



85 MVA members and guests enjoyed a fun and informative luncheon on February 21. We celebrated a late Valentine's Day, heard from Angels Against Abuse and Ready for Life, thanking us for supporting them in 2023. We played the "The Oldywed Game" - based on the '70s hit show, The Newlywed Game.

### President's Message

The MVA connection to the local community was front and center at the February luncheon. Dr. Gloria Hill, VP of Community Service, asked the attendees for suggestions about how and who we should support in 2024. Gloria prepared some goodie bags with a printed QR code leading directly to the MVA Community Grant Application. Members were encouraged to give the bags to community agencies who are seeking monetary support. The QR code is reprinted here so you can share access to a community group you think is worthy of consideration:



If more convenient, please fill out the suggestion form on the MVA website concerning your nomination for consideration. Ideally, this would be an organization you have personal knowledge of, that operates on a small budget with little overhead, that provides boots-on-the-ground services to families and children, the elderly, military veterans and families. The form is located at:  
<https://form.jotform.com/231204467596056>

As announced at the February luncheon, our normal monthly social location, Fat Cat Tavern in Largo, has closed permanently. Al Shields is actively looking for a replacement venue that can accommodate up to 100 attendees and can offer a menu in line with what we have been spending. If you are aware of a central Pinellas tavern or pub that can accommodate us, please communicate that to Al. (evp@minnregs.com.) For our March social, we will return to Banquet Masters. Doors open at 4 pm. Register now at:  
<https://form.jotform.com/240034046288149>



# March Social and Luncheon Changes

As most of you already know, our regular social meeting place, Fat Cat Tavern in Largo, has closed permanently. Al Shields is currently looking for another location that can accommodate a group of our size at a reasonable price. But for our March 6 social, we will return to Banquet Masters on Ulmerton & 49th Street. Doors open at 4 pm, with lots of prizes, fellowship and the normal outstanding buffet meal.

**DO NOT GO TO FAT CAT TAVERN FOR THE MARCH SOCIAL.  
YOU WILL BE ALL ALONE!**

We have received some comments about our lunch time at the monthly luncheons. So we have moved the start time of our luncheons from 11:30 am to 11:00 am. That will move our actual chow time to 12:15 pm. This should not be a big problem for most of our members since most show up before 11 already. As always, we will meet at Banquet Masters for luncheons.

**PLEASE TAKE NOTE OF THE NEW START TIME FOR THE  
MONTHLY LUNCHEONS - 11:00 AM.**

The local Suncoast Chapter of the Association of the United States [AUSA] is hosting the 249th Army Birthday Ball on June 29th at the Hilton in Downtown Tampa and prior to that we are holding a golf outing at Bay Palms Golf Complex on MacDill AFB.

The Suncoast Chapter of the Association of the United States Army presents the HOOAH Golf Tournament on Friday, May 3, 2024 on the beautiful South Course at the Bay Palms Golf Complex, MacDill Air Force Base in south Tampa, FL

Questions? Contact Colonel (Retired) Tony Clark at 407-496-5249 (text preferred) or [chclark1995@gmail.com](mailto:chclark1995@gmail.com)





# First Wednesday Social February 7, 2024



Looks like we are growing with each passing month. 92 MVA members and guests gathered at Fat Cat Tavern for fellowship, fun, food and prizes. Unfortunately, Fat Cat Tavern has closed permanently, so we are actively looking for another venue that can accommodate our group at a reasonable price. We will announce the new location via email blast later this month.





# First Wednesday Social February 7, 2024



*Betty Held, Shirley Bowers, Deb Dupper, Mary Reffelt, Shirley Murphy*



*Server, Michelle, takes orders from Loni Wellington while John Schiffgen waits*



*Sharon Carrozza, Margaret Simmons, Gloria Whitfield*



*Jerry Dangler, Larry Trefz, Hendrick Gelderloos*



*Deb Dupper, Mary Reffelt, Betty Held*



*PJ Clayton, Wendy Hugar, Al Shields*



*Wendy Hugar, Bea Conner*



*Jane & Dennis Willis*



*Brian & Katrina Pershing*



*Larry & Masako Shannon*



*Vivian O'Dell, Lynne Cianchette*



*Jo Ketring, John Schiffgen*



# First Wednesday Social February 7, 2024



*Patty Jo Clayton, Wendy Hugar*



*Steve & Margaret Simmons*



*Al Shields, Bob Dalton*



*Danielle & Andy Rasmussen*



*"The Shirleys"  
Shirley Bowers, Shirley Murphy*



*Richard & Mary Reffelt*



*Jack Ptacek, Stephanie Puffer*



*Dick & Patsy Rohrs*



*Bea & Tom Conner*



*Sharon & Joe Gariboldi*



*Deb & Thom Dupper*



*Lynne Cianchette, Glenn Nicholson*



# First Wednesday Social February 7, 2024



*Al & Andrea Shields*



*Barbara & Donald Brash*



*Sharon Carrozza, Leslie Tuck, Mike Renaldo*



*Gloria Whitfield, Sharon Carrozza*



*Clive Bailey*



*Carol Bailey*



*Al Shields*



*Lorraine Wert, Wanda Beasley*



*John Voissem*



*Mystery Man*



*Mike Renaldo, Leslie Tuck*



Count your age by friends, not years.  
Count your life by smiles, not tears.

