



# Gerry No. 5 VFA

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## DUES ARE DUE NOW!

**Membership Renewals DEADLINE February 1!**

**Don't Forget! Don't Get Read Out!**

The 2023 Membership Renewal and dues payments have a deadline of **February 1, 2023**. We strongly encourage members to renew **as soon as possible** but prior to the deadline. Membership renewals are **officially due in January 2023 with February 1st as the final deadline. Do NOT get "read out" for nonpayment!**



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, you must do so as a "reapplicant" and are required to go through the membership process like a new applicant including having sponsors, paying the going rate for dues and any administrative fee, plus 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 to the members who are making donations when paying their dues. So far, we have collected \$1,985 in donations.

We deeply appreciate your dues payments and any additional donations, no matter how large or small.

## Santa and Elves Return



Kids and adults alike were greeted by Santa and his elves as the Kids' Christmas Party returned this year. Fun, gifts from Santa and parent(s), food, and games made this a rollicking return after missing two years due to COVID-19.

It was a jolly time and we thank all who contributed and participated with a special thanks to Paul Jalbert, the man behind the party for once again hosting, buying the gifts, and managing the event.

The Board of Directors has given his full consent to move forward with this as one of our annual events as it was in the past. HO HO HO!

## Yankee Swap and Ugly Sweater Contest Entertain

A hearty group turned out with presents in hand and a wide assortment of UGLY sweaters making this event's return a rousing time! Numbers were picked, gifts were chosen, stolen, swapped to the amusement of all. The Ugly Sweater Contest was once again the highlight for many participants and observers. The winners were Dave Haley (third time winner) and Joan DaSilva. Congratulations to the winners and thank you to everyone who participated and organized the event.



## Family New Year's Eve Rocks



Over 150 revelers packed the Function Hall for the Family New Year's Eve Party. Music, food, fun, noisemakers, and party hats filled the room as we said goodbye to 2022 and an early hello to 2023 (the ball drop was at 7:30 p.m.) We want to thank the kids' band, Mojo Men, for volunteering to provide the

entertainment. They rocked the Hall bringing energy and enthusiasm to the crowd. We thank the quartet for their time and for providing a great evening. We also thank everyone who organized and participated in the event. This may be hard to top for 2023.

## **Food Drive Donation Update and Reminder**

What generosity! We want to thank everyone who made donations to the Marblehead Food Pantry. We estimate that almost 1,000 pounds of food were donated through the Gerry's drive this season. This is a wonderful reflection of our members, their caring and generosity for the community and those who may be in need. Thank you for the bottoms of our hearts!

*The Gerry has made its food drive for the Marblehead Food Pantry an ongoing initiative. Remember to bring your donations when you come to the Gerry.*

## **Membership Update**

The following applicants were voted membership at the January 4th member meeting: Will Danforth, James Foley, Ann Martin, Christy Meola, Kristopher Meola, Colin Reid, Peter Reiley, Lena Robinson, Richard Spenceley III, and Gabrielle Stachera all of Marblehead, and Sean Lilly of Boxford.

Robin Krivit and Katherine Shen of Marblehead were held over due to no sponsor being present.

The following applicants were read and will be posted for voting at the February 1st meeting: Josh Bradstreet, Cathy Brown, Cody Brown, Jennifer Mirra, Ryan Nelson, and James Pizanno all of Marblehead.

The current membership stands at 786.

## **IMPORTANT DATE REMINDERS!**

Monday, January 16<sup>th</sup>, Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday  
(open regular hours)

Wednesday, January 18<sup>th</sup>, Board of Directors Meeting, 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday, February 1<sup>st</sup>, Board of Directors Meeting, 6:00 p.m.  
Members Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, February 12<sup>th</sup>, Super Bowl LVII

Tuesday, February 14<sup>th</sup>, Valentine's Day

Wednesday, February 15<sup>th</sup>, Board of Directors Meeting, 6:00 p.m.

Monday, February 20<sup>th</sup>, Presidents' Day Holiday  
(open regular hours)

Tuesday, February 21<sup>st</sup>, Mardi Gras Day

Wednesday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>, Ash Wednesday

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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).

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

**Thank you for reading!**