



Gerry No. 5 VFA

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GERRY 5 VFA NEWSLETTER

NEWS

Thank You from the Annual Food Drive

The donations you made to the annual food drive were delivered to the Marblehead Food Pantry. The Pantry thanks you for your thoughtfulness in again holding a Holiday Food Drive for their benefit. The Pantry sees about 60 people a week and over 170 Marblehead households used their services in 2019. We are truly helping to make a difference in the lives of those in the community who are struggling through our donations.

The Food Pantry also received a bit of education on the history of the Club and the Gerry No. 5 Hand tub, 175 years old this year, by *Tom Cashman*. The pantry sends their gratitude for our thoughtful, generous and ongoing support.

The Gerry thanks *Julie* and *Tom Cashman* for their support and commitment to managing this annual event.

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.

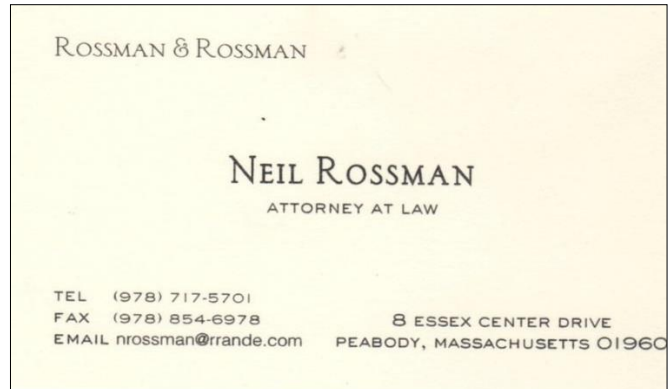
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"Love doesn't make the world go 'round. Love makes the ride worthwhile." ~Franklin P Jones



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"You cannot do a kindness too soon because you never know how soon it will be too late." ~ Ralph Waldo Emerson

2020 Committees Appointed

At the February 5th Board of Directors meeting, the following Committees were appointed for 2020.

Entertainment Committee – Kathy Tankersley Bernier, Lynne deGrandpre', Anne Marie Hart, Carol McHugh, Didi Rubano

Blood Drive Committee -Arlyne Campbell, Janet Brings, Carol McHugh, Jill Foster.

Long Range Planning Committee – Art Dodge, Neil Rossman

By-Law Committee – The Board voted to dissolve this as a standing committee. If significant changes are recommended by the membership, the committee will be convened to discuss the recommendations.

Building Committee – Art Dodge, Mark Lausier, Al Dennis, Ian Bernier, John Williams

Sick Committee – Joan Champlin

Scholarship Committee – Joan Champlin, Peter Cuffe, Tom Voyer, Norm Sherwood

Volunteerism is at the heart of the Gerry. We thank all volunteers for donating their time, experience, and skills.

“Every chance taken is another chance to win.”
~unknown

January Pool Tournament Winners

The Manager’s Pool Tournament was another successful fun event for both the players and the spectators. When all was said and done, *DOUG BATES* and *Dana Campbell* were the winners!



Congratulations to Doug and Dana. Thanks to everyone who competed and to the cheering section. Stay tuned for the date of the next tournament.

“NO amount of evidence will ever persuade an idiot.”
~ Mark Twain

EVENTS – THINGS TO DO

The Gerry Fry, Friday February 7th, 6:30 – 9:00 p.m.

Live music with local musician Paul Duffy!
FREE admission!
Open to the public!

Bring your friends and neighbors!



- Homemade Clam Chowder served in a baked bread bowl \$10
- Fried Haddock plate served with coleslaw and French fries \$14
- Fried Clam plate served with coleslaw and French fries \$19
- Hot Pastrami on a bakery fresh bulky roll \$9.00
- Grilled Chicken Caesar salad \$12.00
- Hand cut onion rings \$5.00
- CASH BAR

Meat & Trivia Contest, Saturday, February 15th, 2:00 p.m. ***NEW TIME***

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!**

We also have a Trivia Contest. **Trivia is free to play.** Answer questions correctly, win prizes. Three rounds of 15 questions with prizes for each round and a grand prize for the team who collects the most points overall.

MEAT CONTEST

Must be present to win!

