



Presents ready for distribution to area foster children



MVA volunteers prepare gift bags for special needs holiday party

President's Message

What a year 2024 has been!

In addition to providing a continuing stream of member events throughout the year, the MVA cast an impressive shadow over the local community.

We have been averaging between 85 and 100 members at our monthly socials and luncheons. Our paid membership continues to grow above 150, as we welcome former Honeywellers into our merry band. We expect our membership to continue to grow as our members are reaching out to folks they used to work with, letting them know about what a great organization we are!

Our community footprint continues to expand as we awarded another \$10,000 scholarship, partnered with Morgan Fitzgerald Middle School, rang bells for Salvation Army (and raised \$390!), made several cash grants to local charities and best of all, hosted a holiday party for special needs adults on December 7 with over 100 in attendance.

As we look forward to 2025, we will select another \$10,000 scholarship winner; provide much-needed financial assistance and supplies to a variety of community organizations; continue to partner with Morgan Fitzgerald Middle School; ring bells for the Salvation Army; and host another holiday party for special needs adults.

For our members, we will continue to enjoy socials on the first Wednesday of each month at Quaker Steak & Lube on 49th Street; monthly luncheons every third Wednesday (except August); another golf outing; tickets to an Elvis tribute and other theatrical events; cruise on the Carnival Paradise out of Port Tampa; picnic(s) in the park; and other events designed to promote fellowship among MVA members. All of this sounds great, but to pull it off requires lots of volunteers. We try to be careful about volunteer workloads, but it always seems the same folks provide the bulk of the efforts. Do you have time to work with MVA staff to support community or member activities? Do you have good ideas about new ways to support the community or provide activities for members? We would love to hear from you. Share your ideas at: <https://form.jotform.com/231204467596056>

Let's make 2025 truly remarkable for the MVA!



MVA in the Community API Holiday Party



The MVA is always searching for new ways to positively impact the local community. When PJ Clayton came to us earlier this year with the idea of hosting a holiday party for adults with special needs - we jumped at it. On Saturday, December 7, that suggestion became a reality as we hosted over 100 individuals at Banquet Masters for a Holiday party, 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. The party was a huge success and plans will be underway soon to host another party in 2025.



<i>MVA Socials</i>	<i>MVA Luncheons</i>
<i>(all held at Quaker Steak & Lube, 10400 49th Street N) Doors open @ 4 pm.</i>	<i>(all held at Banquet Masters, 13355 49th St N) Doors open @ 11 am.</i>
January 8	January 15
February 5	February 19
March 5	March 19
April 2	April 16
May 7	May 21
June 4	June 18
July 2	July 16
August 6	September 17
September 3	October 15
October 1	November 19
November 5	December 17
December 3	

Save the Dates



MVA in the Community API Holiday Party



MVA volunteers prepare the gift bags. Each attendee received a gift bag filled with personal items and holiday surprises.



API staff members prepare to serve the special guests.



Over 100 guests and staff filled the room with fellowship and laughter.



Banquet Masters did their normal out-standing job of food prep.



Hugs were the order of the day all around.



As always, the photo booth was a big hit with guests.



Guests received an instant photo of themselves to remember the day.



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.





MVA in the Community



What a great day for volunteering. Weather was fantastic for a group of MVA volunteers to ring the Salvation Army bell at the Publix on Belcher and Gulf-to-Bay in Clearwater on Tuesday, December 3. Big thanks to Clive and Carol Bailey for taking over the project this year after many years under the guidance of Ron Rasmussen. In addition to Clive and Carol, Thom Dupper, Vivian O'Dell, Wendy Hugar, PJ Clayton, Teri Godfrey, Karyn Klos, John and Shirley Bowers, Shirley Murphy, Mary Reffelt, Al Shields, Fred Miller, Betty Held, Jane Gonzer, John Voissem and Gayle Smith worked the bell to produce a payday of \$390.90. The best news is that every cent of the money collected by bell ringers goes directly to help families in the Tampa Bay area. Congratulations and thanks to all our volunteers.



