



Gerry No. 5 VFA

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GERRY 5 VFA NEWSLETTER

The Spirit of America

“May we think of freedom not as the right to do as we please but as the opportunity to do what is right.” ~ Peter Mitchell

This newsletter is a week later than normal because of the Independence Day



Celebration and moving the regular monthly meeting back one week. We hope everyone had a safe and happy July 4th no matter how you celebrated. It was hot and muggy so we stayed very close to home and watched the Boston fireworks on TV. We also got to see a bit of Swampscott's on the night of the 3rd through the trees (we are perched at the highest point in Salem), but could only hear Salem's show.

I was afraid it was going to be almost like every other day but I was wrong. A trip to the Gerry gave us time to see friends and catch up. We also got to see the Gerry No. 5 dressed in its finery return from the Horribles Parade.

Speaking of which, there were 424 happy children who decorated and participated in this year's parade. Thanks to Carol McHugh, Joan Champlin, Steve Ruiz, Marilyn Willard, Lynne deGrandpre', Bill Richardson, and the entire team for once again keeping tradition alive on our nation's birthday.

It's really summer now – finally. Though we're still having those peaks and valleys from hot and humid to 70s and gorgeous (windows open at night), it's here! It's time to play! After a Spring that was almost nonexistent, now the gardens have come back to life – ours looks better than ever for being small, shaded, and surrounded by pine trees. People are busy with water and beach activities. The 4th was almost like a ghost town. The stores even ran out of our favorite beer and members hit the Gerry hard for ice to keep theirs cold.

We are lucky not to have the algae bloom or

flesh-eating bacteria problems occurring on beaches farther South, but watch out for seals because sharks won't be far away!

What a great win by the US Women's Soccer Team for this year's World Cup. We'll start watching the Red Sox a little closer now that the All-Star break is over. We usually see a different team in the bottom half of the season. Then we'll be all in! Not much Patriots news but we're keeping our ear to the ground. I do know we are once again the favorites to repeat. Repeat what? Division, Conference, Super Bowl (fingers crossed).

The Club appears to get a bit slower this time as year (re: summer fun outside) but don't forget we're here for respite, whether it be from the heat, the sun, or just to find some quiet with air conditioning. Members and guests always welcome.

We're very busy on the Function Hall side and are already booking into 2020. Committees are meeting and making plans for future events, rule and by-law changes, and facility improvements and upgrades. So, while we look quiet, there is always work going on. Don't forget to take the Entertainment Survey (link provided in separate article).

The Softball Team continues to roll toward its 7th title in a row. The Golf League is in full swing. Pool tournaments are being held as usual. The Board is working hard on getting ready for Fall, Stadium Bar and Grill, and our normal events that take the summer off. Suggestions? Please share with the manager or the Board (written helps us remember but oral is fine too).

As always, 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, 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!

"With freedom comes responsibility." ~Eleanor Roosevelt

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

2019 Scholarship Recipients Announced

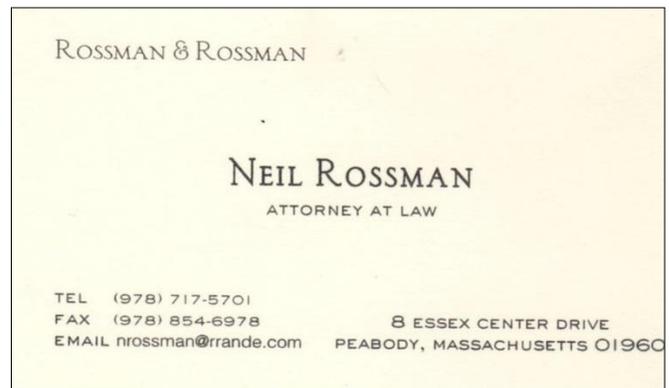
The Scholarship Committee has once again completed their difficult task of selecting the 2019 recipients. With hundreds of applications, their job is not easy and we thank them for their hard work. The Scholarship Committee is comprised of Joan Champlin, Peter Cuffe, Norm Sherwood, and Tom Voyer.

