

A scenic autumn landscape featuring a dirt path lined with a wooden fence, leading towards a body of water under a sunset sky. In the foreground, several pumpkins of various sizes and colors (orange, white with green stripes) are arranged on a bed of fallen leaves. A wooden sign with a heart symbol and the text 'Happy Fall Y'all!' is placed among the pumpkins. A small lantern with a lit candle sits to the left. The background is filled with trees displaying vibrant orange and yellow foliage.

WELCOME —+ TO +— *Fall*

A SEASON OF CHANGE,
COLOR & COZY MOMENTS

Happy
Fall Y'all!
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President's Message

Do you remember when the school year ran from Labor Day to Memorial Day? The rest - from Memorial Day to Labor Day - was blessed summer! Well, no more. Children have been back in school for a few weeks already. Doesn't seem right somehow. We have been told this will be a very light storm year in the Atlantic. So far, so good. After the dual pummeling of 2024 we deserve a break. So let's keep our fingers crossed because it takes only one!

We kick all that off with our September luncheon theme - *At The Movies*. Members are encouraged to come dressed as their favorite movie character. I am actively looking for a Roger Rabbit costume.

It's also MVA election season. The 2-year terms of Karyn Klos, Gerry Sturm, Betty Held, Teri Godfrey and Tom Conner expire this year so we need to fill those spots in our November election. These elections present the opportunity for members to get involved - through nominations and through actual voting. If you are interested in filling a Board position, or know of another MVA member who would make a good Board member, please fill out the online nomination form: <https://form.jotform.com/262214534711146>

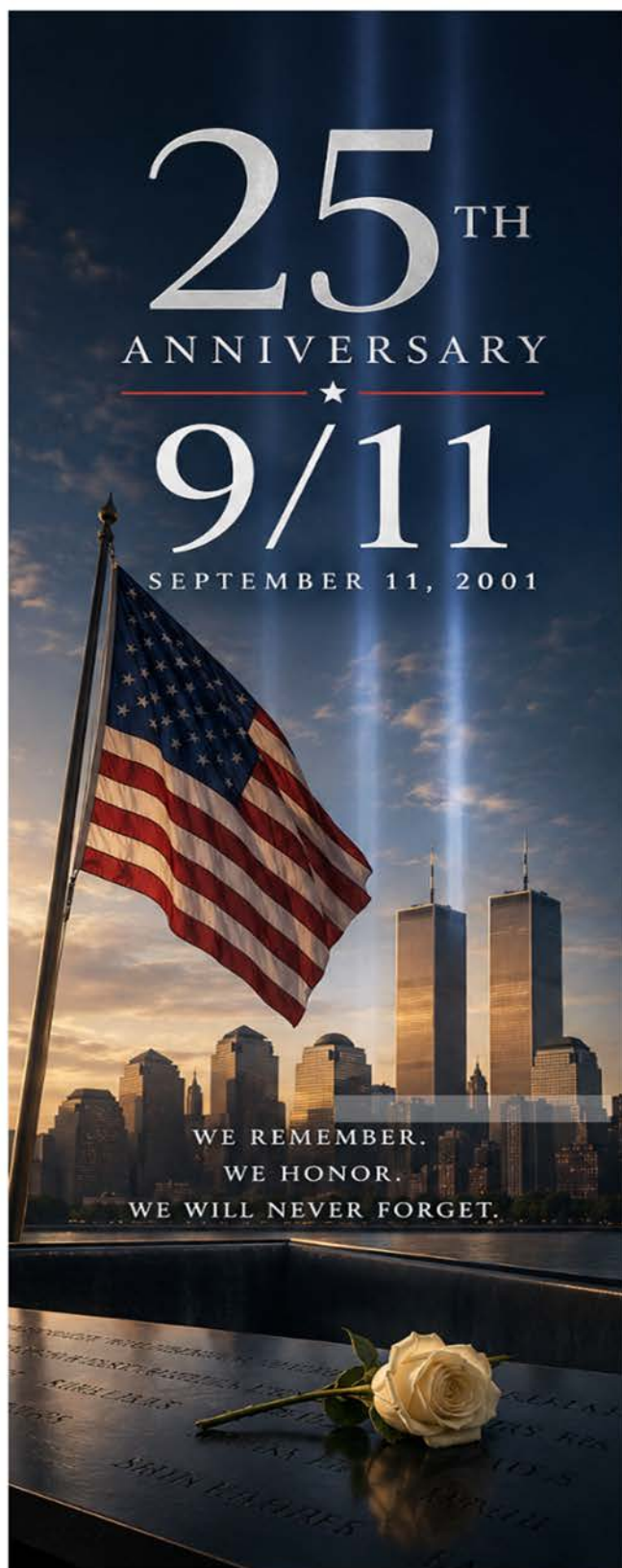
Please remember that to qualify for a Board position, the nominee must be an MVA member in good standing and have at least 5 years of employment at Honeywell, Inc.

