



President's Message

What is it about this time of year that makes it so special? Summer is over, the kids are back in school, and the holidays are just around the corner. Lined up, one per month, for the rest of the year. These are the times that inspire memories for years to come. For the MVA, we are reviving an old tradition of hosting a holiday event for the community. In years past, that event was a carnival or circus. This year, we are reaching out into the community and inviting about 100 people with special needs for a holiday party and meal on Saturday, December 7 at noon. We will be serving a traditional holiday meal with all the trimmings. A disc jockey will be playing tunes and we will be handing out gift bags filled with necessities and surprises. We hope this will become a holiday tradition for years to come. In the next month or so, we will be reaching out to recruit volunteers to help with the logistics. Please watch for that announcement.

At our October 16 luncheon, we will celebrate Oktoberfest with a traditional Bavarian musician/singer, so be ready to raise a mug and shout, "Prost" We will also hear about one of Pinellas County's hidden treasures, Heritage Village from its Curator of Education, Hannah Hayes.

The October 16 luncheon serves as the official annual meeting of the MVA corporation. We will vote on a slate of leaders for 2025, and on the proposed by-laws changes.

At our November 13 luncheon, we will celebrate Thanksgiving as we hear from Anita Myers, with the Florida Guardian ad Litem office. These are the folks who serve as advocates for children in the foster care system.

Finally, we will celebrate Christmas at our December 18 luncheon.

One final note - I extend my apologies to anyone who has been misrepresented in this publication. I have never been good with faces and names, and sometimes my errors get by my gang of proofreaders. On the positive side, it makes me feel really good that so many of you take the time to read this newsletter every month. I could say that we make sure we have something for everyone in the publication - even those looking for errors.



MVA in the Community

DO SOMETHING GREAT

One of the great blessings we have as members of the MVA is our ability to affect the community in very positive ways. This is never more evident than with our hard working scholarship committee. Carol Janney took over the leadership of this outreach several years ago and has done a commendable job of working with the Pinellas Education Foundation to identify local high school seniors who are deserving of our \$10,000 scholarship award. Our 2024 recipient is a foster child who lives in a group home in south St. Petersburg and attended Dunedin High School (riding buses 2 hours each way every day.) She is a shining example of tenacity and talent. We expect great things from Kaylienne in the future. All of us can feel a great sense of pride in Kaylienne, in our scholarship committee and in our ability to positively impact our community - one deserving student at a time.



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Dear The Minnreg Veterans Association

I want to express my deepest gratitude for the Minnreg Scholarship. I have dreamt of attending college to pursue a degree in architecture since I was nine years old. Thanks to this scholarship, I will be able to afford my books and supplies for my freshman year. As a homeless unaccompanied youth, I do not receive financial support from my family. Therefore, this scholarship is more impactful. In the fall, I will be attending Florida Atlantic University to pursue my bachelor's degree. I am very excited that my dream of becoming a first-generation college student is finally coming true. Thank you so much for your support as I take the next steps in my educational journey.

Sincerely,

Kaylienne Brandis




For Our Members



The 30 members who attended the September 5 game (Rays vs. Twins) at the Trop in St. Pete were treated to an exciting (but disappointing) baseball game - (the Rays lost in extras to the Twins) and some terrific seats as well.

Board member Gerry Sturm does a great job every year in organizing these events. These are great opportunities to get to know your fellow MVA members in a relaxing environment.




App. Cost per room, excluding tax, fee & port expenses
Prices subject to change until deposited.
Room Options Based on 2 per cabin.
Interior Cabins: \$484 per person.
Ocean View: \$564 per person.
Balcony: \$1199

Additional discounts may be applied for military, seniors, past guests and interline guests.

