



Gerry No. 5 VFA

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GERRY 5 VFA NEWSLETTER

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2022 Election Ballot

New Business at the November 6th member meeting included nominations of Officers and two Director positions.

The results of the nominations of Offices of President, Vice President, and Directors are shown in the sample ballot below. Should you wish to vote for a “write-in” candidate, ensure that person has a letter on file stating they will accept the position if voted in.



Each member will be mailed a ballot along with their 2023 Membership Renewal and Dues Payment. **If voting by mail, do NOT return the ballot with your dues payment. It must be mailed separately.**

Absentee and Mail-in ballots must be mailed in time to be received by the Gerry No. 5 NO LATER THAN 6 P.M. on December 7, 2022.

Voting in person? **The Election starts at Noon on December 7th and closes promptly at 7:00 p.m.** The winners will be announced at the December monthly member meeting that evening. Please bring the ballot received in the mail with you to vote! Questions? Contact the Secretary via email or phone.

Gerry 5 V.F.A. Inc. Election Ballot 2023 OFFICERS	
PRESIDENT (VOTE FOR <u>ONE</u>)	
Mark Lausier	

(write-in)	
VICE PRESIDENT (VOTE FOR <u>ONE</u>)	
Ken Breen	

(write-in)	

Jim Caswell	
Nate Burke	
Ryan Glavin	
Carol McHugh	

(write-in)	

<p>DIRECTOR (TWO positions, TWO-year term) Vote for no more than <u>TWO</u></p>

By-Law Changes Vote December 7th

The following changes to By-Laws Article III Regular Meeting of Members and Article XIX Dues, were proposed at the October meeting upon the recommendation of the Board of Directors. The changes were opened for discussion by the by the membership at the November meeting. There was no discussion.

The proposed revisions are as stated below (the proposed change will be added to the end of the existing By-Law if accepted) will be voted on at the December 7th meeting by closed ballot of those present at the meeting.

2022 Proposed By-Law Changes

<p style="text-align:center">ARTICLE II Annual Meeting of Members Changes the annual member meeting start time to 7:00 p.m.</p>
<p style="text-align:center">Proposed language:</p> <p>The Annual Meeting of the members of the corporation shall be held the first Wednesday of December in each year, if not a legal holiday, and if a legal holiday, then on the next succeeding Wednesday not a legal holiday. The hour of the meeting shall be <u>seven</u> o'clock p.m. (See article # VIII for explanation of Annual Meeting)</p>
<p style="text-align:center">ARTICLE III Regular Meeting of Members Changes the regular monthly meeting start time to 7:00 p.m.</p>
<p style="text-align:center">Proposed Language:</p> <p>The Regular Meeting of the members of the Corporation shall be on the first Wednesday of each month, if not a legal holiday, and if a legal holiday, then on the next succeeding Wednesday not a legal holiday except when postponed by a majority vote at the preceding meeting. Notice to the members of said meeting shall not be required. The hour of the meeting shall be <u>seven</u> o'clock p.m. A member shall have only one vote per article of business at any said meeting and must be present to vote. The Board of Directors may reschedule this meeting as deemed necessary in response to emergencies and acts of God.</p>
<p style="text-align:center">ARTICLE VIII Election of Officers Changes the number of tellers to 3 and the balloting end time to 7:00 p.m.</p>
<p style="text-align:center">Proposed Language</p> <p>The Officers of the Corporation shall be elected by ballot at the Annual Meeting. The Secretary shall mail an election ballot to each member at the member's last known address at least seven (7) days prior to the Annual Meeting. The presiding officer at the November Monthly Meeting shall appoint <u>three (3)</u> tellers who have</p>

the name of each member as they vote. No one on this committee shall be a candidate for an office of the Corporation. Balloting shall take place from 12:00 p.m. (noon) to **7:00 p.m.** on the day of the Annual Meeting. At the completion of the balloting, the tellers shall count the vote and announce the results of the balloting in full immediately thereafter. The presiding officer of the Annual Meeting shall thereupon declare the successful candidates duly elected. In case of a tie, the candidates shall decide by the turn of a coin or by drawing straws who shall receive the appointment. Then the presiding officer shall instruct the Secretary to post the complete ballot on the bulletin board. The ballots shall then be destroyed upon a vote of the membership.

