Another Year, A Time of Reflection

“January is a time of quiet and new beginnings – is the perfect time to reflect upon how you want to live your life.” ~ Unknown
Happy New Year!

At least we hope it will be a good one. We enter 2019 after a rather rushed and odd Holiday season. We hope you enjoyed yours. We feel as though time flew without giving us a chance to really relax and enjoy the beautiful moments. My favorite time of the year seems to have almost slipped by me. Maybe it is just the way of the world today. Technology is wonderful and definitely was one reason I had such a great work career, but what do we do with all this information? Blame me a bit for the TMI out there. Being a veteran IT person, I have to take a bit of blame in making all the data available. The real question is: what is real and what is fake? The era of fake news continues. Be careful listening to all the noise and chatter out there. It’s so easy to make up stuff and have it go viral. Research is required for almost every bit of information gathered from social media. It drives me a bit nuts. I have quit listening to news except a bit of the nightly national news. I don’t read articles on the internal unless they are from a usually reputable source. Facebook fake news is outrageous and gets blocked immediately. It doesn’t matter what you believe in, it’s all very disheartening. Don’t get caught in its web.

I can vouch for the validity of everything reported in this newsletter. We don’t print gossip unless it’s a funny “sound bite”. We don’t report news outside the Gerry either. I started this little column a few years ago to give you a bit of an insiders view of the Club and also into my life as your Secretary, editor, webmaster, jack of all trades. I often find it reflects what many of the members are experiencing and thank everyone for their compliments on the content. I’ll try to keep it going.

It’s that gray, cold time of year (where’s the snow?) that makes one want to hibernate and save up our energy for those warm, sunny months later in the year. I don’t usually mind gray days. Great time to curl up with a movie or a book or just contemplate future plans. Resolutions? I made only two this year. I resolve to be true to myself and to never let my husband doubt my love and respect for him. The latter is easy because I’ve done this from the day we met many years ago. The former is difficult. I hear a lot of things and filtering them gets difficult. I also am a lot like Charlie Brown. I fear everything and worry about everything. Yikes!

My point is we need to be hopeful 2019 will bring us a gentler, kinder world. We hope the carryover from the 2018 mess will be short-lived with few retributions. It’s hard to get excited being so early in the year so we need to look inward. What should I do better? Maybe we just need to focus on enjoying life no matter what is going on outside our own microcosm. We’re looking forward to white sands and warm trade winds in May with a bittersweet visit to the South in early Spring. I wish each and every one of you a healthy and happy 2019. On behalf of the Gerry, I wish us all a good year with many reasons to enjoy our offerings and we have a few surprises on the drawing board – like a Prom Night in February.

Remember you always have your refuge here at the Gerry. There’s always sports on TV and our in-house activities – pool, golf, cribbage, dice, good company, Follow the 5 of Clubs, and the Lottery. There’s also solitude should that be your need. Check your weekly event updates or the web site information for any changes or additions. Also, you
never need an excuse to visit. We highly recommend regular visits!

“And now let us believe in a long year that is given to us, new, untouched, full of things that have never been.” Rainer Maria Rilke

Have Questions About Social Security?
The decisions you make now can have a tremendous impact on the total amount of benefits you stand to receive over your lifetime.
We can help. Give us a call.

Directors is extending the payment deadline until NLT March 6, 2019.
Members are asked to put their payment with the renewal form in an envelope and deposit it in the box provided at the Gerry or mail to the Gerry with payment and mark the envelope as “DUES”.
Members who plan to make an extra donation, are reminded that donations to the Gerry 5 may not be tax deductible and should check with their tax preparer before doing so.

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Donations may be made in any amount at any time. If you do donate, you may indicate what the donation should be used for (ex: furniture), or leave it to the discretion of the Board of Directors based upon critical need. We also sometimes accept the donation of items (not clothing). This should be discussed in advance with either the manager or the Board of Directors.

Thank you again from the bottom of our hearts.

Holiday Food Drive Delivers!
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EVENTS

Stadium Bar and Grill During NFL Season
Join us for great food and great fun! (Check Facebook and Website for menu and any date/time changes.)

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

Muster Fish Fry, Returns February 8th – No Fry in January

Meat & Trivia Contest, Saturday, January 19th, 3:00 p.m.
Join us as for a fun Saturday afternoon activity featuring four Meat Contests (three of which you must buy into) and a fourth consisting of all nonwinning tickets. You MUST be present to win!

