



President's Message

I must confess that I have always loved magic. It might be because magic provides an insight into a fantasy world that is sorely missing from our workaday lives. Maybe it's because I will spend a good deal of time trying to figure out "how did he do that?" In any case, I think I was not the only one mystified by magician John Williams at the April luncheon.

At our May luncheon, the theme is "Sports Fans" and all our members are encouraged to dress up in support of their favorite sports team - professional or collegiate - local or otherwise. We will also hear from our 2024 academic scholarship recipient, Kaylienne Brandis from Dunedin High School. She is a true inspiration and represents the absolute best qualities of a high school student.

In coming months, we will hear from the Pinellas County Supervisor of Elections about the voting process and what measures are in place to ensure a smooth and reliable result. We will also hear from a legal professor from Stetson College of Law concerning the two controversial amendments on the local ballot - abortion and marijuana. There has been a good deal of information and misinformation about these amendments, so we will hear from a legal scholar about exactly what we are voting for or against in November.

May is a very busy month for MVA member activities. The May social is on the first at Quaker Steak & Lube on 49th Street. The May luncheon is on the 15th. The rescheduled picnic is on Tuesday, May 21 at Walsingham Park, Pavilion #4. Finally, a group will attend the Rays vs. A's game at 1:10 on Thursday, May 30.

This month is a great example of how we are living up to our charter as stated in the bylaws:

The purpose of this Association shall be to create good fellowship among members through activities planned by and for the organization, and to impact the Tampa Bay area by producing diverse and inclusive events and activities, as well as grants and scholarship support, focused on improving lives in the Tampa Bay area.

For Our Members



Our group seats at Tropicana Field on May 30 Thursday at 1:10pm are on the 2nd level. There are two ways to get to the 2nd level. By section 108 food hall (first base side) there is an escalator in the food court area. There is also an elevator by gate 4 (near section 106).

Visitors are not permitted to bring outside food or drinks into Tropicana Field. One sealed bottle of water (20 ounces or less) is permitted. Prohibited items include any hard object that could be used as a projectile, items larger than 16" x 16" x 8" including coolers, bags, purses, electronic devices, etc.

Tickets will be distributed electronically 2 or 3 weeks prior to game day. If you aren't able to attend the baseball game, notify member@minnregs.com and your ticket will be retrieved electronically and re-assigned to someone on the wait list.

Picnic Redux



Our April picnic was stormed out, so the event has been rescheduled for Tuesday, May 21st at Walsingham Park, Pavillion #4. 12615 102nd Avenue, Seminole. Lots of outdoor fun, food and fellowship.

You can still register at:

<https://form.jotform.com/241067647495163>

**SATURDAY
JUNE 15TH**

**GELATIN
PLUNGE**
FOR THE CHILDREN'S CANCER CENTER

**TAKE THE PLUNGE FOR THE
CHILDREN'S CANCER CENTER**

Join us Saturday, June 15th 2024 at the Children's Cancer Center from 5PM to 8PM to plummet down a slide into a pool filled with 2,000+ gallons of orange gelatin and enjoy live music, food trucks, a beer garden, and family-fun activities. Spectators are welcome to join in on the fun as well!

Started in 2013 by the Children's Cancer Center, the Gelatin Plunge has raised almost \$1,000,000. The Plunge embodies the lively spirit of the Children's Cancer Center and has attracted over 800 people to be a part of this one of a kind event.

The 9th Annual Gelatin Plunge is your chance to make a difference in the lives of the children and families supported by the Children's Cancer Center. *This is one of the community organizations supported by MVA.*

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Further details and volunteer information is available at:

<https://give.childrenscancercenter.org>

For Our Members



Most of us remember with a great deal of affection the Honeywell Clowns. This group of entertainers made appearances all over the Bay area, providing laughter and joy to many children over the years.

We are hoping for a Honeywell Clowns reunion of sorts later this year when we celebrate Christmas at our December luncheon on December 18.

John Voissem has agreed to head up the effort to contact the former clowns who are still in the area.

If he misses you somehow, and you were a Honeywell Clown, you can contact us at info@minnregs.com.



