



## President's Message

As we head into the most magical time of the year, it's a good idea to make sure we have your individual information correct in our database. If you have changed email addresses recently, please send your new email address to [info@minnregs.com](mailto:info@minnregs.com) so we can get that taken care of. Same if you have moved your physical address. I am assuming you are all keeping your same birthdays...

October is a great time to dust off memories from our days as a kid and remember how exciting it was to get ready for trick-or-treating in the neighborhood. Our October luncheon theme is "Halloween" and we encourage you to dress appropriately. We plan on having lots of candy on hand.

You have a few days remaining to nominate someone for one of the available board positions and for the office of MVA president. Nominations close on Friday, October 3. Elections will be held at the October luncheon on the 17th. Winners will be announced at the end of that meeting.

We are asking the membership to participate in two special collection events just ahead. At our October 15 and November luncheon on the 19th, we are asking you to bring in **non-perishable food items**. Food insecurity is a huge challenge in the Tampa Bayarea, so this is your opportunity to step up and make a difference.

At the December 17th luncheon, please bring in diapers - for infants to toddlers. We support many community agencies that deal with children and families in our area. Try Sam's or Costco for a big box or two. Let's fill up at least one pickup truck to help out this year.

We will be ringing the bell for the Salvation Army this year at Christmastime. We will announce the exact date and location in next month's newsletter. This is another great opportunity to serve by doing during this most blessed time of year.

# MVA in the Community

A community collaboration event with



## FILL TABLES AND HEARTS this Thanksgiving



Family Support Services is seeking community donations of non-perishable food items to support Thanksgiving meals for children in foster and preventive care programs.

### NON-PERISHABLE ITEMS WISH LIST

- Canned cranberry sauce
- Canned green beans
- Canned chicken soup or Cream of mushroom soup
- Instant mashed potatoes
- Canned yams
- Canned corn
- Canned turkey gravy
- Boxed stuffing mix
- Boxed macaroni & cheese
- Brownie, cake, or cookie mix

ALL DONATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN NOV. 3, 2025



All non-perishable items will be bundled with a gift card for protein of choice to foster families in Pasco and Pinellas counties in need of assistance. Scan the QR code or go to [bit.ly/FSSC6\\_donate](https://bit.ly/FSSC6_donate) to make a financial gift!



**Questions or want to get involved?**

Email [donations@FSSsuncoast.org](mailto:donations@FSSsuncoast.org) for information.



# MVA Partner School



## Partner School Update by Dr. Gloria Hill



We recently made several item contributions to our partnership school. This allows the school to celebrate their successes at low cost. Studies show these celebrations motivate teachers, students and staff to excel at a higher rate. We purchased a popcorn popper and for quarterly celebrations, we purchased a simple red carpet to elevate their excitement and experience for their accomplishments. Both items can be used for years. Serving K through 12 grades.

*Pictured is Jacqueline Anderson, Asst. Principal  
Richard L. Sanders School*





# First Wednesday Social September 3, 2025



We almost broke a hundred! We had 96 MVA members at the September social. Our normal host, Al Shields, was out with a broken leg, but we were able to hear from him via phone to kick off the event. We will continue to sponsor socials in October (1st) and November (5th), so mark your calendars. No social in December.





