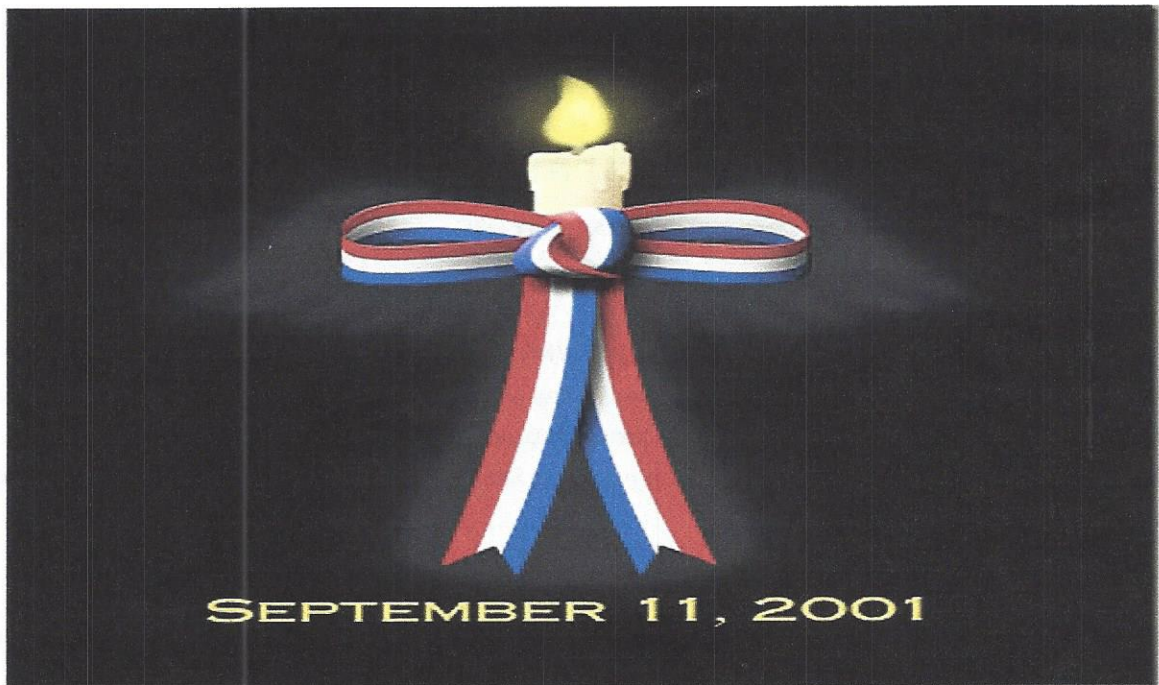




THE CONSUMER

WITH ALL THE MBU NEWS
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September 10, 2018

WORDS FROM MBU PRESIDENT

Greetings all, thank you to all MBU members who were able to travel to the ABA National in Austin, Texas and to tournaments in and out of our Section this summer. Participation in bridge events outside of our local area encourages ABA members throughout the country to reciprocate by attending our events. Congratulations to all who won or placed in your games, and if you didn't, there are many more opportunities on the horizon. Several Sickle Cell games will be held during September and the month will close out with two Nationwide Games – one on Friday, September 29, 2018 at 6:00 PM and the other on Saturday, September 30, 2018 at 12:00 PM – both held at the Bridge Home. October will bring a schedule of UNCF games. Full participation in all these games is a great way to contribute to a worthwhile cause. Check the Bridge Home Bulletin Board to make sure you know the schedule of classes that are usually held before club games and plan on attending. Regardless of your level of playing ability, there is always, something to learn and we are fortunate to have talented and resourceful instructors willing to share their knowledge. It's not too early to make your reservations for our AAA that will be held December 10th – December 13th, 2018 at Resorts Casino and Hotel in Atlantic City. Call 1 888 797 7700 using Group Code VMBU18 for our special \$55 plus tax per night room rate. The flyer with complete information can be found on our website, www.mbuinc.org. Our next Membership Meeting will be held on Sunday, October 28, 2018 at 3:30 PM. Hoping to see everyone there,



President, Metropolitan Bridge Unit, Inc.



