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GERRY 5 VFA NEWSLETTER

The Sweetness of Life

"Without Valentine's Day, February would be... well,

January.

~Jim

Gaffigan

Here we are
in the
shortest
month of
the year



and more than halfway through winter. Let's remember to thank the New England Patriots for a heart-stopping season. We didn't take home the big trophy this time but what a game! The Super Bowl was just the start of what makes this month feel tough, maybe even tougher than January where we enjoyed a little lull after New Year's. February has the Super Bowl, Valentine's Day, Mardi Gras, Ash Wednesday, and the Olympics plus Presidents' Day (the last Federal holiday until Memorial Day) all within this "short" month. There is a lot going on!

Of course, after the Super Bowl, Valentine's Day is the standout. Show someone how much you love them! This all supposedly started as a celebration of St. Valentine's but now it seems to be more about sweets for your sweetie. And speaking of sweets – wow! We just got over Christmas and New Year's and now we're onto another binge with a chocolate focus! And let's not forget the requisite token of affection – a card, a gift, or both! Yes, we enjoy exchanging cards and a little gift. We have a nice meal at home. But maybe this sweetness overload has another meaning. Love does make the world go round so maybe it's also a time to think of about sweetness. It's another opportunity to be thankful that we have loved ones – those family and friends that are so near and dear. It's also time to take a step back and think of the sweetness of life. Whether it's the touch of your significant other, the beauty of a snowfall, or the sunset over the ocean, these are

all made possible by life. Life is sweet though many times we are challenged by it and we tend to focus on the negative. Of course, that's what makes news and who doesn't need that opportunity to complain about something! But maybe we need to flip our priorities just for a moment and tell our friends and family a sweet thing that happened today. Surely there was something. I know it's tough sometimes to think of something good, but it can be anything. Like me watching a crazed squirrel trying to bury a peanut on our welcome mat. It finally figured out it wasn't dirt and went on his way. It gives us the opportunity to recall the sweet things about our loved one and also the sweet moments we've shared. If we block out the noise for a just a short time and devote ourselves to one another in celebration of love then that's sweetness in itself. One of the many we enjoy in this life.

We have our regular member activities scheduled for this month and next month promises to be a real doozy! Read about it later in the newsletter. For regular activities we have the Muster Fry, Meat and Trivia Contest, and Family Friday. See information on these later in the newsletter. We have two special member events scheduled for this winter/spring including a Comedy Night in mid-May. Stay tuned for details. Remember to check your weekly event updates or the web site for changes or new events that don't make the deadline for publication.

The NFL may be done for the season (what a ride!) but now we have two weeks of Winter Olympics on TV. Check the schedules and know that if there's an event, it will be on at the Club. There's also hockey and basketball plus our in-house activities – pool, golf, cribbage, Follow the 5 of Clubs, and the Lottery. Or maybe you're just seeking a little solitude or camaraderie. It's your choice and your Club. Remember you don't need a reason to visit at all. Make sure coming to the Club is on your to do list! We highly recommend

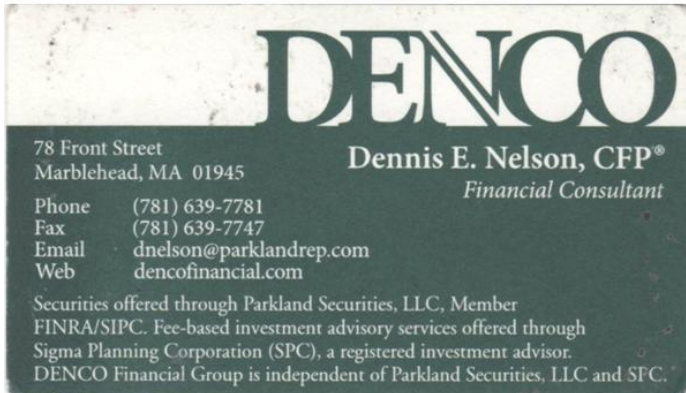
regular visits! See you soon!

"February is just malicious. It knows your defenses are down." ~ Katherine Paterson

Have Questions About Social Security?

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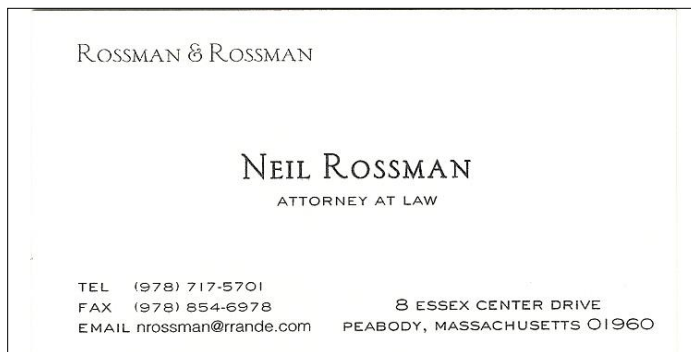
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All "read out" members will receive an email notification and should turn in their key cards as soon as possible after notification. They will be deactivated. Should you want to rejoin, you will have to re-apply for membership including the \$100.00 fee.

