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GERRY 5 VFA NEWSLETTER

Flowers Showers Fools

"Here cometh April again, and as far as I can see the world hath more fools in it than ever.

~Charles Lamb

We're having April showers and the crocus and other early blooming flowers are poking their heads out and reaching for the sun. Robins are making an appearance as well. Spring may actually be here. We didn't have much winter as far as snow but it was damp and dreary so we're looking forward to warmer days and sunshine.

The garden shops are gearing up for May and June when we enter the time that is a horticulturalist delight! Cleaning up, planting, anticipating the greenery and blooms. Our flock of turkeys are busy doing their daily trot and we've finally accepted that they love the pine seeds in our yard. I hear them early in the morning and it's rare that one or two aren't outside my office window when I crank up the PC and have my coffee. Squirrels are chasing one another around the trees but it's too soon for the chipmunks, our favorites.

We hope you're feeling this bit of anticipation as well. It makes life feel a little brighter and maybe there's a bit more spring in your step. I am still not watching much news – it's just so bizarre. I retired from Uncle Sam so I wouldn't worry about such things. Or so I thought! We're counting our days until we will be sitting in sugar white sand with clear blue skies and trade winds blowing. Many of you have already headed to southern climes or to ski country to give yourselves a break. If so, we hope you enjoyed it.

There are so many things happening in April that it will fly by. Starting with the NCAA Final Four and Championship, the Red Sox Home



Opener and their ring ceremony, leading into the Masters Tournament (who doesn't love watching this at the beautiful Augusta Country Club), and the Boston Marathon.

Get your tickets now for the April 20th Spring Comedy Night! Four top notch comedians are ready to bring laughter your way! This is always a great evening. See details on the show and tickets in the article later in this newsletter.

April is a fickle month but not here at the Gerry. Besides the Comedy Night we have the Friday Fish Fry and Karaoke Night, the Meat and Trivia Contest season finale, and Family Friday.

We also have Easter coming up so look out for bunnies and chicks – you never know where you may find them. Remember we are CLOSED on Easter Sunday.

Looking ahead we have the Triple Crown of horse racing starting on May 4th with the Kentucky Derby. Time to dust off that hat and get ready for mint juleps. We always have a grand time here at the Gerry watching the races. The Preakness follows on May 18th with the Belmont Stakes on June 8th. We're also working on something special in conjunction with the Annual Golf Tournament in June.

Let's not forget that our Boston Bruins are still making a run for the Cup and we plan to be here with them all the way. Plenty of seats in the Clubroom so join us.

We have many opportunities for you to enjoy the club. 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, bags, Follow the 5 of Clubs, The Lottery, and good company. 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!

"April is the cruelest month, breeding lilacs out of

the dead land, mixing memory and desire, stirring dull roots with spring rain. ~T.S. Eliot

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.

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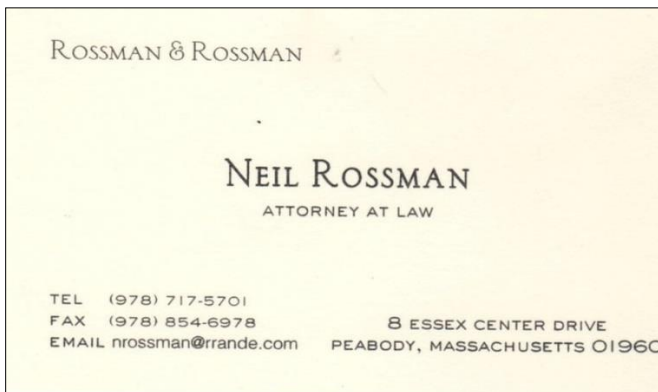
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"Love doesn't make the world go 'round. Love makes the ride worthwhile." ~Franklin P Jones



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Did You Pay Your Dues?

We certainly hope you did. We thank our loyal members for proving their staying power even with the dues increase. We had a few resignations who plan to return in the future. As happens every year, we also lost a few members.

Did you forget? Members who did not pay their dues by the March 6th cutoff date are now considered "read out" and no longer be members in good standing. You have lost all membership privileges and your key cards will be deactivated. 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). Applications are available at the Gerry and on-line at www.gerry5.com/library under Business Documents.

We also offer a huge thank you to those members who made donations to the Club in addition to paying their membership dues.

Remember that without your membership dues and generous donations throughout the year, we would not be able to operate. Here's to a great 2019 ahead!

March Pool Tournament Results



The February Pool Tournament was held on March 10th. Congratulations to the winners Mark Taylor and Art Dodge who bested Doug Gatchell and Steve Jenkins. A special thank you to Jason Phillips for the yummy food.

These tournaments are held every month or two. Stay tuned to the web site, Facebook, and your email 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

CASINO NIGHT FUN!

Sometimes you win, sometimes you lose. That's what every attendee at the Casino Night on March 16th experienced. A fun time was had by the attendees who did their best to win one of the 11 prizes offered. We would show you a picture of the winner of the 50" TV but he was a bit camera shy. Congratulations to Andrew Christensen and to all the winners.

