



### President's Message

The start of summer is just around the corner and the weather is just plain hot. In spite of that, we had a great time at our spring picnic on May 21 at Walsingham Park. Great weather, beautiful setting, lots of tasty picnic food including catering from Sonny's and a myriad of picnic dishes provided by the attendees. It was an afternoon filled with fun and games in the great outdoors. Wendy Hugar and her crew did an outstanding job of planning and executing a great event for the nearly 50 members and guests in attendance. Turns out it was a good recruiting opportunity. We had two new members sign up right then and there.

We are always looking for opportunities to support community-based groups - both financially and with other contributions. If you are involved in such an organization, we encourage you to encourage them to fill out the community grant application on the MVA website. Our ideal recipient is a small (relatively) non-profit organization that provides "boots on the ground" assistance to the community - with special focus on children, families and military veterans. So please get the word out to these groups that we are actively seeking worthy recipients.

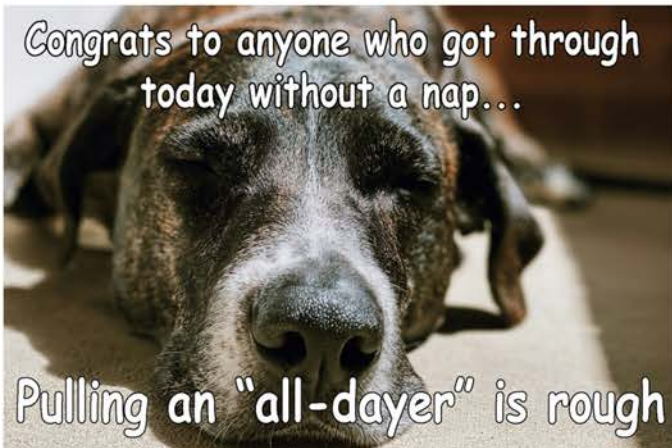
I have heard a few complaints from folks who have been asked to keep quiet during presentations at our monthly luncheons. They maintain that these events are for socializing. I agree that one of the main purposes for our monthly member events is to reconnect with folks with whom we share a bunch of common experiences. That's the major reason we sponsor monthly socials. No presentations. Just good food, fellowship opportunities and lots of prizes. The monthly luncheons are designed to blend all those things with either entertainment or information from subject experts. Members have provided lots of positive feedback about most of our guest presenters. Of course, a few have been swing and misses, but the majority have provided timely and valuable information. So please, when we have a speaker, keep your conversations to a minimum so the rest of the attendees are able to hear. Thanks.

We have just welcomed the newest member of the MVA staff - Clive Bailey. Clive's title is Vice-President of Operations. He will undertake multiple tasks including creating an inventory of all MVA assets (physical and digital), oversight of all MVA insurance policies and recurring subscriptions. Please help welcome Clive to this new position and respond to his requests for information necessary to do his job.



# For Our Members

This month at our luncheon, we will celebrate the cruising lifestyle. Many MVA members already cruise on a regular basis so we thought it would be a good idea to explore the possibility of an MVA cruise either later this year or early 2025. At this point, we are focusing on cruises out of Port Tampa - either 4 or 5 days. The MVA will arrange the cruise but **the cost of the cruise and the details of each reservation will be the responsibility of the participating member and not the MVA.** Wendy Hugar needs to know how many MVA members would be interested in participating in such an activity. With only those few details, she needs to know what the interest is in a group cruise. We won't have dates, destinations or prices until we determine the number of members who can commit to joining us for a great, fun time aboard the Carnival Paradise out of Port Tampa. We will have a sign-up sheet available online at <https://form.jotform.com/241467202980052> and at the June social and luncheon. Bon voyage!







# First Wednesday Social May 1, 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 June 5.



*Richard & Mary Reffelt, Maryanne Litteri*



*Danielle, Sherry, Andy Rasmussen*



*Jack Ptacek, Stephanie Puffer, Gloria Whitfield*



*George Suther*



*PJ Clayton*



*Jim McCormick*



*Teri Godfrey*



*Fran Kay*





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*Mary Reffelt, Maryanne Letteri*