CLUB NEWS

BAYVIEW DBC

Bayview re-opened on Monday, September 10th. Join us weekly for Classes with Annetta Wallace at 10:00 AM. Lunch is at 11:30 AM. Game time is 12:30 PM.



BROOKLYNITES NEWS

This fall season finds Brooklynites DBC playing bridge at 625 Quincy Street, Brooklyn NY. The Brooklynite Club gained 13 members this year. Classes for new students are held at 185 Hall Street, Brooklyn, NY on Wednesdays and Thursdays the Club is also hosting a Mentor-Mentee game every second Friday of the month at 11:00 AM.



LEISURE BRIDGE CLUB

Leisure DBC extends an invitation to all bridge players to join us on Wednesdays at the J P Kennedy Center, 34 West 134 Street, N Y, N Y. Game time 11AM.



MOUNT VERNON DBC

Please support the sickle cell games being by the clubs. The Saturday game on September 15th will be at the Bridge Home. Breakfast is at 9:00 AM. Game time is 10:00 AM. The second game will be after lunch 2:00 PM.



SPRINGFIELD DBC

We welcome everyone back to the bridge table and hope they enjoyed a relaxing summer.



TRIANGLE NEWS

Kudos to our own Minnie Goka who is working with a group of potential bridge players. Thanks Minnie.



WESTBURY NEWS

Due to the illness of several of our members plus the loss of our beloved treasurer, Carole Taylor, we will not return to the bridge table until Tuesday, October 2, 2018. Please note that this cancels out the "C" Game scheduled for Tuesday, September 25, 2018. Please come out and join us on our return! We meet at 5:45 PM refreshments served at 5:15 PM. Our location: "Yes We Can" Community Center, 141 Garden Street, Westbury, NY 11590. For additional information, contact Alverna Lewis at 516/997-6529 or 516/343-2603



2018 MBU SANCTION GAMES

SEPTEMBER - NOVEMBER

SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER
Sept. 5, Springfield/ Astro 2session B Game Sept. 10, Triangle "C" Game Sept. 12, Cosmo BAM Team "C" Sept. 17, DBCMV 's "C" Game Sept. 19, CO-OP City "C" Game Sept. 21, Brooklynite "C" Game Sept. 28, ABA Nationwide 6:00 PM Sept. 29, ABA Nationwide 12:00 PM	Oct. 1, Bayview UNCF Game Oct. 10 CO-OP City's UNCF Game Oct. 11, Twilight UNCF Game Oct. 15, DBCMV's Oct. 17, Cosmo's UNCF Game, President Pairs Oct. 20, Springfield's UNCF Game Oct. 22, Triangle UNCF Game Oct. 26, Brooklynite UNCF Oct. 28, MBUUNCF Game	Nov. 7, COP-OP City "C" Game Nov. 9, Brooklynites "C" Game Nov. 12, Bayview "C" game Nov. 14, Leisure Sp. Club Benefit Nov. 19 Triangle "C" Game Nov. 26, DBCMV Team of 4 Nov. 27, Westbury "C" Game



