

# Gerry No. 5 VFA

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GERRY 5 VFA NEWSLETTER

# Hot Fun in the Summertime

"Don't be afraid to rock the boat. If someone falls out maybe there weren't meant to be in your boat." ~ Amy Thomson

Sly the Family Stone "Hot Fun in the

Summertime" – "End of the spring and here she comes back Hi Hi Hi Hi there



Them summer days, those summer days That's when I had most of my fun, back High high high there

Them summer days, those summer days."

Yes it's been hot but we expected it (well maybe not quite as hot as the 90s), but there's a nostalgia that comes with the summer that isn't quite as "in vour face" as Thanksgiving and Christmas or even Halloween. It makes every gorgeous blue-sky day even more important and heartfelt. We take our big vacation in May so when August rolls around we're reminiscing about our adventures as children and young adults. I could have used "Summer in the City" (dirty and gritty) but that's not quite the "feel good" song I had in mind. I love music and have been singing, playing instruments since my Mom sat me down at the piano when I was three. I have a song track to my life. Most of us do whether we ponder it often or it just gets jogged by that song on the radio. There's something special about summer songs.

Summer is a season of play. I was at the Club last Sunday for a short time and there were maybe a dozen people in the bar. No surprise given the gorgeous day. Summer brings vacations, play time for all ages, and jogs our memories with the fun days of past Whether we're into water sports, camping, gardening, etc., there is something about a summer day that never lets you forget it. These are glorious days for water and beach activities, camping and lake play, or just relaxing with a cold libation and watching the world go by for a few minutes. Slow down and enjoy them!

I grew up landlocked but with plenty of lakes and woods to explore. My dear husband grew up on the Connecticut coast and could walk to the beach. Our memories are so different but they are all because of summer. No school, maybe a parttime job, but always time to play. Throw on the bathing suit and bike to the town pool or hitch a ride to the lake for me. He walked the 3 blocks to the beach, was a Sea Cadet and an expert swimmer and lifesaver. My family and I took trips to the Gulf Coast beaches as well as the mountains in Colorado. It's the time to loosen up, relax, do the work you have to do but enjoy every moment with gusto. It's expected, almost required, to soak up these sunny days and take advantage of all they offer. We know the falling leaves are coming soon.

Grilling and chilling has been our routine since Summer arrived. Driving with the roof and windows open and the AC on even though it's 90 degrees. I know, it's strange, but we do it because we can. Enjoy these days and say ahhh because this is the season of relaxation. The holiday madness, which I do love as well, is coming soon. I freaked when I saw Halloween advertised in a local grocery this past week. It's August for goodness sake! Slow down and enjoy!

We've stayed busy at the Gerry with functions and there's always refuge after a summer day on the deck or in the Clubroom. As always, we have many opportunities for you to enjoy the club. There's always sports on TV – NFL preseason is already here! We also have our in-house activities – pool, golf, cribbage, dice, bags, 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. You never need an excuse to visit. We highly recommend regular visits! See you soon!

"Enjoy the little things in life ...for one of these days you will look back and realize they were the big things." ~Robert Brault 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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"Love doesn't make the world go 'round. Love makes the ride worthwhile." ~Franklin P Jones



Please note Pacifico is sold out! Drop in for a cold one and remember these specials won't last!

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

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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



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#### Gerry 5 Presents 2019 Scholarships

The Gerry awards 15 scholarships to high school seniors annually. This year's scholarships presentation took place at a reception on Sunday, August 4th. Each recipient displayed an enormous commitment to the community, strong learning skills, honors level grade point averages, and a strong desire to succeed in college and life. The Gerry wishes the recipients success in their studies and future endeavors.

It is the Gerry 5's pleasure to one again share it's

2019 scholarship recipients and include their future plans:

Brendan M Locke II – John Banks Scholarship – Brendan will be attending St. Michael's College in Vermont studying Business Administration with a concentration in Finance. He has also been selected as a member of the St. Michael's golf team.

Jacob Garfield – Frank M Camarda Memorial Athletic Scholarship – Brendan will be attending Bentley University, majoring in Finance. Thomas Woodfin – Frank M Camarda Memorial Vo-Tech Scholarship – Thomas will be attending Massachusetts Maritime Academy studying marine engineer with a career goal of starting his own boatyard.

