



# Gerry No. 5 VFA

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December 2021 Newsletter

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## Election Results

Below are the results of the Election held on December 1st. Winners are in **bold**.

Position	# Votes
<b>President</b>	
<b>Chris Husband</b>	110
Sean Dempsey (write-in)	2
<b>Vice President</b>	
<b>Mike Butler</b>	108
Sean Dempsey (write-in)	1
Mark Lausier (write-in)	1
Tom Cashman (write-in)	1
Frank James	2
<b>Foreman</b>	
Mike Butler (write-in)	1
Dirk Martin (write-in)	1
<b>Assistant Foreman</b>	
Carol McHugh (write-in)	1
Joe Fields (write-in)	1
<b>Directors</b>	
Mark Lausier	64
Kathy Tankersley Bernier	47
<b>Mike Hull</b>	84
<b>Walter Homan</b>	72
<b>Joan Champlin</b>	93

The Secretary will be determined by the Board of Directors given this is an appointed position. The two candidates vying for the position are the current Secretary, Kathy Tankersley Bernier, and challenger, Ric Reynolds. The selection will be announced in January 2022.

Thank you to Bill Richardson, and Bill and Bob Bishop for conducting the election once again, ensuring all valid votes were tallied. Thank you to all who voted.

## **LIFE MEMBER NOMINATIONS**

Two members were nominated for Life Membership at the December meeting. The vote will occur in person at the January 5<sup>th</sup> Member Meeting. The nominees and qualifications are below.

**Emerson (Shammy) Graves** – Mr. Graves ran the Gerry Blood Drive for many years. He frequently donated his time working in the kitchen for Stadium Bar and Grill. He was a consistent volunteer for many of the Gerry's functions and feeds. These are just a sample of why Emerson should be granted Life Membership. Nominated by Steven (Paco) Ruiz and Karl Person.

**Al Dennis** – Al has worked in the Gerry kitchen and volunteered for many blood drives. He has been instrumental in the reconstruction and additions of the Gerry several times, providing us with his skill set to help with the permitting process that was very challenging during our last renovation. Nominated by Michael Butler and Mark Lausier.

## **Thanksgiving Dinner = Huge Success!**



This year's Thanksgiving Dinner was a great success that almost didn't happen. The food was delicious and a great afternoon was had by all who attended or took orders to go. We sincerely thank the following individuals who helped do an amazing job putting together the Thanksgiving dinner for our club. Thanks to Steve Ruiz and Frank James for cooking the turkeys. Also, thanks to Mark Lausier,

Marilyn Willard, Ann Marie and Jim Shay, Lisa Martin, Mike and Lisa Hull, Bonnie Snow, Mandy Williamson, her friend Karen, and Carol McHugh for giving up their day to make this happen!

### **Membership Renewal Reminder!**

Membership Renewal and dues payments have a deadline of **February 2, 2022**.

We strongly encourage members to renew as they are able but prior to the deadline. Membership renewals are officially due in January 2022 with the February 2<sup>nd</sup> member meeting as the final deadline.

Members who desire to Resign may do so using the Membership Renewal form. Resignation provides members with the ability to rejoin when they are ready to do so by paying the going rate for membership dues. Resigned members remain in good standing.

Non-payment of dues will result in your membership status becoming “read out”. This means you are no longer a member in good standing and have lost your membership privileges. To rejoin as a “reapplicant”, you must go through the membership process similar to a new member including having sponsors, paying the going rate for dues and our administrative fee, and being voted on by the membership. All “Read Out” members will be notified of their status following the closure of the membership renewal period (February 2, 2022).

Any extensions to the period to renew your membership are not expected at this time but should any occur, we will notify all members.

Thank you to all the members who are making extra donations with their dues payment. So far, we've received several contributions toward all categories and some unmarked which will be put to work where most needed. Lead by example! We deeply appreciate your dues payments and any additional donations, no matter how large or small.

## Annual Gerry Food Drive



Once again, it's the time of year to think of those in need. Starting in December, we will hold our annual Food and Toiletries Drive. If you're coming up to the Gerry, remember to bring a donation with you. Boxes will be available to drop off your donations. Last year we did a stand-out job in donating. Let's keep it going.

All items donated are greatly appreciated. Here is a partial list of items in high demand: peanut butter, cereal, health and beauty items, formula, and tuna. Any non-perishable, unexpired item is welcome.

A special thanks to *Julie Cashman* for organizing this effort.

## Support the Marblehead Firefighters Toy Drive



Help make a child happy this Holiday season by dropping off an unwrapped toy for children ages 1 to 16 at the Gerry. We will bring them to the Fire Department in time for Santa to make his rounds.

Special thanks to *Carol McHugh* for organizing and for coordinating with the community drive. Please contact Carol with any questions.

### \*\*\*\*REMINDERS\*\*\*\*

**Stadium Bar & Grill** most Sundays – check your email and the web site for updates.

Board of Directors Meeting - Wednesday, December 15<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 p.m.

**CLOSED CHRISTMAS DAY!**

**Have safe and Happy Holidays!**



**Announcements** including deaths and other items are updated on the web site - be sure to check them out. <https://gerry5.com/announcements-opportunity>.

Sadly, **Passages** have been updated and may be found at: <https://gerry5.com/announcements-opportunity> under the Passages section.

For those without internet access, the latest notices are below:

**Anne Marie Cashman**, mother of member *Tom Cashman* and wife Julie, grandmother of members Matt and Brian Cashman, passed on November 9, 2021 at the age of 88.

Born in Cambridge, she married and raised her family in Marblehead. She was often the life of the party and usually the host. She enjoyed crossword puzzles and was an amazing knitter. She loved to travel and was a devout Catholic, finding great strength in her faith. Our sincere condolences to family and friends.

**Ronald Corcoran**, member, passed on October 31, 2021 at the age of 77. Born in Lynn, raised in Swampscott, he attended Swampscott High School where he was co-captain of the football team. He attended the University of Maryland on a football scholarship, graduated from Salem State and earned his Masters in Education from Suffolk University. Ron was head coach and teacher at Triton Regional High School in Byfield, MA, from 1977-2003. He was inducted into the Swampscott High Athletic Hall of Fame, Triton Regional High Athletic Hall of Fame and the Massachusetts High School Football Coaches Hall of Fame. During retirement he enjoyed traveling, attending college football games and following the Boston sports teams.  
Our sincere condolences to family and friends.

**Susan McGrath Larcom**, daughter of member *Vincent McGrath*, passed on October 18, 2021 at the age of 58 after a long fight against cancer.

Raised in Marblehead, she earned a BA in Art History and German at Wheaton College followed by a Masters in Special Education and a Masters in Read at Bridgewater State, She taught special education

for many years then became a program administrator to create Individual Education Programs for children with special needs and abilities. She was particularly proud of her work as a student advocate.

Our deepest sympathy to family and friends.

**Gerry Gear** is available on the web site. [Https](https://). Sizes and quantities are limited. If you would like to order something please contact the Secretary at [gerry5vfa@yahoo.com](mailto:gerry5vfa@yahoo.com) or [ziggyii@comcast.net](mailto:ziggyii@comcast.net). Include style, size, color. If we get enough demand, we will make an order. We need 6 embroidery items and 12 screen prints to order. Prices are subject to change.

Comments? Questions? Complaints? Please address these to the manager or to the Board in writing, via email, or in person.

**Thank you for reading!**