\$390.90!



MVA in the Community



MVA has partnered with Angels Against Abuse for the past three years and we have seen the positive impact of this great organization on the Tampa Bay communities. This year was especially challenging for the Angels - their main fundraiser was canceled because of the hurricanes, Sandy Kearney, Angles founder and CEO, lost everything in the storms. Through it all, Sandy and her Angels were able to fulfill the Christmas wishes of 290 foster children this year. Each child receives all the items on their Christmas list. The gifts are prepared at the Pasadena Community Church hall where members from the supported agencies pick up their gift bags. This is why we are so passionate about supporting Sandy and her Angels.



Sandy Kearney, Founder, CEO
Angels Against Abuse





MVA in the Community



December 16th, 2024

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To Whom It May Concern,

On behalf of Angels Against Abuse Inc., we wish to express our profound appreciation for your substantial donation. Our Christmas Giving Program is among the most significant initiatives we offer, providing constant support to the children we advocate for. Your kindness plays a crucial role in bringing joy to the faces of children who face daily challenges and need reasons to smile. During your November event, when it was announced that the MINNREG Veterans Association would be presenting us with a \$6000 check, I was overwhelmed with gratitude. The year 2024 posed severe challenges, including the postponement of our fundraiser due to major hurricanes and the loss of key donors amidst widespread devastation. It was solely through the support of the MINNREG Veterans Association that we managed to bring happiness to numerous children on Christmas morning. Your organization has been an incredible boon to the Angels, and we are immensely thankful for your backing. The funds were especially crucial this year, ensuring that each bag was packed with the exact items the children wished for. Despite the escalating costs in recent years, your generous contribution enabled us to fulfill these wishes. Your organization's impact is truly remarkable.

Type of Donation	Description	Value
Angel Donation /December 12, 2024,	Christmas Giving Program	\$6000

Thank you again for your support in helping us make a difference in the lives of the children and youth who have been abused and neglected in our community. It is only thanks to organizations like MINNREG that provide HOPE for a better tomorrow for the children we advocate for 24/7.

God Bless each of You and Thank You
Sandy
Sandy Kearney, Founder
Angels Against Abuse



MVA Staff



2025 Staff

Today's MVA is much different from the old Minnregs organization. First, the Minnregs were male-only. Today's MVA has nearly equal numbers of men and women (binary only.) The Minnregs has a fairly elaborate initiation process. The MVA initiation is limited to some connection with Honeywell and payment of \$20 per year in dues. The Minnregs had one leadership body - its board of directors. The MVA maintains a board of directors, but their duties are limited to managing the finances (investments) and setting the strategic direction for the organization. Your MVA has a group of dedicated individuals who run the day-to-day operation of the organization. From paying the bills to planning the agenda of events and involvement in the community, this group works with volunteer committees to ensure that your MVA is living up to its charter - to provide a wide variety of events for the benefit of its membership and make a positive impact on the Tampa Bay community through its support of and involvement in non-profit community agencies and private organizations.

The folks below work to ensure MVA members enjoy socials, luncheons and other member events throughout the year. They also reach out to the community to award an annual \$10,000 scholarship, partner with individual schools, provide volunteers for many community services, to award monetary grants and provide needed resources to organizations that serve families, children, homeless and veterans in our local communities.



