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Metropolitan Bridge Unit, Inc.

April 2023



President's Message

By Marcia Demos

As we move from the shadow of a devastating pandemic, we have to find ways to thrive despite the many months that we lived in fear. Today many of us are still reluctant to go back to the way things used to be -- the "old normal." Many members still want masks to be worn, to use only single serve snacks, and to continue to play Bridge only on Bridge Base Online.

As I grow into my new role as MBU President, I am dedicating my energies toward making a "new normal" and to make the MBU a unit that is vibrant, strong, and more player friendly. To do this we must all work together.

Our Bridge teachers are an integral part of the growing and strengthening of our unit. With classes for both new players and experienced players alike, and by encouraging a solid practice of mentoring at all levels, we will prove to our members that they are important to us. It is my hope that a "we care" attitude will bear fruit in greater player interest and with less player drop off.

Submit questions, give us a chance to see things through your eyes. With all of us working together, we will be the best unit in the ABA.

See you around the table!

Eastern & Mid-Atlantic Sections Unite

The Eastern and Mid-Atlantic Sections have merged to form the new Eastern Section effective May 1, 2023. The elected officers of the new Eastern Section will serve a term of office from May 1, 2023 through December 31, 2024.

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Metropolitan Bridge Unit

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Metropolitan Bridge Unit

EASTERN SECTION SPRING FLING

MAY 22-25, 2023

RESORTS CASINO HOTEL

1133 Boardwalk, Atlantic City, NJ 08401
Room Rate: \$74 + taxes/fees DO
Reservation Deadline: May 12, 2023
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Application Deadline: July 15, 2023

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Bayview Breeze

By Valerie Brooks

Happy Spring, Bridge Family. The weather is getting better and we hope more of you will come back to the table. Bayview and Jet Setters club games are every Tuesday at the Community Bridge Home. Doors open at 11 am. Game time is at 12 pm. Light refreshments will be served.

Seminars by Cheryll Jones

Start Date: Tuesday, April 25 at 10:30 am

Topic: Opening Leads Against Suit Contracts

Bring your partner and improve together.

Bayview "C" Game

Date: Tuesday, April 18

Game Time: 12 pm

Please keep our beloved, long-time members Rudy Cummings and Joan Sanders in prayer. Warm birthday wishes to Christian Baxter, Patricia Thomas and Donna Woo.

Good luck to those playing at the ABA Spring National!

Cosmopolitan DBC

By Steven Bond

Again, we want to thank all those who have supported Cosmo by attending our in-person games. Also, congratulations to all those who ranked in the Nationwide on March 1st.

Looking ahead, our next "C" game will be May 4th at 12 noon. The playing fee is \$10, and the game will be preceded by lunch. Looking further ahead, we will have a "B" game on July 6th to benefit the Bridge Home. Stay tuned for more details.

Congratulations to all those celebrating birthdays this quarter. Martha Hewitt in May; and Cheryll Jones and Ruth Shuler in June.

We encourage those who have not yet returned to the tables to do so; it's more fun to play with people sitting with you, rather than remotely. Meanwhile, continue to take care and be safe.

Jet Setter DBC

By Beverly Session-Kelly

Hello, fellow bridge players. I pray that all is well with you and your families. Is everyone trying to adjust to the time change? It seems that every year, it gets harder to adjust. However, I can adjust to getting an extra hour of sleep in the fall. It would be nice to get an extra hour every week.

To those attending the National Tournament in Indiana, we wish you a safe journey and a successful tournament.

Patricia Jackson (Cosmo), Patricia Binyard (Westbury), Harriet Walcott (Westbury) and Beverly Session-Kelly (Jet Setter) travelled to Barbados to attend an ACBL Tournament. We represented the ABA well and came away with points. We also took some time to enjoy the island beaches, sightsee and sample their food.

Brooklynites DBC Spring Welcome Spring Ahead - Do Not Fall Back

By Lois Francis

MBU members, let's spring ahead to bigger and better actions such as encouraging a cooperative spirit among local clubs and our Unit. Let's spring ahead not by taking from some clubs to give to others, but by teaching small clubs how to fish for new members and grow, and how to provide a "safe space" for their members. Spring ahead by rotating MBU meetings at each club followed by a game so that each club will benefit.

Fall back on negative comments such as, "clubs are building war chests, and are reluctant to disclose financial status." Fall back on asking for donations unless the MBU had reached out to help clubs when there was a need. Spring forward by asking for prayers, cards, and goodwill email in a more equitable manner. Lorelei Blackman, a longtime BDBC friend and MBU worker, is in the Pinnacle Nursing Home, 801 Co-op City Blvd, Bronx, NY 10475-1703. Jeanne Simmons, a longtime MBU director, is also in a nursing home. Dorothy Smith, a longtime MBU director, is shut-in at home. Brooklynites Mildred Adams is back home with nursing care and thankful for your prayers.

Spring ahead and stand united. Fall back and be divided.





