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GERRY 5 VFA NEWSLETTER

Sweet!

“How sweet it is!” ~ Jackie Gleason



What better way to start a February column than with a shout-out to our New

England Patriots. What a defensive game! I don't know what is worse, a lower-scoring game like this year, or a shoot-out like the two previous. Both give us “heart attacks”. But after a year filled with rumors and doubt, more losses than we are used to (we're very spoiled), the Patriots once again brought home the Lombardi Trophy. It happened 17 years to the day from our first win (2002) versus the then St. Louis Rams. We're now tied with Pittsburgh for the most Super Bowl wins. So, it's on to the Quest for 7! Thank you, Patriots! This is sweet!

It's time for hearts and flowers, valentine's and fancy dinners, or just another paper holiday depending upon how you feel about it. We don't do a lot for Valentine's except exchange cards and a token gift, which could be dinner. It is a great month for sweets though – conversation hearts were such a thrill as a kid but I hear there is a shortage this year due to the sale of NECCO. Good news is they should be back next year.

It starts with the card – remember the small cards with tissue thin envelopes we used to give out in school. I wonder if that happens today. I do like to find the perfect card to express my love. So much so that I may get lost in the Paper Store while going through every card that seems appropriate. Then I end up buying the first or second one I read that either made me laugh out loud or tear up. Then there's the gift. Nothing outrageous like at Christmas but something fitting. This is hard, especially because we still haven't

used everything we received at Christmas. I'll find something, maybe silly and pink, and pair it with the candy. Yes, candy is a must. Whether it's a box of your finest sweets or a Charleston Chew to throw in the freezer, sweets are a must. For some, it's beyond candy. I know people who make delicious raspberry chocolate mousse or a heart-shaped cheesecake. So sweet and delicious. Hey I'm still working off the Christmas goodies.

No matter whether you celebrate Valentine's or not, it's nice to have something special in the month (besides another Super Bowl win). There is President's Day but do they make cards for that? As hard as I try to envision the liberty bell, “Happy President's Day” just doesn't have that ring to it. And it doesn't conjure up visions of red, pink, or gold boxes of sweets. What would one buy? Do they still make Millionaire bars? But, joking aside, let's remember President's Day is a celebration of our founding fathers – Washington and Lincoln in particular.

Want to party for Valentine's Day but not spend a fortune on it? Join us for An Enchanted Evening at the Valentine's Prom on this Friday, February 9th. See details later in this newsletter. You could kill two birds with one stone and celebrate V-Day with a fun night of dancing, music and other Prom activities. All ages, 21 and over, are welcome! Sweet!

We have our regular activities during the month, most of which are detailed in the Event section of the newsletter. We're also working on possibly doing a casino night and we're definitely doing a Comedy Night on April 20th. Sweet! We're also giving Karaoke a try immediately following Family Friday – you can sing for your supper! Sweet.

Remember you always have a 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.

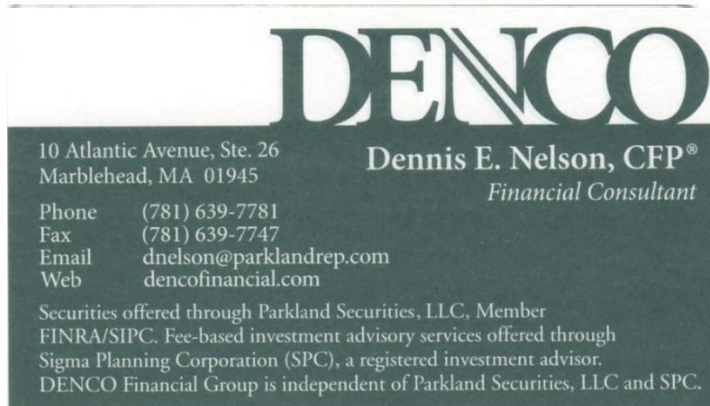
Check your weekly event updates or the web

site information for any changes or additions. Also, you never need an excuse to visit. We highly recommend regular visits!