The May luncheon is set for the 15th. Please remember that we start at 11 am. Doors open at 10:30 at Banquet Masters.

The May theme is "Sport Your Colors." No, it's not a gang thing. It's a celebration of your favorite sports team.

So break out the jerseys, pom poms, hats, etc. that proclaim your allegiance to your favorite sports team. Pro or collegiate, football, baseball, hockey, basketball, pickleball, cornhole, etc. Tampa Bay or somewhere else, sport your colors with pride!

SPORT YOUR COLORS!





First Wednesday Social April 3, 2024



The monthly social landed at Quaker Steak and Lube, 10400 49th Street N., Clearwater, FL 33762. 72 MVA members and guests enjoyed a varied menu, liquid refreshment, lots of door prizes, and of course, a great hosting job by Al Shields. The new location will be the home of the socials over the next few months. We meet every first Wednesday of the month, and the doors open at 4 pm. Come and join in on the festivities.



Genevieve Urbanski



John Bowers



Helen Malzahn



Bryan Martinez



Gail Olsen



Glenn Nikles



Nancy Dalton



Loni Wellington



Bob Kay



Jim McCormick



First Wednesday Social April 3, 2024



Artie Martin



Jo Ketring



Al Shields



Jane Willis



Dennis Willis



Richard Malzahn



Bonnie Williams



Michael Godfrey



Teri Godfrey



Jack Freeman



Faith Krahrer



First Wednesday Social April 3, 2024



Gail & Al Olsen



Clive & Carol Bailey



Jerry & Karyn Klos



Donald & Barbara Brash



Dick & Patty Rohrs



Brian & Katrina Pershing



Richard & Mary Reffelt



Larry & Masako Shamon



Larry Trefz, Gloria Whitfield



Mary Reffelt, Vivian O'Dell



Jacqueline Morgan, Stephanie Puffer





First Wednesday Social April 3, 2024



Larry Harper



David Hadsock



Bob Dalton



Jeff Ring



Sam Janofsky



Steve Simmons



John Bowers



John Voissem





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Patty Marchand



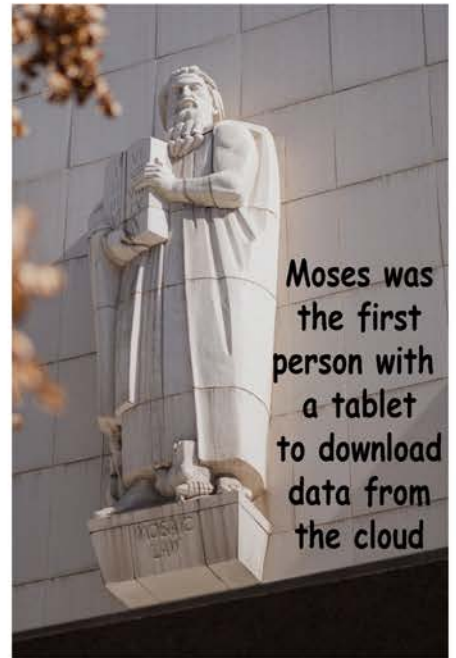
George Suther



Jim Acosta



Fran Kay



Moses was the first person with a tablet to download data from the cloud



Hendrik Gelderloos



Who Dat?



I don't always roll a joint
But when I do, it's usually my ankle



I still don't like the way we all acted over toilet paper!



First Wednesday Social April 3, 2024



Bea "Vanna" Comer



Tom Comer



Pat Keegan



Terry Miller



Lorraine Wert



Leslie Tuck



Gerry Sturm



Harry Blackiston



Margaret Simmons



Gayle Smith

For Our Members



MVA sent a delegation to the annual Angels Against Abuse fashion show on Saturday, April 29th, at the St. Pete Yacht Club. The event raises money to support the work of the Angels as they serve the needs of foster children throughout the Tampa Bay area. The event featured fashions by Dillard's, unlimited mimosas, door prizes, raffles and lunch. Below are some scenes from the event.





Monthly Luncheon April 17



The theme was "Wild, Wild West" and the costumes did not disappoint. It was a rootin', tootin' good time all around as we were entertained by magician John Williams (who especially thrilled Bob Friend with the "old bill in the orange" trick. If you are not attending these events, please try to join us - great food, lots of fellowship, prizes and surprises.