WINNERS CIRCLE



July 10, Bridge Home Benefit Flight A 1 st Allen Morton – Willie Fuchs 2 nd Valerie Brooks – Christian Baxter Flight B 1 st Valerie Brooks – Christian Baxter 2 nd Christine Blount – Mercedes Mann July 18, Cosmo DBC "C" Game Flight A 1 st Rupert Mitchell – Annetta Wallace 2 nd Yvonne Ebea – Loreli Blackman	Flight B 1 st Yvonne Ebea – Loreli Blackman 2 nd Valerie Brooks – Christian Baxter Flight C 1 st Yvonne Ebea – Loreli Blackman 2 nd Helen Williams – Mary Luter July 18, Cosmo BH Benefit Flight A 1 st Valerie Brooks -Christian Baxter 2 nd William Wood – Lorraine Hinds	Flight B 1 st Valerie Brooks -Christian Baxter 2 nd Carole Smith – Delius Wilson Flight C 1 st Philippe Gerdes – Steven Bond 2 nd Sharon Fox – Joan Sanders July 16, DBCMV Flight A 1 st Natalie McFarlane 2 nd Allen Morton – Errol Grant
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Flight B 1 st Dolores Thompson – Louis Shaw 2 nd Carole Smith – Delius Wilson July 22, MBU Game Flight A 1 st Doris Duperly – Lois Francis 2 nd Julius Fields – George Hudson Flight B 1 st Doris Duperly – Lois Francis 2 nd Christine Blount – Betty Ball Aug. 20, Triangle "C" Game Flight A 1 st Allen Morton – Parvez Mehta 2 nd Minnie Goka – Emile Stewart Flight B 1 st Valerie Brooks – Christian Baxter 2 nd Donald Morrison – Elizabeth Sola	Flight B 1 st Valerie Brooks – Christian Baxter 2 nd Lynda Straker – Janice McBean Flight C 1 st Valerie Brooks – Christian Baxter 2 nd Richard Kotkin – Judith Kotin Section B 1 st Steven Bond – Philippe Gerdes 2 nd Mercedes Mann – Christine Blount Sept. 5, Springfield Game Section A Flight A 1 st Julius Fields – Willie Fuchs 2 nd Valerie Brooks – Christian Baxter Sept. 6, Astro DBC MRR Section A 1 st A. Morton, E. Steward, J. Trammel, C. Jones, J. Fields, G. Hudson 2/4 R. Shuler, E. Grant, M. Johnson, G. Johnson,	2/4 L. Straker, J. McBean, G. Smith, D. White 2/4M. Demos, M. Mercer, Betty Sherril Section B 1 st Christian Baxter, Valerie Brooks, Harry Ganes, Barbara Wingate, Fraser Fitz 2 nd Marie Barnes, Steven Bond, Donna Woo, Lois Wright
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MILESTONE
600-1199

Ruby Diamond 600-1199
Bernice Williams

Happy Birthday

September

October

Bayview DBC Delores Brooks	Twilight DBC Doris Douglas - Oliver Clark
Brooklynite DBC Lois Francis, Andrea Plateau, Denise Carter, Dianne Lawrence	Springfield Sandra Surita, Dolores Washington,
Triangle DBC Barbara Jennings, Gwendolyn Leverett	MT. Vernon Sept. Lorraine Hinds
Springfield Marie Crockwell, Evelyn Smallwood, Cookie Dennis,	
Twilight Mercedes Mann, Gloria Johnson	



HURRY BACK TO THE BRIDGE TABLE

Bayview Rudy Cummings, Lenora Gates	Twilight DBC Oliver Clarke, Barbara Coston, Shirley Gross, Betty Ball	WESTBURY DBC Alverna Lewis, Wilma Alexander, Rudy Cummings, Lenora Gates	
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Carole Taylor.

Westbury is mourning the loss of their beloved member and treasurer,

FYI Editor Dolores Watson article Keeping up with the time is a must read.

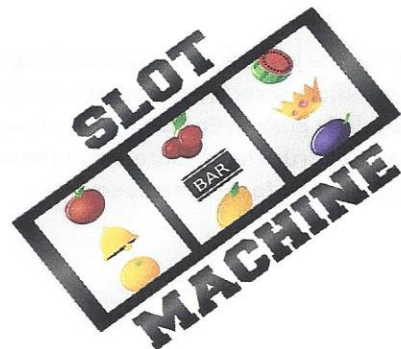
Information for the last Consumer of 2018 is due November 2, 2018.

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MBU: on-line jewel is Metropolitan Bridge Unit, Inc.-Home web page. Recently launched you'll find pictures of current offices & certified teachers. Game results from local clubs and results from special games & tournaments are regularly posted. Constitution By-Laws & much more important information. An excellent resource to let interested parties learn more about the Unit & what it has to offer. Go to (metropolitanbridgeunit.org) for what is happening by & for our members.

