

METROPOLITAN BRIDGE UNIT

2018 YEARBOOK **The Year in Review**

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HISTORY

In 1946, a small group inspired by founder Harold O. Basden formed the Greater New York Bridge Council, a federation of American Bridge Association chartered clubs in the New York Metropolitan area. The Council worked diligently to develop an organization with better tournament techniques, more skillful play and enhanced club and individual relationships. The original four clubs—Good Neighbor, Henry C. Parker, Tri-State and Twilight—were soon joined by the Coronets, Knaves, Metros and North Jersey.

In 1954, the Council formed the Metropolitan Bridge Unit. Daisy Hamer, MBU's first President, guided the organization through its formative period. MBU's fifth President, Jerome Primm, spearheaded the MBU Building Fund in 1959.

The Community Bridge Home, established in 1994 in Cambria Heights, New York, is headquarters for the MBU. Open daily for Bridge games and lessons, the Bridge Home is the regular meeting place for five clubs—Astro, Bayview, Cosmopolitan, Jet Setter and Springfield.

PAST PRESIDENTS

Thank you to our past Presidents for their dedication and leadership.

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|------------------|-----------------|------------------|-------------------|------------------|------------------|
| 1954-1955 | Daisy Hamer | 1972-1973 | John Wilson | 1996-1999 | Cawley Arrington |
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| 1958-1959 | Benjamin Foster | 1976-1977 | Renald Richards | 2002-2006 | Edna Boothe |
| 1960-1961 | Clifton DuBois | 1978-1981 | Connie Gould | 2006-2008 | George Hudson |
| 1962-1963 | Jerome Primm | 1982-1987 | Herman Huff | 2009 | Allen Morton |
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| 1966-1969 | Jerome Primm | 1992-1995 | John Gipson | 2014-2017 | Cheryll Jones |
| 1970-1971 | Joseph Steber | | | | |

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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

ASTRO

Jerry Cunningham
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BAYVIEW

Delores Brooks
Lenora Gates
Jean Hill

BROOKLYNITES

Eunice Semple
Jane Atlas
Inez Beaty
Barbara Byam
Patricia Campbell-James
Deborah Carmichael
Denise Carter

Dorene Christmas
John Clark
Jacqueline Cole
Andrea Flateau

Donna Harris-Bowman
Barry Jamison
Inez Lambert
Dianne Lawrence
Mary A. Lewis
Roxie McKoy
Selina McNeil
Aquilla Middleton
Betty Mitchell
Leon Roland
Jacqueline Sterling
Robin Vetere
Tyrone Woods

CO-OP CITY

Patricia Cobb
Georgianna Rodriguez

COSMOPOLITAN

Steven A. Bond
Martin Einhorn
Philippe Gerdes
Patricia Jackson
Paula Joseph
Sharon Lucas
Jose Ramos
Ellen Tauber

JET SETTER

Lemuel Copeland
Harry Gaines
Beverly Session-Kelly
Fannie Smiths
Victoria Williams

LEISURE

Patricia M. House

MOUNT VERNON

Corey Andrews
Keith Eversley
Tresi Griffin
Elmond Harley
Anderson Jones
Rita Thompson

TRIANGLE

Martha Cameron
Doris L. Joe

WESTBURY

Cynthia Bohanan
Kevin Downtin
Donna Lewis
Cheryl Moffat
Denise Thompson



TOP 10 PLAYERS

Rank

Name

Club

Level

| | | | |
|----|-----------------|--------------|-------------------|
| 1 | Julius Fields | Triangle | Grand Life Master |
| 2 | George Hudson | Cosmopolitan | Grand Life Master |
| 3 | John Washington | Triangle | Grand Life Master |
| 4 | Calvin Morris | Jet Setter | Black Diamond |
| 5 | Errol Grant | Westbury | Black Diamond |
| 6 | Parvez Mehta | Mount Vernon | Platinum Diamond |
| 7 | Cheryll Jones | Cosmopolitan | Platinum Diamond |
| 8 | Allen Morton | Triangle | Gold Diamond |
| 9 | Gloria Hobbs | Mount Vernon | Gold Diamond |
| 10 | Alfred Knight | Mount Vernon | Gold Diamond |

MBU NEWS



Ithaca College Honors Gloria Hobbs

Gloria Hobbs, a member of the Duplicate Bridge Club of Mount Vernon, was awarded an honorary Doctor of Letters degree by Ithaca College at the college's 2018 Commencement Ceremony.

Born and educated in New York City, Gloria earned her undergraduate degree from Hunter College and master's from Columbia University. In 1962, she became the first African American to receive a Ph.D. from the Department of Foreign Languages at the recently desegregated University of Texas. During this time, she was actively involved in the Civil Rights Movement, including the housing of Freedom Riders.