# First Wednesday Social September 3, 2025



*Vivian O'Dell, Mary Reffelt, Shirlley Murphy,  
Shirley Bowers*

*Howard Howe, Shirley Murphy*

*Fran Kay, Helen Malzahn*



*Patty Jo Clayton, Wendy Hugar*

*Al & Gail Olsen*

*Katrina Pershing, Betsy King*



# First Wednesday Social September 3, 2025



*Shawn Cotton*



*Dave Cox*



*Darrell Schreiber*



*Larry Harper*



*Jerry Dangler*



*Dan Trepanier*



*Bryan Martinez*



*Bob Dalton*



*Mike Seibel*



*Al Parisi*



*Jeff Ring*



*Larry Trefz*



# First Wednesday Social September 3, 2025



*Pat Keegan*



*Brian Pershing*



*Donna Seibel*



*John Bowers*



*Gayle Smith*



*Al Olsen*



*Gerry Sturm*



*Michael Godfrey*



*Gloria Whitfield*



*Teresa Mickiewicz*



*Katrina Pershing*



*Jack Freeman*



# First Wednesday Social September 3, 2025



*Jean Miller*



*Rick Shea*



*Carol Janney*



*Harry Blackiston*



*Danielle Rasmussen*



*Hendrik Gelderloos*



*Larry Brogan*



*Betty Held*



*Jim McCormick*



*Howard Howe*



*Bob Kay*



*Jerry Kloss*



# First Wednesday Social September 3, 2025



*Al Parisi, Larry Trefz*



*Julie & Greg Zajdel*



*Clive & Carol Bailey*



*Harry Blackiston, Robin Lewis*



*Bea & Tom Commer*



*Andy, Sherry Rasmussen*



*Dennis & Jane Willis*



*Bob Dalton, Bryan Martinez*



*Richard & Mary Reffelt*



*Vivian O'Dell, Mary Reffelt*



*Frank & Argie Easton*



*Ron & Jody Mason*



# First Wednesday Social September 3, 2025



*Terry Miller*



*Karyn Kloss*



*Roddy King*



*Patti Marchand*



*George Suther*



*Marge Lynch*



*Mike Ranallo, Gloria Whitfiel*



*Lorraine Wert*



*Dick Malzahn*



*Patty Jo Clayton*



*Bonnie Williams*



# First Wednesday Social September 3, 2025



*Donna & Jim Hansen*



*Sam & Sandy Janofsky*



*Wendy Hugar, Deb Dupper*



*Jean Miller, Betty Held, Carl Baum*



*Genevieve Urbanski*



*David Hadsock*



*Jo Ketring*



*John Voissem*



*Loni Wellington*





# First Wednesday Social September 3, 2025



*Jim Hansen*



*Dave Donnelly*



## Pinellas Education Foundation

Inspired minds transform lives

12090 Starkey Road, Largo, FL 33773  
(727) 588-4816 Fax (727) 588-4822  
PinellasEducation.org

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



Following is information provided by Matt Muskovac concerning the MVA bridge club.

**The Bridge Club is disbanding.** Nobody stepped forward to take over Jim Acosta's job. Some of us have already made plans to start playing at the Hale Senior Center in Dunedin.



I have ordered a plaque for the Minnreg office wall to honor Billy Adkin's contributions to the Bridge Club. I decided that having dates was important, so I guessed at the year when Billy started as chairman. 1995-2021.

I took the supplies that were recently bought using funds that we collected (8 new decks of cards and some scoring sheets). I will donate them to another Bridge Club.

I left the accessories that were purchased many, many years ago using Minnreg funds:

32 "J-R" Duplicate Boards. These are probably from the 1960s. In good condition, these sell for \$3-\$5 each on ebay. But these are in poor condition, they were damaged in the hurricane flood of 2024. They are useable, but not worth attempting to sell or give away.



27 "Bridge Partner" Bidding Boxes and 5 "Jannersten" Bidding Boxes circa 2005. These are in good condition and sell for \$3-\$5 each on ebay. If you decide to throw these away, please call me. I left a note with the boxes with my name and number. I may be able to find a home for these at a local Bridge Club.



If enough players are interested, we will have a farewell party on October 16th at the MVA Office.

Matt Muskovac 727-482-2877

The MVA Fall Picnic is scheduled for Thursday, November 13 at Lake Seminole Park (10015 Park Blvd, Seminole, FL 33777) Sign up now at: <https://form.jotform.com/241067647495163>





# MVA Leadership

**ELECTION**



It's that time of year again - when we elect board members to serve for the next two years. Four Board positions are open in 2025 to fill the vacancies of Board members whose terms run out in 2025 - John Bowers, Mary Reffelt, Gene Ward, Mark Wolf.

