



# Gerry No. 5 VFA

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GERRY 5 VFA NEWSLETTER

## NEWS

### Toys for Tots Party Rocks

The 12 Annual Toys for Tots Holiday Party, hosted by the Gerry 5 along with the Havens Family once again was a great evening. Music, food, raffles, and toys made the night fun and a success. At last count 174 toys were donated so 174 children will be visited by Santa thanks to your thoughtfulness. We thank everyone who donated and attended.

We want to acknowledge the core team that brought it all together: Carol McHugh, Greg Barnes, Rick Wyman, Brianna Moore, Ashley McGowan, Royce Havens, Christopher Havens, and Maddie Allair.

We also want to thank the Gerry team that advertised the event – the Entertainment Committee. Last but not least, the crew that turned the Function Hall into Christmas land with the decorating, putting up the Holiday Village, and the Christmas Tree: Art Dodge, Ian Bernier, Cheryl Royal, Chicki Curtis, Scott Morgan, Kathy Tankersley Bernier, and Joan DaSilva.

The raffles were donated by these local merchants: Bobbles & Lace, Cutting Edge, Haley-s Wine & Spirits, Seat Salt, 5 Corners Kitchen, Café Vesuvius, Shubies, Tony's Pizza, Blue Conoe, Marblehead House of Pizza, Lucky Nails & Spa, Three Cod Tavern, Manhattan Sandwich Company, Silver Shears, Scribe, Maddies Sail Loft, Village Roast Beef, Liberty and Me, Surroundings, Arnould Gallery, She, F.L. Woods, Marblehead Outfitters, and T.D. Athletes Edge.

Just imagine the faces of the children who were expecting nothing when they found a gift from Santa waiting for them! Thank you all again.

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

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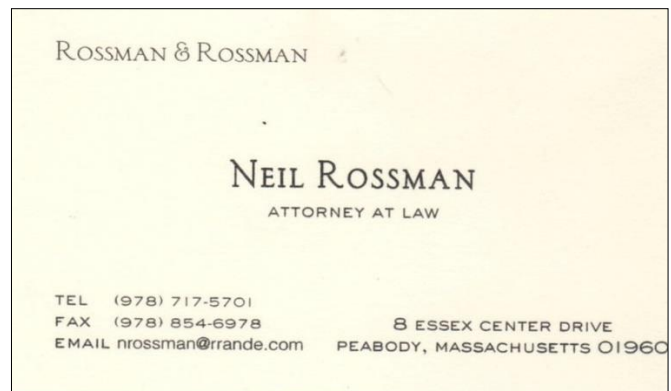
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"Love doesn't make the world go 'round. Love makes the ride worthwhile." ~Franklin P Jones



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### GET INVOLVED! Join a Committee!

Every January we open most of the Gerry Committees for volunteers. Volunteerism is at the core of any organization such as ours. These committees help keep us running throughout the year by actively participating and organizing events and/or

advising the Board of Directors on matters. If you are interested in participating on a Committee, all you need do is to sign-up at the Club. We are all stakeholders in the Gerry and we need your ideas, enthusiasm, and support.

We have nine Committees. Two (Sick and Scholarship) are currently closed. Should you be interested in assisting with one of these Committees, please contact a current member.

Signing up is easy. All you need do is to sign-up at the Club. Please volunteer! **The sign-up sheet is posted on the board by the bar. We will accept volunteers until the February member meeting. Present members need to confirm their continued participation by initialing their name on the list or verifying with the Secretary**

Below are the open committees with a description of their purpose. **PLEASE SIGN UP!!**

**Muster Committee** - Members of the Muster Committee work with the hand tub foreman and his assistant in gathering a crew for musters and keeping the hand tub in shape for competition as well as participating in parades and community events. Contact the Club with questions. ***This Committee needs volunteers! WE ARE HAVING A MARBLEHEAD MUSTER THIS SUMMER AND URGENTLY! NEED VOLUNTEERS***

**Entertainment Committee** - Members of the Entertainment Committee assist the Manager, Secretary, and the Vice President in organizing various club functions including fundraisers. Energy, time, organizational skills and imagination are great assets for this Committee. Contact *Kathy Tankersley Bernier* with questions. ***This Committee welcomes volunteers!***

**Blood Drive Committee** - Members of the Blood Committee assist the Blood Drive Chairperson in organizing of Gerry Blood Drives, recruiting of donors and working with the American Red Cross representatives on Blood Day (three times a year). Contact *Arlyne Campbell*, Chairperson, with questions. ***This Committee welcomes volunteers.***

**Long Range Planning Committee** - Members work to plan long-term including facilities, processes, and other areas that may benefit the Club with improvement or implementation in the five-year timeframe indicated by "long-term". ***This Committee welcomes volunteers.***

**By-Law Committee** - Members will continue the work begun in past years to update and improve the current By-Laws and House Rules... ***This Committee welcomes volunteers.***

Again volunteerism is at the heart of the Gerry. Here's your opportunity to participate. ***February 5th the deadline to volunteer.*** Please consider donating a little bit of your time to the Gerry in 2020

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

## EVENTS – THINGS TO DO

**Family Fish Fry-Day! January 24<sup>th</sup>, 5 p.m.**

Family Fish Fry-Day!  
Friday, January 24<sup>th</sup>, 5 pm



FREE ADMISSION!

Open to the Public!

Bring your whole family, friends, neighbors!

Kids welcome!

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!

Beverages and Libations (bar will be open)

Gerry No. 5 Veteran Fireman's Association, Inc.