As a linguist and scholar, Gloria authored many articles on topics ranging from French and Spanish literature to the African diaspora and traveled to countries where the languages she taught were spoken. She established scholarships at several institutions and received numerous awards and honors, including having her name on a school in Obuasi, Ghana—the Hobbs Business College.

In 1969, Gloria returned to New York as professor of modern languages and associate dean of the City University's Bronx Community College. She was voted into the Hunter College Alumni Hall of Fame and retired in 1983 as dean and professor emeritus.

Gloria once went around the world on a freighter and still travels extensively. She is among the top players in the MBU, works with various college groups, volunteers in the neighborhood where she grew up, mentors the young and the old, and remains a strong advocate for marginalized youth in higher education and the workplace.



New President Sworn in at Bayview

On July 23, MBU President Lynda Straker swore in Valerie Brooks as President of Bayview Duplicate Bridge Club and celebrated the years of service by outgoing President Pat Thomas.



ABA Certifies New Bridge Teachers

A Teacher Certification Workshop was held on April 3 at the Brooklynites Duplicate Bridge Club. The 8-hour workshop, conducted by ABA Teacher Certification Chair Lois Francis, included course materials, practice using training techniques and teaching resources for class use. Participants were awarded ABA certification to teach Bridge.

(clockwise from left) Christian Baxter, Alfred Knight, Janice McBean, Lois Francis, Lynda Straker, Yvonne Ebea, Rita Thompson.



ABA Eastern Section Officers Elected

At the May 23 ABA Eastern Section membership meeting, Dr. Errol Grant announced Gladys Smith has been elected Vice President and Rita Thompson elected Secretary of the Eastern Section. Gladys and Rita, members of the Duplicate Bridge Club of Mount Vernon, will begin their terms of office in January 2019. Congratulations to our new Eastern Section officers!

MBU Technology Initiatives

At the January 28 Metropolitan Bridge Unit quarterly meeting, Lynda Straker announced that one of her goals as the new MBU President was to establish a website for the unit. This goal was soon transformed into reality by the Public Relations Committee—Barbara Wingate (Chair), Pat Binyard, Beverly Session-Kelly, Rita Thompson and Lois Wright.

The website—www.MetropolitanBridgeUnit.org, also known as www.mbuinc.org—was launched on March 15. It features photos of MBU officers, narrative of MBU history, a tribute to past presidents, a list of bridge clubs including locations and game times, a special games calendar, game results, details about bridge lessons, news, a photo gallery and contact

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PHOTO GALLERY

Recent additions to the Photo Gallery. Visit www.mbuinc.org/photogallery to view the entire collection. You may see someone there you recognize.

Cosmo celebrated Halloween in style at their October 31 club game. Patricia Jackson, Paula Joseph, Helen Williams and Lois Wright.



Five students from Triangle were awarded certificates for completing beginning bridge lessons. Brenda Smith, Easter Lawrence, Theodora Hartman, Dorothy Hamilton, Minnie Goka, Paula Harris and Lynda Straker.



Annetta Wallace, new player Paula Joseph from Cosmo, President Lynda Straker and Ruth Shuler.



Globetrotting MBUers Bernice Williams, Minnie Hagans, Alice Butler and E. Frances Reid PhD visited Dubai for a little R&R.

Submit photos by email to RitaThompson@verizon.net

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information for officers, committee chairs and club presidents. It can be accessed from your computer, notepad and smart phone.

Website analytics reveal that there have been more than 400 visits to the site to date, with over 60 percent of visitors accessing the site to view game results. Bridge clubs are encouraged to submit game results to Lois Wright at Ladytul2@netzero.net for posting.

On April 17, the MBU launched a Facebook page. Facebook is a social media resource for getting news about the MBU out to the community at large. A link to the MBU Facebook page is conveniently located at the bottom of all pages of the MBU website. You can also locate the page when you're logged into Facebook by entering "@MBUINC.ORG" in the Facebook search field. We invite you to "like" our page and to comment and "share" our posts with your friends.

The latest addition to MBU's technology arsenal is Constant Contact, an online tool used to inform members about upcoming events and to provide members with an advance copy of *The Consumer*. It's a good practice for members to provide the MBU with a current email address to ensure they don't miss any important news or announcements.