Contact the Club with any questions please.

Committee Sign-up Extended to Feb 21st

Didn't get a chance to sign up for a Committee? The Board has extended the sign-up period until Wednesday, February 21st. The following Committees are looking for volunteers: Entertainment, Blood Drive, and the special By-Law Committee.

Volunteerism is at the heart of the Gerry. All committees and the kitchen crew are staffed by volunteers. We count on members to assist us by participating on these committees. Most take only a few hours a month at the most. Please sign up!

Donations Needed for Penny Social

In conjunction with a soon to be announced Gerry special event, we will be holding a Penny Social. If you have never been to a New England Penny Social, this is a chance for you to see why they are so enduring. A Penny Social is a big series of raffles. You buy tickets at the door and use them to take a chance to win items that you like. All tickets are put in a basket and the winning ticket is pulled at random. There are multiple drawings throughout the event.

We are asking members and community businesses alike to donate items for the Penny Social. While we'll be asking businesses to donate items such as gift certificates, services, or merchandise. There may also be some large value items that we will include as door prizes or as part of a silent auction.

We're also looking for lots of other items to be raffled off during the event. This is where you come in. Give your regifts, your gently used, and unwanted

new items. Donations may range from toys, games, glassware, baked goods, lottery tickets, gift baskets, knick knacks, services, and all sorts of home and yard items. You may donate new or "gently used" items.

Please no clothing or furniture. Books, bags of snacks (chips, popcorn, etc.), DVDs, CDs, joke items are all acceptable.

Details will be forthcoming on the event itself as well as the Penny Social, but we need your help in securing the items to be used for prizes. Penny Socials are popular, well attended, and fun for everyone.

For more information or to make donations of new or "gently used" items please call Kathy Tankersley Bernier at 978-741-4712 or Joan DaSilva 978-491-7638

January 2018 Pool Champions



~Photo Courtesy Art Dodge

Congratulations to Ron Hobby and Doug Bates who defeated two-time consecutive reigning champions Art Dodge and Doug Drew at the January 28th tournament.

Be sure to check this newsletter, the web site, and event updates for future tournaments!

Muster Fry – February 9th



Meat & Trivia Contest February 17th

The Meat and Trivia Contests will be held on **Saturday, February 17th, 3 - 6 p.m.** Valentine's Day will be past but you should be feeling the love of some meat! Featuring the same great cuts of meat from New England Meat Market and fun trivia prizes, it all goes to a great set of causes - the Gerry 5 VFA Charities and Scholarships.

MEAT & TRIVIA CONTESTS

TICKET
Must be ~~present to win!~~

Saturday, Feb 17th, 3-6 pm

Tickets = 6 for \$5.00

Multiple Contests (3 raffles + losers raffle) Several items each drawing!

TRIVIA

Free! Answer questions—win prizes



All proceeds go to the Gerry 5 Charities and Scholarships

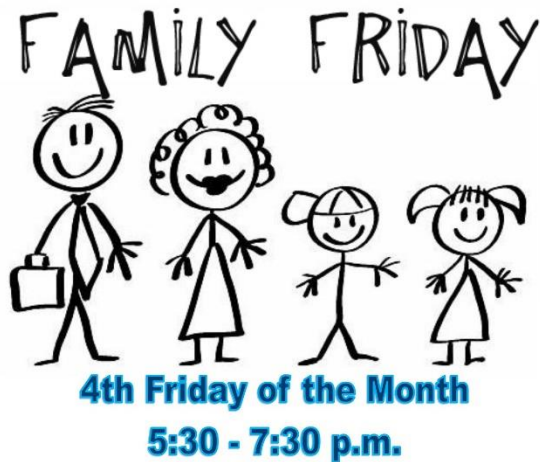
There are four Meat Contests - three of which require separate entries. All non-winning entries are automatically entered into the fourth contest of the day. **You must be present to win!**

Trivia - featuring an array of questions - has three contests which are all free to enter. Prizes are awarded for each contest with a

Grand Prize awarded to the team with the most points overall.

Come join us! It's a great way to spend a Saturday afternoon! Members and their guests are welcome to bring snacks for themselves or to share with others. It's all fun! Be Here!

