

*May your holidays be filled
with peace and joy*





December 2025



President's Message

Well, here we are once again, staring down the end of another year as we gather with family and friends to celebrate this most festive season. Whatever our beliefs, whatever our world view, this is the season to take time and ponder the truly important things in life.

At its core, this organization is about two things - providing meaningful events for our members and supporting our neighbors, concentrating on children, families and veterans. In 2026, we will continue to sponsor socials on the first Wednesday of every month except August and December. Our luncheons will continue on the third Wednesday of each month except August. We will also provide other opportunities for members to enjoy local shows, picnics and a few other surprises along the way. I have received feedback from several of our members that these events are the highlights of their social lives. For some, these are the only events they leave their homes to attend.

In the community, we will continue to offer a sizeable scholarship to a deserving Pinellas County high school senior. We have an active and dynamic partner school program in place that will continue into the new year. We will continue to award cash grants to deserving community organizations. Finally, and perhaps most important, we will continue to ask our members to bring in requested items throughout the year. These requests provide each of you the opportunity to get personally involved in helping families, children and veterans in our area. Several MVA members volunteer time and resources in the support of various community organizations.

My year-end message is clear - you are members of a unique and consequential group and our MVA staff will continue to do our best to plan and execute events and opportunities that enrich your lives and the lives of people we will never meet in person in our neighborhoods. Not bad for a group of folks who have only one thing in common - we all worked for the Big Red H at some point in our lives.

So I encourage you to take pride in your MVA, continue to attend member events, continue to support the community when asked, and let us know your good ideas about how we can improve in the years to come. God bless us every one!



Picnic - Fun in the Sun



Over 50 MVA members enjoyed the almost perfect weather at the fall picnic on November 13 at Lake Seminole Park. Fun and conversation were the order of the day, along with a great picnic meal and lots of corn hole challenges.



Deb & Thom Dupper



Bob Kay



Deb Dupper, Dave Watson



Brian Pershing, David Haddock



Jan & Bob Friend



Deb Dupper, James Smith



Chow time!



Lots-o-food



Deb Dupper, John (the champ) Bowers



Karyn Klos, John Bowers



Very nice form!



Shirley Bowers, Karyn Klos



First Wednesday Social November 5



Our group was moved to the bigger room at Quaker Steak to make room for our increasing attendance. The conversations were animated and interesting, the prizes were exciting, the refreshments were welcome and the whole afternoon had the aura of a holiday party. This is the last social of 2025 due to a heavy holiday schedule. The new year will kick off with a social on January 7.





First Wednesday Social November 5



Tom Conner, Wendy Hugar



*Vivian O'Dell, Shirley Murphy,
Shirley Bowers*



Bill & Cathy Naabe



Wendy Hugar, Teri Godfrey



Harry Blackiston, Robin Lewis



Donna & Jim Hansen



PJ Clayton, Michael Godfrey



Dick & Patsy Rohrs



Karyn & Jerry Klos



Cheryl McAvoy,



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Dennis & Jane Willis



Thom & Deb Dupper



*Carla & Greg Woycio
Guests of Dick & Patsy Rohrs*



Jeff Ring



Marsha Barlow



Jerry Dangler



Gloria Hill



Bryan Martinez



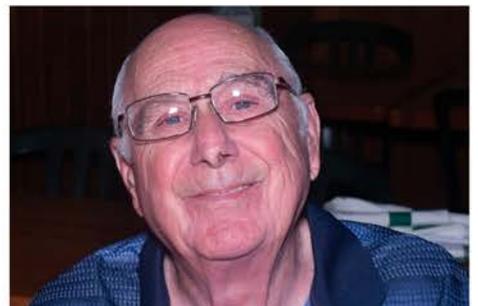
Margaret Simmons



Al Olsen



Gloria Whitfield



Larry Harper



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Sharon Coogan



Bob Kay



Leslie Tuck



Jim McCormick



Kathie Hubbard



John Bowers



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Bonnie Williams



George Suther



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Larry Trefz



Mark Barlow



Artie Martin



Mark Wolf



Al Shields

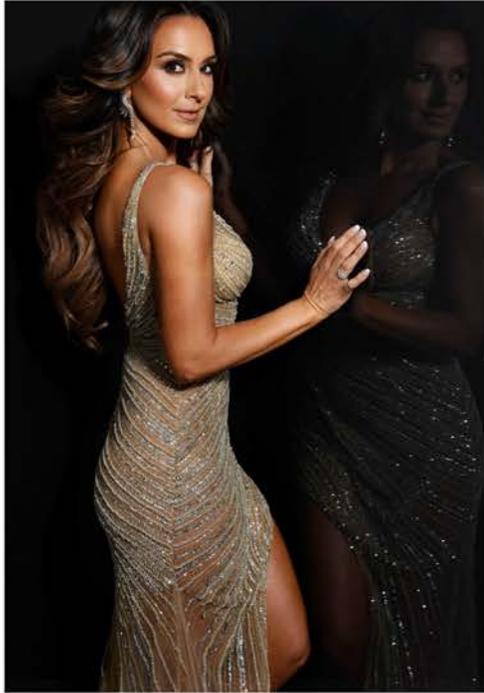




For Your Enjoyment



Big time shows ahead for some lucky MVA members. We have secured a number of tickets for two sold out shows. The details are below. You will need to act fast to secure your reservation.