*Terry Miller*



*Jo Ketring*



*Richard Malzahn*



*Carol Janney*



*Fred Miller*



*Jim & Donna Hansen*



*Harry Blackiston*



*Dennis & Jane Willis*



*Karyn Klos*



*Bill & Cathy Nabbe*



*Michael Godfrey*





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*Bonnie Williams*



*Sam Janofsky*



*Leslie Tuck*



*Larry Shannon*



*Pat Keegan*



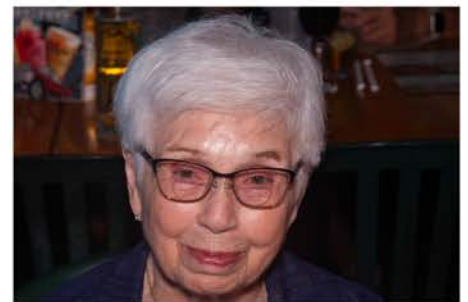
*Clive Bailey*



*Maryanne Litteri*



*Larry Harper*



*Sandy Janofsky*



*Rick Shea*



*Gloria Whitfield*



*Bob Lovejoy*





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*Katrina & Brian Pershing*



*Deb & Thom Dupper*



*Al Shields, Bea Commer*



*Vivian O'Dell*



*Carol Bailey*



*Andrea & Al Shields*



*Howard Howe*



*Barbara & Donald Brash*



*Patty Marchand*



*Marilyn Ruga*





# First Wednesday Social May 1, 2024



*Sherry Rasmussen*



*Marge Lynch*



*John Bowers*



*Lorraine Wert*



*Artie Martin*



*David Haddock*



*Dave Donnelly*



*Helen Malzahn*



*Jim Acosta*







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*Bob Kay*



*Masako Shamon*