Deposit amount is \$150 per person – the entire cabin needs to be deposited to hold it. The final payment date is 11/06/2024 . Optional add-ons are Vacation Protection Plan Starts at \$49 per person
Gratuities – prepay w/cruise or pay at the end \$58 per person

Paradise - Western Caribbean 01/20/2025

Date	Info	Day	Port	Arrive
01/20/2025	MON		TAMPA, FL	3:30 PM
01/21/2025	TUE		FUN DAY AT SEA	
01/22/2025	WED		GRAND CAYMAN, CAYMAN ISLANDS	8:00 AM
Complimentary water shuttle service required between ship and shore				
01/23/2025	THU		COZUMEL, MEXICO	10:00 AM
01/24/2025	FRI		FUN DAY AT SEA	
01/25/2025	SAT		TAMPA, FL	8:00 AM



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Why not start out the new year with a fun 5-day cruise out of Port Tampa aboard the Carnival Paradise on January 20?

With stops at Grand Cayman and Cozumel, this promises to be a great time of fun, adventure and relaxation.

The best part - you will be able to hang out with other MVA cruisers on this beautiful ship.

The other part - this trip is coordinated by MVA, but reservations and expenses are all in your court.

These cruises fill up fast, so make sure you follow the instructions on the flyer above to ensure your place aboard this Caribbean adventure. So if you are a seasoned cruiser or first timer, we look forward to seeing your smiling face on the Paradise in January. If you have any questions, please direct them to our cruise director, Wendy Hugar. You can email her at member@minnregs.com. Bon Voyage!



MVA Leadership



This is the time of year when we must plan for leadership in the coming year. Nominations for all elected offices are now being accepted through an online nomination form. <https://form.jotform.com/212496047919061>

Active (paid) MVA members may nominate themselves or any other active member for any of the positions. **All nominations must be submitted by October 8, 2024.**

The Recording Secretary will reach out to each nominee to determine their willingness to serve in the position they have been nominated to fill.

Once a verified slate of nominees is determined, the Recording Secretary will prepare an election ballot. This ballot will be distributed to active members attending the October 16 luncheon.

The new MVA leadership will be announced during that meeting.

To assist you in your nomination process, we have published a list of leadership positions along with a position description for each office.

Position: Director (5 directors)

Term of Office: 2 years

Terms ending: Tom Conner, Terry Miller, Bryan Martinez, Gerry Sturm, Al Shields

Description: The Board of Directors is the governing body of the organization, overseeing vision, mission, and internal operations. Board members hold overall fiscal and managerial oversight responsibility. They are charged with the supervision and oversight of the organization's mission and goals. The Board shall appoint standing or ad hoc committees to perform specific tasks, internal operations, or functions. Ultimately, all Board members serve as ambassadors for the organization's mission, inside and outside the organization.

Position: President

Term of Office: 1 year

Description: The President will be the chief executive officer of the Corporation, will have general and active management of the business and affairs of the Corporation, subject to the directions of the Board of Directors, and, in the absence of a Chair of the Board of Directors, will preside at all meetings of the Board of Directors.

Incumbent: Thom Dupper



MVA Leadership



Position: Executive Vice President
Term of Office: 1 year

Description: In the event of the absence or disability of the President, the Executive Vice President or Vice Presidents will succeed to the President's power and duties in the order designated by the Board of Directors.

Incumbent: Al Shields

Position: Vice President of Member Activities
Term of Office: 1 year

Description: Plans and executes all member focused events and activities on behalf of the organization. Determines the calendar of all member activities.

Incumbent: Wendy Hugar

Position: Vice President of Community Service
Term of Office: 1 year

Description: Plans and executes all community focused activities on behalf of the organization. Determines the calendar of related events. Coordinates and partners with community organizations to provide charitable grants and scholarships as approved by the Board of Directors.

Incumbent: Dr. Gloria Hill

Position: Recording Secretary
Term of Office: 1 year

Description: The Secretary will attend all meetings of the Board of Directors and Officers, record all proceedings of such meetings in the minutes book of the Corporation, and authenticate records of the Corporation. The Secretary will perform such other duties as may, from time to time, be prescribed by the board of Directors or the President.