Kathryn Percy – Lorraine E Camarda Scholarship – Kathryn will be attending Emmanuel College, majoring in psychology.

Darcy O'Sullivan – Ronald Champlin Memorial Scholarship – Darcy plans to attend Salem State University. Her goal is to follow in her father's footsteps as a firefighter.

Julia Cerrutti – John Stuart "Stu" Curtis Memorial Scholarship – Julia will be attending the University of Pittsburgh majoring in bioengineering on a premed track.

Ethan Snook – Edgar Snow Doliber Memorial Scholarship – Ethan will be attending St. Michael's College where his major is currently undeclared. He has been selected as a member of the crosscountry team.

Kiana Hawley – Thomas Hartnett Scholarship – Kiana will be attending Johnson & Wales University, majoring in criminal justice. Caitlin Abbruzzese – Joseph Homan Scholarship – Caitlin will be attending Tulane University where she plans to study social sciences and business. Isabelle Rogers – John S Humphrey Jr Scholarship – Isabelle will be attending Providence College majoring in elementary and special education. Michelle Shub – Jody E LaLonde Memorial Scholarship – Michelle will be attending Tufts University, majoring in biomedical sciences. Kyle Saulnier – Matthew Leland Scholarship – Kyle will attend Sacred Heart University, majoring in finance with aspirations to earning an MBA. Rachael Saulnier – Thomas Roche Scholarship – Rachael will be attending the University of New Hampshire, majoring in psychology with a minor in elementary education. Her goal is to attain a Masters in Education.

Maeve Sherwood – Howard "Wardie" Williams Memorial Scholarship – Maeve will be attending the University of Connecticut Business School majoring in marketing.

Peter Watts – Richard Tutt Scholarship – Peter will be attending Salem State University where he plans to study business.



~ Photo courtesy of Kathy Tankersley Bernier l-r: Ray Gauthier (emcee), Caitlin Abbruzzese, Maeve Sherwood, Isabelle Rogers, Kiana Hawley, Jacob Garfield, Kathryn Percy, Darcy O'Sullivan, Brendan Locke II, Thomas Woodfin, Peter Watts, Jeannine Camarda (sponsor)

The Gerry Board of Directors thanks the Scholarship Committee for their hard work in making the selections. The Committee is chaired by Joan Champlin and consists of Peter Cuffe, Norm Sherwood, and Tom Voyer. Thank you to Ray Gauthier and Jason Phillips for their assistance at the Scholarship reception.

# **Kitchen Concession Opportunity**

The Gerry is actively seeking a caterer to operate our kitchen concession. This is a win-win situation for both the caterer and the Gerry 5. Responsibilities would include catering, club events, and other opportunities. Experience is necessary.

Interested? Please contact Art Dodge at 781-631-5214 or 978-998-0441 **NLT Tuesday, August 13, 2019**.

## Calling All Crafters – 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Craft Fair Tables Now on Sale!

November 16, 2019, 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. we will hold the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Gerry 5 Veteran Fireman's Association Holiday Craft Fair.

Please accept this invitation as a past seller and/or



member to once again participate. We already have of you who have reserved a table and one who has paid. Get to work on your crafts – knitting, sewing, designing, building, whatever your specialty requires and please join us once again on November 16<sup>th</sup>. We're

looking forward to another successful year and a fun day. The application for returning vendors and members is available on the Gerry web site on the Library Page under Member Documents (https://gerry5.com/library). Remember that tables/spaces are limited. First come, first served. Please submit your application with payment ASAP. The deadline for returning vendors and members is **September 24<sup>th</sup>**.

We've worked hard (all of us) over the past years to resurrect and make the Gerry Craft Fair a huge success. We also realize there is a lot of competition but we really want you to return to the Gerry and help us make this another successful year for us – our 7<sup>th</sup> year! This is the one standout event where we get to help our friends and members sell their beautiful, inventive wares and help us raise funds for the Gerry 5 at the same time. The Gerry 5 VFA relies on the Craft Fair as one of its feature events of the year to help support our 15 scholarships and the Angel Fund which focuses on helping sick children and their families in time of need. We sincerely hope you will return.

