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GERRY 5 VFA NEWSLETTER

May Daze

"You are as welcome as the flowers in May." ~

Charles Macklin

Of course I'm going to talk a bit about the weather. Call it crazy! We're all itching for sunshine and warmer



temperatures – it's Spring Fever! Instead we have continuing gray, rainy days with a few exceptions. Sometimes I don't mind but highs in the 40s and frost warnings? May - where are you? I'm feeling a little dazed with the weather patterns (my poor Southern family and friends are dealing with deadly tornadoes and flooding.) I have a feeling Mother Nature must be a little dazed as well. The long, slug through Winter never really came, but like Winterfell, we're still not sure of Spring yet. Dazed and confused (great song, funny movie). Even our flock of turkeys have gone for cover (or they all looked up and drowned).

But despite it all, May is here. The flowers are trying to bloom and the trees are blossoming. It's what my husband calls "salad" season. Salad for your car because of the rain and the blossoms coating it. But, it may be that when Spring finally pops through with sunny days, we may see something akin to the desert super bloom. I have a feeling that when we return from our vacation this month, we will see magnificent colors and bright green leaves. One hopes. In the meantime, we're following what many of you have planned or have already taken advantage of – warmth of a tropical beach, turquoise water, snorkeling, swimming, and totally forgetting the daily routine for a bit.

And as dazed as we feel now, we are still looking forward to gardening and that special time of year that comes next – Summer! Just another month and we hope to see those beautiful blue skies and

then let the fun begin – boating, sunning, swimming – America at play!

There are some exciting things going on despite the gray and damp. Softball leagues are playing – the Gerry team is going for its 7th straight championship! The Golf League season has started. Golfers are chomping at the bit for a dry day to hit the links. Plus, we have lots of distractions to enjoy indoors as well. The Celtics and Bruins are in the playoffs. The Red Sox are slugging through the first half of the AL East season and there's NASCAR. Plenty of seats in the Clubroom to watch.

We have the Triple Crown of horse racing starting 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 getting ready for the Annual Golf Tournament on June 7th. This is NOT just for Gerry members. Invite your friends, relatives, neighbors to join us for what is always a fun tournament. Details are in this newsletter.

Let's not forget Mother's Day on the 12th. We'll be serving breakfast once again, which is always a nice treat for mom and the family.

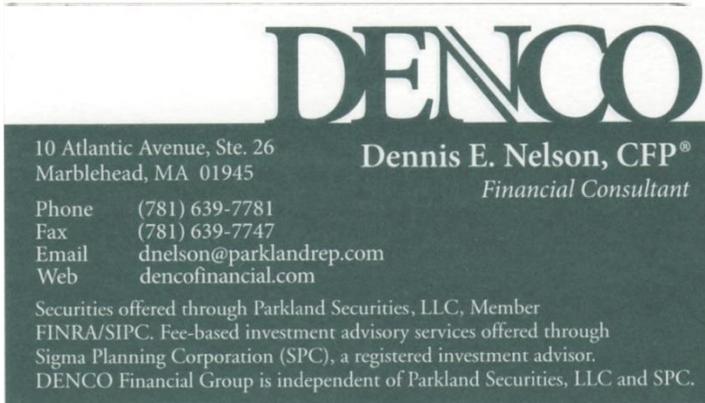
We have many opportunities for you to enjoy the club. Remember you always have a refuge here at the Gerry. There's always sports on TV and our in-house activities – pool, golf, cribbage, dice, bags, The Lottery, and good company. There's also solitude should that be your need.

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!

"It's spring fever.... You don't quite know what it is you do want, but it just fairly makes your heart ache, you want it so!" ~Mark Twain

Have Questions About Social Security?