Incumbent: Vivian O'Dell

Position: Office Manager
Term of Office: 1 year

Description: • The Office Manager serves as the point person for all office-related issues including repairs and maintenance, liaisons with the office landlord, supervises all office-related vendors, maintains a supply of refreshments in support of office activities, maintains the online calendar of office events on minnregs.com website, attends all staff meetings, manages the Office budget

Incumbent: Dave Hewitt

Position: Vice President of Operations
Term of Office: 1 year

Description: Creates and maintains an inventory of all MVA assets (digital and real); creates and maintains an inventory of all MVA subscriptions, email accounts, and passwords

Incumbent: Clive Bailey



First Wednesday Social September 4, 2024



One of the great benefits of being an MVA member is socializing with others who share a common background. Come and enjoy an evening of food, fun and fellowship with fellow MVA members. Enjoy some liquid refreshment while Al and Bea give away a host of door prizes and make a few attendees very happy with their share of the 50/50 drawing. As always, Al is a great (and very funny) host and the service folks at Quaker Steak and Lube do their best to make all of us feel right at home. So make sure October 2 is on your social calendar!





First Wednesday Social September 4, 2024



John Schiffgen, Jessie Tindol



Dennis & Jane Willis



Mary & Richard Reffelt



Brian & Katrina Pershing



Glenn Nikles



Clive & Carol Bailey



Bea Conner, Shirley Murphy



Gerry Sturm



Joe Simpson



Steve & Margaret Simmons



Karyn & Jerry Klos



First Wednesday Social September 4, 2024



Patty Marchand, George Suther



John Voissem



Laurel & Kevin Kish



Gail Olsen



Al Shields, Bea (Vanna) Conner



Jim McCormick



Darrell Schreiber



Jo Ketring



Harry Blackiston



Mike Ranallo



Thom Dupper, Tom Conner



David Hadsock



First Wednesday Social September 4, 2024



Ron & Jody Mason



Al Parisi



Jack Freeman



Bonnie Williams



Gayle Smith



Dan Trepanier



Richard Reffelt



Jim Acosta



Sherry and Andy Rasmussen



Jerry Dangler



Teri & Michael Godfrey



Stephanie Puffer



First Wednesday Social September 4, 2024



Scott Lapham



Roddy & Betsy King



Jim Hansen



Mark Wolf



Marge Lynch



John Delich, Ron Mason



Cathy & Bill Nabbe



Artie Martin



Bob Lovejoy



John Bowers



Loni Wellington



Masako & Larry Shannon



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Dave Cox



Fran Kay



Richard Malzahn



Dave Donnelly



Al Olsen



Rick Shea



Bob Kay



Patty Jo Clayton



Larry Trefz



Helen Malzahn





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Gloria Whitfield



Larry Harper



George Hafer



Hendrik Gelderloos



Nancy Dalton



Jeff Ring



Genevieve Urbanski





A Blast from the Past



Remember when HI was a great place to work? A good example of that was the “Learningwell” facility right on the HI campus in the early 1990s. What a blessing to be able to share lunch with your child and know they are just across the campus!

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Honeywell Dedicates On-site Partnership School “Learning Well”



Honeywell and Pinellas County School officials proudly cut the ribbon for Learning Well — Honeywell’s partnership school. (left to right) Charlie Peters, Curtis White, Carl Vignali, Scott Rose, Alison Bellack, Jim Steen, Marilyn Caldwell and Sheila Jordan

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Honeywell Space Systems Group and the Pinellas County School Board have dedicated their partnership school, entitled “Learning Well,” in time for the 1990-91 school year. The new, on-site Honeywell partnership school, the second of its kind in Pinellas County, will provide three classrooms for employees’ children who are entering kindergarten and first grade.

The school is the first major component of Honeywell’s “Work and Family Matters” comprehensive benefits program to be implemented in recent months. Available to all Honeywell employees, the on-site school is one of Honeywell’s efforts to help employees balance work and family issues. Company management anticipates that the

school will help decrease employee absenteeism levels and increase productivity as well as provide Honeywell with a unique employee retention and recruitment tool.

“In March we expressed a commitment to our employees that the company would help fill the gap between work and family responsibilities by instituting a comprehensive benefits package. Our ‘Learning Well’ school is a reaffirmation and demonstration of that commitment,” said Carl L. Vignali, vice president and group executive of Honeywell’s Space Systems Group.

