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GERRY 5 VFA NEWSLETTER

## March Madness

“Winds of March we welcome you. There is work for you to do. Work and play and blow all day. Blow the winter cold away.”  
~Unknown



Well the weather roller coaster called March has

begun. From snow and snizzle to rain to beautiful days threatening us with Spring, let's enjoy the ride. Though back to back nor'easters are a bit much but we're hearty folks. February proved itself to be as busy as we thought. Valentine's was a sweet day for us, literally and emotionally. I hope it was for you as well. I must admit though that ours was tempered a bit due to one of those nasty bugs going around and there is a slew of them! Count your blessings if you have not been visited by one yet. And then there's the flu. I feel so badly for those who get it. Yes, I got a flu shot and a pneumonia shot. I'm not sure I believe a flu shot ever really works but I get it for free. Sure thing, two weeks later I was very ill. At my last doctor's visit, I informed him of this and got the "you can't get the flu from the shot" lecture. Maybe not but I'm yet to be totally convinced. We've had bouts of everything but the flu since then. It hasn't been a bad winter at all except for the early bitter cold except for the illnesses. But March is finally here! It's almost Springtime! March 20<sup>th</sup> officially but while we have hope we know that the spring doesn't come easily to this part of the world.

It's time for March Madness and I'm not just talking about basketball! The weather roller coaster is meteorological madness and there's a saying "madder than a March hare" for a good reason! It's that time of year when the cabin fever takes its toll on more than just humans. Animals and plants are all starting to stretch for the sun.

And we know what Spring Fever can do to any species so look out for rabbits and other creatures that may be acting a little off.

And speaking of odd, what's this with Gronk and the WWE and a movie career?! I call it all blarney! And speaking of blarney (yes, we have our share at the Gerry), we have St. Patrick's Day to thank for giving us all an excuse to go green and get some good craic going. We may not be holding our feast but you know we'll be having some great fun and maybe even a jig or two. So, stop by and celebrate the old sod. We don't care if you're Irish or not, we just love an excuse to celebrate! Uh oh I can hear my ancestors yelling at me for saying that! No worries, everyone can be a bit Irish on St. Patrick's Day. Erin go bragh!

Basketball March Madness starts March 13<sup>th</sup>. Team selection is on March 11<sup>th</sup> and then it's on! Get your bracketology up to speed and ready to make your picks! You know we'll have plenty of round ball action on the Gerry TVs.

And for another bit of madness we Spring Forward to Daylight Savings Time on March 12<sup>th</sup>.

For regular activities that may or may not include a bit of madness 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 Spring starting with a Comedy Night in late April and something very special coming soon after that. 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.

There's also hockey, pro basketball, and baseball spring training 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!

"With rushing winds and gloomy skies, the dark and stubborn Winter dies; Far-off unseen, Spring faintly cries bidding her earliest child arise, March!" Bayard Taylor

### Have Questions About Social Security?

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## February Blood Drive Delivers

The February Blood Drive delivered 102 pints of much needed blood. Our support helps Marblehead be one of the Red Cross's biggest accounts in Essex County and the Northeast.

This drive was cosponsored by the Gerry and the Swampscott and Marblehead Rotary Clubs. All donors were treated to breakfast items courtesy of the Rotaries. They will also sponsor the food for the June and October drives.

We offer our sincere thanks to the Rotaries as well as everyone who donated, volunteered, and assisted. The next blood drive is scheduled for June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018. Save the date!

"You cannot do a kindness too soon because you never know how soon it will be too late." ~ Ralph Waldo Emerson

## Committees Finalized for 2018

At the mid-February Board of Directors Meeting, President Gauthier approved the following committee memberships.

**Blood Drive** – Arlyne Campbell, Janet Brings, Jill Foster, Carol McHugh

**Entertainment** – Kathy Tankersley Bernier, Caryn Clifford, Joan DaSilva, Lynne deGrandpre', Kerry Gauch

He also approved the following volunteers for the special **By-Law Committee**: Joan Champlin, Ray Gauthier (Chair), Carol McHugh, Steve Ruiz, Steve Shepard, Michael Smith, Kathy Tankersley Bernier.

Each Committee Chair will contact members regarding meetings and activities. Thank you to everyone who volunteered. We appreciate your dedication to the Gerry.

## 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. 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, donate your services (lobsters, car wash or detailing, etc.) 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/ziggyii@comcast.net or Joan DaSilva 978-491-7638

### Muster Fry – March 9<sup>th</sup>



**Muster Fish Fry**  
 Second Friday of Each Month  
**5:30 pm – 7:30 pm**  
**All Proceeds Sponsor  
 Fireman's Musters**

### Meat & Trivia Contest March 10<sup>th</sup>

The Meat and Trivia Contests will be held on **Saturday, March 10<sup>th</sup>, 3 - 6 p.m.** It's time for some brisket to celebrate St. Patrick's Day! 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.

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!



**MEAT & TRIVIA  
 CONTESTS**  
 TICKET  
 Must be present to win!  
**Saturday, March 10<sup>th</sup>, 3-6 pm**

Tickets = 6 for \$5.00  
**Multiple Contests (3 contests + losers drawing) Several items each drawing!**



**TRIVIA**  
 Free! Answer questions—win prizes  
 All proceeds go to the Gerry 5 Charities and Scholarships

### SPRING AHEAD – DST STARTS March 11<sup>th</sup>



DON'T FORGET TO  
**SPRING  
 FORWARD**

### Family Friday – March 30<sup>th</sup>



**5:30 – 7:30 p.m.**

## SAVE THE DATE – SPRING COMEDY NIGHT – April 28<sup>th</sup>!

Details will be posted as soon as they are finalized but expect another great night of laughs and libations.