*John Schiffgen*



*Richard & Mary Reffelt*



*Wanda Beasley*



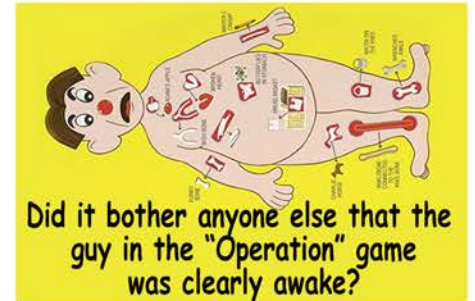
*Wendy Hugar*



*Ron & Jody Mason*



*Gerry Sturm*







# First Wednesday Social May 1, 2024



*Shirley Murphy*



*Jeff Ring*



*Faith Krahmer*



*John Voissem, Gayle Smith*



*Genevieve Urbanski*



*Al & Gail Olsen*



*Loni Wellington*



*Mike Renaldo*



*Jody Mason, Carol Bailey*

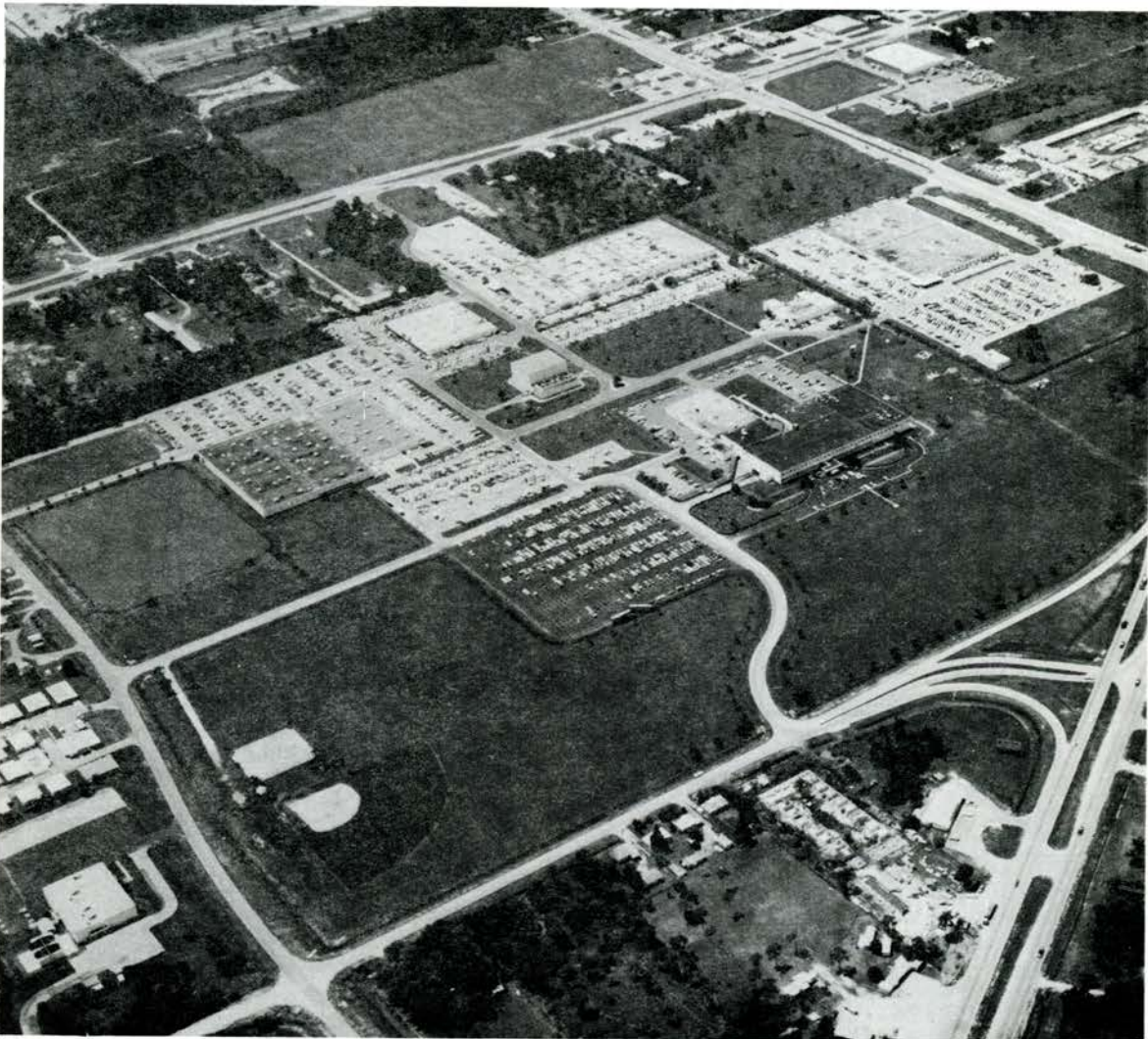




# A Blast from the Past

## *The* **AEROLINE**

JANUARY 1976



**A View From Above —**

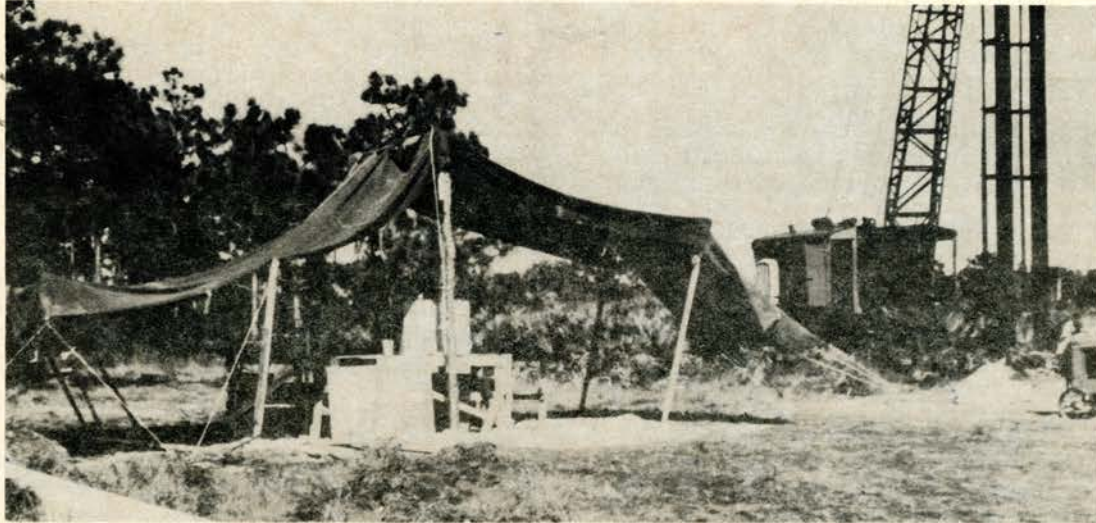
**AEROSPACE FACILITY**



# A Blast from the Past

*Those were the days!!!*

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This picture of a construction 'lean to,' which was the beginning of Plant 1, came to light several weeks ago when a copy of the first Florida Engineering Newsletter--Vol. 1, No. 1--dated May 15, 1957, found its way to the NEWSLINE office. An 'original' reader found it in a dusty file drawer (reader unidentified).

How many recall those days of various 'calibration' problems? Remember...