Mentor-Mentee Day at the Brooklynites DBC



Bridge Lessons at the DBC of Mount Vernon



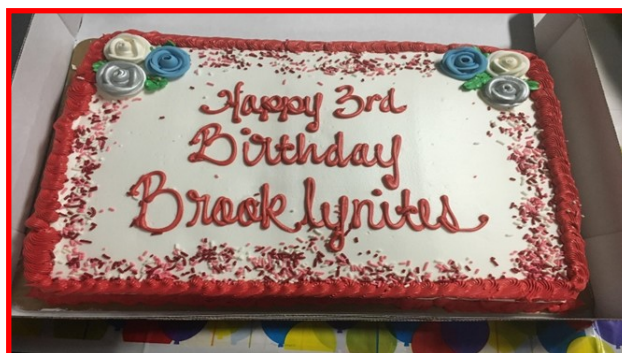
Seated: Rowena Joseph, Alicia Mapp, Charlotte Roberson, Elinor Williams, LaChonne DeVeaux, Eugenia Bye.
Standing: Naeema Mubaarak, Bernice Williams, Dr. Parvez Mehta (teacher), Rita Thompson, Elmond Harley.



MILESTONES



Brooklynites Duplicate Bridge Club Celebrates Three Years



Jet Setter Duplicate Bridge Club Celebrates 30th Anniversary





Co-op City



Sylvia Butler

Cosmo



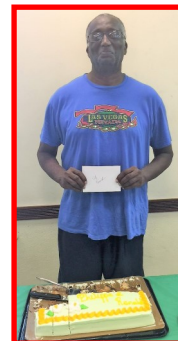
**Annetta Wallace
Lois Wright**

Jet Setter



Victoria Williams

Cosmo



Ronald Prester

Cosmo



**Cheryll Jones, Ruth Shuler
George Hudson, Julius Fields**



Jet Setter



Calvin Morris

Cosmo



**Steven Bond
Harvey Stone**

Mount Vernon



Louise Shaw

Cosmo



**Patricia Jackson
Philippe Gerdes
Edna Moses**



SAY "CHEESE"



BRIDGE CLUBS

BRONX

CO-OP CITY

Dreiser Community Center
177 Dreiser Loop, Room 9
Bronx, NY 10475

Members

Lorelei S. Blackman
Sylvia Butler
Patricia Cobb
Vivian Edwards
William Fairley
Herman Francis
Carlyn Jones
Alicia Mapp
Queenie May
Ernestine Myles
Clarence Polite
Susie Polite
Estelle Richmond
Georgianna Rodriguez
Alan J. Rosen
Edna Salley
Dorothy Smith
Janie Smith
Genesis Washington
Delius Wilson



BROOKLYN

BROOKLYNITES

625 Quincy Street
Brooklyn, NY 11221

Members

Mildred Adams
Jane Atlas
Inez Beaty
Barbara Byam
Patricia Campbell-James
Deborah Carmichael
Denise Carter
Dorene Christmas
John Clark
Jacqueline Cole
Andrea Flateau
Lois Francis
Loretta Greenidge

Donna Harris-Bowman

John Hopkins
Barry Jamison
Harriet Kinebrew
Inez Lambert
Dianne Lawrence
Mary A. Lewis
Kathleen Marshall
Roxie McKoy
Selina McNeil
Aquilla Middleton
Betty Mitchell
Vanessa Muhammad
Leon Roland
Elijah Seabrook
Jacqueline Sterling
Consuelo Tomlinson
Robin Vetere
Lucille Wilkinson
Tyrone Woods



TWILIGHT

Mount Ararat Senior Center
1630 St. Marks Avenue
Brooklyn, NY 11223

Members

Betty W. Ball
Christine Blount
Pearl S. Bostic
Enric Q. Boxill
Barbara Coston
Deloris Crosse
Doris Douglas
Gloria A. Johnson
Morris Johnson
Clara Kearse
Raye Liverpool
Mercedes Mann
Jesse Palmer
Robert Patterson
E. Frances Reid PhD
Betty Sherrill
Carole Smith
Cynthia Stroy
Kenneth Thomas Jr.
Paul Watford
Eleanor M. Waymer



MANHATTAN

LEISURE

Joseph P. Kennedy Center
34 West 134th Street
New York, NY 10027

Members

Yvonne Allen
Calvin Bass
Ruth M. Brennan
Larry Gutman
Patricia M. House
Margaret R. Lewis
Eileen Madison
Joyce Trammell



TRIANGLE

St. Nicholas Senior Center
210 West 131st Street
New York, NY 10027

Members

Alice C. Butler
Martha Cameron
Lorraine G. Cleaton
Charlotte Cottman
Vivian S. Cox
Marzella Dawkins
Betty Donerson
Anthony Donovan
Carla Estwick
Julius C. Fields
Mayme Frazier
Minnie Goka
Kathleen Goodin
Dorothy Haime
Theodora Hartman
Zella C. Jackson
Barbara Jean Jennings
Doris L. Joe
Gwendolyn Leverett
Ida Minault
Donald G. Morrison
Allen L. Morton
Annie Nelson
May Ott
Elizabeth Mary Sola
Ermine Stewart
Cynthia A. Washington
John H. Washington
Bernice Williams
Cynthia Wilson



