



SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER



Scholarship Reception Honors Recipients

On August 6th, 2023, the Gerry No. 5 Veteran Fireman's Association held its annual Scholarship Reception. Each year the Gerry No. 5 awards several scholarships to seniors. These scholarships are all in memory of Gerry members and funded through various fundraising efforts. If there was ever any doubt that any of the recipients were deserving of these awards, the applications documenting their efforts to succeed (grades, extracurricular activities, community service, and work experience) will make your head spin. Each year the Gerry Scholarship Committee has the daunting task of reviewing the numerous applications and narrowing it down to these lucky but hardworking students. The Gerry No. 5 Scholarship Committee is composed of Joan Champlin, Tom Voyer, Norm Sherwood, and Peter Cuffe.

Here is the list of recipients for 2023. Carter Laramie – John Banks Scholarship, William Finnegan - Frank M Camarda Vocational Memorial Scholarship, Connor Cronin – Frank M Camarda Athletic Memorial Scholarship, Caroline Brennan – Lorraine E Camarda Family Trust Scholarship, Christopher Locke – Ronald Champlin Memorial Scholarship, Ciara Espailat – Edgar Snow Doliber Memorial Scholarship, Samuel Annese – Thomas Hartnett Scholarship, Lucas Homan Joseph Homan Scholarship, Ciara Graves – John S. "Jack" Humphrey Scholarship Fund, Katherine Bickell – Jody E. LaLonde Memorial Scholarship, Nicholas Granata – Thomas Roche Scholarship, Isabelle Harvey – Robert D. Ross Memorial Scholarship, Olivia Hoover – Richard Tutt Scholarship, Alba Mehu-Tormo – Howard "Wardie" Williams Memorial Scholarship, and Ian Maude – John Stuart "Stu" Curtis Memorial Scholarship.

These students are not just from Marblehead or surrounding communities but also from other states. Ciara Graves is from Virginia. Her father and grandfather are both long-time members of the Gerry No. 5. It was wonderful seeing her 96-year-old

grandfather, Emerson Graves, receiving her scholarship for her. The recipients also represent an inclusive cross-section of interests, backgrounds, experiences, and dreams for the future. This year many expressed interest in STEM studies and helping others. Sports medicine and the dream of owning a business in their beloved Marblehead were also prevalent.

Congratulations to all! We wish them all exciting and successful college years and their future endeavors.



Recipients (l-r) Connor Cronin, Will Finnegan, Lucas Homan, Nicholas Granata, Carter Laramie, Christopher Locke, Ian Maude, Ciara Espailat, Katherine Bickell, Isabelle Harvey, Alba Mehu-Tormo (inset) Not shown: Caroline Brennan, Ciara Graves, Olivia Hoover, Samuel Annese

This article was also published in the

August 28th edition of the Marblehead Current.

Membership Update

The following applicants were voted membership at the September 6th member meeting: Ryan Megenedy, Michael Quillen, and Polly Tritschler all of Marblehead

The following applicants were read and posted for voting at the October 4th member meeting: Wayne Attridge, Adam Baron, Kyle Edwards, John Monaco III, and Matthew O'Neil all of Marblehead.

Our current membership with the new members is 782.

Change in Opening and Kitchen Service Hours

Seasons change and so do our hours. With school back in session and the NFL starting its regular season, there have been some minor changes to our opening hours and to the K/C2 food service hours.

Gerry 5 is now open Noon – 10:00 p.m. on Sundays. K/C2 food service is back on Sundays, Noon – 9:00 p.m.

**Gerry No. 5 Veteran Firemans Association
& Silly Theatre Productions present
Accidentally on Purpose Improv Comedy Troupe**



Saturday, September 30th

7:30 p.m. Doors open @ 7:00 p.m.

210 Beacon Street, Marblehead

Tickets are \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door
available @ the Gerry 5 VFA or on-line at [EventBrite](#)

21+ R-Rated Cash Bar

Enjoy New England's hottest improv comedy troupe —
interactive, madcap audience involvement.



Video Preview



Accidentally on Purpose Improv Comedy Troupe

Silly Theatre Productions & The Gerry 5 VFA of Marblehead team up to bring Accidentally on Purpose Improv Comedy Troupe to the popular social club @ 210 Beacon Street in Marblehead. Saturday evening September 30th @7:30 Doors open @ 7pm. Cash Bar & dinner is available next door that evening. Tickets are \$20 in

advance & \$25 @ the door. Get tickets @ the Gerry or online via [Eventbrite](#) or using the purchase button at [Gerry5.com/activities](#).

"I'm pumped to be back in my old hood," says Troupe co-founder, Producer & Improv Comedian Bruce Whear. "Having grown up down the street & as a longtime stock boy @ The Community Store right next door I look forward to seeing everyone again."