Thom Dupper, President. Thom has overall responsibility for all MVA activities. He serves at the pleasure of the Board of Directors and supervises the MVA staff. His vision for MVA: Provide social and informational opportunities for MVA members and make significant contribution to agencies that support children, families, elderly and veterans in the Tampa Bay area.
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Al Shields, Executive Vice President. Al hosts the monthly socials and provides important counsel to the President in all MVA issues. Al's vision for MVA: Collectively help those in need in our community.
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Dr. Gloria Hill, Vice President of Community Service. Gloria plans and oversees all community support activities and budget. Her vision for MVA: to become a standout organization for community support.
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Wendy Hugar, Vice President of Member Events. Wendy plans and oversees all member events. Her vision for the future of MVA: Continue as a great organization where friends can come together and have fun.
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MVA Staff



2025 Staff



Clive Bailey, Vice President of Operations. Clive is responsible for maintaining all MVA corporate records (contracts, policies, subscriptions, etc.); and a current inventory of all corporate assets.
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George Suther, Treasurer, George is the chief financial officer, providing professional accounting of all MVA finances, from corporate investments to day-to-day operational expenses.
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Vivian O'Dell, Recording Secretary. Vivian is responsible for attending and documenting all Board of Directors and Staff meetings; maintaining the MVA membership database; and maintaining a record of all meeting notes and minutes.
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Debra Dupper, Party Planner. Debra is responsible for the planning and execution of the monthly luncheon meetings; providing interface with all vendors and volunteers.
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Paul Krahmer, Staff Photographer. Paul is responsible for shooting photos at all MVA events and providing edited photos to the newsletter editor for publication.



Dave Hewitt, Office Manager. Dave is responsible for the maintenance and scheduling of the physical MVA office; and maintaining an inventory of snacks and refreshments for office events.
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First Wednesday Social December 4, 2024



Very nearly 100 MVA members and guests celebrated the last social of the year with food, fellowship, refreshments and lots of fun. Al was back at the helm, handing out door prizes and 50/50 winnings. Please note the January social date has been pushed back to January 8 to make room for the New Year celebrations - and football! See you next year on the 8th.