D. Watson

Lynda Straker called the meeting to order at 3:40 PM.

Roll Call –Present: Lynda Straker, Janice McBean, Sharon Fox, Errol Grant, John Demos, Marion Mercer, Lois Wright, Betty Sherrill, and representatives from the following clubs: Astro, Bayview, Brooklynites, CO-OP City, COSMO, JetSetters, Leisure, Mount Vernon, Springfield, Triangle, Twilight, and Westbury.

Good and Welfare - *Good and Welfare Report - For MBU, Inc. Annual Meeting July 22, 2018*

Prepared by: Lois M. Wright – Email address: Ladytul2@netzero.net

<u>NAME</u>	<u>CLUB</u>	<u>REASON</u>
<u>January 2018</u>		
Family of Gertrude Alston-Collins	Westbury	Sympathy Card-Passing of Member
Barbara Wingate	Cosmopolitan	Get Well
Paul Watford	Twilight	Get Well
Donna Woo	Bayview	Get Well
Lori Blackman	Co-Op City	Get Well
Mary Luter	Springfield	Get Well
<u>February 2018</u>		
Dr. Errol Grant	Westbury	Get Well
Marjorie Davis	Jetsetter	Get Well
Karen Carter	Springfield	Get Well
Dr. Gloria Allen	Westbury	Get Well
Family of Mrs. Matilda Coulthurst (Wife of deceased member)		Sympathy Card
Sandy Tate (Wife)	Twilight	Sympathy-Passing of Mr. Tate (Member)
Raye Liverpool	Twilight	Get Well
<u>March 2018</u>		
Kenneth Thomas	Twilight	Get Well
Philippe Gerdes	Cosmopolitan	Get Well
Sandra Surita	Springfield	Sympathy-Passing of her Mother
Jane Harris	Jetsetter	Get Well
Devora Sconiers	Jetsetter	Get Well
Family of Dr. Gloria Allen	Westbury	Sympathy-Passing of Dr. Allen (Member)
<u>April 2018</u>		
Jerry Cunningham	Astro	Sympathy-Passing of his Brother
Family of Roberta Wyche	Jetsetter	Sympathy-Passing of Mrs. Wyche (Member)
<u>May 2018</u>		
I. Calvin Morris	Jetsetters	Get Well
<u>June 2018</u>		
Patricia Thomas	Bayview	Get Well
Roni Taborn (Daughter)	Triangle	Sympathy-Passing of Ms. Marion Miller (Member)
Sylvia Simmons	Bayview	Sympathy-Passing of her Husband
Louise Wilson	Bayview	Sympathy-Passing of her Sister
Edna Moses	Cosmopolitan	Sympathy-Passing of her Mother-in-Law
Family of Blanche Jordan	Triangle	Sympathy-Passing of Ms. Jordan (Member)
Martha Hewitt	Astro	Get Well
Family of Francis McDermott	Co-Op City	Sympathy-Passing of Ms. McDermott (Member)
<u>MBU Members: Memorial Services were held for:</u>		
<u>Ms. Marion Miller on June 1, 2018</u>		
<u>Ms. Blanche Jordan (Awaiting details)</u>		
<u>Ms. Francis McDermott on July 3, 2018</u>		
<u>From Ms. Louise Wilson and Family:</u>		

Thank You for Your Sympathy..."To MBU President Lynda Straker and MBU Members; thank you all for the many cards and calls expressing sympathy on the loss of my oldest sister, Dorothy Wilson, who accompanied me to many games. Your concern lifted our spirits during this trying time. We are especially grateful that Edna Moses and Ruth Shuler traveled to Philadelphia for the Memorial Service.

2018 Grand Slammers Report submitted

1. **Ms. Gertrude Alston-Collins (Westbury)**
2. **Mr. Arthur Tate (Twilight)**
3. **Dr. Gloria Allen (Westbury)**
4. **Mrs. Roberta Wyche (Jetsetter)**
5. **Ms. Marion Miller (Triangle)**
6. **Ms. Blanche Jordan (Triangle)**
7. **Ms. Francis McDermott (Co-Op City)**

To Club Presidents: Please let me know if I have omitted anyone.