The office of MVA President is also on the ballot. The President has overall management responsibility of the day-to-day business of the organization. The President serves a one-year term at the pleasure of the Board.

The Recording Secretary will contact all nominees to determine their qualifications and willingness to serve if elected. Nominations are open until September 12, 2026. All nominees will be introduced at the October luncheon. The election will be held during the November 16 uncheon when the winners will be announced. So I encourage you to give all this some consideration and either throw your own hat in the ring or nominate someone you believe will serve this great organization well next year.

We will also vote to ratify the new set of bylaws created by the select Board committee over the past few months. You are encouraged to read the new bylaws now posted on the MVA website: <https://minnregs.com/wp-content/uploads/2026/08/Revised-Bylaws-8-12-2026.pdf>

We Remember, We Honor, We Will Never Forget



Remembering 9/11: 25 Years of Strength, Unity and Resilience

Twenty-five years have passed since the morning of September 11, 2001, an ordinary Tuesday that forever changed the course of our nation. At 8:46 a.m., the world watched in disbelief as the first plane struck the North Tower of the World Trade Center. Less than two hours later, both towers had fallen. In Shanksville, Pennsylvania, Flight 93 crashed into a field after the heroic actions of passengers who refused to let it reach its intended target. At the Pentagon, another plane struck the heart of America's military leadership.

Nearly 3,000 innocent lives were lost that day, people from more than 90 countries. Each had a life filled with hopes, plans and people who loved them. Their loss left families devastated and a nation struggling to comprehend what had happened.

Yet from that terrible darkness came extraordinary examples of courage and compassion. First responders ran toward danger while others were running away. Firefighters, police officers, paramedics and ordinary citizens risked their lives to help others. Across America, people opened their homes, donated blood, reached out to strangers and discovered a renewed sense of community.

The quarter-century since 9/11 has brought many changes. We have experienced wars, economic challenges, natural disasters and a rapidly changing world. Through it all, the memory of September 11 remains a reminder of both our vulnerability and our capacity for courage.

The *National September 11 Memorial & Museum* stands as a place where names, stories and memories are preserved. It reminds us that history is not simply about dates and events. It is about people. It is about lives interrupted, families changed forever and heroes who answered the call when their country needed them most.

We can honor those lost by practicing kindness, supporting our first responders and veterans, serving our communities and teaching younger generations why courage, compassion and unity matter.

We will never forget the morning of September 11, 2001. But we should also remember what followed: a nation wounded, yet determined to stand; a people frightened, yet willing to help; and countless individuals who demonstrated that even in the darkest moments, humanity can choose courage over fear and unity over division.

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Member Events



20 MVA members made the field trip down to Tropicana Field to watch the Rays take on the Texas Rangers on July 30. It was a great day for relaxing and watching the Rays while they are still in St. Petersburg. The Rays won a tight one 3-2 and added to their American League leading record. Another Rays outing is in the works for the 2027 season.

In the coming months, MVA will sponsor the fall picnic (details TBD) and another tribute show in December. So stay tuned for the details and take advantage of these member events.