~ John Lennon



# First Wednesday Social February 7, 2024



*Leslie Tuck*



*Dave Donnelly*



*Wendy Hugar*



*Dick Malzahn*



*Patty Jo Clayton*



*Darrell Schreiber*



*Genevieve Urbanski*



*Jim Acosta*



*Sharon Corrozza*



*Bob Lovejoy*



*Jody Mason*



*David Haddock*



# First Wednesday Social February 7, 2024



*Bob Dalton*



*Jean Miller*



*Al Olsen*



*Gloria Whitfield*



*John Bowers*



*Pat Keegan*



*Dick Rohrs*



*Loni Wellington*



*Bryan Martinez*



*Patsy Rohrs*



*Harry Blackiston*



*Gayle Smith*





# First Wednesday Social February 7, 2024



*Larry Harper*



*Bonnie Williams*



*Howard Howe*



*Sandy Janofsky*



*Hendrick Gelderloos*



*Terri Mickiewicz*



*Ron Mason*



*Helen Malzahn*



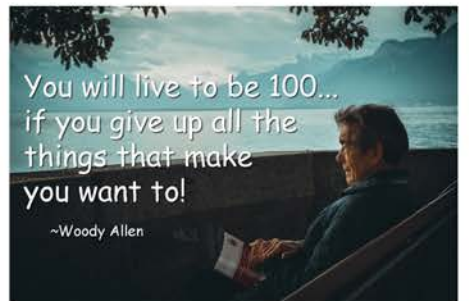
*Sam Janofsky*



*Marge Lynch*



*Fran Kay*



# Remembering the Honeybelles

This golden oldie was revived by our own Loni Wellington. Loni was very active in the formation and operation of the Honeybelles, the woman's department of the Minnregs back in the day. Thanks to Loni for providing this bit of HI history. How many of these women do you recognize and remember?

## HONEYBELLE ELECTION OF OFFICERS

**Tuesday, November 18, 1986**  
**(At Monthly Meeting)**

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Loni Wellington

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**COME OUT AND CAST  
YOUR BALLOT!!!**

**Honeybelle ID Must Be Presented To  
Receive A Ballot.**

**Polls Open 3:30 – 6:00 P.M. At Minnreg Building.**



# Monthly Luncheon February 21



85 MVA members and guests shared a great time at the February luncheon, celebrating Valentine's Day. The highlight of the event was the "Oldywed Game," a tribute to the 70s TV show, Newlywed Game. Four couples participated for prizes and bragging rights. The Conners, with 60 years of married history, won the grand prize of a \$50 gift card. We also heard from our VP of Community Service, Dr. Gloria Hill, who asked the members for suggestions on which community agencies we should support in 2024. We also heard from Michelle Walag of Ready for Life and Sandy Kearney of Angels Against Abuse. They spoke to the work they do, supported by contributions from MVA.



*Deb Dupper hosts "The OldyWed Game."*



*The Oldywed Game husbands - Dennis Willis, Tom Conner, Dick Malzahn, Michael Godfrey*



*Bea Conner matches her husband's answer. The Conners matched all four questions.*



*Dennis & Jane Willis, John Schiffgen, Loni Wellington*



*Patti Jo Clayton, Terri & Michael Godfrey, Bea & Tom Conner*



*Clive & Carol Bailey, Howard Howe, Shirley Murphy, Emilie & Ben Carter*



*Roberta Harvey, Jane Willis, Clara Aucker, John Schiffgen, Jo Keiring, Dennis Willis, Loni Wellington*



# Monthly Luncheon February 21



*Door prizes are a favorite part of the monthly luncheons. Our own "Vanna White," Bea Conner moves through the crowd to present the gift cards to lucky winners. All this is in addition to the 50/50 drawing which is really a 100/0 drawing since 100% of all collected funds go back to winners.*