Hendrik Gelderloos, Jerry Dangler, Jeff Ring



PJ Clayton, Wendy Hugar, Deb Dupper



First Wednesday Social December 4, 2024



Brian & Katrina Pershing



Masako & Larry Shannon



Dennis & Jane Willis



Deb & Thom Dupper



Dick & Patsy Rohrs



Bea & Tom Conner



Artie Martin



Jackson Freeman



Deb Dupper, Bea Conner



Ron Mason



Rick Shea



Steve & Margaret Simmons



First Wednesday Social December 4, 2024



Al Shields



Carol Janney



Mark Barlow



Glenn Nikles



Patty Jo Clayton



David Haddock



Jerry Dangler



Teri Godfrey



Fred Miller



Artie Martin



Sandy Janofsky



Dave Donnelly



First Wednesday Social December 4, 2024



George Hafer



Wanda Beasley



Joe Simpson



Artie Martin



Larry Harper



Cheryl McAvoy



Jeff Ring



Karyn Klos



Sam Janofsky



Betsy King



Eldridge Brash



Bonnie Williams



First Wednesday Social December 4, 2024



Dave Cox



Fran Kay



Hendrik Gelderloos



John Bowers

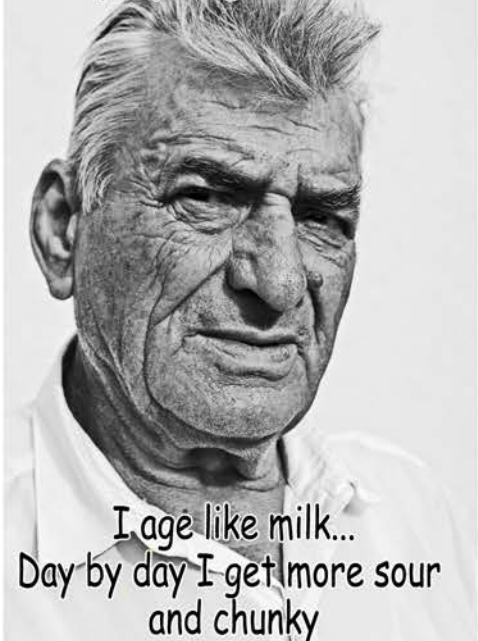


Nancy Malzahn



Mike Renallo

Some people age like fine wine



I age like milk...
Day by day I get more sour
and chunky



Genevieve Urbanski



Roddy King





First Wednesday Social December 4, 2024



Danielle & Andy Rasmussen



Mary & Richard Reffelt



Cathy & Bill Nabbe



Gloria Whitfield, Mike Ranallo



Debbie & Glenn Verheller



Al & Gail Olsen



Kevin & Laurel Kish



Loni Wellington, Jo Ketring



Jack Ptacek, Stephanie Puffer





First Wednesday Social December 4, 2024



Jerry Klos



Barbara Brash



George Suther



Vivian O'Dell



Bob Dalton



Patty Marchand



Mark Wolf



Shirley Murphy



Al Parisi



Shirley Bowers



Mike Godfrey



Wendy Hugar



First Wednesday Social December 4, 2024



Darrell Schreiber



Cheryl Bartel



Bob Kay



Pat Keegan



Jim McCormick



Bonnie Williams



Richard Malzahn



Marge Lynch



Jim Acosta



Lorraine Wert





A Blast from the Past



Honeywell, I Remember A Honeyweller For 44 Years

As a model maker in the 4th Avenue Plant in Minneapolis, **Don Ziebarth** recalled one of his favorite memories.

"It was the day Bette Davis toured the plant. Her husband worked with us and he brought her in to show her around," Don said.

That was 1942. Honeywell had done \$60 million of business, had roughly 5,000 employees, and Franklin D. Roosevelt was leading the country out of the depression. Harold W. Sweatt, whose father was a founder of the company, was President at that time.

Honeywell bought the Champion Motor Plant in 1949, and Don, after 5 years in the Navy, returned to Honeywell as the Aero Division's assistant foreman in the model shop.

In 1951 another building, a block from Champion, was bought and while employees were moving in, they were hit with "one of the worst blizzards in some time," Don said. "Some of them were snowbound and had to spend the night."

Honeywell kept expanding. Don was named foreman of the model shop in 1952.

During 1956, a decision was reached to build inertial navigation systems in St. Petersburg. Don was the model shop superintendent then and accepted a similar position in Florida.

Don and 115 other employees were ready to move to Florida when the contract was cancelled, leaving 100 people momentarily displaced from jobs. "A lot of them had sold their homes and were living in motels," Don said.

In 1957, a building just short of 100,000 square feet was constructed, known now as Plant 1.

"Before that, we were in the Palm Breeze building at this same location that was a tin shed, and when it rained you couldn't hear the phone ringing," he said.

The following year, Honeywell won seven of nine major contracts awarded in space activity, and expansion continued at the Clearwater location.

In 1970, Don was part of a study team to choose a number of space programs (one of which being the Shuttle) to move from Minneapolis to Florida bringing with them 300 or so families.

"During Vietnam, we were building electronic components for fuzes. There were 1,000 people in Plant 1 who were assembling and testing components. It was a totally successful three or four years of production," Don said.

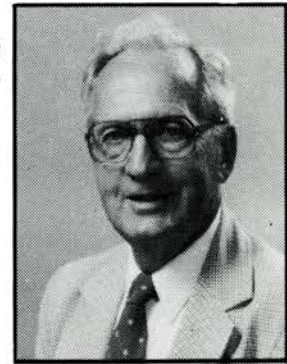
On that fuze line, "you could hear Christmas carols as loud as anything. People would skip breaks to make quotas, even when the contract was nearly finished," he said.

"It gave us a real shot in the arm, a forerunner of the team programs of today."

Don believes the next five years will be "the most challenging, and exciting five years the Division has ever seen. I'm sorry I won't be around. There will be technical challenges, growth, and opportunity," Don said. Don will retire this month.

But at least Don will have some time to watch a few old Bette Davis movies now and then.

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Don Ziebarth

Something For The Kids, Too! Kid Art Contest



Monthly Luncheon December 18



97! That's the number of MVA members and guest who gathered for the annual MVA holiday party and luncheon on Wednesday, December 18 at Banquet Masters. The event featured videos of MVA's community involvement during the holidays, lots of prizes and giveaways, a left-right game, an ugly sweater contest, a great lunch and a whole bunch of great fellowship.