- Mack's Food Service ran out of coffee and soda, but fortunately the iced barrels held out. Drinking fountains to be installed within a few days, but the 'ole oaken bucket' must suffice until then. Coke and coffee machines are on order.

- It will be necessary to continue eating at desks for a few days due to lack of available space to use as a dining area. Eating at desks will be discontinued when dining space can be assigned. Large paper containers are provided in the Engineering Room for disposal of lunch papers and food scraps; do not throw them in wastebaskets. There are no screens yet and all breeding places for flies and insects should be eliminated in the working area.

- We're in favor of fining all necktie and coat wearers--sport shirts and light slacks are the order of the day. Bermuda shorts seem to be carry-

ing the relaxed atmosphere too far. We feel a business organization with the number of our visitors must draw the line somewhere!

- Work on the building is going along on schedule. It seems hot. It is hot! For once the bosses have it worse. They have sun coming in with less ventilation than the Engineering Room. The ventilation system is designed to change air once every eight minutes---but there is no feeling of air stirring! Fans are on the way which will allow proper distribution of the air. Please don't move them to improve your personal comfort.

- The move is also on schedule. It's true the moving crew spent Saturday night in the rain, but the move went on! Purchasing moves tonight, General Administration moves tomorrow night (including cashier). Engineering Lab, Evaluation, REAC and the Library will move over the weekend. Then moving activity will subside until the first of June.

- Contributions and suggestions for newsworthy items will be welcome. Delivery to Lois Barlow's desk in George (alias Bob) Sampson's office.

Ed's Note: This issue didn't mention the clatter from the 'rain on the roof' (tin) at the old Palm Breeze facility. If you were no where near a window, you could always get a weather report by calling Palm Breeze!





# Monthly Luncheon May 15



We honored our 2024 scholarship recipient, Kaylienne Brandis, a senior at Dunedin High School. She will receive a \$10,000 scholarship to pursue her education in architecture. The award is paid out over 4 years at \$2,500 per year. The theme was "Sport Your Colors" and many members came dressed in their favorite sports team's merch.



*Genieve Urbanski, Larry Harper, Ben & Emilie Carter, Carol & Clive Bailey*



*PJ Clayton, Bea Comer, Wendy Hugar, Teri Godfrey*



*Ben & Emilie Carter, Shirley Murphy, Howard Howe*



*Bob Dalton, Larry Trefz, Gloria Whitfield*



*Loni Wellington, John Schiffgen, Jo Ketring*



*Gloria Whitfield, Bonnie Williams, Pat Kegan*





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*Gloria Hill, Carol Janney*

*Margaret & Steve Simmons*



*Howard Howe, Shirley Murphy*

*Jane & Larry Willis*

*Brian & Katrina Pershing*



*John & Shirley Bowers*

*Donald & Barbara Brash*

*Gail & Al Olsen*



*Jan & Bob Friend*

*Ben & Emilie Carter*

*Tom & Bea Conner*





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*Larry & Masako Shannon*



*Gayle Smith, John Voissem*



*Patty Marchand*



*Artie Martin*



*Gloria Hill*



*Bryan Martinez*



*Jacqueline Morgan*



*Alex Buell (Pinellas Education Foundation)*



*PJ Clayton*



*Jeff Ring*



*Shirley Murphy, Brian Shaw*





# Picnic - May 21



About 50 members and guests enjoyed a perfect afternoon at the beautiful Walsingham Park on Tuesday, May 21. The group enjoyed ribs and chicken from Sonny's, along with a variety of sandwiches from Publix and a wide variety of side dishes brought by attendees. Games included corn hole, the ladder game and egg race. All in all, a really great opportunity to relax under the Florida sun.







# Take me out to the Rays game!



It was altogether a great day at the old ball park. 34 MVA members and guests enjoyed a day game against the Oakland A's on Thursday, May 30 at Tropicana Field in St. Petersburg. The Rays won the game 6-5 in 12 innings with a lot of on-field heroics and excitement. These baseball outings are highlights of our member events calendar, and the credit goes to Wendy Hugar, VP of Member Events and board member Gerry Sturm.