Family Friday – February 23rd



"Love doesn't make the world go 'round. Love makes the ride worthwhile." ~Franklin P Jones

New Members Voted In

The following applicants having been read posted and meeting orientation requirements were voted membership at the February meeting: Patty Conte, Ken Martin of Marblehead, Cheryl Royal of Beverly, and Patrick Pingeton of Essex.

Timothy Shotmeyer and Dave Berner were held over due to lack of sponsor being present.

New Member Applicants Read

The following applicants were read and posted for voting at the March 2018 meeting: Judd Bergeron, Willis Iannarelli, Bob LaPointe, and Pamela Mentuck of Marblehead.

Reminder! At least one sponsor is required to be in attendance at the meeting in order for a candidate to be voted on. We also ask our sponsors to please ensure the applications are legible when submitted.

Passages

Philip Coston, father of member *Timothy Costin*, grandfather of member *Timothy Costin*, passed at the age of 82 on December 31, 2017. A native of Swampscott he served in the US Marine Corps during the Korean War. He served as a police officer for the former Metropolitan District Commission Police and as a bar manager.

He enjoyed boating and loved to travel the world with his wife.

We extend our sympathies to the family and friends.

Cecelia Wheeler, mother of member *Brian Wheeler*, passed on January 11, 2018 at the age of 84. A graduate of Salem State Teachers College she briefly taught school before starting a family. She also was a fashion model, a local merchant, and an accomplished singer.

She and her late husband enjoyed time in Ogonquit where she was truly the "Queen of Queens".

We send our condolences to the family and friends.

Beverly Likins, wife of member *Vance Likins*, mother of member *Skip Likins*, mother-in-law of member *Matt Martin* passed on January 24, 2018. She was 69. She was a true Marbleheader, welcoming everyone into her life, displaying love and generosity. She was a staple for many years at the Marblehead High School and the Marblehead Trading Company.

We offer our deepest sympathy to family and friends.

Elsie Mentuck, passed on January 30, 2017 at the age of 107. She was the matriarch of the Mentuck family, most of which are members of the Gerry. Originally from Swampscott, and graduating from school in Maine, she started her own real estate and insurance company, North Shore Real Estate and Insurance. Outside of her work, she was an avid bridge player, and dedicated her time to teaching others as a member of the American Contract Bridge League.

She met the love of her life, John Mentuck, in 1942 and they raised their three children in Marblehead where they resided for the rest of their lives. Above all, she was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and great-great-grandmother.

Our sincere condolences to the family and friends.

Business Sponsors and Classified Ads

Interested in being a business sponsor? Business sponsors are featured in our newsletter, our weekly event updates, the G5TV, and the web site. If so, a business card with contact information and payment

in full for one year should be submitted to the Gerry to the attention of the Manager or Secretary. Use this form: [G5 Business Sponsor Form](#). Rates are \$100 members/\$200 nonmembers for a prime space (body of newsletter, top of line-up on web site and G5TV) or \$50 members/\$100 nonmembers for placement in our Gerry 5 Services section.

Classified ads are run on a monthly basis at a fee of \$40 per month for non-members/\$20 for members. A description of the item(s) or service(s) being offered including any pictures, the seller's contact information, and how many months they want to run the ad should be submitted to the Gerry to the attention of the Manager or Secretary. Submission must include payment in advance. Please use this form: [classified ad](#).

Need help with a business card or classified ad? The Secretary will gladly assist in providing a proof for your review. We look forward to doing business with you!
us!

Suggestions Please!

We are looking for suggestions on ways to improve your experience at the Club. Members are welcome to submit their ideas to the Manager, Secretary, or any member of the Board. All categories of suggestions are welcome. Thank you!

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Gerry Member News?

Do you have any news to share with your fellow members? This could range from announcing an engagement or a new baby or grandchild, to tidbits about your vacation or recent activities. "All the news that is fit to print" is our motto. We'll gladly share as long as the information is not defamatory toward anyone. We currently are not charging to print but a small donation will be greatly appreciated. Please contact the Secretary with any questions.

NOTICES & REMINDERS!!

MEMBERS ONLY - Meeting Night!

Please remember that member meeting tonight is Members Only and no guests may be in the Club between 7:00 p.m. and closing. Thank you!

Attention 50/50 Members!

Please note that all payments must be made in advance of the monthly member meeting. If payment is not received, you are not valid for competition that month. Please contact Joan Champlin to make payment or with any questions.

Family Events

Attending a Gerry family event such as the muster fish fry or Family Friday? Please remember these are multigenerational events that include all ages. Children are welcome but we ask parents to mind them. The Gerry wants all attendees to enjoy themselves but not at the detriment to others. We ask those without children to have patience as well. Teach your children well.

