



Gerry No. 5 VFA

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GERRY 5 VFA NEWSLETTER

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Membership Renewal Time is Here!

The 2024 Membership Renewal forms are being mailed this month. Renewals and dues payments have a deadline of **February 7, 2024**. We strongly encourage members to renew as they are able (sooner rather than later preferred) but prior to the deadline. Membership renewals are **officially due in January 2024 with February 7th as the final deadline**.



Members who desire to Resign may do so using the Membership Renewal form. Resignation provides members with the ability to rejoin when they are ready to do so by paying the going rate for membership dues. Resigned members remain in good standing.

Non-payment of dues will result in your membership status becoming “read out”. This means you are no longer a member in good standing and have lost your membership privileges. To rejoin as a “reapplicant”, you must go through the membership process like a new member including having sponsors, paying the going rate for dues and our administrative fee, and being voted on by the membership. All “Read Out” members will be notified of their status following the closure of the membership renewal period (February 7, 2024).

Thank you in advance to the members who make extra donations when paying their dues. We deeply appreciate your dues payments and any additional donations, no matter how large or small.

2024 Election Ballot

New Business at the November 6th member meeting included nominations of Officers and two Director positions. The results of the nominations of Offices of President, Vice President, and Directors are shown in the sample ballot below. Should you wish to vote for a “write-in” candidate, ensure that person has a letter on file stating they will accept the position if voted in.



Each member will be mailed a ballot along with their 2023 Membership Renewal and Dues Payment. **If voting by mail, do NOT return the ballot with your dues payment. It must be mailed separately.**

Absentee and Mail-in ballots must be mailed in time to be received by the Gerry No. 5 NO LATER THAN 7 P.M. on December 6, 2023.

Voting in person? **The Election starts at Noon on December 6th and closes promptly at 7:00 p.m.** The winners will be announced at the December monthly member meeting that evening. Please bring the ballot received in the mail with you to vote! Questions? Contact the Secretary via email or phone.

Gerry 5 V.F.A. Inc. Election Ballot 2024 OFFICERS	
PRESIDENT (VOTE FOR ONE)	
Mark Lausier	

(write-in)	
VICE PRESIDENT (VOTE FOR ONE)	
Carol McHugh	

(write-in)	
SECRETARY (VOTE FOR ONE)	
Kathy Tankersley Bernier*	

(write-in)	

Michael Hull	

(write-in)	

(write-in)	

(write-in)	

(write-in)	

DIRECTOR (THREE positions, TWO-year term) Vote for no more than <u>THREE</u>	
Jim Caswell	
Joan Champlin	
Terry Raustad	
Walter Homan	

October Blood Drive Gives

The October blood drive was a great success with 93 pints collected. Each pint helps up to 3 people giving us a possible 279 people who will benefit. We had 91 presenting donors, 16 of which were double reds and 6 deferrals. The American Red Cross, represented by our own Janet Brings, as the Marblehead Blood Drive Coordinator, thanks everyone stating "without your help, we couldn't do this; it does take a village." Donors loved the food as well. We look forward to the 2024 dates. The February, June, and October dates will be published as soon as they are finalized.

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

The following applicants were read and posted for voting at the Dec 6th meeting: Kathryn Carey, Michael Harsip, Johnny Ray, Riccard Tracchia of Marblehead, Laurie Rodolico of Beverly, Nicole Milano of Salem, Beth Yazbak of Delray Beach, FL, and Leo Tracy of Whitefish, MT.

The current membership stands at 783.

ACOUSTIC MONDAYS – November 6th & 13th, 5 – 7 p.m.

Featuring *The Old Men of Marblehead*. Free to attend! Destress after the Monday blues with OMOM!

The Old Men of Marblehead



stay off our lawns...

From starting out playing on the docks of Marblehead (no...really) to being one of New England's favorites ole time music and fun bands. The infectious sound

of *The Old Men of Marblehead* brings spirit, joy, passion, and most of all, fun to all with their performances.

Whether you join us to sing, eat, play, sing along, clap, stomp your feet, hoot and holler, dance, or just listen, you'll enjoy American Roots, Country, Rock, Folk, you name it...and some good ole fashion fun!

9th ANNUAL CRAFT FAIR - November 18th – Check Out our Preview Site

8th annual
Craft FAIR

JOIN US...
Holiday and other shopping!
Find something for everyone!
Gifts & stocking stuffers
Local Crafters & Vendors
Jewelry, scarves, clothing, pottery, doll clothes, needlework, ornaments, accessories, centerpieces, and much more!
RAFFLES!