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



Steve Jones, Loni Wellington, John Schiffgen, Jo Ketring, Carol Moyer



(Fab Four) Deb Dupper, Shirley Murphy, Shirley Bowers, Mary Stock



Bea Conner, Katrina Pershing



Sue & Roger Ertsgaard, Renee Lehman



Betty Held, Bill Martin, Mary Reffelt



Randy Kittle (AV Guy), Betty Held, Larry Trefz



Kathleen & John Samson, Wanda Beasley



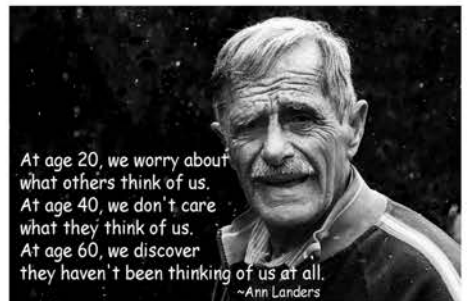
Magician John Williams



Roberta Harvey, John Schiffgen, Clara Aucker



Jan & Bob Friend, Bea Conner



At age 20, we worry about what others think of us.
At age 40, we don't care what they think of us.
At age 60, we discover they haven't been thinking of us at all.
~Ann Landers



Monthly Luncheon April 17



Clive & Carol Bailey



Vivian O'Dell, Deb Dupper



Jan & Bob Friend



Masako & Larry Shannon



Helen & Richard Malzahn



Kathleen & John Samson



Brian & Katrina Pershing



Margaret & Steve Simmons



Bea & Tom Conner



Thom & Deb Dupper



Shirley Murphy, Bea Conner, Howard Howe



Magician John Williams



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John & Shirley Bowers



Richard & Mary Reffelt



Dennis & Jane Willis



Howard Howe, Shirley Murphy



Gayle Smith, John Voissem



Bea & Tom Conner



Ben & Emilie Carter



Gloria Hill, Carol Janney



Al & Gail Olsen



Monthly Luncheon April 17



Faith Krahrmer



Bryan Martinez



DC Stevenson



Bonnie Williams



Darrell Schreiber



Pat Keegan



Gloria Hill



Artie Martin



Jacqueline Morgan





A Blast from the Past

December, 1977



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Children's Christmas Carnival

By KAREN BECRAFT

On Friday, December 16th, with a little bit of Christmas magic and a lot of help from our friends, Honeywell held their annual Children's Christmas Party. Twelve hundred youngsters from six Pinellas Exceptional Children's Educational Centers were treated to a day of holiday spirit, mixed in with rides, a bag of candy, a Lifesaver doll, and the merry antics of the Honeywell Clowns. The dolls were made by Destiny Products, one of the Junior Achievement companies that Honeywell sponsors.

This is the fourth year Honeywell has adopted these six schools' children for a day. Some of the friends that kept things running smoothly were 100 Dixie Hollins Junior Civitan Club members. Area high schools have provided volunteers for the past three years.

The money to produce the party was earned through the Company's sale of used keypunch cards and scrap computer paper.

Saturday, Honeywell grounds welcomed their own and ECI's families and children. Volunteers served the 9,500 hotdogs and 20,000 drinks of Peosi, while patiently explaining which color ticket was needed.

Parents gathered around the rides that were too fast or too high up for their personal sense of well-being, and watched as their offspring scrambled aboard.

With painted faces and animals and apples disguised as balloons, the Honeywell Clowns were in abundance, making tiny people's smiles a little wider.

Santa was present, surrounded by his admirers. He arrived Friday, choosing to ride in a yellow school bus with the exceptional children rather than his traditional red sleigh.

The children had a red ticket for a hotdog, two green tickets for drinks, and a yellow ticket for candy and a McDonald's Calendar, which included \$7.50 worth of gift certificates. The only prerequisite for the 15 rides was waiting in line.

Toward the end of the afternoon, as parents began to tire, there was a constant chant of, "Just one more ride, please." But the little ones were reassured with a smile that there would be another Christmas Party next year. The promise of next year, coupled with the yellow ticket for candy on the way out usually brought the day to a close.