The Learning Well school is located on the southwest corner of Honeywell’s property, which is bordered by 126th Avenue.

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Monthly Luncheon September 18



The September luncheon was all about our involvement in the local community. We heard from the principal of our partner school, Morgan Fitzgerald Middle School; the Executive Director of Family Enrichment Services and the President of Wish to Fish. Dr. Hill presented big checks to Family Enrichment Services (\$6,000) and Wish to Fish (\$2,000.) As usual, lots of folks were enriched with door prizes and cash from our 50/50 drawing. Special props to our party planner, Deb Dupper, for her work month after month in providing a fun and enriching luncheon event. Many of the 90 attendees wore their school colors as part of our Homecoming theme.



We said farewell to Marilyn and Don Bayer who are moving to NC to be closer to family.





Monthly Luncheon September 18



Al Parisi, Jeff Ring, Larry Trefz

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

Brian & Katrina Pershing, Betsy & Roddy King



Teri Godfrey, PJ Clayton, Bea Commer, Wendy Hugar

Lorraine Wert, Karyn Klos, Pat Keegan

Mary Reffelt, Carol Jamney, Richard Reffelt



Monthly Luncheon September 18



Gayle Smith, John Voissem



John & Shirley Bowers



Bea Commer, Al Shields



Johnny G. Voissem, Gayle Smith, John Voissem



Margaret & Steve Simmons



Karyn & Jerry Klos



Al & Gail Olsen



Thom & Deb Dupper



Jane & Dennis Willis



Mary & Richard Reffelt



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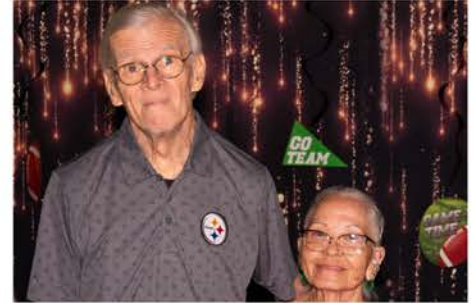
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Margaret Simmons, Gloria Whitfield



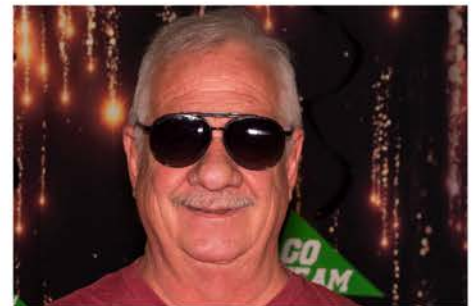
Al Parisi



Bryan Martinez



Betty Held



Dave Donnelly



Gloria Hill



Jacqueline Morgan



Betty Held



Happy Birthday from MVA!