If you know the name of the gentleman sitting in the front row with the light blue shirt and glasses, be the first to send an email with his name to info@minnregs.com for a prize.



MVA Leadership

ELECTION



It's that time of year again - when we elect board members to serve for the next two years and a president to serve for one year.

Five Board positions are open in 2026 to fill the vacancies of Board members whose terms run out in 2026 - Karyn Klos, Gerry Sturm, Betty Held, Teri Godfrey and Tom Conner.

Nominations for the openings can be made through the online nomination form:

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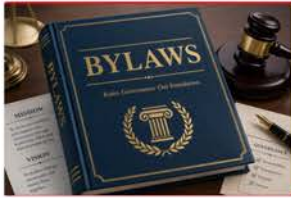
Board nominees must have been employed by Honeywell for at least 5 years and be a member of MVA in good standing.

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

The office of MVA President is also open for nominations. The President is the Chief Executive Officer of the Corporation and oversees all day-to-day operations. The paid staff all report in to the President. The President serves a one-year term and reports directly to the Board. All nominees for President must be MVA members in good standing.

Nominations for Board Members and President will close on September 12, 2026. Elections will take place at the November 16 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 and President will be announced and recognized at that meeting.





2026 By-Laws Rewrite



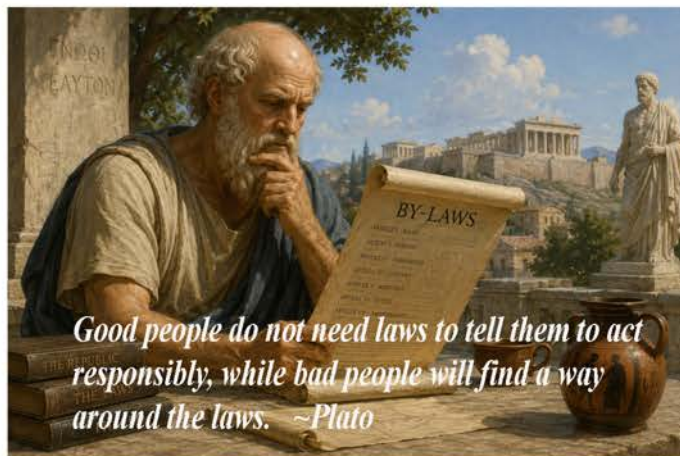
A bit of organizational history - back in 2020 when the Honeywell Retirees Club merged with the Minnregs, the new leadership recognized that the existing set of by-laws (dating back to the '60s) were no longer reflective of the new organization. The original Minnreg organization was open to males only and its existence revolved around the Minnreg Hall. The new organization welcomed women into its ranks and set out to sell the Minnreg Hall which had become an albatross. Honeywell was no longer financially supporting the hall and it was in dire need of repairs and upgrades. We were fortunate enough to find a cash buyer and sold the building pretty quickly. We needed to find a new home, so we looked right across 62nd Street for office and storage space and found our current home in the Oaklefe Center.

Back to the by-laws. The original thinking was to include leadership from both organizations into a functional Board of Directors - and to recognize the need for and value of a paid staff to carry out the functions of the new organization. In the interest of expedience, we began to make minor changes to the by-laws as the needs of the new organization became apparent. Over time these minor changes created conflicts with other areas of the document. Then, last year we were hit with a \$22,000+ fine from the IRS for failure to submit tax returns for several years around 2010. It became apparent that a new set of by-laws was needed. One that would reflect the realities of the new MVA and keep us in compliance with Florida State corporate statutes and IRS regulations..

Earlier this year, our Board Chair, John Bowers, appointed an ad hoc committee to do just that. The committee consisted of Chair Teri Godfrey, Tom Conner, Karen Klos, Gerry Sturm, George Suther and Thom Dupper. We met about a dozen times over several months to work through the document, chapter by chapter. The final draft of the new by-laws was approved by the Board in a special meeting on August 12.