Celebrating Celine
Pinellas Park Performing Arts Center
December 20, 2025 7:00 PM
Doors Open: 6:00 PM

“*Celebrating Celine,*” made its premiere performance at the Pinellas Park PAC in 2024 and people haven’t stopped talking about it! Celebrating Celine is a Celine Dion tribute starring powerhouse vocalist Jenene Caramielo.

Her breathtaking vocals deliver goosebumps and the show leaves audiences awe-struck worldwide. She bares her soul for all to see as she belts out new and classic hits like "I Drove All Night," "My Heart Will Go On," and "Courage" to name a few. The show will also feature some classic holiday hits! Don't miss this opportunity to hear one of the most impressive vocalists out there!

Reserve your place right now - tickets are limited:

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Let's Hang On
Largo Cultural Center
Sun, January 4 at 2pm

Let's Hang On! is America’s #1 Frankie Valli and The Four Seasons tribute show. With spot-on vocals and crisp choreography, this powerhouse group will perform all of Frankie Valli's mega hits, including: "Sherry", "Big Girls Don't Cry", "Walk Like A Man", "Can't Take My Eyes Off Of You", "December of 1963", and "Who Loves You!" Plus other megahits from the '60s

Reserve your place right now - tickets are limited:

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MVA in the Community



Imagine raising babies as a single parent. Imagine taking in children to foster care - children who need to be removed from their homes for their safety - with nothing but the clothes on their backs. Now imagine a group like the MVA who want to help by bringing in a carload of **infant and toddler diapers**. That's the Christmas challenge for this great organization. Let's fill up a truck or two with those most essential items at our **Christmas luncheon on December 17**.



Life without video games
and cell phones

Those WERE the GOOD old days!



Monthly Luncheon November 19



105 MVA members and guests celebrated Veterans Day and Thanksgiving at the November 19 luncheon. The group elected four members to the MVA Board, donated two tables full of protein food items, clothing and cash, heard a presentation about identity theft, enjoyed a great holiday dinner and lots of fellowship.



Party Queen, Deb Dupper calls out the winning tickets while substitute Vanna, Teri Godfrey, delivers the goods





Monthly Luncheon November 19



Mary & Richard Reffelt



Loni Wellington, John Schiffgen, Jo Ketring



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



Brian & Katrina Pershing, Sharon Coogan, Betsy & Roddy King



Clive & Carol Bailey, Nancy & Joe Wright



Teri & Michael Godfrey, PJ Clayton, Terri Beamer, Al Shields, Wendy Hugar



Genevieve Urbanski, Larry Harper, Clive & Carol Bailey



Loni Wellington, John Schiffgen, Jo Ketring



Smiling faces at check-in time



Al Shields, Shirley Bowers, Shirley Murphy, Mary Reffelt, Vivian O'Dell



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The "Shirleys", Bowers and Murphy



Masako Shannon, Artie Martin



Margaret & Steve Simmons



Brian & Katrina Pershing



Bonnie Williams, Pat Keegan



Terri Beamer, Wendy Hugar



Dennis & Jane Willis



Richard & Mary Reffelt



John & Shirley Bowers



Barbara & Donald Brash



Bob & Jan Friend



Shirley Murphy, Beverly Whitely



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Clive & Carol Bailey



Genevieve Urbanski, Larry Harper



Gloria Hill, Carol Janney



Jim & Donna Hansen



Anne & Clyde Schreiner



Bob Canistraro, Anne Burson



Jean & Roger Block



Jan & Bob Friend



Clive Bailey, Al Parisi



Betty Held, Thom Dupper



Gene Ward, Gerry Sturm



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Karyn & Jerry Klos



Mark Barlow



Jacqueline Morgan



Jack Freeman



Terri Beamer



Richard Reffelt



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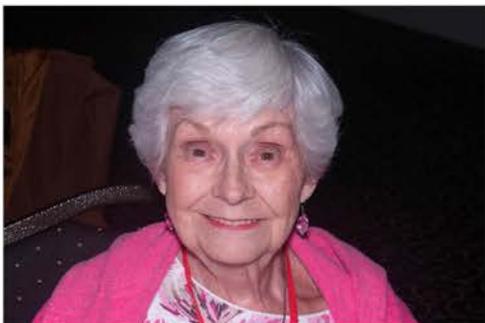
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Stephanie Puffer



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Bryan Martinez



Kathie Hubbard





Happy Birthday from MVA!



- 12/01 Jeffrey Ring
- 12/02 John Francis
- 12/03 Robert Kay
- 12/05 William Mullen
- 12/06 George Suther
- 12/08 Mark Wolf
- 12/10 Carol Janney
- 12/13 Gail Olsen



What if no one was president
and we all just promised to be nice