10-01	Kathleen Miller	10-11	Gloria Whitfield	10-21	Matthew Muskovac
10-02	Dickie Glover	10-12	Fred Bloom	10-21	Larry Romeo
10-02	Byron Hall	10-12	Joan Bujnoski	10-21	Robert Smith
10-02	Robert Harvey	10-12	Sharon Griessel	10-21	Leslie Tuck
10-02	Richard (Dick) Malzahn	10-12	Jerry McCollum	10-22	Mary Gillmore
10-02	Bobby Matteson	10-12	Elizabeth Miller	10-22	Suzanne (Sue) Hirsch
10-02	Patricia Roberts	10-12	Marilyn Urban	10-22	Virginia Kaszer
10-02	William Verville	10-13	David (Dave) Cox	10-22	Robert (Bob) Lovejoy
10-02	George Zajack	10-13	Carolynne Gibson	10-22	Jody Mason
10-03	James (Jim) Acker	10-13	Beverly Mason	10-22	Chris O'Hare
10-03	William Busler	10-13	Ernestine Petryszak	10-22	Sharon Witthuhn
10-03	Ernest Garvie	10-13	Pam Richards	10-23	Christine (Cargo) Andresen
10-03	Marjorie Gates	10-13	Edna Zunker	10-23	Daniel (Dan) Bordeaux
10-03	Bert Hadley	10-14	Elizabeth (Terri) Knight	10-23	Betty Bordeaux
10-03	Bonnie Kiernan	10-14	Merle Lundeen	10-23	Gwen Campbell
10-03	Kay Maize	10-14	Judith Schafer	10-23	Violet (Vi) Swift
10-04	Randall Egli	10-14	Lonnie Wollitz	10-24	Robert Foley
10-04	Geraldine Given	10-15	Jacqueline Grzegorzcyk	10-24	Lon Grider
10-04	Lois Norman	10-15	Gerald Kraus	10-24	George Harley
10-04	Mary Jo Routzahn	10-15	Alan (Al) Shields	10-24	James (Jim) Janowski
10-04	Wayland Stewart	10-15	Bruce Walling	10-24	Jean Miller
10-05	Marilyn Fritz	10-15	Florence Yager	10-24	Paul Self
10-05	Molly Gable	10-15	Patricia Young	10-24	Kendall Yoder
10-05	Althea Patterson	10-16	Karen DeFelix	10-25	Connie Bertuglia
10-05	Lee Patterson	10-16	Charles Fulmer	10-25	Carol Ertsgaard
10-06	Candace (Candy) Abreu	10-16	Beverly Johnson	10-25	Wendy Hugar
10-06	Janet Carnahan	10-16	Debbie Newland	10-26	Mary Ewers
10-06	Louisa Crawford	10-16	Patsy Reeve	10-26	Jeanne Green
10-06	Bernice McDonald	10-16	Catie Self	10-26	Frederick Groover
10-06	Esther Tsikos	10-16	Robert Young	10-26	Carol Taylor
10-06	William Woodham	10-17	Theresa (Terry) Ash	10-26	Robert (Casey) Warren
10-07	Nancy Currens	10-17	Lorraine Connell	10-27	Jeanne Lowe
10-07	Ruth Hines	10-17	Dorothy Gutz	10-27	Neal Martinez
10-07	Mike Kearns	10-17	Iris Hogan	10-27	Thomas Preusser
10-07	Willene Nichols	10-17	Dolores Larivee	10-28	Martha Araujo
10-07	Cheryl Orr	10-17	Jean Schoen	10-28	Mark Barlow
10-07	Norma Perry	10-17	Thelma Summers	10-28	Sara Bleattler
10-07	Carol Remelsberger	10-17	Urai Welton	10-28	Bryan Hossbach
10-07	Robert Sheperd	10-17	Lorraine Wert	10-28	Mary Houser
10-07	Dennis Temple	10-18	Carol Merrefield	10-28	Clarie Kelley
10-08	Laudelino (Jim) Acosta	10-18	William Schmitt	10-28	Marilyn Kueber
10-08	Guy Otto	10-19	Elsie Clifton	10-28	William Simonin
10-08	Carole Pagels	10-19	Judy Cotton	10-28	Geraldine Soboleski
10-08	Doris Peters	10-19	George Donaldson	10-28	John Yancey
10-08	Beverly Whiteley	10-19	Harold (Hal) Feininger	10-29	Beverly Cribbs
10-09	Marilyn Buchanan	10-19	John Millen	10-29	Marleen Forslund
10-09	H. Frost	10-19	Anna Milliken	10-30	Ruth Carlin
10-09	Barbara Hall	10-19	Leo Voltz	10-30	Larry Harper
10-09	Denise Parker	10-20	Barry Blood	10-30	Teresa Kemp
10-09	Gladys Tennant	10-20	Florence Deaton	10-30	Paul Krahmer
10-10	Nancy Boatwright	10-20	Alan Gilbert	10-30	Anne Mueller
10-10	Miriam Dixon	10-20	Paul Giordano	10-30	Andrew (Andy) Rasmussen
10-10	Robert Owens	10-20	Cheryl McAvoy	10-30	Linda Tolliver
10-11	Sue Benton	10-20	Alfred (Al) Olsen	10-31	Shirley Deprisco
10-11	Lois Guay	10-20	Joelle Siwinski	10-31	Leland (Lee) Walton
10-11	Mary Spinger	10-20	John (JohnnyG) Voissem		
10-11	Cletus Turley	10-21	Charlie Gray		