

# MVA Minnreg Veterans Association **September 2024**



## President's Message

The kids are back in school. The heat and humidity continue, the Rays are sinking, the Bucs are promising, the election is heating up and the MVA is looking forward to ending 2024 with lots of excitement. We will resume our regular monthly luncheons on September 18 with the theme of "homecoming." This is a great opportunity to sport your college colors and fondly remember those wonder years. The monthly socials are going strong at Quaker Steak and Lube. Lots of food, fun and fellowship. Throw in some great prizes and it's a not-to-miss event.

Here is the MVA calendar for the balance of 2024:

We are bringing back the Minnreg Holiday Party with a twist this year. We will be hosting a holiday party for people with special needs at Banquet Masters at noon on Saturday, December 7. We expect up to 100 guests for this festive event, and we will be asking for volunteers a bit later to help with the logistics.

**September 4 - Social**  
**September 18 - Luncheon (homecoming)**  
**October 2 - Social**  
**October 16 - Luncheon (Octoberfest)**  
**November 6 - Social**  
**November 20 - Luncheon (Thanksgiving)**  
**December 4 - Social**  
**December 7 - Special Needs Holiday Party**  
**December 18 - Luncheon (Christmas)**

Along with the national elections, we will be electing the leadership for 2025 at the October 16 luncheon. Four board members and the entire staff will be chosen at that time. If you have an interest in lending your skills and talents to this great organization, please review the position descriptions in this newsletter. Any active (dues paid) member may nominate any other active member for any position. You may also nominate yourself. All nominations are due by October 8. We are always looking for fresh ideas and new blood..

We will also work with the Salvation Army this year by staffing a bell-ringer site. Details will be coming later in the year. 100% of all the money collected goes directly to aid Pinellas County residents in need over the holidays. This is a great MVA tradition that spans many years, so if you can spare a couple of hours during the holiday season, watch for the date, time and location announcement and get involved.

# Homecoming 2025

It's that time again - time to revisit those wonder years of yesterday when we pledged our eternal allegiance to our school. In hindsight, it's hard to imagine a better time. So let's celebrate our scholarly lineage at our September 18th luncheon. So whether it's the chop or the chomp, we can proudly wear our school colors and relive those glory days. Make sure you are registered for this great event: <https://form.jotform.com/242256967161159>





# First Wednesday Social August 7, 2024



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 host and the folks at Quaker Steak and Lube do their best to make all of us feel right at home. See you on September 4!





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*Andy, Sherry & Danielle Rasmussen*