Here are the 2019 recipients:

Brendan M Locke II - John Banks Scholarship
Jacob Garfield – Frank M Camarda Memorial Scholarship – Athletic
Thomas S Woodfin – Frank M Camarda Memorial Scholarship – Vo-Tech
Kathryn Percy – Lorraine E Camarda Scholarship
Darcy O'Sullivan – Ronald Champlin Memorial Scholarship
Julia Cerrutti - John Stuart "Stu" Curtis Memorial Scholarship

Ethan Snook - Edgar Snow Doliber Memorial Scholarship
Kiana Hawley - Thomas Hartnett Scholarship
Caitlin Abbruzzese - Joseph Homan Scholarship
Isabelle Rogers - John S Humphrey Jr. Fund Scholarship
Michelle Shub – Jody E. LaLonde Memorial Scholarship
Kyle Saulnier – Matthew Leland Scholarship
Rachael Saulnier – Thomas Roche Scholarship
Peter Watts – Richard Tutt Scholarship
Maeve Sherwood - Howard "Wardie" Williams Memorial Scholarship

The recipients and their families will be honored at a reception at the Gerry on Sunday, August 4th, at 3:00 p.m.



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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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Annual Golf Tournament Scores!

The Annual Golf Tournament was held on June 7th at the Meadow in Peabody with 48 players. Using a shotgun start was a great change and all players had a great time.

Congratulations to the winning foursome of *Dennis Nelson, Drew Nelson, Billy Skinner, and Pete Koerber*. They had a final score of -11. We know they had a blast and want to thank them for their generosity in donating the winnings back to the Gerry.

Closest to the pin was *Bill Dow* with a HOLE IN ONE! Longest drive was *John Hinchey*.

We want to thank everyone who participated and our thirty-two hole sponsors. The sponsors are listed below.

John S Martin (5 holes)
Joanie Champlin
Mark Lausier
RightSPINE Chiropractic (Dr. Mark Freidman)
Groom Construction (2 holes)
Vinnin Square Chiropractic
Mike Hull (2 holes)
Beacon Hill Imports (Peter Brown)
Steve Jenkins
Joanie & Shep
Marcia & Matty
Shubies
Dee Vigneron
Mike Mentuck
Jeannine Camarda (2 holes)
National Grand Bank
Mike Rockett
Salem Waterfront Hotel
Market Square
Cindy Croteau
Philanthropic Lodge F. & A.M.
Maddie's Sail Loft
Marblehead Fire Department
Three Cod Tavern

Finally, but most importantly, we want to express our eternal gratitude to *Steve Shepard* for once again organizing the Tournament.

Unfortunately, after over 20 years of organizing, chasing people for payment, and making this wonderful event that provides proceeds to the Charities and Scholarships Fund happen, Shep is hanging up his organizing hat and looking at

wintering in a warmer climate. No, he says he isn't moving, just looking for that winter escape. Words cannot express our thanks and we'd love to hear more of his stories and yours of Tournaments past.

Shep has been a life member for some years and this along with many other hours devoted to the Gerry prove why. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you.

In the meantime, we'll be working with Shep on turning over the reins of this fundraiser to another member. Interested? Talk to Shep please.

June Blood Drive Results

The June Blood Drive was held in memory of Robert Butler, brother of *Mike Butler*. The goal for the drive was 112 pints. We collected 114 pints which can impact 342 lives! We also had 18 power reds and 6 first-time donors.



Thank you to all who participated and to our Blood Drive Committee: *Arlyne Campbell, Janet Brings, Jill Foster, and Carol McHugh*.

SAVE THE DATE! The October 10th Blood Drive will be in memory of our own *Karen Rogers*.

June Pool Tournament is Summer Blast!

The June Manager's Pool Tournament was held on June 30th with a hearty group of players and onlookers in attendance.



~Photo courtesy of Arthur Dodge

Congratulations to the winners – *Derek Havens*

and Dana Campbell!

Remember to check the web site and weekly event updates for the date of the next tournament. It's always a fun afternoon for everyone!

Entertainment Committee Survey

Most of you who have email, have received notice the Entertainment Committee is conducting a survey to assist the Gerry 5 in planning events and providing entertainment that YOU would enjoy. The survey asks 17 questions and takes an estimated 8 minutes to complete – more if you add comments, which we really will use.