Spontaneous, entertaining, and fun! Accidentally on Purpose (AOP) is one of the hottest improv comedy troupes in New England. Founders performed professionally in Boston with scripted improv shows such as Awesome 80's Prom & Claddagh Bing Irish / Italian Wedding show. This seasoned hilarious troupe's comedy style is similar to the popular TV show "Whose Line is It Anyway?".

The evening requires interactive madcap involvement of the audience with scene suggestions and volunteer opportunities. The AOP Improv troupe has a varied and eclectic cast of professionals whose day jobs include Doctor, Author, Teacher, Tradesmen, Salesperson and Corporate Executives that have been laughing together for over a dozen years. These exciting day jobs serve to add a unique flavor to the comedy weaving throughout the night. Whear sort of a cross between Saturday Night Live & The Carol Burnett show. We have a lot of fun. Get Ready to Laugh!

Community Support Activities

Occasionally we will highlight some of the community support the Gerry performs. This issue we focus on two worthy causes the Board of Directors voted to support with donations from the Angel Fund. The first is in support of a local Life Scout to help with his Eagle Scout Project. His project is to improve the Outdoor Classroom area at MHS by doing conservation work, building new raised beds, and installing a greenhouse. The second is a donation to Wreaths Across America. This charity is run by the National WWI Museum and its purpose is to remember and honor our veterans by laying remembrance wreaths on the graves of our country's fallen heroes each December. The Gerry No. 5 goal is to ensure every fallen hero receives a wreath.

The Gerry 5 VFA is the Marblehead Way

Marblehead Weekly News published the title article in a recent edition. In case you missed it, you may find it in the archives of the paper and it's available on our web site at <https://gerry5.com/library>. It is the very first entry under Member Documents.

October Blood Drive Thursday, October 12th



The October blood drive will be held on Thursday, October 12th, in the Function Hall, 9:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. This drive is in memory of Michael Butler.

As of this writing, appointments are still available. The Red Cross is not taking walk-ins and all appointments must be made on-line.

You may make an appointment now by following this link: [GIVE IN MEMORY OF MIKE](#). You may also go to www.redcross.org/give and look for the event titled Gerry #5 Social Hall. Give Blood Give Life

9th Annual Craft Fair, Saturday, November 18th – LOOKING FOR VENDORS! PLEASE SHARE WITH FRIENDS & FAMILY!

Our popular Craft Fair is returning for its ninth occurrence on Saturday, November 18th, 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. We look forward to this year's event and are now accepting applications for vendors who are members or have participated in the past. Forms are being emailed to all previous participants and are available on the Gerry5.com website on the library page for new vendors (<http://www.gerry5.com/library>).

9th annual
Craft
FAIR

JOIN US...
Holiday and other shopping! Find something for everyone! Gifts & stocking stuffers

Saturday, November 18th
9:00 a.m. — 2:00 p.m.
Gerry 5 VFA Function Hall
210 Beacon Street
Marblehead 781-631-5214
www.Gerry5.com

Local Crafters & Vendors
FREE-TO-ATTEND
SAVE THE DATE!
Want to sell? First come, first serve! Contact Kathy @ gerry5vfa@yahoo.com or ziggyii@comcast.net

The table prices are \$45.00 each for returning vendors and members, \$50.00 each for new vendors. If you are bringing your own table(s), spaces are \$45.00 regardless if you are a new, returning, or member vendor. We have dropped the upcharge for a table with wall space but should you want a certain location please indicate this on the application. Special requests will be dealt with on a first-come, first-serve basis.

We will do our very best to accommodate you. The deadline for members and returning vendors to register is September 30th. Any remaining tables will be sold at the \$50 rate. First come, first served.

Just interested in shopping? Mark your calendar! We plan to have breakfast and lunch items for sale during the event. We will have raffles and be accepting donations for the Angel Fund. Come browse, shop, BUY! Just In time for the Fall/Winter holidays. Don't miss it!

PASSAGES

Mark Russo, former member, father of member **Jarrett Russo** passed on August 28, 2023, at the age of 64.

Our sympathy to family and friends.

Joanna "Jody" Martin, former member and the love of **Leonard Cameron's** life, member passed on August 2023. Our condolences to family and friends.

John Muise, Sr, father of member **Joan daSilva** and her fiancé' **Steve Shepard, life member**, passed on August 21, 2023 at the age of 91.

Born in Wakefield he moved to Gloucester as a young child. A US Army veteran who served in the Korean War, he exemplified the spirit of a soldier. He was known for his great sense of humor and loved to make people laugh. He had a big heart and cherished his family. Our sympathy to family and friends.