*Faith & Paul Krahrmer*



*Deb Dupper, Joe Simpson*



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*Bob Dalton, Jack Freeman*



*George Suther, Patty Marchand*



*Karyn & Larry Klos*



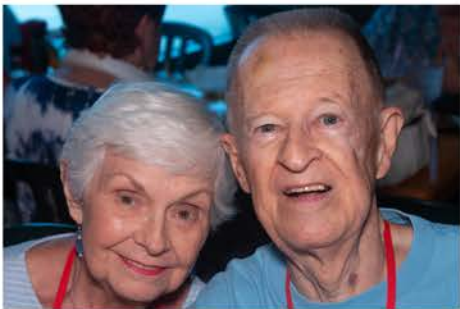
*Brian & Katrina Pershing*



*Larry & Masako Shannon*



*Deb Dupper, Tom Conner*



*Jane & Dennis Willis*



*Mike Ranallo, Gloria Whitfield*



*Jack Ptacek, Stephanie Puffer*



*Richard & Mary Reffelt*



*Thom & Mean Debra Dupper*



*Gayle Smith, John Voissem*



# First Wednesday Social August 7, 2024



*Kevin Kish*



*Larry Harper, Genevieve Urbanski*



*Dick and Helen Malzahn*



*PJ Clayton, Joe Simpson*



*Gail & Al Olsen*



*Sam & Sherry Janofsky*



*Bob Lovejoy*



*Bev Whiteley*



*Howard Howe*



*Jim Acosta*



*Hendrik Gelderloos*



*Gloria Whitfield*



# First Wednesday Social August 7, 2024



*Jim McCormick*



*Bea Conner*



*John Schiffgen*



*Jean Miller*



*David Haddock*



*Bonnie Williams*



*Al Olsen*



*PJ Clayton*



*Al Parisi*



*Teresa Mickiewicz*



*Bob Lovejoy*



*Marge Lynch*



# First Wednesday Social August 7, 2024



*Harry Blackiston*



*Larry Trefz*



*Dave Donnelly*



*Mary Reffelt*



*Artie Martin*



*Carol Bailey*



*Richard Reffelt*



*Teri Godfrey*



*John Bowers*



*Cheryl McAvoy*



*Bryan Martinez*



*Pat Keegan*





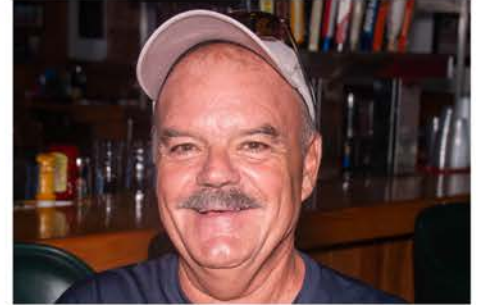
# First Wednesday Social August 7, 2024



*Michael Godfrey*



*Rick Shea*



*Mike Ranallo*



*Betty Held*



*Tom Conner*



*Gerry Sturm*



*Clive Bailey*



*Lorraine Wert*



*Shirley Murphy*



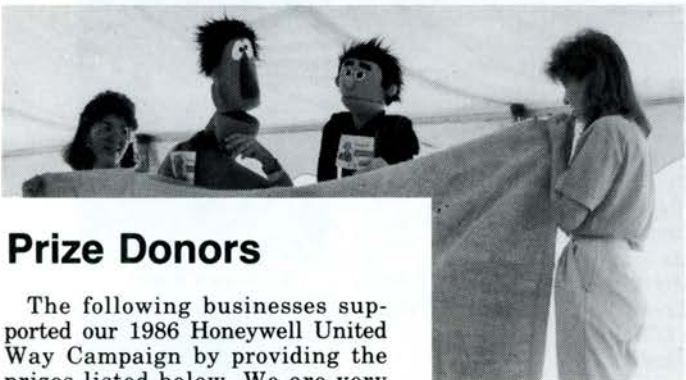
*Don Trepanier*



# A Blast from the Past



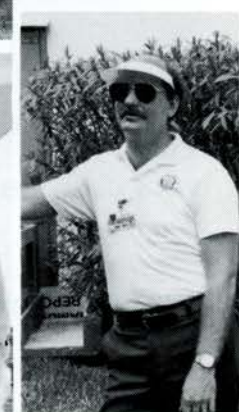
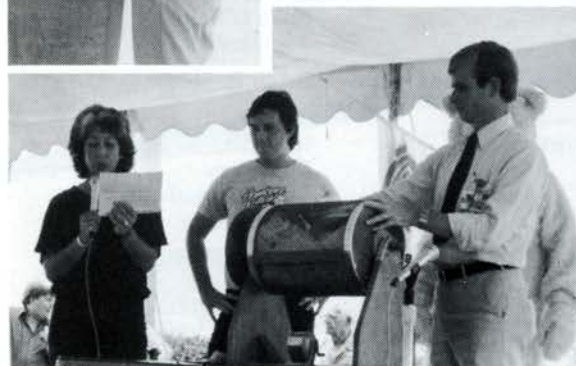
Remember the Hambone Follies? Way back when working at HI was fun? How about something similar for MVA now?



## Prize Donors

The following businesses supported our 1986 Honeywell United Way Campaign by providing the prizes listed below. We are very grateful for their support to Honeywell as well as the United Way of Pinellas County. Please keep them in mind whenever you are planning a vacation get-away.

- Sheraton Sand Key Resort – 2-nights, 3-days for two.
- Innisbrook Golf Hosts Resort – 2-nights, 3-days for two.
- Adam's Mark Caribbean Gulf Resort – 2-nights, 3-days for two.





# A Blast from the Past



A group of HI clowns at a Minnreg Kids Christmas Carnival. Loni Wellington is front, left. Betty Bitting is front, right. But who are the others?





# 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

**Term of Office:** 2 years

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

**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

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**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

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**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

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**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

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**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