We thank everyone who made this possible and who donated their evening to help the Gerry raise a bit of money for our Charities and Scholarships. This was our first attempt holding such an event. Look for it on the calendar again in the future.

Thanks to the kitchen crew for the appetizers and snacks.

Golf Tournament Sponsors Needed

Our annual Golf Tournament will be held on June 7th. This year it will be in honor of Mike Butler. We're reaching out to all of our members and friends of the Gerry No. 5 to sponsor a hole (holes may have multiple sponsors). A sponsorship is \$100 per hole. Your name, logo, or whatever you choose will be printed on a sign and

placed by a hole for all to see. Great advertising for you and it shows your philanthropic side as well.

We are also looking for donations for the raffle that will follow the Tournament at the luncheon and dance. Items or services are welcome. Please contact Mark Lausier or Steve Shepard for details and to sign up.

Remember this is in honor of Mike Butler, a mainstay of the Gerry No. 5.

"Freedom is not worth having if it does not include the freedom to make mistakes." ~ Mahatma Ghandi

EVENTS

Friday Fish Fry, April 12th



Karaoke Night, April 12th, 7:30 p.m.

Join us after the Fish Fry for some Karaoke! A little sing-a-long to work off that delicious dinner. Free to attend. DJ Dave will be spinning the tunes as you sing along! Open to the Public! No admission fee. Come sing, dance, or just listen. It's all fun!



Meat & Trivia Contest, Saturday, April 13th, 3:00 p.m. – Season Finale

Join us 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!** There may some hamming around.

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.

This is our **season finale** so let's please make it a special one. Attendees are welcome to bring snacks for themselves or to share. The Easter Bunny may have some treats as well. Please join us for a great afternoon of fun!

"F-E-A-R has two meanings: Forget Everything and Run or Face Everything and Rise. The choice is yours." ~ Zig Ziglar

SPRING COMEDY Night, Saturday, April 20th

"Laughter is an instant vacation." ~ Milton Berle

Join us for comedy at its best! Fresh from Giggles and Fools' Night Out, Paul Gilligan, Joe Espi, Chris D, and Mike Donovan, four hilarious comedians, will surely tickle your funny bone. And, aren't we all ready for some laughter!

[Paul Gilligan](#) –is one of the most requested comedians in Boston, bringing down the house with an attitude developed as class clown and material culled from blue collar work. In addition to headlining in Boston, he is the former host of weekly shows at Nick's Comedy Stop, and is a regular at the Riviera Casino in Las Vegas. He also is a licensed electrician.

[Joe Espi](#) – His self-deprecating style and heavy sarcasm make him a Boston favorite as he makes fun of his dysfunctional family, disastrous dates, and childhood. Many of us can relate.

Meat & Trivia Contest
TICKET
Must be present to win!
Saturday, April 13th, 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

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

SPRING COMEDY NIGHT

SATURDAY, APRIL 20TH



Join us for laughter at its best!

Get your giggle on!

\$30 per person - comedy and dinner*

Deadline for dinner tickets: Wed, April 17th

Show Only tickets available up until show time if space available.

Dinner served 6:30—7:45 p.m. Show starts at 8:00 p.m.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Tickets available at the Gerry, Eventbrite, Gerry5.com, Gerry 5 Facebook

Gerry 5 VFA, 210 Beacon Street, Marblehead 781-631-5214

Net Proceeds go to the Gerry 5 VFA Charities, Scholarships, and General Fund

*Dirk's famous meatloaf and the G5VFA baked potato bar.

Call to reserve tables—
MUST purchase 8 tickets



21+ Event
CASH BAR



[Chris D](#) - is a Boston comedian on the rise. He works regularly at clubs and fundraisers, and is a member of the revolving cast of comedians on the popular standup theme show "How Men Think (Or Do They?)." He is a winner of the "Witch City Comedy Festival", and a finalist in the "Boynton's Standup Standoff" in Manchester, N.H.

[Mike Donovan](#) – has been a headlining stand-up comedy since 1978. He is also a freelance writer whose articles have appeared in the Boston Globe, Boston Herald, and Sports Illustrated. He headlines in Vegas and Atlantic City and is also a sports talk show host. Get ready for a great show when Mike lets it fly!

Tickets are \$30 per person and include dinner and comedy. Dinner will be Dirk's famous meatloaf and our fabulous baked potato bar.

Deadline to purchase meal and comedy tickets is Wednesday, April 17th. Comedy Only tickets will be available for sale up until Show Time if space available. Want to reserve a table, you MUST purchase 8 tickets and let the Manager or Bartender know.

Doors open at 6:00 p.m. Dinner will be served 6:30 – 7:45 p.m. Show time is 8:00 p.m.

Tickets will be for sale at the Gerry, on-line at EventBrite, the Gerry web site, and the Gerry

Facebook pages. Link to EventBrite to purchase is: [Spring Comedy Tickets](#).