Nominations for the openings can be made through the online nomination form:  
<https://form.jotform.com/252244566814157>

Nominees must have been employed by Honeywell for at least 5 years and be a member in good standing.

Any active member may nominate any other active member (including self-nomination) to fill a 2-year Board term. The Recording Secretary will contact all nominees to determine eligibility and willingness to serve.

Nominations will close on October 6. Elections will take place at the October 15 luncheon by secret ballot. All active MVA members will be handed a ballot upon entering the hall. Ballots will be collected and counted during the meeting. The Recording Secretary will provide the results to the President during the meeting. The newly-elected Board members will be announced and recognized at that meeting.

### **According to the MVA by-laws:**

*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.*

*A director will perform the duties of director, including the duties as a member of any office or committee of the Board upon which such director serves, in good faith, in a manner reasonably believed to be in the best interest of the Corporation, and with such care as an ordinarily prudent person in a like position would use under similar circumstances.*



## A Blast from the Past



# Avinews Salutes... National Clown Week August 1-7 and the Honeywell Clowns



**Our ambassadors for kids of all ages!**



# Monthly Luncheon September 17



After taking the month of August off, the monthly luncheons resumed on September 17 as 102 MVA members and guests gathered to take a Cruise to Nowhere and hear all about the mosquitos in Pinellas County. We heard from Caroline Scott from the Pinellas County Mosquito Control office about the 40 types of the little pests in our area and what we can do to avoid getting bit.

We also played a Cruising to Nowhere left/right game and enjoyed the usual great food served by our Banquet Masters hosts.

Next month we will hear from Kim Jowell of the Pinellas Education Foundation.





# Monthly Luncheon September 17



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



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

*Kathie Hubbard, Gerry Sturm,  
Cheryl McAvoy, Bev Whitely,  
Dolly Jameson*



# Monthly Luncheon September 17



*Loni Wellington, John Schiffgen,  
Jo Ketring*



*Bryan Martinez, Gloria Whitfield,  
Larry Trefz*



*Katrina Pershing, Lorraine Wert,  
Bonnie Williams, Pat Keegan,  
Gloria Whitfield, Marge Lynch*



*Deb & Thom Dupper, Mary Reffelt*



*Richard & Mary Reffelt*



*Shirley & John Bowers*



*Sandy & Sam Janofsky*



*Barbara Pothier, Jacqueline Morgan*



*Gayle Smith, John Voissem*



*Greg & Julie Zajdel*



*John & Suzanne Francis*



*Shirley Murphy, Bev Whitely*



# Monthly Luncheon September 17



*Bea & Tom Conner*



*Clive & Carol Bailey*



*Katrina & Brian Pershing*



*John & Suzanne Francis*



*Mary Reffelt, Vivian O'Dell*



*Bonnie Williams, Gloria Whitfield*



*Paul & Faith Krahrmer*



*Mary Reffelt, Deb Dupper*



*Gail & Al Olsen*



*Deb & Thom Dupper*



*Jim & Donna Hansen*



*Margaret & Steve Simmons*



# Monthly Luncheon September 17



*Bryan Martinez*



*Argie Easton*



*Fred Miller*



*Suzanne Francis*



*Brian Pershing*



*Anne Schreiner*



*Jim McCormick*



*Vivian O'Dell*



*Bob Kay*



*Carol Bailey*



*Terry Miller*



*Jan Friend*



# Monthly Luncheon September 17



*Jeff Ring*



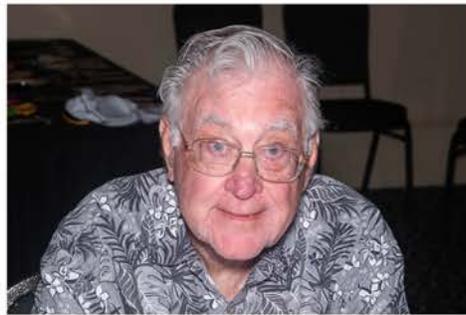
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*Al Piper*