We'll once again have the kitchen offering breakfast snacks and delicious lunch items. This is always a fun day and hopefully profitable to you in sales and networking.

Once again we'll be asking our sellers to donate an item for our raffles, if possible. Remember to put your business card or contact information with the item as the winner may want to contact you to thank you or to purchase more. Questions? Please feel free to contact me at gerry5vfa@yahoo.com or ziggyii@comcast.net.

Planning on just shopping? Please **SAVE THE DATE of NOVEMBER 16, 2019**!

# \$10,000 Raffle Opportunity – Paint the Club!

Yes, we're doing it again! Last year's raffle was a success and helped the Gerry raise funds for general operating expenses. This year we are focusing on raising funds toward painting the outside of the building.



Each member will receive a raffle ticket and a letter explaining the details of the raffle. The winner will be drawn at an event on **Saturday, November**  $2^{nd}$ . The deadline for purchasing tickets is November  $2^{nd}$  (please mail entries in plenty of time to be received by this date).

We understand that not everyone may be able to participate, so we are also accepting donations of any amount to the Club. These donations do **NOT** pay for entry into the raffle.

We thank you in advance for your participation. Good Luck!

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



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#### <u>EVENTS</u> Stadium Bar and Grill Returns September 8<sup>th</sup>! Muster Fish Fry Returns September 13<sup>th</sup>! Meat & Trivia Returns September 21<sup>st</sup>!

#### **Membership Information**

The following applicants were voted membership at the August 7<sup>th</sup> meeting: Steve Dugas, Tina Pendleton of Marblehead, and Clinton Pickering Jr of Kearsarge, NH.

The following new applicants were read and posted at the August meeting and will be voted on at the September meeting if all orientation and sponsor requirements are met: John Barnes, Kevin Conley, Mark Paster, and Rick Wyman, all of Marblehead.

*Reminder!* At least *one* sponsor is required to attend the meeting for a candidate to be voted on. We also ask our sponsors to please ensure the applications are legible when submitted.

Please note applicants read and posted for voting do not include those previously read or still being processed. Questions should be directed to <u>GerryMembership@gmail.com</u>.



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Sound Bites

"Common sense is common around here."

"He was calm and almost normal. Must have some new meds".

"Has anyone else notice some poltergeist activity going on here? I was all alone and a chair moved and then the dice cup fell over." "Maybe you should roll the dice!"

"Some storm last night. I hear we lost some big trees downtown." "I slept right through it, didn't hear a thing."

"It's amazing these kids have any time to socialize with all the extra activities they have to do to get into college. We had it so easy."

#### **NOTICES & REMINDERS**

#### **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. Shoes must always be worn on the premises. Teach your children well.

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 member meeting night is for Members Only and guests are not allowed 7:00 p.m.- closing.!

#### Attention 50/50 Members!

The monthly 50/50 drawing is held at the end of each monthly member meeting. You must have 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.

**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 will be taken at the discretion of the bartender on duty per House Rules.

*Please do not enter the kitchen or pantry area* or use it as a shortcut to/from the Clubroom.

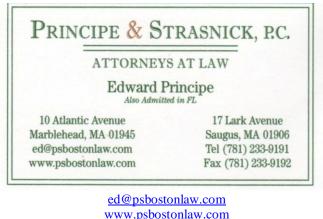
**BE A GOOD NEIGHBOR**! While enjoying our deck, please remember we do have neighbors and the

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 have a reservation.

Please be mindful of Function Hall 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.



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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.

# **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:

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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:<u>https://www.sportswearcollection.com/Default.asp</u> x?site=CRGHPGYDZS

Don't forget - these make great gifts any time of year. See the bartender, manager, or Secretary.







**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)

#### August 2019

Aug 12 Entertainment Committee 6:30 p.m.