# Monthly Luncheon February 21



*Terri Godfrey, Patti Jo Clayton, Bea Conner*



*Ben & Emilie Carter*



*Gloria Hill, Mary Reffelt, Carol Janney*



*Jacqueline Morgan, Stephanie Puffer*



*Margaret & Steve Simmons*



*Dennis & Jane Willis*



*Deb Dupper, Patti Jo Clayton, Bea Conner*



*Richard & Mary Reffelt*



*Gayle Smith, John Voissem*



*Sandy & Sam Janofsky*



*Karyn & Jerry Klos*



*Tom & Bea Conner*



# Monthly Luncheon February 21



*John & Shirley Bowers*



*Larry & Masako Shamon*



*Jan & Bob Friend*



*Donald & Barbara Brash*



*Howard Howe, Shirley Murphy*



*Debra & Thom Dupper*



*Betty Held*



*Steve Jones*



*Bonnie Williams*



*Bryan Martinez*



*Gloria Hill*



*Hendrick Gelderloos*



# Monthly Luncheon February 21



Oldywed Game winners, Tom & Bea Conner



Jacqueline Morgan



Dave Donnelly

## Fashion Show



Saturday, April 27, 2024

St. Pete Yacht Club

11 Central Ave, St. Pete

11am - 2pm

Champagne Brunch

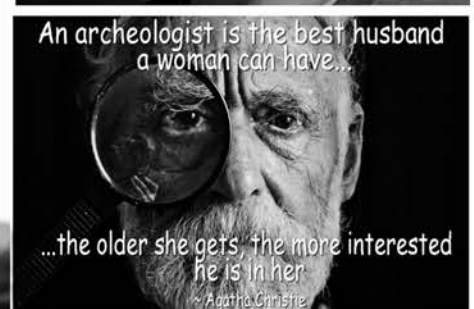
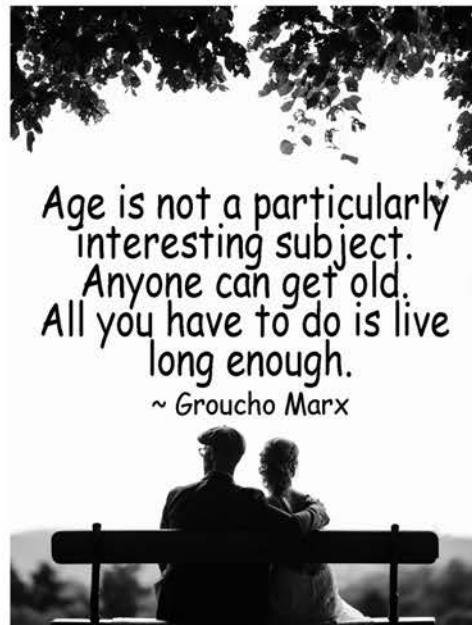
Unlimited Mimosa's

Fashions By

Dillards Tyrone

Raffles & More

Angels Against Abuse is sponsoring their annual Brunch Bunch fashion show on Saturday, April 27 at the St. Pete Yacht Club, 11 Central Avenue in St. Petersburg. Unlimited mimosas, raffles and more. MVA is sponsoring tables at the event. If you are interested in attending this annual event (unlimited mimosas!), please register at: <https://form.jotform.com/240574667644062>



# From the Pinellas Education Foundation



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January 31, 2024

Mr. Thom Dupper  
Minnreg Veterans Association  
12467 62nd Street, #103  
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Dear Mr. Dupper,

On behalf of all of us at the Pinellas Education Foundation, thank you for your recent donation. Your gift of \$2,500.00 on 1/29/2024 to support the Minnreg Veterans Association Scholarship, will make a tangible impact on the lives of Pinellas County students.

Your generosity exemplifies your belief in the Foundation's mission - to accelerate educational achievement for all students through the effective mobilization of innovation, relationships, and resources. Once again, thank you for your unwavering support and dedication to the Pinellas Education Foundation. Together, we can continue to transform lives and create a brighter future for our students.

Sincerely,

Kim Jowell  
CEO

No goods or services were received in consideration for this contribution.

P.S. Stay connected and join our email list. Visit [pinellaseducation.org/enews](http://pinellaseducation.org/enews) or contact Elizabeth Bowerfind at (727) 588-4816 ext. 2122 or [elizabeth.bowerfind@pinellaseducation.org](mailto:elizabeth.bowerfind@pinellaseducation.org).

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# Happy Birthday from MVA!