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**Meat & Trivia Contest, Saturday,  
January 25<sup>th</sup>, 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!**

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.

Join us for a great afternoon of fun!

# Meat & Trivia Contest

  
Must be present to win!

**Saturday, Jan 25th, 3-6 pm**

Tickets = 6 for \$5.00

**Multiple Contests - several items each drawing!**

## TRIVIA - 3 Rounds

Free! Answer questions—win prizes



All proceeds go to the Gerry 5 Charities and Scholarships

### Membership Information

The following applicant was voted membership at the January meeting: Richard Finocchio of Marblehead.

The following applicants were read and posted at the January meeting: Frank Mazanni 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](mailto:GerryMembership@gmail.com)

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### **Passages**

Sara “Sally” Doane, mother of member *Cheryl Raustad* and husband Terry passed on December 19<sup>th</sup> surrounded by her family. A native of Marblehead, she worked in the candy business for many years and was active member of St. Michael’s church. She was 84 years old.

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family and friends.

James Lauria, member, passed on December 24<sup>th</sup> at the age of 78. Born in Boston, he graduated from Boston Latin and attended University of Massachusetts, Amherst. Jim was a real estate appraiser for many years. The unofficial “Mayor of Marblehead” with his smile and personality, he enjoyed a fulfilling and adventurous life. He will be fondly remembered at the Gerry as one of the Italian Crew that volunteered in the kitchen for many years.

Our sincere sympathy to friends and family.

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

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### Calendar of Events

(dates/times subject to change)

#### January 2020

Jan 11 Divisional Games

Jan 12	Divisional Games	
Jan 19	AFC/NFC Championship Games	
Jan 22	Board Meeting	6:30 p.m.
Jan 24	Family Friday Dinner	TBD
Jan 25	<b>Meat &amp; Trivia Contest 3:00 – 6:00 p.m.</b>	
Jan 26	Pro Bowl	
<b>February 2020</b>		
Feb 2	Super Bowl	
Feb 4	Orientation	7:30 p.m.
Feb 5	Board Meeting	7:00 p.m.
	Members Meeting	8:00 p.m.
<b>Feb 14</b>	<b>Valentine's Day Fish Fry</b>	<b>TBD</b>
Feb 15	<b>Meat &amp; Trivia Contest 3:00 – 6:00 p.m.</b>	
Feb 17	President's Day	
Feb 19	Board Meeting	6:30 p.m.
Feb 28	Family Friday Dinner	5:00 p.m.



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## Sound Bites, Random Thoughts, and Gerry Talk



"A fun snowball fight is a fun snowball fight" – A Wisconsin deputy responded when asked why he doesn't enforce the city's decades-long ban on snowballs. Just snow with it." "I wish we had some snow. I've made one snowball so far this season. "Resolutions? Not sure it's worth the effort. Should have them memorized by now. It's the follow-through that's the work."

"Strange weather - hail, sleet, thunder, lightning and snow all at once."

"New moon blues...Christmas came so fast. Now it's already gone. Too short for me".

"Are we sure we want Christmas and New Year's to be over? I loved the break from political news and the holiday movies. Now it's back to fake news...maybe it's all fake."

"Santa is at the beach. Rudolph is skiing in Europe. We're looking for snow."

"New decade, New year, let's hope there's more cheer."

"More bad lettuce. We've gotten used to not having it in salad. Just add more veggies."

"Patriots....Brady...We've been so spoiled. Thank you for another post-season year. On to next season!"

"INSA has good chocolate bars." "What's INSA?"

"So, we look out onto our small deck off the bedroom and there's this huge turkey sitting there on the railing. We're watching it, it's watching us. And it's sitting right next to the fake eagle we got to scare birds away. We also have coyotes around the corner!" "I still think it's better than finding a port-a-potty in your driveway."

"Change continues...more coming...new Board, caterer. Should be interesting."

"Meat and trivia sans Shep...more coming through April. Laughter will be the big event in May."

Surprises? Of course. always. Stay tuned

There are dues to be paid, 50/50 too...maybe a raffle or two. Did you pay your due?

"Paw Patrol rules the young ones. I even got one from Santa."

"I just want a little respect and not be yelled at when I walk in the door! I'm afraid of being made redundant."

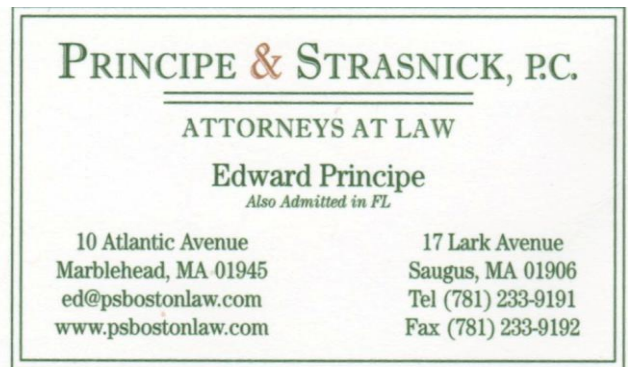
"2019 was very odd, challenging, emotional, violent. Enough please!"

"I don't know who's fighting in the mid-East but they can stop right now. It's scary!"

"Clean slate, new start, bright and shiny. Forgive. Forget. Look forward, not back. Someone has your back."

"Angels guiding the way. Safe. Sound. Peace we pray."

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](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.

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 in particular, ask us.

Don't forget - these make great gifts any time of year. See the bartender, manager, or Secretary.

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.



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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