Invocation – Given by Dr. Errol Grant.

Minutes – Minutes of the April 22, 2018 quarterly membership meeting were reviewed by the membership. MOTION: Accept minutes from the 04/22/18 quarterly membership meeting. MOTION PASSED.

Correspondence –

- Thank you for sympathy card from Michelle Johnson
- Letter from ABAECF recognizing the \$756 Alzheimer's contribution.

President's Report – Presented by Lynda Straker

The hazy, lazy days of summer are finally upon us but fortunately, we can enjoy duplicate bridge year-round. We need to continue to support our member clubs and the other members of the Eastern Section: the Philadelphia Bridge Unit on August 25, 2018, the Diamond State Bridge Club on November 7th, 2018 and then our own AAA from December 10 – 13, 2018.

It's exciting to see the ranks of our new players growing and we hope the trend continues. Progress is slow but kudos to those members who have committed their time and energy to promoting bridge and the MBU in our community.

Congratulations to our members who were among the winners in the June 1, 2018 Nationwide Headquarters Benefit Day game: Rupert Mitchell & Annetta Wallace, Alfred Knight & Gloria Hobbs, Julius Fields & George Hudson, Valerie Brooks & Christian Baxter, Steven Bond & Philippe Gerdes, and the Evening game: Rupert Mitchell & Charles Guest, and Steve Bond & Ronald Prester. Mark your calendars for the next Nationwide tournament – September 28 and 29, 2018.

Our Longest Day Alzheimer's games were once again very successful. Our participation on June 21, 2018 during our two Benefit games enabled us to send \$756.00 for Alzheimer's Research. Thank you to all who made donations to our complimentary luncheon and all who made cash donations through the ABAECF.

The Eastern Section will be co-hosting the 2019 Spring National with the ABA at the Resorts Hotel & Casino in Atlantic City. This will require a major effort on the part of the MBU, the North Jersey BU, the Philadelphia BU and the two independent clubs, Diamond State and Martha's Vineyard. Be ready to hear more about this in the near future and how we can help to make it a success.

Both personally and on behalf of the MBU, I wish much success to the MBU and Eastern Section contingent that will be competing in the Summer National in Austin, Texas beginning on July 26, 2018.

See you at the tables,



Financial Secretary Report – Presented by Sharon Fox

METROPOLITAN BRIDGE UNIT Quarterly Financial Secretary Report

April 1, 2018—June 30, 2018

INCOME

MBU Dues 2018	\$20.00
Entertainment Tax 2018	\$1,585.00
5/10/18 scrip purchase for Eastern Section	\$569.00
4/21/18 Springfield DBC Herman H. Huff game fee	\$225.00
DBC Mt. Vernon (no Herman H. Huff game fee)	\$100.00
4/22/18 MBU game entry fees (includes \$10 scrip)	\$520.00
6/1/18 nationwide entry fees (includes \$104 scrip)	\$1,040.00

6/1/18 nationwide dinner purchases	\$235.00
6/1/18 nationwide net 50/50	\$28.00
6/21/18 longest day entry fees (includes \$66 scrip)	\$1,100.00
6/21/18 longest day net 50/50	\$28.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$5,450.00