In order to complete the ratifications, we must present the new by-laws to the general membership for an up or down vote. We intend to do that at the October 21 luncheon. The new, approved by-laws are posted at:
<https://minnregs.com/wp-content/uploads/2026/08/Revised-Bylaws-8-12-2026.pdf>

We encourage you to review the document in preparation for your vote. Any questions or comments about the new by-laws should be sent to "info@minnregs.com." The actual vote will be straightforward up or down to ratify.

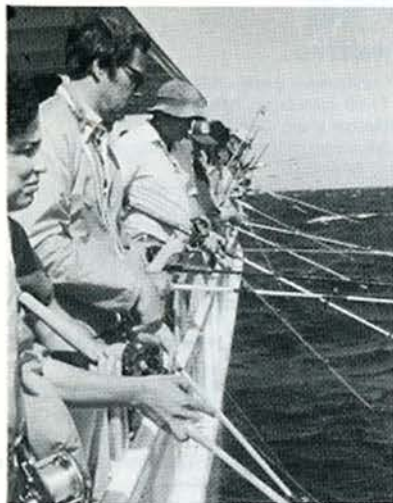




A Blast from the Past



Minnregs Host Fishing Trip by Tom Jacobus



The Minnreg Fishing Trip was nothing but sunny skies and smiling faces (kind-of). Here, the group tries a mass hypnosis trick on the fish.

The dockside warmth was deceiving on the morning of October 31st as some 75 Honeywellers and guests prepared to go fishing aboard the Miss Milwaukee. The trip was sponsored by the Minnregs.

As soon as the large boat cleared the sheltered waterway and headed into the open Gulf, the wind became blustery.

The calm waters became a seething turbulence of waves and spray as the boat seemed to be swallowed by raging seas as tall as skyscrapers (well ---- almost). Actually, we had about twelve-foot waves that, at times, from my reclined position (leaning over the rail) seemed much larger to me.

After a two and a half hour ride, we arrived at our first spot and the excitement rose as we sprung into action (well --- most of us did; Sick-Bay was pretty busy by now).

We visited several spots (and I fed a lot of fish). The fellowship shared was



Jerry Neison offers a boat crew member a dollar if he'd put his poor example of a fish on someone else's stringer. Tough luck, Jerry!



Randy Ruzicka (left) took second place to the winning catch held by victorious Eric Biting.



A few folks take a break (Sick Bay).



Trip organizer, Gene Walther, plays Old Man of the Sea with Marilyn Ruga.

very inspiring for me to see (everyone was asking everyone else "How are you feeling?" or "Excuse me, may I help you up to the rail?")

Seriously, a lot of fun was had by everyone except for the bunch of fish which we invited back home with us for dinner.

The largest catch went to Eric Biting, with second best going to Randy Ruzicka (those guys were just lucky, that's all!).

We had a super time with plenty of coke, beer, sandwiches and Alka Selter available to everyone.

Our thanks goes to the Minnregs and I particularly want to thank Gene Walther for organizing the event I wish I could go again next year but I think I'll try something different like pole vaulting into holly bushes.

Bible Study Meets

The Bible study get-together lunch meeting will be held on Thursday, December 17 in the HI Minnreg building at 11:45 to 12:45. This will be our Christmas meeting so come for lunch and fellowship. Brown bag or call Esther at X1692 for lunch reservation.



Happy Birthday from MVA!



Teri Godfrey	9/1
Jerry Klos	9/1
Rosemary Bradley	9/2
Mark Gray	9/3
Thomas Stottlar	9/8
William Naabe	9/9
Carol Bailey	9/13
Joseph Abrahamson	9/15
John Bowers	9/15
Linda Lopez	9/15
James Hansen	9/16
Michael Peltier	9/17
Dolly Jamieson	9/18
Vivian ODeIl	9/19
Fred Cutting	9/20
Catherine Baro	9/21
Debra Dupper	9/21
Clyde Schreiner	9/21
Lawrence Shannon	9/24
Don Gillespie	9/25
Sherry Rasmussen	9/26
Argentina Easton	9/28
Lee Hoffmann	9/28
George Hafer	9/30
Glenn Nikles	9/30