Donald Fraser, member, passed on August 20, 2023, at the age of 71. He loved nature and the outdoors, scaling mountain peaks all over the US and beyond. He walked the Appalachian Trail many times. Spending summers of his youth in Marblehead drew him to raise his family there. He attended Boston College, Antioch College graduate program, and the National Outdoor Leadership School. As an environmental manager, he supervised the Blue Hill Reservation and later the Boston Harbor Islands. In retirement he worked for the Marblehead Council on Aging. Our sympathy to family and friends

Joanne Laing, mother of members **Dennis, Douglas, Dana**, grandmother of member **Denna Laing** passed on August 12, 2023, at the age of 91. Raised in Milton she and the love of her life made their home in Marblehead raising six children and wonderful memories.

She loved crafting original works that adorn the homes of friends and family. She was really something magical - as she embodied her beloved Disney.

Our condolences to family and friends.

Bruce Scot "Coop" Cooper, husband of member **Whitney Cooper**, son-in-law of member **Betty Boles passed** on August 5, 2023, at the age of 63 after a long fight with cancer. His lifelong home was Swampscott. He was a passionate Bruins fan. He was a man of letters with an encyclopedic knowledge of music and Literature. He had a special love for his sons - his proudest achievement.

He was a graduate of UMass Amherst where he played rugby and was President of Kappa Sigma. For many years he produced news for WBZ-AM and was a prodigious writer for various North Shore news and sports publications.

Our deepest sympathy to family and friends.

George Osgood III, son of member, **George Osgood, passed** on March 22, 2023, at the age of 54. Born in Virginia, he graduated from Marblehead High and Northwestern University (Civil Engineering cum laude).

He had an illustrious career with Peter Kiewit and Sons working on such notable projects as the Queensboro Bridge in NY, the Third Harbor Tunnel in Boston, the New L in Chicago. He was area manager responsible for on-shore modules and renewable energy markets, client relations and project execution in the Texas office.

Despite his initial bout of cancer leaving him an amputee, his need for speed and zest for life continued including a trek of Mt. Kilimanjaro and a member of the San Antonio Ferrari Club.

Our deepest sympathy to family and friends.

**Stadium Bar and Grill Returns Sunday, September 10th K/C2 kitchen service hours
are noon – 9:00 p.m.**

Are you ready for some football?!



JOIN US FOR K/C² AT THE GERRY KITCHEN!

September 8-10, 2023

Kitchen Hours :

Fridays: 4-9 Saturdays: 4-9* Sundays: Noon—9

Open to the Public! *

Gerry Features

BLT served with fries - \$12

Chicken Cutlet Sub (red sauce and mozzarella) - served with fries - \$15

Shrimp Po'boy (LTO and smash sauce) served with fries - \$16

Seared Scallops on balsamic dressed greens - \$18

House made jalapeño poppers (8) -served with ranch- \$12

Chicken broccoli alfredo flatbread- \$14

Crab rangoons- served with soy ginger sauce- \$11

***PLEASE NOTE:** Our Function Hall is family friendly. If the Function Hall is being used for a private function, food service will take place in the Clubroom only.. Children are **not** allowed in the Clubroom. **ONLY** members and their guests are allowed in the Clubroom. For instance, **the Function Hall will not be available for food service this Saturday due to a private event. Please plan accordingly.**

NEW [Full Menu Also Available](#) - or go to the [Gerry5.com/library](#) under Business Documents

Join us in the Clubroom if a member or guest or in the Function Hall (open to members, guests, and public if no event scheduled) for great food, fun, and two large screen TVs for your viewing pleasure!

[K/C2 Regular Full Menu.](#)

(under [Gerry 5.com Business Documents](#) - K/C2 Menu)

IMPORTANT DATES

Sunday, September 10th, Philadelphia @ Patriots, 4:25 p.m. (Tom Brady Day!)

Monday, September 11th, Patriot Day

Sunday, September 17th, Miami @ Patriots, 8:20 p.m.

Rosh Hashannah.

Wednesday, September 20th, Board of Directors Meeting, 6:00 p.m.

Saturday, September 23rd, Fall Begins

Sunday, September 24th, Patriots @ NY Jets, 1:00 p.m.

Yom Kippur

Sunday, October 1st, Patriots @ Dallas, 4:25 p.m.

Wednesday, October 4th, Board of Directors Meeting, 6:00 p.m.

Member Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, October 12th, Blood Drive, 9:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

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 Inventory Sale



The items listed on the web site and on the flyers at the Club are available for immediate purchase! The prices will never be lower as we revamp our merchandising process. All items must go!

See an item you wish to purchase? Fill out a purchase form and give it to the manager. Payment must be received in full with your order. Once received, the Secretary will notify you when ready for pick-up.

Want something but it isn't available on our list? Hold that thought! We will be publishing our revised merchandise sales policy very soon. We will offer most of the same items but

are making changes to the purchase process. An order form will be required with payment up front. Details are coming!

Comments? Questions? Complaints? Please address these to the manager or the Board in writing, via email, or in person. Have an issue while at the Gerry, please report it to the bartender and/or manager.

All issues are reported to the Board.

Thank you for reading!