The survey will be **available through August 2nd**. As an enticement, we will be giving a Gerry Gift Card to one lucky respondent. To enter, you will need to enter your name and contact information. The link to the survey is here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CHDBHYJ>. For those of you who do not have email, please contact me at the Club and I will mail one to you.

My apologies to those who took the first version of the survey which had some technical glitches. These have been fixed. Don't worry, we have your responses and you do not need to take the second version.

Thank you to everyone who participates. We need your input!

“Freedom is not worth having if it does not include the freedom to make mistakes.” ~ Mahatma Gandhi

EVENTS

Saturday, July 13th, Mike Butler Fundraiser

Music, Silent Auction, Raffle Prizes, Split the Pot (50/50), Food, Cash Bar

JOHNNY RAY BAND!

Doors Open 6:00 p.m.

DJ Dave 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Johnny Ray Band 9:30 - 11:00 p.m.

Tickets \$25.00 in advance, \$35.00 at the door
Tickets may be purchased at the Gerry 5, from a Benefit Committee Member, or through

[EventBrite](#)

Mike has been a mainstay at the Gerry 5 for many years and donated countless hours to the Gerry, the handtubs of Marblehead and

Swampscott, and the NESVFL. Now it's time to give back. Let's get Butler back and on the move.

On 9/14/18, Mike Butler woke up paralyzed. After a month in the hospital and many tests, the team at Brigham & Women's Hospital discovered that Mike had esophageal cancer. The cancer created legions on his spinal cord. Those legions were causing the paralysis; otherwise known as Transverse Myelitis. Mike underwent treatment for the cancer. After 7 ½ months in the hospital, Mike is home.

Mike is the type of person that was always volunteering and helping others. Now is the time to give back to him. Funds will be used to pay medical bills and purchase needed medical equipment/supplies. Please come support Mike!

Can't attend? Donations are welcome.

Summer Specials!

While they last

\$2.50 each



Not Your Father's Root Beer



Not Your Father's Ginger Ale



Rise IPA

Clementine White Ale



\$3.00 each



Corona Familiar



Pacifico



Snap Dragon Pinot Noir



16 oz can



Saturday, August 3rd, Salem Willows Muster

As part of its Heritage Days Celebration, a Fireman's Muster will be held at the Salem Willows on Saturday, August 3rd, starting at 12:30 p.m. The Gerry No. 5 will be there on display but is not in pumping order. We encourage everyone to attend this event and watch these antique firefighting machines

go for the longest stream.

If you are interested in pumping, the OKOs will be competing and welcome your help. Please be there before 12:30 if you want to pump.

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

Membership Information

The following applicants were voted membership at the July 10th meeting: Gina Guerrero, Paul Shepherd, and Sean Sweeney all of Marblehead.

The following applicants were held over for failure to meet orientation or sponsor requirements: Clinton Pickering of Kearsarge, NH.

The following new applicants were read and posted at the July meeting and will be voted on at the August meeting if all orientation and sponsor requirements are met: Steve Dugas of Marblehead and Denise (Tina) Pemberton of Swampscott.

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 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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Sound Bites

“Well going to London certainly didn’t solve anything for the Red Sox.” “Even Meghan and Harry didn’t bring them any luck.”

“I make it a habit never to pay much attention to baseball until after the All-Star break. Then the contenders will show up. Here that Red Sox?”

“Flesh eating bacteria, huge algae bloom in the Gulf, snow and baseball hail plus it’s getting really hot here and there are sharks about. I’m not sure I’m going in the water this year.”

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 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 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.

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.

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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:

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.



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)

July 2019

July 8	Entertainment Committee	6:30 p.m.
July 9	Orientation	7:30 p.m.
July 10	Board Meeting Members Meeting	7:00 p.m. 8:00 p.m.
July 13	Butler Fundraiser	6:00 p.m.
July 24	Board of Directors	6:30 p.m.

August 2019

Aug 3	Salem Willows Muster	12:30 p.m.
Aug 4	Scholarship Reception	3:00 p.m.
Aug 6	Orientation	7:30 p.m.
Aug 7	Board Meeting Members Meeting	7:00 p.m. 8:00 p.m.
Aug 12	Entertainment Committee	6:30 p.m.
Aug 14	By-Law Committee	5:00 p.m.
Aug 21	Board of Directors	6:30 p.m.

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.

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