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

### Membership Information

will be published in the April newsletter due to the cancellation of the March meeting due to weather.

**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

Henry "Hank" Pahl Jr, member, passed on February 4, 2018 at the age of 83 at his home. We offer our sincere sympathy to family and friends.

Mary Hull, mother of members *Michael Hull* and wife *Lisa*, passed on February 7, 2018 at the age of 93. A native of Roxbury, she and her late husband moved to Marblehead in the 1940s. She was an active member of Our Lady Star of the Sea, enjoyed bowling, cribbage, and loved traveling.

We send our condolences to the family and friends.

*Cal Hamson*, member, passed on February 27, 2018 at the age of 76. Born and raised in Marblehead, Cal was a US Navy veteran where he was involved in the Bay of Pigs event. He worked for many years in the financial investment industry and was a member of the Quarter Century Club.

We extend our sympathy to the family and friends.

Patrick Cerrutti, father of member *Chuck Cerrutti*, passed on February 23, 2018 at the age of 83. Family was very important to him and he cherished vacations to Florida and Maine.

We offer our condolences to the family and friends.

### 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.

### Sound Bites

*"Go get your meat but don't beat it!"*

*"I swear that it's fixed! Everyone at that table has won something!"*

*"Oh, look a trip to Foxwoods! I'm ready. Go get the piggybank!"*

*"I think all of Marblehead is bipolar." "My wife says I suffer from ODD. I thought she meant OCD. No, she says I think odd."*

*"Where did you escape from?" "I didn't escape. They threw me out!"*

*"Who ran over a skunk?" "What skunk. I never see skunks." "What? Don't they walk through your yard all the time?" "I don't think that's a skunk you smell." "Well someone needs some tomato juice!"*

*"Isn't the aquarium is flooded an oxymoron?"*

*"Why hasn't any newsperson said "In like a lion, out like a lamb yet?"*

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

### 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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## 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.

**FUNCTION HALL RENTAL** - Remember the Function Hall is available at reduced prices for members - parties, meetings, dances, celebrations, funerals, weddings, dinners...Contact Art Dodge at 781-631-5214.

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**R E S P E C T!** Just a little respect please for your fellow members while you're on the premises!



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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## Gerry 5 Member Business Sponsorships

Advertise your business or skills! We offer business sponsorships for the monthly newsletter, both electronic and print editions. This includes all event updates, the Gerry website, and G5TV. Rates are by the year as follows:

Member	Non-Member
Prime - \$100.00	Prime - \$200.00
Regular - \$50.00	Regular - \$100.00

A prime location is within the body of the newsletter. A regular sponsorship is a listing under the members' services section. Size is limited to that of a standard business card. Please fill out a sponsor form [G5 Business Sponsor Form](#) with contact

information and attach a business card or your particulars.

Classified ads are run on a monthly basis at the following rates:

Member	Non-Member
\$20.00	\$40.00

. 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!

Contact the Manager, Art Dodge, or Secretary, Kathy Tankersley Bernier with questions.

**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](mailto:gerry5vfa@yahoo.com) or [ziggyii@comcast.net](mailto: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 at: <https://www.sportswearcollection.com/Default.aspx?site=CRGHPGYDZS>

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Thank you for reading! ~Kathy Tankersley Bernier,  
 Secretary

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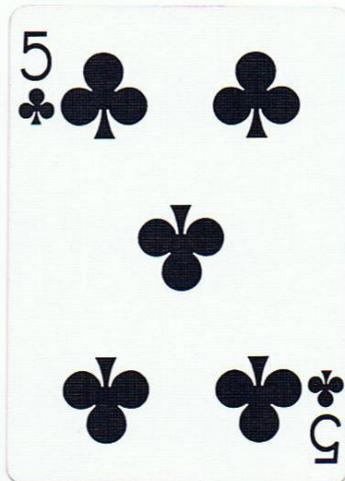
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**Don't forget to Follow the 5 of Clubs!**



## Calendar of Events

### March 2018

- Mar 9 Muster Fish Fry
- Mar 10 Meat & Trivia Contests 3:00 p.m.
- Mar 11 SPRING FORWARD – DST BEGINS
- Mar 14 Board Meeting (postponed from Mar 7<sup>th</sup>)
- Mar 17 **St. Patrick's Day**
- Mar 20 First Day of Spring
- Mar 21 Board Meeting
- Mar 24 Firefighters Cooking for a Cure  
Danversport Yacht Club
- Mar 30 Family Friday  
Good Friday

### April 2018

- Apr 1 April Fool's Day  
**EASTER – CLUB CLOSED**
- Apr 3 Orientation 7:30 p.m.
- Apr 4 Board Meeting 7:00 p.m.  
Member Meeting 8:00 p.m.
- Apr 13 Muster Fish Fry
- Apr 17 TAX DAY!!!!

Apr 18 Board Meeting

Apr 21 Meat & Trivia Contests 3:00 p.m.

Apr 27 Family Friday

Apr 28 **COMEDY NIGHT!!!**

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