Aug 13	Deadline for Kitchen Concession Interest				
Aug 14	By-Law Committee	5:00 p.m.			
Aug 21	Board of Directors	6:30 p.m.			
	September 2019				
Sep 2	LABOR DAY				
Sep 3	Orientation	7:30 p.m.			
Sep 4	Board Meeting Members Meeting	7:00 p.m. 8:00 p.m.			
Sep 8	Stadium Bar & Grill				
Sep 13	Muster Fish Fry	5:30- 7:30 p.m.			
Sep 15	Stadium Bar & Grill				
Sep 18	Board Meeting	6:30 p.m.			
Sep 21	Meat & Trivia Contest 3:00 – 6:00 p.m.				
Sep 22	Stadium Bar & Grill				
Sep 24	24 Deadline for Craft Fair Registration for returning sellers and members				
Sep 27	Family Friday	5:30 – 7:30 p.m.			
Sep 29	Stadium Bar & Grill				

**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.

Anti-Discrimination 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.

**Anti-Harassment Statement:** The Gerry No. 5, in accordance with Mass General Law, does not tolerate harassment of any form on the premises including verbal, physical, or visual actions that vilifies or shows hostility

based upon a person's sex, age, race, etc. This includes sexual harassment (uninvited advances, verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature, inappropriate physical conduct, etc.). Any member experiencing this type of behavior should report this to the manager, bartender on duty, or a member of the Board of Directors immediately.

#### Officers

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#### **Board of Directors**

Joan Champlin Charlie Dalferro Mark Lausier Tom Murray Steve Shepard

Manager: Art Dodge

#### **2019 Patriots Schedule**

Preseason				
Thurs, Aug	@ Detroit	7:30 p.m.		
8th		Preseason Network		
Sat, Aug	@ Tennessee	7:00 p.m.		
$17^{\text{th}}$		Preseason Network		
Thurs, Aug	Carolina	7:30 p.m.		
22 <sup>nd</sup>		Preseason Network		
Thurs, Aug	NY Giants	7:30 p.m.		
29 <sup>th</sup>		Preseason Network		
REGULAR SEASON				
Sun, Sept 8 <sup>th</sup>	Pittsburgh	8:20 p.m. NBC		
Sun, Sept 15 <sup>th</sup>	@ Miami	1:00 p.m. CBS		
Sun, Sept 22 <sup>nd</sup>	NY Jets	1:00 p.m. CBS		
Sun, Sept 29 <sup>th</sup>	@ Buffalo	1:00 p.m. CBS		
Sun, Oct 6 <sup>th</sup>	@ Washington	1:00 p.m. CBS *		
Thurs, Oct	NY Giants	8:20 p.m.		
10 <sup>th</sup>		FOX/NFL/Amazon		
Mon, Oct 21 <sup>st</sup>	@ NY Jets	8:15 p.m. ESPN		

Sun, Oct 27 <sup>th</sup>	Cleveland	4:25 p.m. CBS*
Sun, Nov 3 <sup>rd</sup>	@ Baltimore	8:20 p.m. NBC*
Sun, Nov 10 <sup>th</sup>	BYE	
Sun, Nov 17 <sup>th</sup>	@ Philadelphia	4:25 p.m. CBS*
Sun, Nov 24 <sup>th</sup>	Dallas	4:25 p.m. FOX*
Sun, Dec 1 <sup>st</sup>	@ Houston	8:20 p.m. NBC*
Sun, Dec 8 <sup>th</sup>	Kansas City	4:25 p.m. CBS*
Sun, Dec 15 <sup>th</sup>	@ Cincinnati	1:00 p.m. CBS*
Sat/Sun Dec 21/22	Buffalo	TBD *
Sun, Dec 29 <sup>th</sup>	Miami	1:00 p.m. CBS*
	Post Seaso	n
Sat, Jan 4 <sup>th</sup>	NFC/AFC	
,	Wild Card	
Sun, Jan	NFC/AFC	
5th	Wild Card	
Sat, Jan	AFC/NFC	
11 <sup>th</sup>	Divisional	
Sun, Jan	AFC/NFC	
12 <sup>th</sup>	Divisional	
Sun, Jan	NFC/AFC	
19 <sup>th</sup>	Championships	
Sun, Jan	Pro Bowl	TBA, ESPN
26 <sup>th</sup>	NFC @ AFC	
Sun, Feb	Super Bowl	TBA, FOX
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