Monthly Luncheon December 18



Ugly sweater contest participants (above) and winners (right)



Marge Lynch



Clive Bailey



Genevieve Urbanski



Carl Baum



Shirley Bowers



Bob Canistraro



Monthly Luncheon December 18



Shirley Murphy, Howard Howe



Gloria Hill, Carol Janney



Al Shields, Bea Conner



David Haddock



Cheryl McAvoy



Al Parisi



Eldridge Bradley



Al Shields, Vivian O'Dell



Mya Johnson, Deb Dupper





Monthly Luncheon December 18



Front: Larry Harper, Clive Bailey, Howard Howe
Back: Genevieve Urbanski, Mareg Lynch, Marilyn Ruga, Shirley Murphy, Carol Bailey



Pat Keegan, Lorraine Wert, Teri Godfrey, Clive & Carol Bailey, John & Shirley Bowers, Shirley Murphy, Tom & Bea Conner, Deb Dupper



Bob & Jan Friend, Gayle Smith, John Voissem



John Schiffgen, Jo Ketring
Loni Wellington, Jane & Dennis Willis



Jack Ptacek, Stephanie Puffer



Gloria Whitfield, Lorraine Wert,
Pat Keegan, Bonnie Williams



Wendy Hugar, Teri Godfrey,
Patty Jo Clayton, Bea Conner



Bill Nabbe, Betsy & Roddy King,



Jacqueline Morgan, Barbara Pothier



Deb Dupper, Mya Johnson, Carol Bailey



Margaret & Steve Simmons



Kathie Hubbard



Monthly Luncheon December 18



Eldridge & Barbara Brash



John & Shirley Bowers



Brian & Katrina Pershing



Patsy & Dick Rohrs



Gayle Smith, John Voissem



Dennis & Jane Willis



Al & Gail Olsen



Deb & Thom Dupper



Bea & Tom Conner



Dr. Gloria Hill



Jim Acosta



Betty Held



Happy Birthday from MVA!



