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GERRY 5 VFA NEWSLETTER

March - Lion or Lamb?

"In like a lion, out like a lamb!" ~ Unknown



There are many weather proverbs including this one for March

These are

based on rhymes or beliefs of our ancestors. When it comes to weather the common theme appears to be balance. But with March being a very changeable month, especially in our part of the world, you just never know. Looking at the long-range forecast we're in for a roller coaster ride this month. Spring may show itself late but it took winter longer than normal to settle in. There's something special about this mercurial month. We just had our largest snowfall this season (and that's not saying much) but it was exciting. With more daylight we watched the falling snow and the gorgeous frosting left behind. It also gave me faith that not everything has gone awry.

Let's face it, the world is a tad wonky. Crazy stuff going on everywhere. The groundhog who predicted an early Spring should have jumped back into the hole and said let's try again next year. But worldwide insanity aside, we should look forward to whatever comes next. History is being made on all levels of life. We have SpaceX docking with the space station, the Patriots collecting their sixth Lombardi Trophy and going for a seventh, the Bruins are on fire, and we're all wondering if Cora will pull another rabbit out of his Red Sox cap for another championship run. Celtics-well, it's early but you can't have everything. Even Daytona 500 was wacked this year. How many cautions did they have? How many cars were knocked out of the race by the time it was finally over? Craziness everywhere - Korea, Russia, spas, and the one operating

recreational marijuana facility in Salem ran out of bud! Madness!

March brings thoughts of not just Spring but the wearing of the green - celebrating Irish heritage. What a prolific bunch we are! And on St. Patrick's Day everyone is Irish. Remember to don some green and drink a pint or a dram to the old sod. The beautiful, lush green island that brought us not only my family but so many traditions and history. A proud people with a heritage that is never forgotten who love a bit of craic! Sounds a bit like the Gerry members. (Smile please.) Slainte'! (to your health in Irish Gaelic)

March brings luck with it - Spring and renewal, St. Patrick's and that leprechaun pot of gold we're all chasing. Whether you feel like being a lion or a lamb or getting some balance with a bit of both, we've got something for you here at the Gerry. We have our regular activities during the month, most of which are detailed in the Event section of the newsletter. We've also got some great special events coming up that you do not want to miss.

We are busy with Function Hall rentals too. That painful place we found ourselves in two years ago has eased a bit and we keep moving in a positive direction. We owe it all to the changes in business practices by our Board and Officers, more and better advertising, and you - our members and owners. Your loyalty, word of mouth, recommendations, and every new member brought in is a blessing. We appreciate each and every one of you.

Get your tickets for the March 16th Casino Night now! The top prize is a 50" flat screen TV plus you'll have a lot of fun playing the games. We have March Madness (the basketball kind) coming up mid-month. We've got laughter on tap for April with comedy night.

Don't forget to Spring Forward on March 10th!

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!

"Marth 4th. The only day that is also a sentence.
~ John Green

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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!

Prom Night Delights!



The Valentine's Prom Night event was a great success and fun for all ages. Congratulations to the Prom King and Queen – Cy Kilgore and Tina Zelano. DJ Dave provided music and there was dancing, food, favors, and fun had by all. Photos will be on the web site soon. The Gerry 5 Charities and Scholarships also benefited from the net proceeds of the event.

Thank you to everyone who attended. Thanks to the Entertainment Committee for putting together another successful event. Get ready for the next events – a Casino Night Fundraiser this month and the always successful Spring Comedy Night in April.

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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

Blood Drive Results

The February Blood Drive was another success. A total of 90 pints were presented. As a result, up to 270 patients may receive the gift of life. We thank you Blood Drive Committee consisting of Janet Brings, Carol McHugh, Jill Foster, and Arlyne Campbell as well as our cosponsors of the Swampscott and Marblehead Rotary Clubs.

The next Blood Drive is scheduled for June 6th and will be in memory of Karen Rogers. Mark your calendars!

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

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

EVENTS

Friday Fish Fry, March 8th



Meat & Trivia Contest, Saturday, March 9th, 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!**

There will be corned beef along with our usual great cuts of meat from New England Meat Market.

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.

Join us for a great afternoon of fun!

Meat & Trivia Contest
TICKET
Must be present to win!

Saturday, March 9th, 3-6 pm
Tickets = 6 for \$5.00
Multiple Contests - several items each drawing!

TRIVIA - 3 Rounds

Free! Answer questions—win prizes
A set of icons for the trivia contest including a green top hat, a stick figure, a question mark, a globe, and a pot of gold.
All proceeds go to the Gerry S Charities and Scholarships



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CASINO NIGHT FUNDRAISER— Saturday, March 16th 7:30 – 11:00 p.m.

Try Your Luck!