This event is OPEN TO THE PUBLIC so invite your friends, family, neighbors to join you for a rousing good time. Cash Bar 21+ Event

Family Friday, April 26th, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.



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

SAVE THE DATE – June 7th – Annual Golf Tournament to Honor Mike Butler.



soon, In the meantime, please mark your calendar!

Mike Butler has been a mainstay of the Gerry 5 for many years – serving as President, Vice President multiple times and very active with the hand tub. We will be holding this year's tournament in his honor. Details on the Tournament, luncheon, and dance are coming

Membership Information

The following applicants were voted membership at the April meeting: Debbie Birtwell, David Mahserjian, James Tincker, Richard Yukins of Marblehead, and William Havens of Phoenix, Arizona.

The following new applicants were read and posted at the April meeting: James Bergeron, Andrew Christensen, and Robert Colucci all of Marblehead. They will be voted on at the May 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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A Gerry 5 Sponsor Spot

Passages

William LeBlanc, Jr, member, passed on March 9, 2019 at the age of 86. A lifetime resident of Marblehead, born in Mary Alley Hospital, and a proud 17th generation descendent of the Hooper family, he was a US Army veteran of the Korean War. He started working as a child and held jobs ranging from collecting ferry fares and trapping muskrats to crewing on yachts and his career with the oil business.

Active in the community, he was a member of the Gerry 5 VFA, Market Square, the Masonic Philanthropic Lodge, VFW, Marblehead Rotary and the Boston Yacht Club. He loved the ocean and lobstering and finish carpentry. A true Marbleheader, he will be missed.

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family and friends.

Robert Butler, member, brother of members *Michael Butler* and *Cindy Croteau*, passed suddenly on March 28, 2019 at the age of 59. He enjoyed the outdoors and just about anything to keep his hands busy and body moving.

Our deepest sympathy to the family and friends.

Sound Bites

"The turkeys have a morning ritual in our yard every day. They must love pine seeds."

"I need some deck time. Where's spring?" "How about summer?"

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!

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! Proceeds go to the Gerry 5 VFA Scholarships and Charities.

Interested in playing? Please see Joan Champlin, choose your number and make your payment. It's so easy! 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 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. 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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A Gerry 5 Sponsor Spot

Gerry 5 Member Business Sponsorships and Classified Ads

Advertise your business or skills! We offer business sponsorships for the monthly newsletter, all editions, 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 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, contact information, and how many months to run the ad 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. Leave your information at the Club or e-mail gerry5vfa@yahoo.com or ziggyii@comcast.net with changes. Thank you!

Gerry 5 Logo Apparel – Updated Inventory

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.

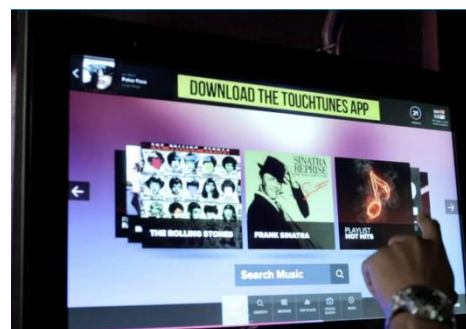
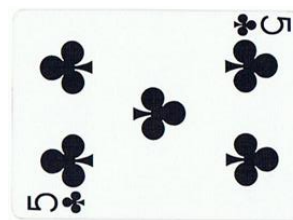
Don't see what you're looking for? We can order items but we need a minimum number of items to do so (6 embroidery or 12 screen print).

Place your order at the Club or email the Secretary. 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)

April 2019

Apr 6	NCAA Final Four	6:09 p.m., 8:49 p.m.
Apr 8	Entertainment Committee	6:30 p.m.
Apr 9	Toronto vs. Red Sox HOME OPENER	2:05 p.m.
	NCAA Championship	TBD
Apr 12	Muster Fry	5:30 p.m.
	Karaoke Night	7:30 p.m.
Apr 13	Meat & Trivia Contests	3:00 – 6:00 p.m.
Apr 14	Palm Sunday	
	The Masters (final day)	
Apr 15	Boston Marathon	
	Reenactments	
	Toronto vs. Red Sox	11:45 a.m.
Apr 17	Board of Directors	6:30 p.m.
Apr 18	Lent Ends	
Apr 19	Good Friday	
Apr 20	SPRING COMEDY NIGHT	
	Dinner	6:30 p.m.
	SHOW TIME	8:00 p.m..
Apr 21	EASTER (open regular hours)	
Apr 26	Family Friday	5:30 p.m.
Apr 30	Orientation	7:30 p.m.

May 2019

May 1	Board Meeting	7:00 p.m.
	Members Meeting	8:00 p.m.
May 4	Kentucky Derby	
May 11	Marblehead Garden Club Plant Sale	8:30 - 11:00 p.m.
May 12	Mother's Day Breakfast	
May 15	Board of Directors	6:30 p.m.

May 18 **Preakness**

May 27 **MEMORIAL DAY – we are CLOSED**

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