



# Gerry No. 5 VFA

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GERRY 5 VFA NEWSLETTER

## June Blooms!

"It is the month of June, The month of leaves and roses, When pleasant sights salute the eyes and pleasant scents the noses." ~ Nathaniel Parker Willis

Can you believe we're almost to the first day of summer (21<sup>st</sup>) and still have only had one hot day? I am NOT complaining especially since the rainy season appears to have gone away (fingers crossed). I've planted new perennials and they are looking glorious. Already jotting down ideas for next year. Spring fever is over. We're all happy to see the sunshine after those weeks of gray and I really enjoy the cool nights that let you sleep with the windows open. I must admit some nights we still put on the fireplace for a little bit to cozy things up a bit.



Construction continues everywhere, which is good for the infrastructure and for jobs. Though I don't think Salem needs another 220 apartments (all with at least 1-2 cars) in our area. And to help with the already existing traffic, we having a rotary taking shape nearby. Urban sprawl! Don't get me started! School is almost done, then the real fun with traffic begins. How long does it take to get to Maine on a summer weekend?!

After a wonderful vacation in the turquoise waters of Great Exuma, we've reacclimated to reality. It gets harder every trip. But we have summer coming soon and I'm hoping we get a great one - not too HHH with those deep blue skies. Hey we're looking for someone with a boat who may want some passengers. Got spoiled in the Caribbean.

As I write this the Bruins are coming back to Boston to hopefully beat the Blues in the Stanley Cup. The Triple Crown of horse racing has been crazy with two out of three done - interference

and a jockey falling off his horse. Makes it not a Triple Crown contender but it's fun to watch. The Celtics are golfing or something. The Red Sox are working their way to the All-Star Break at around .500. We have NASCAR and Wimbledon is just around the corner. Plenty of seats in the Clubroom to watch.

We have the Annual Golf Tournament coming up on June 7th. The Softball and Golf Leagues are both active. The Horribles' Parade is coming up on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July, courtesy of the Gerry and its hearty group of volunteers.

Committees are meeting - the building, entertainment, by-law, and long-range planning all have had meetings or are planning them. If you are on one of these, you will be notified of a meeting.

It's good to see Mike Butler back at the Club. The Twomeys are back in town along with a lot of our members who snowbird. We miss our members when they're away. We know a lot of our members are busy with gardens and getting ready to hit the water or the mountains. We see a bit of churn in our regulars this time of year and we recognize that summertime is a precious commodity here so we try to take advantage of it. This is the time we get a lot of things done behind the scenes. Watch for notices for volunteers if we needed for our improvement activities.


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. Also, you never need an excuse to visit. We highly recommend regular visits! See you soon!

"A summer's sun is worth the having." ~French Proverb

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

## American Red Cross Honors Gerry 5

At the May member meeting, *Janet Brings*, representing the American Red Cross presented the Gerry with an award honoring our continuing support and success in the Blood Drives we co-sponsor.

The Certificate of Red Cross reads: In recognition of your commitment and dedication to the American Red Cross Premier Blood Partner Program. Your support is critical to our lifesaving mission. Each year we deliver 7 million blood products to hospital patients – and we could not do it without you.

331 units collected in 2018. Thank you for growing your annual impact by 103 units.

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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

## Thank You from the Angel Fund

*Joan Champlin* thanks everyone who made contributions to the Angel Fund in memory of Bob DeLisle. Your generosity never ceases to amaze. The donations were much needed and will be put to good use, as always. The need never ends and donations are always welcome.

Thank you again.

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

## EVENTS

### The Belmont Stakes – June 8<sup>th</sup>



Crazy things happened in the first two races. Join us to see what happens in the final. Hats, libations, friendly wagering.

“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 June meeting: Jason Byrne, Patricia Lausier, Charles Sweeney of Marblehead, and James Shay of Salem.

The following applicant was held over pending completion of orientation and sponsor requirements: Paul Shepherd of Marblehead.

The following new applicants were read and posted at the June meeting: Gina Guerrero, Rick Wyman of Marblehead, Clinton Pickering of Kearsarge, NH. They will be voted on at the July 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](mailto:GerryMembership@gmail.com).



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### Passages

Antonetta Fratini, mother of member *Carlo Fratini*, passed on May 10<sup>th</sup> at the age of 101. Born in Firenze, Italy she came to Lynn, MA when she was 11 years old. A graduate of Boston University with a BA in business, she managed the family construction business for many years. She raised her family in Peabody and Marblehead.

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family and friends.

### Sound Bites

*“Winter is back! Just after I put away all my winter clothes.”*

*“Why don’t we extend the deck and put a grill on the grass?” “You cooking?”*

## 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. Also, shoes must be worn at all times 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 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.

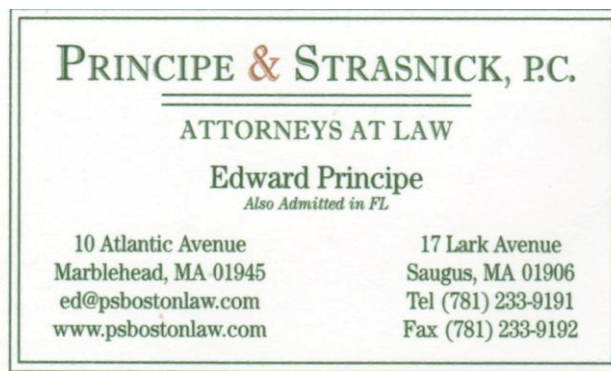
**Complaints?** Please put your complaint in writing or attend a Board of Directors meeting to present it in person. Date and time of specific events are greatly appreciated.

**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, 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](mailto:gerry5vfa@yahoo.com) or [ziggyii@comcast.net](mailto: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](http://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)

#### June 2019

- June 8 **Belmont Stakes**
- June 10 Entertainment Committee 6:30 p.m.
- June 14 Flag Day
- June 19 Board of Directors 6:30 p.m.

#### July 2019

- July 2 Orientation 7:30 p.m.
- July 4 INDEPENDENCE DAY  
Horribles Parade 10:00 a.m.  
Club Opens @ TBD
- July 10 Board Meeting 7:00 p.m.  
Members Meeting 8:00 p.m.
- July 13 Butler Benefit Fundraiser
- July 24 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.

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