ARTICLE XVIII

Membership

Allows the Board to waive the administrative fee for membership application.

Proposed Additional Language:

An applicant for membership shall contain the name, age, and place of residence of the applicant, and the names of the two members who sponsor the applicant. An Applicant for membership shall post the sum of the administrative fee plus the first year's dues with their application. Fifty dollars (\$50.00) of this sum is the administrative fee for membership in the Association. **The administrative fee may be waived at the discretion of the Board of Directors.**

You must be present at the December 7th meeting to vote on these changes!

Membership Renewal Time is Here!

The 2023 Membership Renewal forms are being mailed this month. Renewals and dues payments have a deadline of **February 1, 2023**. We strongly encourage members to renew as they are able (sooner rather than later preferred) but prior to the deadline. Membership renewals are **officially due in January 2023 with February 1st 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 1, 2023).

Thank you in advance to the members who make extra donations when paying their dues. We deeply appreciate your dues payments and any additional donations, no matter how large or small.

October Blood Drive Results

The final total was 81 pints. This was very good considering we had 15 deferments. We also had 8 first-time donors! Thank you to all who participated! The next drive is tentatively scheduled for February 2nd^h, 2023.

Kid's Halloween Party Thrills

The spooktacular Halloween party was a success with an estimated 50 kids participating. Thanks to all who helped make the kid's Halloween party a success either by setting up, stuffing goodie bags, decorating, buying decorations, loaning decorations, setting up the craft table and undecorating! It was fun but it's a wrap. In no particular order thank you to Marilyn Willard, Julie Cashman, Sharon Russell, Donna McHugh, Mark Lausier, Jayne Mace, Robert Mace, Christine Marie, Anne Marie Hart, Pam Mentuck, Art and Cheryl and anyone we may have forgotten. It takes a village!

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

The following applicant was voted membership at the November 3rd member meeting: Casey Brown of Byfield, MA, and Kevin Verga of Saco, ME.

The following applicants were read and posted for voting at the Dec 7th meeting: Rachael Cox, Kevin Conwell, Rene Corriveau, Lisa Daly, Daniel Campbell, Duncan Facey, Lianne Ivers, Taylor Pennell, Bill Sharrio, Matt Waldman, Joel White, all of Marblehead, and Will Diamond of Wesley Chapel, FL.

The current membership stands at 755.



HOURS OF KITCHEN OPERATION

Friday, 3:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Saturday, Noon – 9:00 p.m.

Sunday, Noon – 8:00 p.m.

Weekly specials will be posted on the web site and sent out in the email update.

Full Menu is available on the web site at: [K/C2 Regular Menu](#).

PLEASE NOTE: Our Function Hall is family friendly. Children are discouraged on Saturdays and Sundays when the Function Hall is being used for a private function. If the Hall is being used for a private function, food service will take place in the Clubroom only. Children are not allowed in the Clubroom.

For example, we have an event in the Function Hall this Saturday, November 5th.

8th ANNUAL CRAFT FAIR - November 19th – Check Out our Preview Site

The 8th Annual Craft Fair will be held on Saturday, November 19th, in the Function Hall, 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. We are returning after two years of cancellations due to COVID-19. Contact Kathy Tankersley Bernier at gerry5vfa@yahoo.com or ziggyii@comcast.net with questions. We have new vendors as well as some returning favorites. Lots of variety – clothing, home décor, jewelry, artwork, Holiday ornaments, tumblers and much more. We will also hold our usual raffles. Ready to shop? Check out our Preview Page on the web site for a glimpse of what our vendors are offering @ gerry5.com/craft_fair_preview. Spread the word!



8th annual
Craft
FAIR

JOIN US...
Holiday and other shopping!
Find something for everyone!
Gifts & stocking stuffers

Local Crafters & Vendors
Jewelry, scarves, clothing, pottery, doll clothes, needlework, ornaments, accessories, centerpieces, and much more!

RAFFLES!