EXPENSES

Memorial gifts (tate/wyche/allen)	\$150.00
2018 AAA raffle printing	\$285.00
5/3/2017 AAA stipend	\$20.00
2018 community bridge home shed rental fee	\$210.00
4/22/18 comm. bridge home rental fee (mbu meeting)	\$75.00
4/22/18 ABA sanction fee	\$70.20
4/22/18 comm bridge home game fee	\$52.00
4/22/18 mbu meeting hospitality (m.mercer)	\$36.38
4/22/18 mbu meeting copies	\$32.00
4/22/18 Director's fee (j. demos/a. wallace)	\$100.00
May 2018 consumer (g. smith)	\$490.85
6/1/18 nationwide hospitality (m. mercer)	\$288.91
6/1/18 nationwide copies	\$10.00
6/1/18 nationwide bridge home game fees	\$104.00
6/1/18 nationwide ABA Sanction Fees	\$499.20
6/1/18 nationwide bridge home rental fee (2 games)	\$125.00
6/1/18 nationwide Directors fees	\$100.00
6/21/18 longest day hospitality	\$0.00
6/21/18 longest day directors fees (demos/wallace)	\$0.00
6/21/18 longest day bridge home rental (2 games)	\$125.00
6/21/18 longest day copies	\$10.00
6/21/18 longest day ABA sanction fee (am/pm)	\$99.00
6/21/18 longest day bridge home game fees (am/pm)	\$110.00
cosmo returned check	
fees	\$36.00
web fees (\$32.95/month)	\$98.85
good and welfare cards	\$30.22
summer national journal ad	\$125.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$3,282.61
INCOME OVER EXPENSES	\$2,167.39

Respectfully submitted by

Sharon Fox, Interim Financial Secretary



Metropolitan Bridge Unit of NY, Inc.

Quarterly Treasurer Report

April 1, 2018 through June 30, 2018

JP Morgan Chase Bank, N.A.

Checking Account

Opening Balance	\$ 10,123.67	
Deposits		\$4,997.00
Total	\$ 15,120.67	
**Checks paid/fees		\$2,702.99
Closing Balance	\$ 12,417.68	

****Checks paid/misc. expenses**

\$50.00 Arthur Tate Memorial Gift
\$36.38 mbu 4/22 meeting/game hospitality
\$32.00 mbu 4/22 meeting copies
\$32.95 april web fee
\$32.95 may web fee
\$20.00 mar 2017 AAA stipend
\$210.00 2018 bridge home shed rental
\$75.00 4/22/18 bridge home mbu meeting rental fee
\$70.20 4/22/18 ABA sanction fee
\$52.00 MBU game fee to bridge home
\$50.00 R. Wyche memorial gift
\$ 285.00 - 2018 AAA raffles
\$ 499.20 - 6/1/18 nationwide (2 games)
\$ 104.00 - 6/1/18 nationwide cbh players fee
\$ 288.91 - 6/1/18 nationwide hospitality
\$ 125.00 - 6/1/18 bridge home rental
\$ 490.85 may 2018 consumer printing
\$ 56.00 - 6/21/18 alzheimer's game player fee (am)
\$ 75.00 - 6/21/18 alz. game cbh rental (am)
\$ 48.60 - 6/21/18 alz. game sanction fee to ABA
\$ 36.00 cosmo return check fee
\$ 32.95 june web fee

Respectfully Submitted

Sharon Fox

Entertainment Tax: Presented by Sharon Fox

	January	February	March	April	May	June
Club Name						
Astro	68/1247	88/1247	37/1247			
Bayview		116/525	82/529			
Brooklynites	no game	26/1073	28/1083			
Coop City	66/324	88/328	25/330	96/334	134/339	102/343
Cosmo	returned		returned	returned	returned	
DBC/Mt. Vernon	52/347	18/347	64/347	74/351	no game	
Jet Setters	87/386	107/392				
Leisure	34/1263	36/1263	30/1263			
Springfield	84/3882	135/3882	85/3894			
Triangle	44/1178	78/1199	90/1199	58/1199		
Twilight	26/1437	56/1437	20/1437			
Westbury	32/157	60/157	no game			

COSMO OWES DEC 2017 ???

TRIANGLE OWES SEPT/NOV/DEC 2017 ???

Point Coordinator Report – No report.**Sectional Representative Report**

The Sectional Meeting was held on May 23, 2018 at the Eastern Sectional Tournament in Atlantic City.

Gayle Powell and Annetta Wallace were approved as the Section's candidates for the Merit Award and Life Membership respectively.

The Mashariki will be published electronically. Please send submissions to Ms. Janice McBean in a timely manner.

A motion to upgrade the Section's website to 2018 standards was passed.

