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GERRY 5 VFA NEWSLETTER

April Showers?

“Here comes April and as far as I can tell the world hath more fools in it than ever.”
~Charles Lamb



March was a lion this year bringing us some of the most unpredictable

weather yet. I enjoyed meteorology in college. May I should have become a meteorologist but I'm not sure I have the temperament for it. I couldn't stand being wrong so much! That Virgo perfectionism would drive me nuts. Here we are with light snow falling supposed to turn to rain later. So maybe it really is April and Spring will soon burst forth in all its glory. One has hope as I said about March.

Mother Nature is fickle so we just take what we get and manage it. It does get a bit annoying though when we have bright sunny days but the temperature stays in the 40s with that raw wind. It's even more annoying when one watches events from down South, such as the Masters Tournament. It's a beautiful course designed around what was once a nursey that shows Springtime in the South at its best. This is the South I remember. Azaleas showing off their vibrant colors, dogwoods blooming even in the woods, tulips, lilies, redbud trees and so much more. I remember my parents yard was always filled with hydrangeas and azaleas and there is something magical about the LSU campus in Baton Rouge where one walks through paths of oaks, magnolias, and azaleas. Every once in a while, a wild honeysuckle or some jasmine attracts you with their alluring scents.

So that's my walk down memory lane for Spring as I look at the pile of muddy sod, disheveled by some overzealous snow removal that now makes

up our little strip of lawn. The roots of one of our trees was even laid bare by a bobcat. I will complain of course though it does little good. The 80+ bulbs I planted last fall are buried somewhere under the muck and we lost an entire rhododendron to plowing. Now this is another job that I sometimes wonder what skill it takes to do but we really appreciate having snow removal performed for us as part of our HOA fee. We both have years of shoveling behind us. But I do see a ray of hope. There amid the muck is a single purple flower pushing its way toward the sun and three (out of 80) lilies sending their green shoots upward. So maybe it won't be as bad as it looks. You can see the garden centers gearing up for that mad rush of spring planting. Even I have two rare blue hostas just waiting for a bit more warmth to go in the ground.

March Madness reached its crescendo and once again I didn't win. The Masters are the first week of April and the MLB season is underway. The wheel keeps turning regardless of what nitpicky issues we may have.

As we look at our calendars and to the skies wishing for those beautiful Spring days, we should remember that we have no control. Spring will come and it may be short because Summer is right behind it. In the meantime, there's plenty for us to do. We all have our personal agendas but here at the Gerry we always have a seat waiting should you feel the need to get out hibernation!

Our regular activities are on tap for April starting with the Muster Fry, the last Meat and Trivia Contest before we go on hiatus for the summer, and Family Friday. See information on these later in the newsletter. We have a special member event scheduled April 28th - Spring Comedy Night which is sure to add some jolliness to your life (see details later in this newsletter). The horse racing Triple Crown starts in May - always a fun time. We're also working on a couple of special events in June (including one that is

extra special). If you have ideas for activities no matter how large or small, please contact us!

Stay tuned for details. Remember to check your weekly event updates or the web site for changes or new events. Don't forget there's also hockey, pro basketball, and baseball plus our in-house activities – pool, golf, cribbage, Follow the 5 of Clubs, and the Lottery.

"April hath a spirit of youth in everything"
William Shakespeare

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New Web Site Debuts!

A new Gerry5.com web site made its debut late evening March 31, 2016. The new site takes advantage of state of the art software and functionality. Everything from the old version of the site that was still pertinent has been carried over. Navigation should be easier and the information easier to read and more pleasing to the eye. This is a beta or "soft" debut. We are open to suggestions. If you have pictures to share, especially of members or Function Hall events, please share them. Please give us your feedback. Use the "Contact Us" form at www.gerry5.com. Thank you!

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Muster Fry – April 13th



Muster Fish Fry

Second Friday of Each Month

5:30 pm – 7:30 pm

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Meat & Trivia Contest April 21st

The Meat and Trivia Contests will be held on **Saturday, April 21st, 3 - 6 p.m.** This is our final contest until September. We take a hiatus as the weather gets warmer and people enjoy vacations and outdoor activities. We'll be back in September!