Saturday, November 19th
9:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.
Gerry 5 VFA Function Hall
210 Beacon Street
Marblehead
781-631-5214

FREE-TO-ATTEND
Coffee, pastries for sale
Plenty of parking!
All proceeds benefit Gerry 5 VFA Charities & Scholarships

  

The Gerry 5 Presents the Thanksgiving Feast!

Gerry 5 Thanksgiving Feast!

Thursday, November 24th

2:00—6:00 p.m.

Members and Guests Only



Traditional Thanksgiving Dinner!

(turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes, squash, carrots, gravy,
cranberry sauce, pies)

\$25 per adult (13 and up)

\$10 per child (5-12)

PURCHASE TICKETS BY NOV 18th

**Tickets available at the bar or make reservations
via phone @ 978-998-0441**

Tables may be reserved by purchasing 8 tickets.

**MARBLEHEAD COUNSELING CENTER AND MARBLEHEAD FOOD PANTRY BENEFIT
SPONSORED BY THE GERRY 5 VFA
Saturday, November 16th, 6:00 p.m.**

Please help the Gerry, along with other community supporters, raise awareness and much needed funds to support the Marblehead Counseling Center and the Food Pantry. Both provide vital services to our community. Besides showing your support, you'll enjoy an entertaining evening starting with music by The Melody Makers, followed by the Guy Ford Band. Cash bar, food for sale, silent auction, and raffles will also be available. Please bring a food donation (any nonperishable food item not expired is acceptable). **GET YOUR TICKETS NOW!**

TO RAISE MONEY & AWARENESS FOR THE
MARBLEHEAD COUNSELING CENTER
AND
MARBLEHEAD FOOD PANTRY



Bring your food donations! The food pantry accepts donations of nonperishable food items. Please check the expiration dates. Thank you for your support.

GERRY 5 VFA
SPONSORED
BENEFIT

Silent Auction
Raffles

FOOD
Cash Bar

FEATURING

THE MELODY MAKERS | THE GUY FORD BAND

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 26TH, 6:00 PM

GERRY 5 VFA Function Hall

210 Beacon Street, Marblehead

**\$25 A TICKET - Purchase at
Gerry No. 5 VFA, Marblehead Counseling Center,
National Grand Bank**

IMPORTANT DATE REMINDERS!

K/C² serving food Friday, Saturday, Sunday
Weekly Specials – November 4 – 6

Sunday, November 6th, 2:00 a.m. – Daylight Savings Ends

Sunday, November 6th, Stadium Bar & Grill
Patriots vs. Indy (1:00 p.m.)

Friday, November 11^h, **Veterans Day**

Sunday, November 13th, Stadium Bar & Grill
Patriots Bye Week

Wednesday, November 16th, Board of Directors Meeting, 6:00 p.m.

Saturday, November 19th, 8th Annual Craft Fair, 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Sunday, November 20th, Stadium Bar and Grill
Patriots vs. Jets (1:00 p.m.)

Thursday, November 24th, Thanksgiving – OPEN at 9:45 a.m.
Thanksgiving Dinner served 2:00 – 6:00 p.m.
Patriots @ Vikings (8:20 p.m.)

Saturday, November 26th, Benefit for Marblehead Counseling Center/Food Pantry,
6:00 p.m. Doors Open

Thursday, December 1st, Patriots @ Buffalo (8:15 p.m.)

Sunday, December 11th, Kids Christmas Party, 2:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Saturday, December 17th, Ugly Sweater Contest/Yankee Swap, 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Saturday, December 24th, Christmas Eve Open House, 2 – 5 p.m.

Sunday, December 15th, MERRY CHRISTMAS – Closed

Saturday, December 31st, Kid's New Year's Eve Party, 5:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Remember there are always things to do at the Gerry. Whether you want to socialize or just relax, we're here for you. Don't forget to check out the games in the Clubroom and the Function Hall (when not in use).

Gerry Gear Available!

Existing inventory has been updated. See <https://gerry5.com/announcements-opportunity> (bottom of page) for details or flyers at the Gerry. Order forms for items not in stock will be available soon. See something you'd like, contact the Secretary or Manager. Stay tuned.

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

Thank you for reading!