"Love shouldn't end on Valentine's Day, neither must it start on Valentine's Day. ~ Terry Marks

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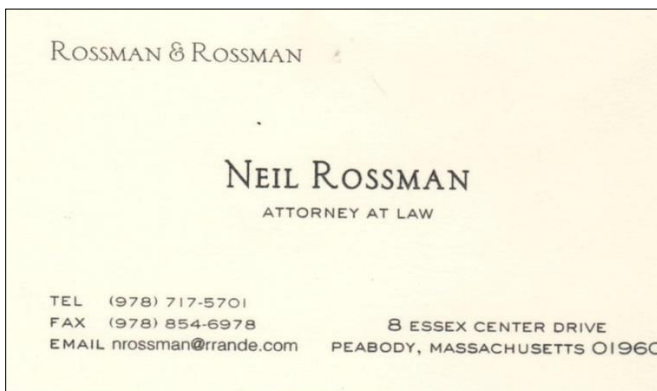
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Annual Dues/Membership Renewal Deadline March 6th – Don't be late!

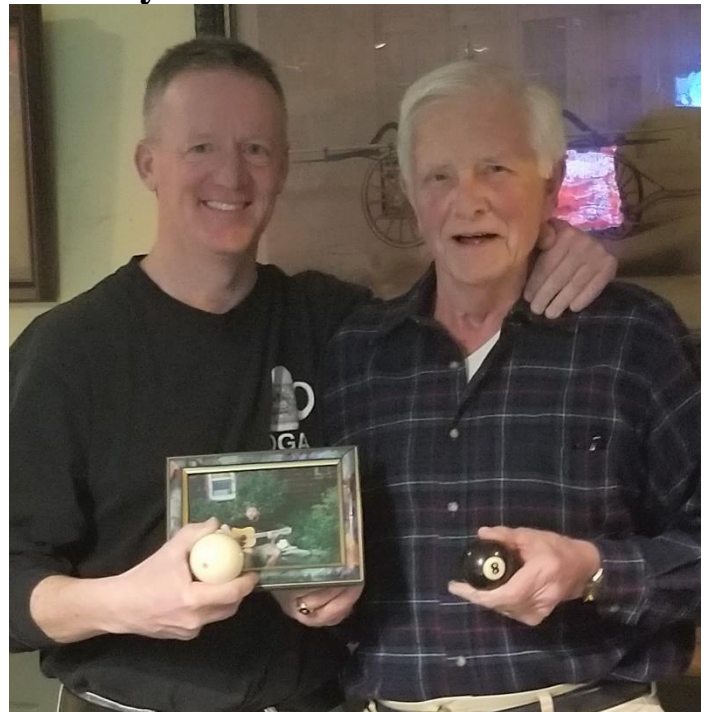
Members were mailed the renewal form via regular mail in mid-December 2018. Forms are also available at the Club and on the web site. Due to the By-Law change to increase annual dues, **the Board of Directors extended the payment deadline until NLT March 6, 2019.**

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" or "MEMBERSHIP".

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.

Members who do not pay their dues by the March 6th cutoff date will be "read out" and no longer be members in good standing. You will lose all membership privileges and your key cards will be deactivated. Should you decide to rejoin you will have to go through the steps of a new applicant (except orientation) and pay the \$150.00 application fee (includes annual dues).

January Pool Tournament Winners



~Photo courtesy of Art Dodge

Congratulations to the winners of the January Super Bowl Pool Tournament! Chris Husband and Ken McCaskill defeated Dana Peralta and Mike Palmer after a fun afternoon shooting stick.

A thank you to all who participated as players and audience for this fun event. A special thank you to *Mike Moscone* for the delicious beef stew.

Missed it? Ready for the next one? Stay tuned to the web site and Facebook for announcements.

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

EVENTS

Friday Fish Fry, February 8th



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Valentine's Day Prom – An Enchanted Evening at the Gerry - Saturday, February 9th

*Valentine's Day Prom
"An Enchanted Evening"*

*Saturday, February 9, 2019
7-11 pm*

*Music by DJ Dave, Prom Photos, Food for Sale, Cash Bar 21+ event.
No date needed. Everyone welcome!*

*Advance tickets (\$20) can be purchased at the bar or online at the Prom Facebook event page.
Tickets will be available for \$25 at the door.*

Spread the word.... THE MORE THE GERRY-ER

Net Proceeds go to the Gerry 5 VFA Scholarships & Charities

Get your tickets now! \$20 per person or \$25 at the door. Tickets available at the Gerry or on-line at: [2019 G5 Prom Night Tickets.](#)

Meat & Trivia Contest, Saturday, February 16th, 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

Meat & Trivia Contest

TICKET
Must be present to win!