03-01 Angie Buick  
 03-01 Phyllis Lee  
 03-01 James McGinley  
 03-01 Katherine Winterhalter  
 03-01 Paul Wittman  
 03-02 Albert Cozzoli  
 03-02 Lori Epperson  
 03-02 Frances Salgado  
 03-02 Bonnie Spearman  
 03-03 William (Bill) Martin  
 03-03 Sheila Polsley  
 03-03 Patricia Waloga  
 03-04 Marjorie Crosmer  
 03-04 Paul Griffin  
 03-04 Martin Helveston  
 03-04 James Mayes  
 03-04 Gerald Pruitt  
 03-05 Kirk Brown  
 03-05 Andrew Conaway  
 03-05 Doris Dick  
 03-05 CA (Marty) Martinez  
 03-05 Cindy Sartor  
 03-06 Richard Elmhurst  
 03-06 Daniel Engelken  
 03-06 Frank Neri  
 03-07 Jay Johnson  
 03-07 Lillian Morison  
 03-07 Richard Oswald  
 03-07 Jimmie (Jim) Perry  
 03-07 Mary Slater  
 03-07 Dalia Vega  
 03-07 Jim Wedlake  
 03-08 Marella Cassels  
 03-08 Mildred Gold  
 03-08 Donald Powers  
 03-08 Deborah (Deb) Ring  
 03-09 John Bennet  
 03-09 Stephen Graff  
 03-09 Jean Kerrigan  
 03-09 Martha Lovelace  
 03-09 Dianne Shircliffe  
 03-10 Robert Bolin  
 03-10 Morris Hall  
 03-10 James Hess  
 03-10 Theresa Lee  
 03-10 Betty Wise  
 03-11 Gloria Browne  
 03-11 Evaylon Casteel  
 03-11 Frank Christie  
 03-11 Dorothy Clarke

03-11 Jimmy Cribbs  
 03-11 Barbara Hanson  
 03-11 Gerald Salgado  
 03-11 Alex Zanders  
 03-12 Audrey Drobisch  
 03-12 James Hart  
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 03-12 Myriam Otero  
 03-13 Mary Hughes  
 03-13 Roger Sowada  
 03-14 Arnold Adams  
 03-14 Carol Cunningham  
 03-14 Mary Fischer  
 03-14 Jerrald (Jerry) Griebler  
 03-14 Samuel Moschetto  
 03-14 Betty Rohrbacher  
 03-14 Nancy Ross  
 03-14 Thomas Summers  
 03-14 Sarah Walton  
 03-15 Robert Fernandez  
 03-15 Sharon Kropel  
 03-15 Lisa Levy  
 03-15 Ralph Olsen  
 03-15 Dorothy (Dot) Yancey  
 03-15 Greg Zajdel  
 03-16 W. Boudreau  
 03-16 Elaine De Felix  
 03-16 Gloria Dille  
 03-16 Sandy Janofsky  
 03-16 Janice Jochum  
 03-16 Donald Konen  
 03-16 James Lafferty  
 03-16 Margaret Simmons  
 03-17 Emilia Emery  
 03-17 Sharon Gariboldi  
 03-17 Marian Rothenberger  
 03-17 Patricia Sabin  
 03-17 Betty Smith  
 03-18 Lawrence Clark  
 03-18 Bill Jamieson  
 03-18 Steadmon Lott  
 03-18 Cornelius Seay  
 03-19 Mary McClellan  
 03-19 Richard Prather  
 03-19 Mary (Polly) Woodside  
 03-20 Jackie Cleaver  
 03-20 Masako Shannon  
 03-20 Lillian Sowada

03-21 Don Browne  
 03-21 Cheryl Smith  
 03-22 Dave Lenoach  
 03-23 Patricia Carr  
 03-23 Bruce Davis  
 03-23 Rita Garvey  
 03-23 Albert Turley  
 03-24 Harry Blackiston  
 03-24 Michael Frost  
 03-24 Bonnie (Agin) Godfrey  
 03-24 Merlin Keese  
 03-25 Bonnie Chambers  
 03-25 Mary Ferrell  
 03-25 Susan Kubes  
 03-25 Stewart Meeker  
 03-25 Jack Ptacek  
 03-25 Louisa Scalise  
 03-26 Betty Acker  
 03-26 Dottie Foster  
 03-26 Robert Gillmore  
 03-26 Patricia (Pat) Keegan  
 03-26 Richard Lodge  
 03-26 Patricia Wilson  
 03-27 Elisabeth Blair  
 03-27 Marc (Skee) Danner  
 03-27 Marvella (Marv) Phillips  
 03-27 Doris (H.) Walker  
 03-28 Barbara Bruce  
 03-28 Glenda Neville  
 03-28 Horace Slater  
 03-29 Roger Block  
 03-29 A. (Ree) Danley  
 03-29 Clarence Lee  
 03-29 Jeanette Sahr  
 03-30 E. Bubb  
 03-30 Jeanne Dougherty  
 03-30 Rudolph Klingbeil  
 03-30 Donald Parker  
 03-30 Joseph Skodje  
 03-31 Jean Block  
 03-31 Patricia Buss  
 03-31 Teresa Mickiewicz  
 03-31 Donald Ostendorf  
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