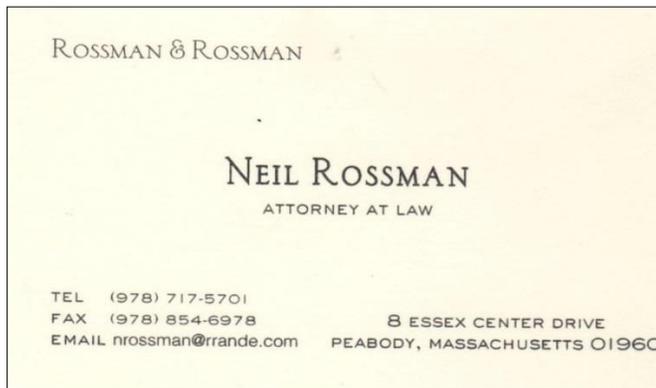
The decisions you make now can have a tremendous impact on the total amount of benefits you stand to receive over your lifetime. We can help. Give us a call.



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



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Comedy Night Kills!

A lot of laughter was heard on April 20th coming from the Function Hall. It was Comedy Night. Many attendees said these were the funniest comedians we've had participate in this event in years. Hope you attended and enjoyed the evening. We recognize the timing was not optimum for some due to Easter weekend but our Function Hall is so popular we have to take what nights are available. This is good for us as far as income but makes scheduling events for ourselves difficult at times. Thank you for understanding.

Thank you to the Entertainment Committee, Vice President Martin and his kitchen crew, the dynamic duo maintenance crew and the Manager for their hard work in making this another Gerry success.

Watch the newsletter and event updates for our next big event.



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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

Golf Tournament Sponsors Needed

Our annual Golf Tournament will be held on June 7th. 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 dinner at the Gerry,

Hole Sponsor Registration forms are available at the Gerry or on the website at www.gerry5.com/library under Member Documents.

Make checks payable to Gerry 5 VFA (If mailing, mark envelope as Gerry Golf Sponsor)
Return to: Mark Lausier or Joan Champlin, Gerry 5 VFA, 210 Beacon Street, Marblehead MA 01945, 781-631-5214

Questions to Mark Lausier @ 781-844-9836

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

EVENTS

Kentucky Derby – May 4th



Hats, mint juleps (bring your own mint), friendly wagering, who's the favorite to win? Join us to see who actually wins.

88th Annual Marblehead Garden Club Plant Sale, Saturday, May 11th

**Marblehead Garden Club
88th Annual
Plant Sale!**

Marblehead Garden Club

**Saturday, May 11, 2019
8:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
Gerry 5 VFA**

The Marblehead Garden Club, organized in 2016, maintains the gardens of the Jeremiah Lee Mansion for the Marblehead Museum, and contributes plantings and arrangements to a variety of community programs throughout the year.

Great prices – come early, they go fast,

Mother's Day Breakfast – Sunday, May 12th

Treat mom to a delicious Mother's Day breakfast at the Gerry 5! We will be holding the annual Mother's Day breakfast **11 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.** on Sunday, May 12th. Price is \$15 for adults and children 11 and up, \$8.00 children ages 6-10, and free for children 5 and under. No tickets necessary - pay at the door.



This year's menu includes: scrambled eggs, hash browns, pancakes, bacon, sausage, fruit salad, toasted English muffins and fried dough.

The Preakness – May 18th



Join us to see if the Derby winner can make it a real Triple Crown threat! Hats, libations, friendly wagering.

May 27th – Memorial Day – WE ARE CLOSED



On Memorial Day, we pause in solemn gratitude to pay tribute to the brave patriots who laid down their lives defending peace and freedom while in military service to our great Nation. We set aside this day to honor their sacrifice and to remind all

Americans of the tremendous price of our precious liberty.

Throughout the history of our Republic, courageous Americans have purchased our cherished freedom with their lives. Our 151 national cemeteries serve as the final resting place for millions of people, including veterans from every war and conflict, many of whom died while serving our country. We remain duty bound to honor those who made the ultimate sacrifice on our behalf and to remember them with thankfulness and unwavering pride. The fallen — our treasured loved ones, friends, neighbors, and fellow citizens — deserve nothing less from a grateful Nation.