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| 01-01 | Jean Carrabotta | 01-08 | Robert Watson | 01-22 | Betty (Jean) Logston |
| 01-01 | Otto Coldiron | 01-09 | Bernice Campbell | 01-22 | Martha Sparks |
| 01-01 | Roger Ertsgaard | 01-09 | John Forslund | 01-22 | Ed Webb |
| 01-01 | Sherrie Graff | 01-09 | Don Kelso | 01-23 | Matti Kert |
| 01-01 | Kimberly (Kim) Johnson | 01-09 | Richard La Luzerne | 01-23 | Brenda Miller |
| 01-01 | Louis Lutz | 01-10 | M. Boudreau | 01-24 | Tom Conner |
| 01-01 | Sharon Mclendon | 01-10 | Ron Cender | 01-24 | James Crawford |
| 01-01 | Judy Merritt | 01-10 | Noel Morell | 01-24 | Francis James |
| 01-01 | Jacqueline Morgan | 01-10 | Carleton Toelken | 01-24 | Alice Poppler |
| 01-01 | Peggy Olmsted | 01-11 | Christina Blomberg | 01-24 | Martha Post |
| 01-02 | Dorris Beecher | 01-11 | Dorothy Johnson | 01-24 | Manuel Rodriguez |
| 01-02 | Louisa Burch | 01-11 | Stephanie Puffer | 01-24 | Barbara Silvera |
| 01-02 | Peter Tibault | 01-11 | Darrell Schreiber | 01-24 | Karen Simon |
| 01-02 | Sandra Walling | 01-11 | Judith Stuebs | 01-24 | Stephen (Steve) Smith |
| 01-03 | Alice Blandford | 01-13 | Linda Baker | 01-24 | Helen Younskevicius |
| 01-03 | Ernest (Ernie) Bolliger | 01-13 | James Beneyfield | 01-25 | Michael (Mike) Godfrey |
| 01-03 | Ronald (Falstaff) Folse | 01-13 | Elizabeth Gessler | 01-25 | Marjorie Smetana |
| 01-03 | Wayne Olmsted | 01-13 | John Hood | 01-26 | James Sr Campbell |
| 01-03 | Jim Stone | 01-13 | Ingrid Jones | 01-26 | Robertine DeFelix |
| 01-04 | Sara Blizzard | 01-13 | Vickie Maxam | 01-26 | James Gibson |
| 01-04 | E. Gaylor | 01-13 | Donald Papke | 01-26 | James Kruck |
| 01-04 | Michael Pilver | 01-15 | Therese Frechette | 01-27 | Louis Cason |
| 01-04 | Rachel Rennaker | 01-15 | Anthony (Tony) Masey | 01-27 | Eric Kriby |
| 01-04 | Michael (Mike) Richards | 01-15 | Jerome Rogers | 01-28 | Abigail Almer |
| 01-04 | Dennis Willis | 01-15 | John Vassalo | 01-28 | Bobbie Hoopes |
| 01-05 | Elena Hoel | 01-16 | David Brown | 01-28 | Angel Otero |
| 01-05 | Judy Moses | 01-16 | Joann Dunlap | 01-28 | John Stephens |
| 01-05 | Esther Rosewall | 01-16 | Sue Foster | 01-29 | Joan (Joan) Cole |
| 01-06 | Edward Brown | 01-17 | Betty (Chris) Blood | 01-29 | Datchanee Hoffmann |
| 01-06 | Jill Graetz | 01-17 | Gerald Coffey | 01-29 | Jacolynn Wyllie |
| 01-06 | Beverly Green | 01-17 | Henry Debona | 01-30 | Peggy Allen |
| 01-06 | Robert Hadden | 01-17 | Delores Engelken | 01-30 | Martina Eckard |
| 01-06 | Donna Joldersma | 01-17 | Joseph Lacki | 01-30 | Gloria Michurski |
| 01-06 | William Logan | 01-18 | Marsha Barlow | 01-30 | Josephine (Jo) Phillips |
| 01-06 | Anthony Polito | 01-18 | Linda Hewitt | 01-30 | Barbara Schulte |
| 01-06 | Wesley Sewell | 01-18 | Barbara Vogel | 01-30 | Janice Todd |
| 01-06 | Jack Smetzer | 01-19 | Natalie Adkins | 01-30 | Robert (Bob) Turner |
| 01-06 | Carolyn Tucker | 01-19 | David (Dave) Conley | 01-31 | Thomas Borree |
| 01-07 | Marie Brown | 01-19 | Norma James | 01-31 | John Dillon |
| 01-07 | Joanne (Joni) Byland | 01-19 | Kathleen Mello | 01-31 | Mary Fellerman |
| 01-07 | Bradford Clough | 01-19 | Linda Tredo | 01-31 | Stephen Merritt |
| 01-07 | William. (Bill) Dobson | 01-20 | Kathleen (Kathy) Barry | 01-31 | Donald (Don) Miller |
| 01-07 | Peggy Wollitz | 01-20 | Nancy Leiser | 01-31 | Betty Miller |
| 01-07 | Ernst Wurster | 01-20 | W. Lovelace | 01-31 | Joyce Saxon |
| 01-08 | Beth Berglund | 01-21 | Margaret Coffey | 01-31 | J. Stultz |
| 01-08 | Loyce Ostravage | 01-21 | John Delich | 01-31 | Harry Thomas |
| 01-08 | Suzanne Sowada | 01-21 | Clifford Johnson | 01-31 | Vallee (Val) Weaver |
| 01-08 | Lorraine Tierney | 01-22 | Robert Capuro | | |
| 01-08 | Virginia Vignali | 01-22 | David Haddock | | |