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*Hendrik Gelderloos*



*Jacqueline Morgan*



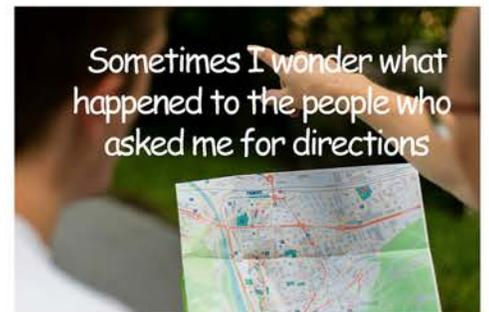
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*David Hadsock*





# Monthly Luncheon September 17



*Mark Barlow*



*Pat Keegan*



*Bill Martin*



*Lorraine Wert*



*Dave Donnelly*



*Cheryl McAvoy*



*Eldridge Bradley*



*Deb at the door*



*Kevin Kish*



*Masako Shannon*



*Bill Naabe*



*Deb at the wheel*



# Monthly Luncheon September 17



*Bill Martin*



*Bev Whitely*



*George Suther*



*Stephanie Puffer*



*Jack Ptacek*



*Cathy Hubbard*



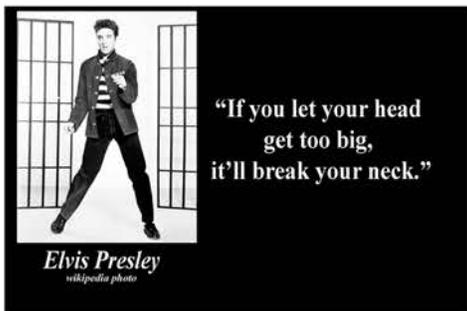
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*Patty Jo Clayton*



*Artie Martin*



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*Bonnie Williams*



# Monthly Luncheon September 17



*Clyde Schreiner*



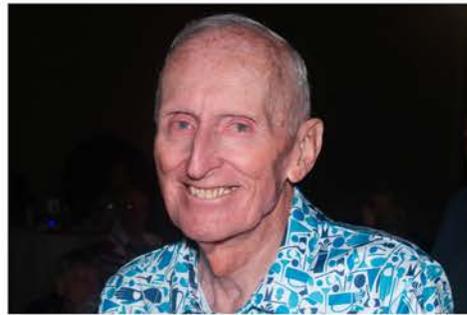
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*John Francis*



*Bob Friend*



*John Bowers*



**Groucho Marx**  
*wikipedia photo*

“Age is not a particularly interesting subject. Anyone can get old. All you have to do is live long enough.”

**My husband thinks I am crazy**

**But I'm not the one who married me!**





# Happy Birthday from MVA!



- 10/02 Richard Malzahn
- 10/07 Dennis Temple
- 10/11 Gloria Whitfield
- 10/13 David Cox
- 10/14 Elizabeth Knight
- 10/15 Alan Shields
- 10/17 Lorraine Wert
- 10/20 Alan Gilbert
- 10/20 Cheryl McAvoy
- 10/20 Alfred Olsen
- 10/20 John Voissem
- 10/22 Robert Lovejoy
- 10/22 Jody Mason
- 10/24 Jean Miller
- 10/25 Carol Ertsgaard
- 10/25 Wendy Hugar
- 10/28 Mark Barlow
- 10/30 Larry Harper
- 10/30 Paul Krahrmer
- 10/30 Andrew Rasmussen



At my age  
I've seen it all,  
I've heard it all,  
I've done it all,  
I just don't  
remember it all



**Chili Davis**  
*wikipedia photo*

**“Growing old is mandatory;  
growing up is optional.”**