Saturday, November 19th
9:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.
Gerry 5 VFA Function Hall
210 Beacon Street
Marblehead
781-631-5214

FREE-TO-ATTEND
Coffee, pastries for sale
Plenty of parking!
All proceeds benefit Gerry 5 VFA Charities & Scholarships

The 9th Annual Craft Fair will be held on Saturday, November 18th, in the Function Hall, 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. We have new vendors as well as some returning favorites. Lots of variety – clothing, home décor, jewelry, artwork, Holiday ornaments, tumblers and much more. We will also hold our usual raffles. Ready to shop? Check out our Preview Page on the web site for a glimpse of what our vendors are offering @ gerry5.com/craft_fair_preview. Spread the word!

List of Participating Vendors:

The Recycled Lobster – hats, mittens, handwarmers from recycled sweaters

Solo Sea Glass – sea glass and gemstone jewelry and ornaments

Margot Hunson – painted starfish, sand dollars, crocheted hats, homemade chocolates

Thistle Down Studio/Marblehead Gourds – Marblehead gourds, handshell decorated gourds, herbal tea and dip blends

Seaside Blue Creations – decoupage and painted locally collected shells, trees, and handmade soap

Elizabeth Bradley Arts – grulee prints, frames, mugs, stickers, keychains

Sip and Sea Boutique – decoupage clam shell jewelry, trays, and decoupage oyster shell ornaments

Debbie’s Designs – Swarovski crystals, sun catchers, earrings, bracelets

Forest River Knots – handknitted arts and gifts, custom designs, small gifts, plant hangers

Glass by Merkel – stained glass items, suncatchers, mosaic tiles, Christmas ornaments

LER Pottery – pottery, totem poles and other handcrafted items

North Shore Glass School/Anya Glassworks – glass jewelry, bowls, plates, clocks, glass housewares

Aquidneck Island Inspirations – decoupage shells, ornaments, sea glass, napkin holders, jewelry holders, decorative sea glass

Georgia’s Dreams – handmade crochet creations for home décor and seasonal, crochet jewelry

Altogether Different Knits – classic handknit and personalized Christmas stockings, high quality knit hats

Button Up – fun pinback buttons, clips

Tangled Rope - Versatile coiled bowls, placemats, catchalls, trivets etc. are individually crafted using cotton rope with a polyester core and a zig-zag stitch. Embroidery designs can be personalized to reflect business logos, personal taste, home, or office décor. Each bowl is finished with a leather tag bearing the ***Tangled Rope*** maker’s mark

Hubba Hubba Foods – handmade spice blends including rubs, salad dressing mix, dipping sauce, olive oil and balsamic sets

4U Designs – handcrafted sport-themed greeting and note cards, novelty golf towels, hand-drawn and colored holiday gift bags, custom orders available

Mima’s Crafts – painted shells, cricket signs, photographs

Wednesday’s in Marblehead – photographs, notecards

Tina Bagnera – Christma wreaths and decorations

CLOZ – recycled, sustainable clothing, wide variety of women’s clothing and accessories

POOL Tournament – Sunday, November 12th, 1:30 p.m. – Show up and pay to play.

The Gerry 5 Presents the Thanksgiving Feast!

**THANKSGIVING FEAST!
THURSDAY, NOV 23RD
2:00 - 5:00 P.M.**



**Happy
Thanksgiving**

Bountiful Traditional Thanksgiving Dinner

\$25 per adult (age 13 and up), \$12 per kid (3-11)

Make Reservations ASAP - deadline Nov 22!

Roast Turkey, Spiral Ham, Mashed Potatoes, Candied Carrots, String Beans,
Homemade Gravy, Cranberry Stuffing, Sausage Gravy, Oven Fresh Biscuits,
Cranberry Sauce, Dessert

SAVE THE DATE! Prices and Menu are TBD

These are an estimate only.

Information will be updated and announced very soon.

MARBLEHEAD COUNSELING CENTER AND MARBLEHEAD FOOD PANTRY BENEFIT
SPONSORED BY THE GERRY 5 VFA
Saturday, November 25th, 7:00 p.m.

Please help the Gerry, along with other community supporters, raise awareness and much needed funds to support the Marblehead Counseling Center and the Food Pantry. Both provide vital services to our community. Besides showing your support, you'll enjoy an entertaining evening starting with music by the Guy Ford Band. Cash bar, food for sale, silent auction, and raffles will also be available. Please bring a food donation (any nonperishable food item not expired is acceptable). **GET YOUR TICKETS NOW! Available now at the Gerry 5, the MCC, or on-line at Eventbrite!**

A Night at the Gerry 5 VFA

All proceeds go to supporting
Marblehead Counseling Center

TICKETS: \$25/PER PERSON



11.25.23

AT 7:00 P.M.