So, from 11:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. on Friday, and 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. on Saturday, Honeywell made an estimated 5,000 children's Christmas a little more special.





Happy Birthday from MVA!



05-01 James (Jim) Akins	05-13 Kathleen Olivit	05-23 John Carnall
05-01 Larry Bisgrove	05-13 Pat Thoele	05-23 Rogers Davidson
05-01 Anne Dibble	05-14 Beverly Blackburn	05-23 Robert (Bob) Fall
05-01 Robert Hoel	05-14 Samuel (Sam) Janofsky	05-23 Hazel Larson
05-01 Marjorie (Joyce) Masey	05-14 Cheryl Lapham	05-23 Joseph Lebo
05-01 Karen Matteson	05-14 Margaret (Margie) Lynch	05-23 Mary Loggins
05-02 Clive Bailey	05-14 Mary Reffelt	05-23 Pamela Oswald
05-02 Pat Zajdel	05-15 Vivienne Holmes	05-23 Dick (Carl) Rohrs
05-03 Barbara Easton	05-15 Gerald Kaszer	05-23 Barry Ross
05-03 Barbara Pothier	05-15 Sandra McGraw	05-23 Terry Shelander
05-03 Ann Tiller	05-15 William Whitehurst	05-23 Rosemary Snider
05-04 Christina Berry	05-16 Doris Ingram	05-24 Paul Kueber
05-04 Sharon Carrozza	05-16 Cathy ODell	05-24 E. Mills
05-04 Patti Stephens	05-17 Patrick Brownson	05-24 Penny Rasmussen
05-05 Helen Malzahn	05-17 Keith Krzeminski	05-24 Guerry Thode
05-05 Thomas Tarrance	05-17 Odessa Williams	05-24 E. Whitehurst
05-06 Maureen Cadzow	05-17 Julie Zajdel	05-24 Lucille Zeiss
05-06 Mary Davidson	05-18 Dorothy Klingbeil	05-25 Thomas Chase
05-06 Daniel Fernandez	05-18 Lydia McNeice	05-25 Diane Dubendorff
05-06 Jo Ketring	05-18 Angela Paul	05-25 Carol Strother
05-06 Robert Worthington	05-18 Dorothy Robinson	05-25 David Young
05-07 Debie Comeau	05-18 Nora Szonntag	05-26 Karen Grider
05-07 Saralee (Sara) Martin	05-19 Mary Abbott	05-26 Calvin Kanyuck
05-07 William (Bill) Puller	05-19 Mary Cox	05-26 Mary Sheperd
05-08 William (Bill) Acker	05-19 Thomas Kubes	05-27 Troy Clifton
05-08 Lyle Dennison	05-19 Mark Levy	05-27 Patty Marchand
05-08 Barbara Smith	05-19 Joe Martin	05-27 Richard (Dick) Roller
05-08 Wanda White	05-19 Geana Sanders	05-29 Steve Paul
05-09 Marcia Close	05-19 Dennis (Dennie) Tiry	05-29 Lois Strunce
05-09 Marion Goodman	05-20 Barbara Brash	05-30 Edith Braband
05-09 Richard Johnson	05-20 Lawrence (Larry) Brogan	05-30 Marilyn Ferguson
05-09 Robert Pezzuti	05-20 Margarita Brown	05-30 Katherine Fernandez
05-09 Charlotte (Peg) Spetz	05-20 Linda Ely	05-30 Al Parisi
05-09 William (Bill) Williams	05-20 William Miller	05-30 Lee Robertshaw
05-10 William Inman	05-20 Glenn Quasius	05-30 William Rogers
05-10 Melba Kert	05-21 Jackson (Jack) Freeman	05-31 Zaidee Hastings
05-11 Thalia Coleman	05-21 Margie Linn	
05-11 John Meade	05-21 Velma Whiting	
05-12 Jack Granato	05-22 Mozelle Bell	
05-12 Bruce (Tom) Stiles	05-22 Ken Horn	
05-13 Norma Callahan	05-22 Helen Novak	
05-13 William (Bill) Kerrigan	05-23 Denny Bowman	