QUEENS

All Queens clubs meet at:

Community Bridge Home
120-50 Springfield Blvd.
Cambria Heights, NY 11411

ASTRO

Members

Jerry Cunningham
Marcia Demos
Dianne Edgerton-Norman
Calvin Hewitt
Martha Hewitt
Rupert Mitchell
Julia Rinehardt
Doris White



BAYVIEW

Members

Christian Baxter
Delores Brooks
Valerie Brooks
Rudolph Cummings
Eva DeLeon
Henry Dennis
Harold Edwards
Willie Fuchs
Lenora Gates
Jean Hill
Dorothy Jackson
Phyllis Jones
Marilyn Legall
LaVaris Marks
Mattie McCollum
Richard Rogers
Joan C. Sanders
Eunice Semple
Sylvia Ann Simmons
Josephine Smith
Patricia Thomas
Louise Wilson
Donna Woo
Joyce Woods



BRIDGE CLUBS (continued)

COSMOPOLITAN

Members

Steven A. Bond
John Anthony Demos
Martin Einhorn
Philippe Gerdes
Therese Hamilton
Lillian Heard
George E. Hudson
Patricia Jackson
Cheryl C. Jones
Paula Joseph
Sharon Lucas
Edna Moses
Ronald Prester
Jose Ramos
Catherine Reid
William Russell
Joyce Samber
Rosalie Samuels
Ruth Shuler
Harvey Stone
Ellen Tauber
Annetta E. Wallace
Helen L. Williams
Barbara A. Wingate
Lois M. Wright



JET SETTER

Members

Ruthie E. Alexander
Lemuel Copeland
Marjorie E. Davis
Yvonne Ebea
Harry Gaines
Geraldine Granger
Minnie Hagans
Joan Handy
Jane S. Harris
Judith Kotkin
Richard Kotkin
Conrad Martin
I. Calvin Morris
Diane L. Oliver
Grace Parris
Devora Sconiers
Beverly Session-Kelly
Fannie Smiths
Traci Stukes
Sylvia Thomas
Viola Waterman
Victoria Williams
Sylvia Yearwood



SPRINGFIELD

Members

Marie Barnes
Eliza Brann
Daisy Carew
Karen E. Carter
Marie Crockwell
Sharon Fox
Diana E. Green
Mary Luter
Janice McBean
James McKeown
Marion Mercer
Jimmy Pelham
June Robinson
Evelyn Smallwood
Moses Smallwood
Lynda Straker
Sandra Surita
Edwin A. Ward II
Dolores Watson
Irene H. White



NASSAU COUNTY

WESTBURY

"Yes We Can" Community
Center
141 Garden Street
Westbury, NY 11590

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Wilma Alexander
Lenny Binyard
Patricia Binyard
Cynthia Bohanan
Edna Boothe
Theodore Conliffe
Kevin Dowtin
Doris E. Duperly
Claxton Francis
M. Errol Grant
Thomas Holloway
Alverna Lewis
Donna Lewis
Edwin Lewis
Cheryl Moffat
Jeraldine Odoms
Denise Thompson

Anthony Toran
Harriet Walcott
Mayer Wiesen



WESTCHESTER COUNTY

MOUNT VERNON

The Armory
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Mount Vernon, NY 10550

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Lorraine Hinds
Gloria Hobbs
Anderson Jones
Naomi Jones
Rowena M. Joseph
Jean Keizs
Alfred B. Knight
Nathalie McFarlane
Parvez Mehta
Wanda Miles
Naeema Mubaarak
Viola Porter
Charlotte Roberson
Clarence Schmidt
Louise F. Shaw
Jeanne J. Simmons
Gladys Smith
Dolores Thompson
Rita Thompson
Elinor Williams
William Wood



FAREWELL, DEAR FRIENDS

The MBU mourns the passing and offers
condolences to the families of:

Dr. Gloria Allen (Westbury)
Gertrude Collins (Westbury)
Blanche Jordan (Triangle)
Margaret Kelly (Jet Setter)
Cheryl Ledlum (Brooklynites)
Frances McDermott (Co-op City)
Marion Miller (Triangle)
Arthur Tate (Twilight)
Carole Taylor (Westbury)
Roberta Wyche (Jet Setter)



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