# Happy Birthday from MVA!



09-01	John Erickson	09-13	Paula Dalton	09-23	Thomas (Al) Martin
09-01	Teri Godfrey	09-13	Rodney (Rod) Harris	09-23	Anne Martin
09-01	Jerry Klos	09-13	Douglas (Doug) Hunt	09-23	Dolores Sigler
09-02	Linda Allen	09-13	James Mill	09-23	John Winkle
09-02	Rosemary Bradley	09-13	Elaine Rodrigues De Miranda	09-24	John Brexa
09-02	Larry Carawan	09-14	Ted Andresen	09-24	Virginia Crump
09-02	June Migliorisi	09-14	Richard (Rick) Barry	09-24	Raymond Kelly
09-02	Betty Morris	09-14	Dolf Boll	09-24	Lawrence (Larry) Shannon
09-02	Glenn Thompson	09-14	Edna McCall	09-24	Jerry Spinger
09-03	Mary Dumont	09-15	John Bowers	09-25	Don Gillespie
09-03	Mark Gray	09-15	Linda Lopez	09-25	Gerald Gjermundson
09-04	Philip Bayly	09-15	Dorothy Patterson	09-25	Edmund Ketcham
09-04	Patricia Craig	09-15	Reyna Teets	09-25	Diane Krzeminski
09-04	Margaret Donehoo	09-16	Jacquelyn Alexander	09-25	Phillip Martin
09-04	Martina Haywood	09-16	James (Jim) Hansen	09-25	Ken Nelson
09-04	Ted Konkle	09-17	Rose Barnes	09-25	Gordon (Gordon) Nichols
09-05	Earle Lincoln	09-17	Barbara Bayless	09-25	Judy Peterson
09-06	Linda Blechschmidt	09-17	Brianda Carawan	09-25	Anne Schmitt
09-06	Gerald Johnson	09-17	Joanne Konkle	09-25	Jean Sell
09-06	Enrique (George) Munoz	09-17	Connie Lotz	09-25	Lorraine Warren
09-06	Denise Seyler	09-17	John (Jack) Malley	09-25	Patrick (Pat) White
09-07	Frederick Glover	09-17	Kirk Mason	09-26	Roger Bourdeau
09-07	Susan Hill	09-17	Bill Zuben	09-26	Geraldine Brooks
09-07	Vivian Kerr	09-18	Jay Bennett	09-26	Marie Malley
09-07	Carolyn Townsend	09-18	Charles Crow	09-26	Sandy Mcintire
09-08	Margaret Borgelt	09-18	Delores Cwynar	09-26	Sherry Rasmussen
09-08	Ralph Gabert	09-18	Margaret Fennell	09-26	Rosalyn (Roz) Sliger
09-08	Marlene Householder	09-18	Dolly Jamieson	09-27	Rod Badgett
09-08	Bart Savino	09-19	Mary Arthur	09-27	Donald Clayton
09-08	Elaine Tarrance	09-19	Ted De Felix	09-27	Charlotte Haddad
09-09	Russell Dumont	09-19	Shelley Egli	09-27	Jeff Kremer
09-09	Helen Eaker	09-19	Deena Hopkins	09-27	Maryanne Letteri
09-09	Pat Kearns	09-19	Debi Horn	09-27	Denise Martin
09-09	James Lewin	09-19	James Miller	09-27	Donald Phillips
09-09	Sharon Miletich	09-19	Vivian (Viv) ODell	09-27	Karen Romeo
09-09	William Naabe	09-20	Fred Cutting	09-27	Alice Schwitzgebel
09-09	Dorothy Stonebrook	09-20	Tony Deprisco	09-27	Dorothy Shimel
09-09	Joe Tennant	09-20	Elizabeth (Lee) Foley	09-27	Ethel (Sunny) Wood
09-09	Joseph (Joe) Wieland	09-20	Michael Green	09-27	Shun-Si Ying
09-10	Carolyn Acosta	09-20	Sandra Hamilton	09-28	Nelda Burton
09-10	Peggy Herrington	09-20	Herbert (Bill) Hart	09-28	Caroline Buyse
09-10	Doris Johnson	09-20	Sylvia Scoble	09-28	Theodore Eitel
09-10	Edward Miner	09-21	Catherine Baro	09-28	Robert Fenton
09-10	John Nicolas	09-21	Shirley Creamer	09-28	Lee Hoffmann
09-10	Beverly Schmitt	09-21	Debra (Deb) Dupper	09-28	Peter Stoneham
09-10	Lorraine Shelander	09-21	Glenn Harger	09-28	Greg (Weav) Weaver
09-11	Marianne Rich	09-21	Clyde Schreiner	09-29	Leroy Chamberlin
09-12	Wilma Fletcher	09-21	Rosamond Soulis	09-29	Arthur Damon
09-12	June Heiser	09-21	Robert Willms	09-29	Robert Malloy
09-12	Betty Kelley	09-22	Eileen Carr	09-29	Dean Olson
09-12	Katherine Lewin	09-22	Brenda Lapointe	09-29	Gloria Wick
09-12	Jeanette Meier	09-23	Deborah Gabert	09-30	Paul Arnold
09-13	Carol Bailey	09-23	Louise Johnson	09-30	George Hafer
09-13	Catherine Blackburn	09-23	Shirley Judy	09-30	Glenn Nikles