We also have a Trivia Contest. Trivia is free to play. Answer questions correctly, win prizes. Trivia consists of general, local, and seasonal questions (we try to make them a bit easy). Three rounds of 15 questions with prizes for each round and a grand prize for the team who collects the most points overall.

Join us for a great afternoon of fun!

Karaoke Night, Thursday, January 24th, 8:00 p.m.
Like to sing or be the star of the show! Here’s your chance! By popular request, we are having Karaoke Night on Thursday, January 24th, at 8:00 p.m. in the Function Hall. DJ Dave will be there to provide the music, you provide the vocals and maybe even some dancing! No admission charges. Cash Bar. 21+. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC! Invite your friends. Start warming up those vocals and let’s have some fun. Who knows we may discover the next AGT or The Voice contestant! Please join us!

Family Friday, January 25th, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.
Blood Drive, Thursday, February 7th, 10:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Mark your calendars. Did you know that three lives can be saved per pint of blood donated? But less than 10% of people eligible to give blood do so. Help make a difference by donating!
Make your appointment now for the Fall Blood Drive by contacting the Red Cross at: https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/donation-time. Look for the Gerry Social Hall event.
Breakfast sandwiches are served to all donors in the morning and cheesesteaks provided to those in the afternoon. Walk-ins are welcome!
Thanks to our cosponsors – the Swampscott and Marblehead Rotary Clubs.
Give Life, Give Blood!

Valentine’s Day Prom, Saturday, February 9th, 7:00 – 11:00 p.m.
The Gerry Prom Committee cordially invites you and your lucky prom date to don your boutonnieres and corsages and join us for an enchanted evening at the Gerry 5.
VALENTINE’S DAY PROM 2019 – “If you can’t be with the one you love…love the one you’re with!”
It’s time to have the prom you always wanted!
Music, dancing, photos! A “do over” or your first time!
Prom Night Etiquette: Prom dresses, tuxedos, sport coats, ties, cummerbunds, vests, tiaras, etc. will not be out of place so come dressed to kill! Please, no baseball hats, tank tops, jeans or athletic wear.
This is your chance to spend prom night with that someone special you were too afraid to ask in high school. Psych yourself up and ask that hottie from the gym, your best friend’s significant other, your buddy’s sister, or your best friend! You know you want to – this is your chance. You can do it!
Drunk driving will not be tolerated. Ask your parents, your kids, or Uber to drop you and your date off at the prom.

Tickets are $20 in advance or $25 the day of/at the door. You can purchase tickets on-line at 2019 G5 Prom Night Tickets, at the Gerry, or through the Prom Committee (Kathy, Caryn, Kerry, Courtney, Joan, Carol, and Lynne). (Note that a small on-line processing fee may apply.) The magical evening will include music by DJ Dave, prom photography (bring your phone or camera), and tons of fun. Food for sale. We’ll have delicious burgers, hot dogs, chicken fingers and fries available plus snacks. Cash Bar. 21+ The bar will have a special cocktail, Love Potion #5, to get you in the romantic mood and our famous pop rock jello shots!
Share the word to anyone we forgot…THE MORE THE GERRY-ER!

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Membership Information
The following applicants were voted membership at the January meeting: Patrick Devlin and Carl Iannucci of Marblehead.

The following new applicants were read and posted at the January meeting: Greg Birtwell, Robert Foti, Tim Gordella, Lucas Li of Marblehead, Patricia Rozumek of Middleton, Robert Bishop of Salem, and William Havens of Phoenix, AZ. They will be voted on at the February meeting if sponsor and orientation requirements are met.

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 voting does not include members previously read and still being processed. Questions should be directed to GerryMembership@gmail.com.

Mike Butler Voted Life Membership
Mike Butler was voted Life Membership at the January 9th meeting. Nominated by Bill Moynihan and Tom Sullivan, we congratulate Mike on this
honor and thank him for his years of dedicated service to the Gerry. We also send our collective get well wishes to him.

Passages
Karen Rogers, member, sister of member Barbara Rideout, and aunt to member Bob Mace, passed suddenly on December 26, 2018, at the age of 64. Born in Marblehead and a graduate of Suffolk University, Karen was a lifelong resident of Marblehead and a true “Header”. She was an enthusiastic member of the Gerry’s kitchen crew and known for her homemade cookies. Karen will be greatly missed by the Gerry.

Our sincere condolences to family and friends.

Sound Bites
“It’s the strangest Holiday season. It doesn’t even feel like Christmas. Something is off.”
“Let’s see what 2019 brings – not just to us but to the country. Get ready for a bumpy ride.”
“I thought it was winter. With our luck it will all come in February and March.” “Let it snow!”
“Let’s hear from the Sick Committee though they’re looking a little sick themselves.”