Saturday, February 15th, 2-5 pm

Tickets = 6 for \$5.00

Multiple Drawings (3 drawing + losers raffle) several items each

& TRIVIA CONTEST

Free! Answer questions—win prizes



All proceeds go to the Gerry 5 Charities and Scholarships

Join us for a great afternoon of fun!

Family Fish Fry-Day, Friday, February 28th, 5 p.m.



FAMILY FUN!

Jape Escape! Music & games for the kids!
FREE ADMISSION! OPEN TO THE PUBLIC!
Bring your friends, neighbors, the whole family!
Huge fried shrimp plate only \$16.00
Fried haddock plate only \$14.00
Burgers and grilled cheese for the kids.
Free kids pops for dessert
Bar will be Open!

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Interested in a Potluck Contest?

Our Super Bowl Pot Lucks have been so much fun with really good food, we're planning to do it again (with a twist) on **Sunday, March 29th, 3:00 - 6:00 p.m.** It will be a Taste of the Gerry. To participate, bring your favorite dish (enough to

feed small bites to 30 or so people) and you're entered. Attendees and cooks will vote for their favorite dish. We will award prizes for the top three vote-getters.

Don't cook? You can still participate and vote by paying a \$5.00 admission fee.

If you are interested in entering a dish, please respond to: ziggyii@comcast.net or gerry5vfa@yahoo.com with your name and dish.

MEMBER INFORMATION

The following applicant was voted membership at the February meeting: Frank Mazzoni of Marblehead.

The following applicants were read and posted at the February meeting: Jon Girdland and Emmett McNulty both 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 GerryMembership@gmail.com

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



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Passages

Marjorie “Meg” Loveland, wife of member *Russ* passed on January 22, 2020 at the age of 60.

Our deepest sympathy to family and friends.

Virginia “Ginny” O’Neil, member, wife of member *Dennis O’Neil*, grandmother of member *Amanda Roland* passed on January 12, 2020 at the age of 77.

Born in Lynn she met the love of her life, *Dennis*, in high school. After marriage they settled in Marblehead and raised their family. Ginny also worked in the Marblehead Schools and Ginny’s Sugar Shack at the Elk’s. She will be remembered most as a loving wife, mother, and grandmother. Her loyalty and unconditional love will be remembered forever.

Our sincere sympathy to friends and family.

Bill Reisopoulus, member, passed suddenly on January 16, 2020. Some of us remember him from the Marblehead House of Pizza.

Our condolences to friends and family.



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Calendar of Events

(dates/times subject to change)

February 2020

Feb 7	The Gerry Fry	6:30 p.m.
Feb 14	Happy Valentine’s Day	
Feb 15	Meat & Trivia Contest 2:00 – 5:00 p.m.	
Feb 16	Daytona 500	
Feb 17	President’s Day (Federal Holiday)	
Feb 19	Board Meeting	6:30 p.m.
Feb 25	Mardi Gras Day	
Feb 26	Ash Wednesday (Lent Begins)	
Feb 28	Family Fish Fry-Day	5:00 p.m.

March 2020 *

Mar 3	Orientation	7:30 p.m.
Mar 4	Board Meeting	7:00 p.m.
	Members Meeting	8:00 p.m.
Mar 8	SPRING FORWARD – DST BEGINS	
Mar 13	The Gerry Fry	TBD
Mar 14	Meat & Trivia Contest 2:00 – 5:00 p.m.	
Mar 17	St. Patrick’s Day	
Mar 18	Board Meeting	6:30 p.m.

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

Mar 19 First Day of Spring
 Mar 27 Family Fish Fry-Day 5:00 p.m.
 Mar 29 Best of the Gerry Potluck Contest
 3:00 - 6:00

* Dates and times subject to change



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Sound Bites, Random Thoughts, and Gerry Talk

"I'm stronger because I had to be, I'm smarter because of my mistakes, happier because of the sadness I've known, and now wiser because I learned". ~ curiano.com

"A Super Bowl without the Patriots. Though unusual, maybe it's good to have a break. It takes the pressure off the team and the fans." "I have a



friend who gets so worked up when the Patriots play, she hasn't seen a Super Bowl or a regular

season game for years. This year she'll watch the Super Bowl. She's a Jimmy G fan."