I forgot to get to the gym today

That makes 5 years in a row







# Happy Birthday from MVA!



06-01 John Adams	06-13 John Epperson	06-24 Shirley Campbell
06-01 Sophie Brzezinski	06-13 Tina Hurley	06-24 Ted Carr
06-01 Carl Gonser	06-13 Mary Miller	06-24 Nola Clay
06-01 Merle Hubbard	06-13 Helen Voss	06-24 Arvilla Daeke
06-01 John Voissem	06-13 Theresa Zawada	06-24 Helga Gregg
06-01 Mary Yale	06-14 Robert Brown	06-24 June Helveston
06-02 Roger (Roger) Byland	06-14 Gloria Hill	06-24 Scott Lapham
06-02 John Humphries	06-14 Bryan Martinez	06-24 Judy Mahoney
06-02 Katrina Pershing	06-14 Gene Ward	06-24 Carolyn Papke
06-03 Frank Cain	06-14 Robert Yager	06-25 Barbara Cender
06-03 Judith Carnall	06-15 Frances Eicher	06-25 Charles (Ed) Collum
06-03 Jann Dennison	06-15 Florine Ferguson	06-25 Howard Humberger
06-03 Thom Dupper	06-15 Anthony Hibner	06-25 Sally Israel
06-03 Trish Gray	06-15 Barbara Jones	06-25 Chris Pickel
06-03 Robert Hall	06-15 John Schiffgen	06-25 Genevieve Saulnier
06-03 Gertrude Keegan	06-16 Robert Cadzow	06-26 G. Cantley
06-03 Beth Kendall	06-16 Howard Gerlach	06-26 Robert (Bob) Dalton
06-03 Marla Laufenberg	06-16 Faith Krahrmer	06-26 Beverly Harvell
06-03 Karen Ostendorf	06-16 Raymond Noah	06-26 Julie Homer
06-04 Donna Hansen	06-17 Robert Breslo	06-26 Joyce La Luzerne
06-04 Carl Hurley	06-17 Kathryn Moore	06-26 Paul Shreve
06-04 Cindy Milas	06-18 Barry Hart	06-26 Dorothy Williams
06-04 Virginia Ward	06-18 Wesley Packard	06-27 Adele Bongiovanni
06-05 Daniel Burstein	06-19 Betty Britt	06-27 Peggy Debusk
06-05 Bill Hansen	06-19 Nolie Brown	06-27 James Kendall
06-05 M. Head	06-19 Russell Buyse	06-27 Thomas McNeice
06-05 Cheryl Hood	06-19 Ellen Coutant	06-27 Lynn Neri
06-05 Howard Howe	06-19 Suzanne Seale	06-27 Derrill (Del) Pratt
06-05 Judith McDurfee	06-20 Dale Barrow	06-27 Donald Scott
06-05 Martha Perez	06-20 Richard Crede	06-27 George Tolos
06-06 Beverly (Bev) Elwell	06-20 Mary Crow	06-28 Robert (Bob) Fletcher
06-06 Gail Flowers	06-20 Robert (Frank) Rabe	06-28 Jean Heimlich
06-06 Stan Myers	06-20 Judith Slone	06-28 Robert Lang
06-07 Maryann Carlton	06-20 Robert Woodside	06-28 Jerry Thoman
06-07 Juanita (Faye) Kercher	06-21 Shirley Cressman	06-29 Marilyn Bayer
06-08 Margaret Melvin	06-21 Frances (Fran) Dobson	06-29 Sharon Brault
06-08 Laurie Smith	06-21 Ronald (Ron) Lindquist	06-29 Diann Hart
06-09 Pamela Cantley	06-21 Jacqueline Schulze	06-29 Deborah Kriby
06-09 Harry Ferguson	06-21 Debbie Welch	06-29 Yolanda Lopez
06-09 Francis Hill	06-22 Clara Aucker	06-29 Margaret Niklas
06-09 Mark Reeve	06-22 Timothy (Tim) Dunbar	06-29 Nancy Verville
06-10 Gladys Mesick	06-22 John (Jack) Ewers	06-29 Phil Zell
06-10 Marie-Cecelia Miner	06-22 Marjorie Hanson	06-30 Malcolm (Mac) Fossett
06-10 Joel Panabaker	06-22 Dorothy Hester	06-30 June Preusser
06-10 Julian (Jack) Quina	06-22 Cheryl Stewart	06-30 Virginia Stegall
06-10 Dorothy Strinka	06-23 Louis Abbott	06-30 Ruth Summers
06-11 Gene McClellan	06-23 Mary Clayton	
06-11 Diane Nees	06-23 Bea Conner	
06-13 Phyllis Baumgartner	06-23 Deola Gillenwater	
06-13 Sandra Bloom	06-24 John Blechschmidt	