Saturday, Feb 16th, 3-6 pm
Tickets = 6 for \$5.00

Multiple Contests - several items each drawing!

TRIVIA - 3 Rounds

Free! Answer questions—win prizes



All proceeds go to the Gerry 5 Charities and Scholarships

collects the most points overall.

Join us for a great afternoon of fun!

Family Friday, February 22nd, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.



Family Friday
5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Karaoke Night, Thursday, February 22nd, 7:30 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, February 22nd, at 7:30 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!



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A Gerry 5 Sponsor Spot

Membership Information

The following applicants were voted membership at the February meeting: Greg Birtwell, Ronald Caliri, William Crouch, Robert Foti, Tim Gardella, and Lucas Li of Marblehead, and Robert Bishop of Salem.

The following new applicants were read and posted at the February meeting: Debbie Birtwell, Andy Doyle, Mark Hempel, and Richard Yukins of Marblehead. They will be voted on at the March 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.



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Passages

Rensselaer Havens, father of members *Curt, Michael and Tim Havens*, grandfather of member *Derek Havens*, passed suddenly on January 29, 2019 at the age of 86. Born in New York, he attended Wentworth Institute of Technology and was a US Navy Korean War veteran. The owner of R C Havens & Sons Construction, he was a founding member of the Rotary Club of Marblehead Harbor, a former director of the Council on Aging, and an active

member of the Philanthropic Lodge of Marblehead. An avid Patriots and Red Sox fan, he enjoyed golf and boating but most importantly his family.

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family and friends.

Sound Bites

"It's funny and sad. She doesn't even know this guy but he insists she's telling people tales on how bad things are." "It's like the old Norman Rockwell painting, one person says something and another person passes it on with their interpretation. By the time it comes around, it's a totally different story."

"There is six inches of ice on the back door! How are we supposed to get the liquor in the door?" "Chip it fast. Don't want the booze freezing."

"Why didn't I know about this?" "Come to a meeting you might learn something." "Oh"

"It's time for Pat Patriot to take a much-needed rest. See him in September."

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!

Attention all Monthly 50/50 Participants!! (or if you want to play)

The monthly 50/50 drawing is held at the end of each monthly member meeting. You must be paid for that month in order to participate!

It's time to pay up! If you pay annually, the cost is \$100, a \$20 savings off the monthly payment plan of \$10. **Please pay Joan Champlin as soon as possible but no later than January 9th before 8:00 p.m. to participate in this month's drawing.**

Interested in playing? Please see Joan Champlin, choose your number and make your payment. It's so easy and only \$10 per month (per the monthly plan). It's January - take a chance for the year! If you pay now for the year, you are automatically entered each month.

If you snooze, you lose. If you don't pay, you don't

play.

Proceeds go to the Gerry 5 VFA Scholarships and Charities.

Contact Joan Champlin with any questions.

R E S P E C T! 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 e 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.

Family Event Reminder

Attending a Gerry family event such as the 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 and 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.

Looking for a Gift Idea? How about a Gerry 5 Gift card?! Gift cards are available for purchase at the Club.



Just because marijuana is now legal for recreational use, it doesn't mean you can light up on the deck. Remember we have neighbors, please take it elsewhere.

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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:

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 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:

Member	Non-Member
\$20.00	\$40.00

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 – Great quality merchandise! We have items in-stock available for 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).

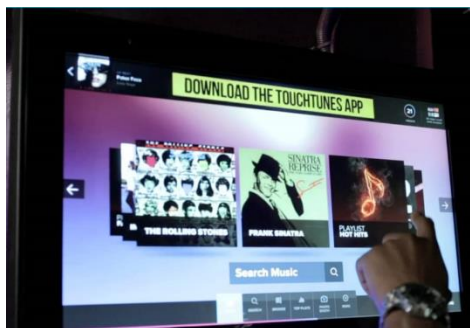
Place your order at the Club or email the Secretary. A \$5.00 deposit is required and is non-refundable. Full payment is due when merchandise is delivered! View the catalog for other items at: <https://www.sportswearcollection.com/Default.aspx?site=CRGHPGYDZS>

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)