MEAT & TRIVIA CONTESTS

TICKET
Must be present to win!

Saturday, April 21st, 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

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!

Family Friday – April 27th



5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

SPRING COMEDY NIGHT –

Saturday, April 28th!

The Gerry No. 5 Veteran Fireman's Association Proudly Presents

SPRING COMEDY NIGHT

Saturday, April 28th

Emcee: Mike Prior
Carolyn Plummer
Graig Murphy
Headliner: Mike Donovan

Join us for Lots of Laughter!
\$30 per person—Comedy & Dinner
Doors open at 6 p.m. Dinner served 6:30-7:30 p.m.
8:00 p.m. Showtime!
Deadline for advance tickets is Monday, April 23rd
Comedy Only Tickets will be on sale up until 7:30 p.m.
day of show on a space available basis

Cash Bar 21+ Event
Tables may be reserved if purchase 8 tickets
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Spring has sprung so it's time to get out and laugh! We've got the ticket for that. On **Saturday, April 28th**, the Gerry proudly presents a night of comedy for your chuckling pleasure. Four hilarious comedians will entertain you after a great

meal or surf and turf. Its time get your giggle on!

Emcee [Mike Prior](#) will keep the laughter flowing as we are entertained by Carolyn Plummer, Graig Murphy, and headliner Mike Donovan.

[Carolyn Plummer](#) describes herself as a comedian, wise ass, and writer.” Carolyn puts a nail through the hearts of whiners, self loathers and the self sorry of the world and makes the average seem hilarious and larger than life. Most of all, Carolyn's twisted perception of our common existence leaves audiences hysterically shaking heads in agreement that the world is indeed a very funny place.”

[Graig Murphy](#) is somewhat of a newcomer to the comedy scene, Graig is wowing audiences with his impressions of local sports owners and players and can keep the laughs coming with his talented wit. Come and see one of Boston's up and coming comedy stars.

[Mike Donovan](#) is a well-known comedian throughout the country and especially in the Boston/New England area. He has been featured on the NESN Comedy All-Stars TV Show, appeared on The Best Damn Sports Show period on Fox TV, worked as a reporter for Sports Illustrated, is a writer published in the Boston Globe, the Boston Herald and the Patriot Ledger, featured on the Showtime special “When Comedy Stood Up” and is a regular at the Comedy Stop in Las Vegas and Atlantic City.

Tickets are **\$30 per person** for comedy and dinner. The doors open at 6:00 p.m. with dinner served from 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. Dinner consists of meatloaf, corn, and a baked potato bar with all the fixings.

The **deadline for comedy and dinner ticket sales is Monday, April 23rd**. Tickets will be sold up until 7:30 p.m. the day of on a space available basis for comedy only. Tables may be reserved by purchasing

eight tickets. If you intend to reserve a table, please indicate so when purchasing your tickets. A "reserved" sign will be held for your table.

This event is open to the public and usually sells out quickly! Get your tickets now!

PLAY IN THE GERRY 5 GOLF LEAGUE !

PLAY GOLF EVERY TUESDAY AFTERNOON FROM MAY THROUGH SEPT!

WE ARE LOOKING FOR:

NEW TEAM MEMBERS - MUST BE AVAILABLE TO PLAY 10+ WEEKS OF THE SEASON

ALTERNATE (FILL-IN) PLAYERS - 'ON-CALL' WHEN TEAM MEMBERS CAN'T PLAY.

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

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

Membership Information

The following applicants were voted membership at the March 4th meeting: Judd Bergeron, Willis Iannarelli, Steve Kapsalis, Pamela Mentuck, and Timothy Shotmeyer all of Marblehead.

The following applicants were read and will be posted for voting in April given that all orientation and sponsorship obligations are met: Susie Nichols and William Shevory, both of Marblehead.

Dave Bernier and Kenny Harvey were held over until the April meeting.

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.

