	02-16	Martha (Jane) Tisdell-Willis	02-28	Joseph Kunz
02-10	Thomas Fennell	02-16	Elizabeth Wienke	02-28	Helen Raffles
02-10	Sylvia Ferriter	02-17	Phyllis Balzart	02-28	Michael (Mike) Siebel
02-10	Nancy Hall	02-17	Bill Heubaum	02-29	Richard Loring
02-10	Willie James	02-17	George Macilroy		
02-10	Roxanne Lindquist	02-17	Joseph Niklas		
02-10	Helen Peters	02-17	Jane Woody		