February 2019

Feb 8	Friday Fish Fry	5:30 p.m.
Feb 9	Valentine's Day Prom	7:00 p.m.
Feb 11	Entertainment Committee	6:30 p.m.
Feb 14	Valentine's Day	
Feb 16	Meat & Trivia Contests	3:00 – 6:00 p.m.
Feb 18	President's Day Holiday	

Feb 20	Board Meeting	6:30 p.m.
Feb 22	Family Friday Karaoke Night	5:30 – 7:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m.
March 2019		
Mar 5	Orientation Mardi Gras Day	7:30 p.m.
Mar 6	Board Meeting Members Meeting ASH WEDNESDAY – Lent Begins	7:00 p.m. 8:00 p.m.
Mar 8	Muster Fry	5:30 p.m.
Mar 9	Meat & Trivia Contests	3:00 – 6:00 p.m.
Mar 10	SPRING FORWARD – DST Begins	
Mar 16	CASINO NIGHT	TBD
Mar 17	St. Patrick's Day	
Mar 20	Board Meeting First Day of Spring	6:30 p.m.
Mar 22	Family Friday Karaoke Night	5:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m.

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Manager: Art Dodge

NFC Championship Sun, Jan 20 th	LA Rams defeated New Orleans Saints 26-23 OT
AFC Championship Sun, Jan 20 th	New England defeated Kansas City 37-31 OT
SUPER BOWL LIII	
Sun, Feb 3 rd Mercedes Dome, Atlanta	New England defeated LA Rams 13-3.

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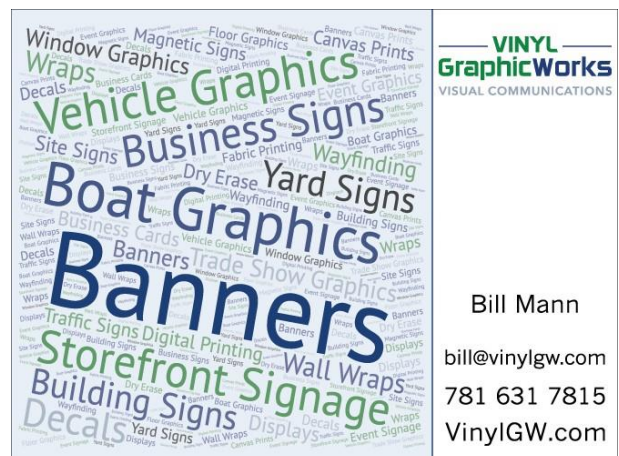
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2018 New England Patriots		
PreSeason		
Thur, Aug 9 th	Washington	W 26-17
Thur, Aug 16 th	Philadelphia	W 37-20.
Fri, Aug 24 th	@ Carolina	L 14 - 25.
Fri, Aug 30 th	@ NY Giants	W 17-6.
Regular Season		
Sun, Sept 9 th	Houston	W 27-20
Sun, Sept 16 th	@ Jacksonville	L 20-31.
Sun, Sept 23 rd	@ Detroit	L 10-26.
Sun, Sept 30 th	Miami	W 38-7.
Thur, Oct 4 th	Indianapolis	W 38-24
Sun, Oct 14 th	Kansas City	W 43-40.
Sun, Oct 21 st	@ Chicago	W 38-31.
Mon, Oct 29 th	@ Buffalo	W 25-6.
Sun, Nov 4 th	Green Bay	W 31-17.
Sun, Nov 11 th	@ Tennessee	L 10-34
Sun, Nov 18 th	BYE	
Sun, Nov 25 th	@ NY Jets	W 27-13.
Sun, Dec 2 nd	Minnesota	W 27-10.
Sun, Dec 9 th	@ Miami	L .33-34
Sun, Dec 16 th	@ Pittsburgh	L .10-17
Sun, Dec 23 rd	Buffalo	W.24-12
Sun, Dec 30 th	NY Jets	W 38-3
Post Season Schedule		
WILD CARD		
Sat, Jan 5 th	Indy defeated Houston Seattle lost to Dallas	
Sun, Jan 6 th	Chargers defeated Baltimore Eagles defeated Chicago	
DIVISIONAL		
Sat, Jan 12 th	Kansas City defeated Indianapolis 31-13 LA Rams defeated Dallas 30-22	
Sun, Jan 13 th	New England defeated LA Chargers 41-28 Saints defeated the Eagles 20-14	



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