Please note the members read and posted for April voting does not include members previously read and still being processed. Questions should be directed to GerryMembership@gmail.com.

Passages

John Blaney, Life Member, significant other of member *Karen Rogers*, and cousin of member *Ken MacAskill* passed on March 28, 2018 at the age of 72. A native of Marblehead, he attended school in Marblehead, Tilton School in New Hampshire, and college.

John worked as an estimator but was also a talented blacksmith, acted as manager of the Marblehead VFW, and actively supported the Gerry 5 as bartender, foreman, and chef. He was also a 33rd Degree Mason in the Scottish Rite. He was an amazing friend to all he met and dedicated to this family.

We extend our sincerest sympathy to Karen, his friends and family. He shall be dearly missed.

Thank You

The Gerry sincerely thanks member *Michael*

Rockett for donation of the high-top stools for the Clubroom. His generosity is greatly appreciated. These replaced some of the older stools that could no longer be repaired to safely use.

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

"Look out for the bunny rabbits! They're everywhere." "Sshh, I'm hunting wabbits!"

"Easter Sunday looks more like Stormy Monday to me." "An Allman Brothers kind of day for cooking that ham."

"I can't find it." "Did you look?" "Where?" "Where I said I left it." "No...oh...here it is right where you told me." Doh

"John we will have one heck of a Memorial Day this year remembering you."

"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.



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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.

Gerry 5 Member Business Sponsorships and Classified Ads

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 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](#)

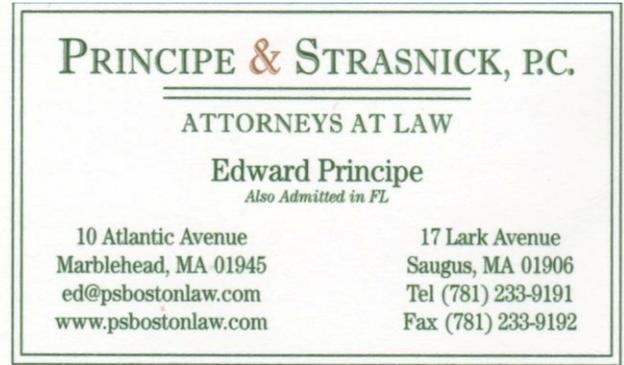


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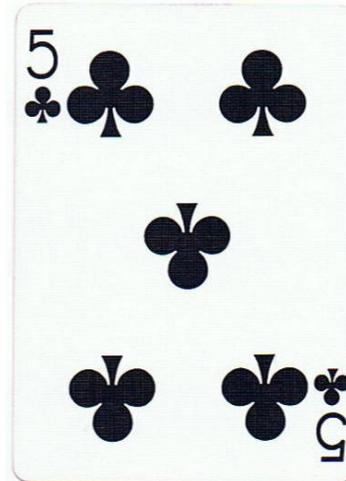
Don't forget - these make great gifts any time of year. See the bartender, manager, or Secretary.

The Gerry 5 VFA newsletter is published monthly in both hardcopy and electronic formats. Deadline for submission of information is Thursday following the member meeting.



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Thank you for reading! ~Kathy Tankersley Bernier, Secretary

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Calendar of Events

April 2018

Apr 1	April Fool's Day EASTER – WE ARE OPEN!! Dinner served 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.
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 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
Apr 16	Patriots Day – Boston Marathon, Red Sox, Revolutionary War Reenactments
Apr 17	TAX DAY!!!!
Apr 18	Board Meeting 7:00 p.m.
Apr 21	Meat & Trivia Contests 3:00 p.m.
Apr 27	Family Friday 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
Apr 28	COMEDY NIGHT!!! Doors open 6:00 p.m. Dinner Served 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. Show Time 8:00 p.m.

May 2018

May 1	Orientation 7:30 p.m.
May 2	Board Meeting 7:00 p.m. Member Meeting 8:00 p.m.
May 12	Marblehead Garden Club Plant Sale 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
May 16	Board Meeting 7:00 p.m.
May 28	Memorial Day!!! We are CLOSED

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