The Vice-President announced that she would be signing a contract for the May 2019 Sectional with Resorts.

In her report the Vice-President spoke about the financial position of the American Bridge Association and reported the measures the board had initiated to address the problem.

These measures include

- I) A \$1.00 surcharge per table for all non-sanctioned games beginning in June 2018.
- II) Elimination of the second-year free program for new members.
- III) Elimination of the Merit Award at the National Level
- IV) All Life- Members will resume paying dues.
- V) Elimination of travel allowances for the ABA president and secretary, starting in Jan 2019.

The Election Committee announced the results of the Election

Vice- President Gladys Smith

Secretary Rita Thompson

The position of Treasurer remains vacant.

Submitted by

Annetta Wallace

Website/Facebook – No report.

Property – Presented by Lynda Straker

Some members have informed Lynda Straker that some boards and bidding box inserts should be replaced.

Constitution- No report.

Scholarship – Presented by Raye Liverpool for Valerie Brooks

This year we received three applications for the prestigious MBU Scholarship Award of \$500. We are pleased to announce the two chosen recipients.

The first award will be given to Ms. Kiara Benn. She is a Brooklyn native who attends Wesleyan College in Middletown, Connecticut. Her majors are Dance and Psychology. Her goals are to become a Physical Therapist for Athletes or a Sports Psychologist. Her grade point average is 3.65. Our second award will be given to Mr. Adam A. Connie, Jr. He is a Brooklyn native who attends New York City College of Technology in Brooklyn. His major is Computer Science. He also currently has a podcast on the internet and will pursue a career in journalism. His grade point average is 3.04.

Special thanks to my fellow committee members: Ms. Eliza Brann, Ms. Raye Liverpool, and Ms. Edna Moses, for their time and hard work in this process.

Respectfully submitted,

Valerie Brooks, Chairperson

2019 Scholarship Requirement: The minimum requirement for eligibility is having completed at least three semesters of their continuing education towards a four-year degree by June 2019.

Tournament Report – Presented by John Demos

It is time for club tournament representatives to think about 2019 sanction games. **Sanctions are due by the next quarterly meeting (10/28/18).** A meeting will be scheduled for "How to Complete the Sanction Form". Whoever completes sanction forms should attend this meeting.

Consumer Report – Presented by Gladys Smith.

Gladys Smith resigned as Consumer editor. Dolores Watson is willing to take on this responsibility.

Hospitality Report – Marion Mercer reported the following collation schedule:

October 28, 2018 Meeting: CoOp City, JetSetters, Westbury, Mt. Vernon

December 2018 AAA- Presented by Betty Sherrill

Dates: 12/10 – 12/13/18

Place: Resorts Hotel & Casino, Atlantic City, NY

Theme: Uniquely New York

Colors: Black, Red, Silver

Raffles have been issued to each club in the MBU. The should be returned 11/26/18, folded, to Marcia Demos.

Everyone is encouraged to attend.

New Players Committee- No report.

Unfinished Business –

- Barbara Wingate will be the point person for 'educational event'.
- Refer to ABA Handbook for 'who can be indicated on the *benefit line* for Benefit Games.
- Refer to ABA Handbook for *Club Acquisition games* (www.ababridge.org)
- Some members believe MBU should submit motions to improve ABA bylaws. Gladys Smith thinks there is a representative for this in place.

New Business –

- The Eastern Section will co-host the 2019 Spring National with the ABA National office.
- The ABA gets 50% net of some fundraising activities (raffles, T-shirts, journal ads, club national C games, kits) after certain obligations have been met.
- Seed money: ES share is \$2,000; ABA share is \$3,000
- This is a 'no frills' national with an Awards Banquet.
- AAA dates should be corrected on the website.
- 10/28/18 – date of next quarterly membership meeting.
- Julius Fields suggested clubs think more about C games and less about club fees because you don't have to pay entertainment tax or ABA point processing fee for C games.

ANNOUNCEMENTS- None.

Meeting adjourned at 5:00 pm

Respectfully submitted by Janice McBean, MBU Secretary