GERRY 5 VFA

210 BEACON ST,
MARBLEHEAD, MA 01945

The Guy Ford Band - Cash Bar - Raffles

We ask that you please bring non-perishable food
for donation to the Marblehead food pantry

*Tickets will be available onsite at MCC and at the Gerry 5
To buy tickets online visit: <https://tinyurl.com/4s9amfeh>
OR contact Arthur Dodge at the Gerry 5 at 978-998-0441
Tickets will also be sold at the door on event night*

IMPORTANT DATE REMINDERS!

Sunday, November 5th, 2:00 a.m. – Daylight Savings Ends

Sunday, November 5th, Stadium Bar & Grill
Patriots vs. Washington (1:00 p.m.)

Saturday, November 11^h, **Veterans Day**

Sunday, November 12th, Stadium Bar & Grill
Patriots vs. Indianapolis (**9:30 a.m.**) Open at 9:00 a.m.
Pool Tournament, 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, November 15th, Board of Directors Meeting, 6:00 p.m.

Saturday, November 18th, 9th Annual Craft Fair, 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Sunday, November 19th, Stadium Bar and Grill
Patriots Bye Week

Thursday, November 23rd, **Thanksgiving** – OPEN at 9:45 a.m.
Marblehead vs. Swampscott game on TV
Thanksgiving Dinner served 2:00 – 5:00 p.m.

**Saturday, November 26th, Benefit for Marblehead Counseling Center/Food
Pantry,
Featuring the Guy Ford Band
7:00 p.m.**

Sunday, November 26th, Stadium Bar & Grill
Patriots @ Giants (1:00 p.m.)

Sunday, December 3rd, Stadium Bar & Grill
Patriots vs. Buffalo (1:00 p.m.)

Wednesday, December 6th, GERRY 5 ELECTION DAY
VOTE Noon – 7:00 p.m.

Board of Directors Meeting, 6:00 p.m.
Member Meeting – Election Results, 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, December 7th, Patriots @ Steelers (8:15 p.m.)

Sunday, December 10th, Kids Christmas Party, 2:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Monday, December 18th, Patriots vs. Kansas City (8:15 p.m.)

Sunday, December 24th, Christmas Eve Open House, 2 – 5 p.m.

Club Closes @ 5 p.m.

Patriots @ Denver (8:15 p.m.)

Monday, December 25th, MERRY CHRISTMAS – Closed

Sunday, December 31st, Stadium Bar & Grill

Patriots @ Buffalo (1:00 p.m.)

Sunday, December 31st, Kid's New Year's Eve Party, 5:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Passages

William Healey, brother of members Joan Champlin and Jake Healey and uncle to Daniel Healey, passed on October 19, 2023, at the age of 83.

A true Header, born in Mary Alley Hospital and never lived outside the town limits except during his service with the US Navy. He served as a mail carrier for 37 years (a federal communications technician", was an avid boater, and instrumental in securing the 1997 visit of Old Ironsides (USS Constitution) to Marblehead Harbor and in securing a special pictorial cancellation from the post office celebrating the 100th anniversary of the Marblehead Light Tower in 1996. A committed Pats and Red Sox fan, he was thrilled to go game 2 of the World Series in 2004 and to see the Red Sox finally win a series, their first since Moby Dick was a sardine.

He was one of a kind and will be sorely missed.

Our heartfelt condolences to family and friends.

Patricia Dunn, Mother/Mother-in-law of members Julie and Tom Cashman, **grandmother** of members Brian and **Matthew** Cashman passed on October 10, 2023, at the age of 94.

Our condolences to family and friends.

Remember there are always things to do at the Gerry. Whether you want to socialize or just relax, we're here for you. Don't forget to check out the games in the Clubroom and the Function Hall (when not in use).

Gerry Gear Available!

Existing inventory has been updated. See <https://gerry5.com/announcements-opportunity> (bottom of page) for details or flyers at the Gerry. Order forms for items not in stock will be available soon. See something you'd like, contact the Secretary or Manager. Stay tuned.

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committed to ensuring member information is secure and will never be shared for non-business purposes and will never be sold.

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Comments? Questions? Complaints? Please address these to the manager or the Board in writing, via email, or in person.

Thank you for reading!