"Groundhog Day. We're halfway through winter and we're still waiting for it to show up. I want to some snow already! I cannot get excited about gardening or Spring this early in the year. Snow please!"

"George Washington warned against political parties and the electoral college. No one listened. Maybe they should have."

"I think The Donald is a great poster adult for anti-bullying. What a narcissist." "But he got elected." "Well, he knows how to put on a show."

"Coronavirus! No! Stay away from here."

"Clowns to the left of me, jokers to the right. Stuck in the middle with puppets, ventriloquists, and crazies. Do not go to that web site again!"

"Thanks to all this political stuff on TV, I've discovered a bunch of channels I didn't know we had, like Buzzr with the old games shows." "I know and I'm finally catching up on the DVR, Netflix and Amazon Prime." "The soap opera people are really upset!"

"I don't care, it all smells to high heaven, kind of like the dump used to on a really bad day."

"I swear, the turkeys and coyotes are taking over. Swampscott keeps trying to relocate "Vinny" their resident turkey from directing traffic but he's a tenacious old bird. Keeps coming back. My husband wants to put a yellow vest and badge on him."

"Here we go. Two young guns slinging the ball." "Mahomes looked like Bledsoe on that play." Jimmy G is nervous, look at his eyes. He's got the blinkies." "Never mind that, he's closing his eyes when he throws!"

"I'm not going anywhere." Tom Brady

"I don't know what J Lo was doing but I kind of enjoyed Shakira...singing, dancing, guitar, drums." "I'd say J Lo was close to soft porn. Wonder if A Rod approved."

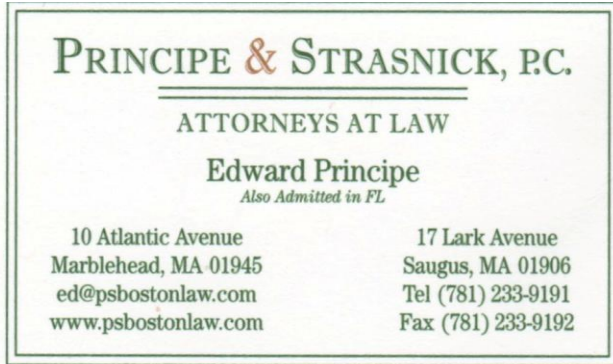
"Oh goodie, now everyone will want a stripper pole."

"Why did we make so much food?" Well we did eat 1 1/2 lbs. of shrimp and clam dip. The lobster will have to wait a bit.

"Loved the Alexa commercial with Ellen deGeneres. Dragon eats carrier pigeon."

"February is just plain malicious. It knows your defenses are down." ~ Katherine Paterson

Remember the Gerry is always a refuge after a hard day. As always, we have many opportunities for you to enjoy the club. Sports on TV, pool, golf, cribbage, dice, bags, The Lottery, and good company. There's also solitude should that be your need. You never need an excuse to visit. We highly recommend regular visits! See you soon!



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NOTICES & REMINDERS

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! If you pay for the entire year in January, you get a bonus of two “free” months. Proceeds go to the Gerry 5 VFA Scholarships and Charities.

Interested in playing? Please see Joan Champlin.

Family Event Reminder

Attending a Gerry family event such as the fish fry or Family Friday? Remember these are multigenerational events that include all ages. Children are welcome but parents please mind them. We ask those without children to have patience as well. Shoes must always be worn on the premises. **Teach your children well.**

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 do so.

MEMBERS ONLY - Meeting Night!

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

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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 have neighbors and the general public passing by. 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.

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. Prices are listed on the web site.

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 with the G5! A G5VFA business sponsorship includes the monthly newsletter, 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 with payment.

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.

Very Important? Have you 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.

We can also 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. You must pay 50% of the estimated cost as a deposit when ordering an item. The remainder is due when merchandise is delivered! Want something, ask us.

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 the first Wednesday of the month

Thank you for reading! ~Kathy Tankersley Bernier, Secretary

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- President- Chris Husband
- Vice President- Mark Lausier
- Treasurer-Dennis Nelson
- Secretary-Kathy Tankersley Bernier
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- Asst. Foreman-Vacant

Board of Directors

- Nate Burke
- Mike Butler
- Joan Champlin
- Ryan Glavin
- Tom Murray

Manager: Art Dodge

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 based on 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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