Today, and every day, we revere those who have died in noble service to our country. I call upon all Americans to remember the selfless service members who have been laid to rest in flag-draped coffins and their families who have suffered the greatest loss. The sacrifices of our hallowed dead demand our Nation's highest honor and deepest gratitude. On this day, let us also unite in prayer for lasting peace in our troubled world so that future generations will enjoy the blessings of liberty and independence. ~ Donald J Trump

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

Blood Drive, Thursday, June 6th, 10:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Mark your calendars and make your appointments with the American Red Cross for the June 8th drive. This drive is being held in memory of Robert Butler, brother of member *Mike Butler*.

Walk-ins are welcome.

All presenting donors will be treated breakfast items in the morning or a light snack in the afternoon and evening.

Appointments may be made on-line at [Gerry Social Hall Blood Drive](#).



June 7th – Annual Charities Golf Tournament

June 7, 2019 (Rain date June 21, 2019)

Course: The Meadow in Peabody

Format: Scramble (4-man teams)

Shotgun start: 8:30 am.

Price \$125.00 per person / \$500.00 per team

Includes golf and steak & shrimp meal at the Gerry immediately following the golf. (Approximately 2:00 PM.)

In order for this Tournament to succeed, we need a minimum of 72 players or 18 Foursomes.

Therefore, it is necessary that we receive player commitments and payment by **May 24th**.

If payment has NOT been received by this date the Tournament will be cancelled and all money received will be refunded.

Entry forms are available at the Gerry or on the website at www.gerry5.com/library under Member Documents.

Please return this form with your team's payment before May 24, 2019.

We accept cash, MasterCard, Visa, Discover or checks. **Please make out all checks payable to the Gerry 5 VFA**



Gerry Softball Team Goes for 7

The Gerry Softball Team has won the league for six straight years. This year they're going for their 7th victory. The schedule is published on the web site at www.gerry5.com/library. Go Gerry 5!

Membership Information

The following applicants were voted membership at the May meeting: Andrew Christensen and Robert Colucci of Marblehead.

The following applicants were held over pending completion of orientation and sponsor requirements: Chris Houghton of Marblehead and James Bergeron of Salem.

The following new applicants were read and posted at the May meeting: Jason Byrne, Patricia Lausier,

Jim Shay, Paul Shepard, and Charles Sweeney all of Marblehead. They will be voted on at the June 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

Timothy C. Pickering, member, passed on April 13, 2019 at the age of 42 after a heroic fight against pancreatic cancer. He was active in the Marblehead Youth Hockey. His love for the sea resulted in graduation from Maine Maritime Academy. He was the Captain of the Salem Ferry and the Horizon's Edge, worked as a merchant marine and a Deck Officer for many companies. He was an active member of the Philanthropic Lodge of Masons and he enjoyed his hot dog with the guys at the Gerry every Saturday,

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family and friends.

Anton Cohen, member, passed on April 17, 2019 at the age of 95 – our oldest member. Born in Washington, DC, he was stationed in Marblehead while serving in the US Coast Guard where he met and married the love of his life. He worked for the

US Postal Service until retirement, then the Marblehead Light Department and as a crossing guard.

Our sincere condolences to his family and friends.

Sound Bites

"I'm beginning to think we need to build an ark. Where is the sun?"

"We had a turkey peck on our garage door. It was like it wanted to come in. Strange. We don't feed them but they love our yard for some reason."

"Oh the comedians were so funny. I laughed so hard I almost peed!"

"It's such a gorgeous day I want to sit on the deck."

"Did you bring your parka?"

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 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)		
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	
June 2019		
June 4	Orientation	7:30 p.m.
June 5	Board Meeting	7:00 p.m.
	Members Meeting	8:00 p.m.
June 6	BLOOD DRIVE	10:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.
June 7	Annual Charities Golf Tournament Butler Benefit Fundraiser	
June 8	Belmont Stakes	
June 14	Flag Day	
June 16	Father's Day Breakfast	
June 19	Board of Directors	6:30 p.m.

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