NOTICES & REMINDERS!!
Reminder! Each month a copy of the Club’s latest financial statement is updated and available for members to review. Ask the manager or bartender should you wish to review.

MEMBERS ONLY - Meeting Night!
Remember that member meeting night is for Members Only and no guests are allowed 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.

RESPECT! Just a little respect please for your fellow members. The Gerry has zero tolerance for disrespectful language and acts while at the Club. Disciplinary action may be taken at the discretion of the bartender on duty per House Rules.

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.

Sound Bites
Andrea.Dodge@NEMoves.com
burosellyourhomewithme.com
A Gerry 5 Sponsor Spot

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. Also, shoes must be worn at all times on the premises. Teach your children well.

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 RENTALS - 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.

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 yearly as follows:

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A prime location is within the body of the newsletter. A regular sponsorship is listed at the end in the members’ services section. Size is limited to that of a standard business card. Fill out a sponsor form G5 Business Sponsor Form and attach a business card or your particulars.

Classified ads are run monthly at the following rates:

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Submit a description of the item(s) or service(s) being offered, including any pictures, the seller’s contact information, and how many months to run the ad should to the Gerry, to the attention of the Secretary. Submissions must include payment in advance. Please use this form: classified ad.

Contact 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 – Inventory Updated!!—
Great quality merchandise!
in-stock sale -
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 at: gerry5.com/library under Member documents.

If we don’t have an item in stock, we can order it but be aware that we need a minimum number of items to order. Embroidery items (wind shirts, polos, vests, jackets) require a minimum of 6 items and 12 items for screen print (t-shirts, hoodies).

Place your order at the Club or email the Secretary. A $5.00 deposit is required and is non-refundable. Full payment is due when merchandise is delivered! View the catalog for other items at: https://www.sportswearcollection.com/Default.aspx?site=CRGHPGYDZS

Don't forget - these make great gifts any time of year. See the bartender, manager, or Secretary.
Don’t forget to Follow the 5 of Clubs!

TOUCHTUNES Internet Jukebox

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.

Thank you for reading! ~Kathy Tankersley Bernier, Secretary

| Calendar of Events |
| (dates/times subject to change) |
| **January 2019** |
| Jan 1 | HAPPY NEW YEAR |
| Jan 7 | Entertainment Committee 6:30 p.m. |
| Jan 8 | Orientation 7:30 p.m. |

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**Privacy Policy:** The Gerry 5 VFA privacy policy protects all member and potential member data. Its primary purpose is for internal record keeping. We are committed to ensuring member information is secure and will never be shared for non-business purposes and will never be sold.

**Notice:** It is the policy and objective of the Gerry 5 Veteran Fireman’s Association (Gerry 5 VFA) to provide a pleasant, inviting, and safe social facility to all who enter. The Gerry 5 VFA welcomes, and will not tolerate discrimination against, applicants, members and guests on the basis of race, color, religion, gender, sexual orientation, national origin, age, disability, or marital status.
Officers
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Vice President- Dirk Martin
Treasurer-Dennis Nelson
Secretary-Kathy Tankersley Bernier
Foreman-Vacant
Asst. Foreman-Vacant

Board of Directors
Joan Champlin
Charlie Dalferro
Mark Lausier
Tom Murray
Steve Shepard

Manager: Art Dodge

2018 New England Patriots

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Regular Season

| Sun, Sept 9th | Houston         | W 27-20 |
| Sun, Sept 16th| @ Jacksonville  | L 20-31. |
| Sun, Sept 30th| Miami           | W 38-7. |
| Thur, Oct 4th | Indianapolis    | W 38-24 |
| Sun, Oct 14th | Kansas City     | W 43-40. |
| Sun, Oct 21st | @ Chicago       | W 38-31. |
| Mon, Oct 29th | @ Buffalo       | W 25-6. |
| Sun, Nov 4th  | Green Bay       | W 31-17. |
| Sun, Nov 11th | @ Tennessee     | L 10-34 |
| Sun, Nov 18th | BYE             |         |
| Sun, Nov 25th | @ NY Jets       | W 27-13. |
| Sun, Dec 2nd  | Minnesota       | W 27-10. |
| Sun, Dec 9th  | @ Miami         | L .33-34 |
| Sun, Dec 16th | @ Pittsburgh    | L .10-17 |
| Sun, Dec 23rd | Buffalo         | W .24-12 |
| Sun, Dec 30th | NY Jets         | W 38-3  |

Post Season Schedule

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