Working in the Kitchen? Thank you! *Otherwise, please do not enter the kitchen or pantry area* or use it as a shortcut to/from the Clubroom.

BE A GOOD NEIGHBOR! While enjoying our deck, please remember we do have neighbors and the general public passing by. Please be respectful. Remember to smile - you're on candid camera!

Please ensure all **Function Hall events** are booked through the Manager, Arthur Dodge, or confirmed directly by him to ensure you do have a reservation.

Please be mindful of Club events. If you are *not* invited to a Function Hall event, please do not take

advantage of the food or entertainment. Remember to use the Club Room bathroom facilities during these events.

Complaints? Please put your complaint in writing or attend a Board of Directors meeting to present it in person. Date and time of specific events are greatly appreciated.

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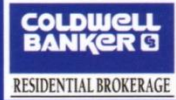
Just because marijuana for recreational use is now legal, doesn't mean you can light up on the deck. Remember we have neighbors, please take it elsewhere.

Looking for a Gift Idea? How about a Gerry 5 Gift card?! Gift cards are available for purchase at the Club.



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Advertise your business or skills! We offer sponsorships to members for the monthly newsletter, both electronic and print editions. This includes all event updates, the Gerry website, and G5TV. Advertisements are \$100 for a prime location within the body of the newsletter or \$50 for a listing under the members' services section at the end of the newsletter for \$50 per year. Size is limited to that of a standard business card. Please fill out a sponsor form with contact information and attach a business card or your particulars. Contact the Manager, Art Dodge, or Secretary, Kathy Tankersley.

Moved? Changed your e-mail address or phone number? Please let us know! We need to keep our member records as up to date as possible. Leave your information at the Club or e-mail gerry5vfa@yahoo.com or ziggyii@comcast.net with changes. Thank you!

Gerry 5 Logo Apparel

Great quality merchandise! We have in-stock items available - hoodies, long-sleeve t-shirts, regular t-shirts, sweatshirts, caps, tote bags, polo shirts, vests. Please check the in-stock list

at the Club or on-line here: [Gerry Gear Inventory](#)

Embroidery items (wind shirts, polos, vests, jackets) may be special ordered. Be aware there is a minimum order of 6 items for embroidery, 12 items for screen print!

Please place your order at the Club or email the Secretary. A \$5.00 deposit is required and is non-refundable. View the catalog for other items



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Don't forget - these make great gifts any time of year. See the bartender, manager, or Secretary.

Sound Bites

"Those guys are like two little boys in a sandbox when they come up here."

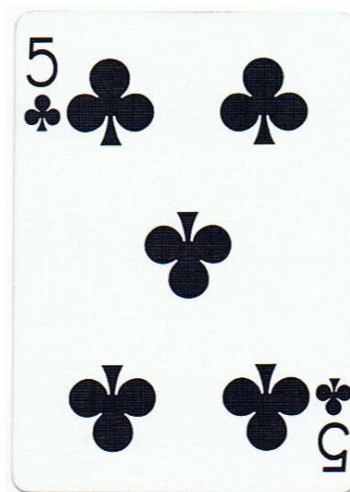
"With names like the Assholes and the Dickheads, it makes you wonder about this place!"

"Hey, take your meat, put it away and sit down!"

"I don't care how big that mall is, there has to be something else to do in Minnesota!" *"Not in the winter unless you want to try ice fishing."*

"If I die, don't give me any money. It will be hard to spend."

Don't forget to Follow the 5 of Clubs!



"If you're not making mistakes then you're not making decisions" ~ John Wooden

Thank you for reading! ~Kathy Tankersley Bernier, Secretary

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Calendar of Events

February 2018

Feb 9	Muster Fish Fry	
Feb 13	Mardi Gras Day	
Feb 14	Ash Wednesday	
	Valentine's Day	
Feb 17	Meat & Trivia Contests	3:00 p.m.
Feb 19	Presidents Day	
Feb 21	Board Meeting	
Feb 23	Family Friday	

March 2018

Mar 6	Orientation	7:30 p.m.
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Mar 7	Board Meeting	7:00 p.m.
	Member Meeting	8:00 p.m.
Mar 9	Muster Fish Fry	
Mar 10	Meat & Trivia Contests	3:00 p.m.
Mar 14	Ash Wednesday Valentine's Day	
Mar 17	St. Patrick's Day	
Mar 19	Presidents Day	
Mar 21	Board Meeting	
Mar 23	Family Friday	
Mar 24	Firefighters Cooking for a Cure Danversport Yacht Club	

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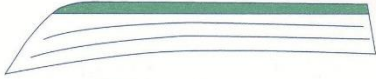
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