Have some fun! Take a chance! Win Prizes
Blackjack, Roulette, Money Wheel,
Dice, 50/50

**PUBLIC
WELCOME**

**Saturday, March 16th
7:30—11:00 p.m.**

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

\$25 admission (includes your initial \$ stake)

21+ Cash Bar snacks & appetizers

Tickets on sale now @ Gerry 5 VFA, Eventbrite,

Gerry 5 Facebook pages, & at the door

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

Remember this is open to members and the public. Invite your friends, family, neighbors to join us. Will the odds be with you? Wear a little green to make sure you Irish is showing! Bring a little green to win some great prizes.

Buy your tickets now for this fun event. May the luck be with you. Top prize is a 50" flat screen 4D TV!

\$25 per person get your in the door and your initial stake to play. Snacks and appetizers will be available

along with a cash bar.

Tickets are on sale at the Club, via EventBrite, the Gerry web site, the Gerry Facebook pages, and at the door.

You may purchase tickets here: [Casino Night Fundraiser](#).

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



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

SAVE THE DATE – SPRING COMEDY Night, Saturday, August 20th

"Laughter is an instant vacation." ~ Milton Berle

Join us for comedy at its best! Four top name comedians will surely tickle your funny bone.



And, aren't we all ready for some laughter!

The names of the comedians will be shared as soon as the contract is final but they are sure to please everyone. Tickets are \$30 per person and include dinner and comedy. Dinner will include our famous baked potato bar.

Doors open at 6:00 p.m. Dinner will be served 6:30 – 7:45 p.m. Show time is 8:00 p.m. Tables may be reserved by purchasing eight (8) tickets.

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

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

Net proceeds go to the Gerry 5 VFA Charities and Scholarships.

Membership Information

The following applicants were voted membership at the March meeting: Andy Doyle, Mark Hempel, Paul Sudenfield of Marblehead and Patricia Rozumek of Middleton.

The following applicants were held over due to lack of a sponsor being present: Debbie Birtwell, William Havens and Richard Yukins.

The following new applicants were read and posted at the March meeting: David Mahserjian and James Tinker of Marblehead. They will be voted on at the April 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

Mark LeBlanc, member, passed on February 20, 2019 (his birthday) at the age of 64 after a struggle with cancer. Born in Salem and raised in Marblehead, he served in the US Navy and graduated from the Commercial Diving Center in California. He worked as a diver in marine construction and was proud union member. He enjoyed days on the Sea Pal with

his family and watching sports. .

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family and friends.

John McCarthy, member, brother of member *Edward McCarthy* and father-in-law of member *Donald Marino*, passed on February 25, 2019 at the age of 83. He grew up in Marblehead, graduated from St. John's Prep and from Providence College. He was a US Army veteran. He loved being a father and was an amazing grandfather.

We extend our sincere condolences to the family and friends.

Robert DeLisle, Jr., member, father of members Adam and wife Andrew, Brad, Ryan, and Todd, passed on March 5, 2019, at age 64 after a valiant fight against cancer. A proud employee to the Town of Marblehead for 38 years until he retired. After four days of retirement he became (possibly the last) traffic supervisor/crossing guard at the Gerry School; which he loved. an avid Boston/New England sports fan who also loved a good game of cribbage and "playing his numbahs." Like clockwork, every August he was at his happy place: Cathedral Ledge. Bob was a proud member of the Gerry 5, the Magician Gridiron Club (WHIP!), Past President and Vice President of Marblehead Town Employees Union Local 1776, and a life member of the OKO's VFA.

All of this came second to his family and he loved nothing more than his grandchildren.

We extend our sincere sympathies to the family and friends.

Sound Bites

"It figures. We finally get snow but it's March and it's even colder than January."

"He fought a valiant fight against a vicious disease with a quiet dignity. He will be missed."

"We have a new angel in the outfield. Play ball Bob!"

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 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, 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 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 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 require a minimum of 6 items and 12 items for screen print.

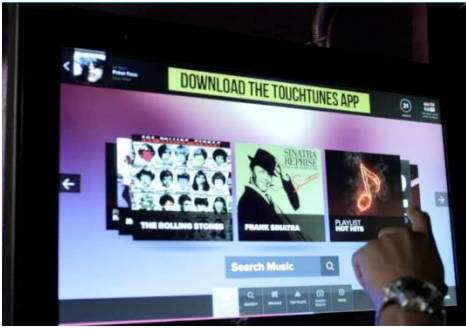
Place your order at the Club or email the Secretary. A \$5.00 deposit is required and is non-refundable. Full payment is due when merchandise is delivered! View the catalog for other items at: <https://www.sportswearcollection.com/Default.aspx?site=CRGHPGYDZS>

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)		
March 2019		
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	7:30 – 11:00 p.m.
Mar 17	St. Patrick’s Day	
Mar 19	March Madness begins	
Mar 20	Board Meeting	6:30 p.m.
	First Day of Spring	
Mar 22	Family Friday	5:30 p.m.
April 2019		
Apr 3	Orientation	7:30 p.m.
Apr 4	Board Meeting	7:00 p.m.
	Members Meeting	8:00 p.m.
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	

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 – we are CLOSED	
Apr 26	Family Friday	5:30 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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