DBC of Mount Vernon

By Rita Thompson

Bridge lessons have resumed in Mount Vernon with instructors Alfred Knight, Parvez Mehta and Bill Wood sharing the responsibility on a rotation schedule. On February 7, the lesson on "Simple Overcall in a Suit" by Parvez was recorded and it can be viewed on [YouTube](#). On March 13, Bill's topic was "The Immutable Laws of Bridge" and when he asked if anyone had ever received instruction on this topic, none had.

On April 17, we will celebrate the first anniversary of our return to the bridge tables one year ago. On that day, we will wear our new club T-shirts, purchased to commemorate the occasion. A nominal profit was made on each shirt and used to support our scholarship program. We will also wish our club president, Charles Guest, happy birthday. As the youngest member at DBCM, he will celebrate 64 years on April 17. The club, founded in 1959, also celebrates 64 years.



In recent months, Charles faced a financial crisis and potential eviction from his home. A GoFundMe page was created by a parishioner at his synagogue and it has succeeded in raising the much-needed funds. Charles said, "I'm grateful to everyone who has generously donated in my time of need. There are no words that can adequately express the extent of my appreciation. God bless you, all."

Springfield DBC

By Eliza Brann

Spring is here and we thank our teachers, Annetta Wallace and Cheryl Jones, for helping us spring forward in our knowledge of bridge.

We have been overjoyed at having large turn outs at our recent games and thank all who came. Do continue to play with us every Thursday.

Birthday blessings are extended to Janice McBean, May 7, Sharon Fox, May 20, Julia Rinehardt, June 2, her 100th, and Diana Green, June 28. We hope they will have a peaceful day with family and friends.

It's great having Marcia Demos back at the table with us and everyone is grateful to see how well she's recovering. Keep on pushing, Marcia, as we know you certainly will. Well wishes are in order for Lynda Straker, who continues to recover at home. We are keeping both members in our prayers.

Our condolences are sent to Lynda Straker, Janice McBean and their families for the loss of their mother, Evelyn Smallwood. Evelyn was a founding member of the Springfield DBC and a teacher and mentor to many bridge members. Her smile and friendly manner endeared her to all. She will be missed.



SPRINGFIELD DBC CELEBRATES 24TH ANNIVERSARY

SEATED: Evelyn Smallwood, Julia Rinehardt STANDING: Diana Green, Marcia Demos, Daisy Carew-Clarke, Edwin Ward II, Liam Samples, Marion Mercer, Mary Luter, James McKeown, Janice McBean, Sandra Surita, Dolores Watson, Sharon Fox, Lynda Straker, Eliza Brann

Triangle DBC

By Bernice Williams

Greetings fellow bridge enthusiasts. We at Triangle are trying to hold together, in spite of losing our oldest member Ermile Stewart. She was a mentor to us all and kept everyone calm in sometimes explosive situations. A definite loss to our bridge community. Julius Fields is still unable to perform his previous duties at Triangle. When I spoke with him briefly, he seemed to be in good spirits despite his infirmities.

Now for a more pleasant scenario. Triangle has two new members: Mary Colley of Concourse Village and Karen Bowers of Harlem.

Belated birthday wishes to Gregg Morrison, whose day was March 7. For April we have Marzella Dawkins on the 18th, our faithful treasurer May Ott on the 27th and Ida Minault on May 5th. That rounds out our coming birthdays.

The USPS has a stamp coming out in honor of our Black poet and author Toni Morrison, whom we have all read at one time or another. Until next time stay safe and vigilant for ourselves and others around us.



Twilight DBC

By Jesse Palmer

Let the games begin!

We are happy to announce that we will begin to play on a new day at a new location. The day is Wednesday and the location will be: Fort Greene Albany Senior Center, 196 Albany Avenue, Brooklyn, NY. We will play on the first and third Wednesday of each month. Game time is 1 pm and lunch (\$1.00) will be available at 12:15 pm. Join us during April on the 5th and 19th!

Please keep the following members in your prayers: Mercedes Mann, Betty Sherrill and Shirley Gross.

Westbury DBC

By Patricia Binyard

Happy Easter and Happy Passover, bridge family, Spring has sprung and the trees and flowers are beginning to bloom. What a wonderful time of the year!

Our club has been really busy this winter. Our president, Alverna Lewis, has been teaching Bridge to new students on Wednesdays at the "Yes We Can" Center with the assistance of our club members Barbara Wingate and Donna Lewis. We hope to have many of the students join our Sunday games in a few weeks with the ultimate goal of them becoming members of our club.

We celebrated Black History and the life of our deceased members at one of our February games. In March, we celebrated St. Patrick's Day, with the traditional Irish soda bread, Reuben sandwiches and corned beef. Thanks to all who supported these efforts.

We are thankful for all who have been supporting our games and would like to see more of you coming out. It's Daylight Savings Time so it doesn't get dark until 6:30 pm. Look for info about our "C" game which will be coming out soon.

Community Bridge Home

By Lois Wright

The Officers and Board of Directors would like to take this opportunity to say to everyone "we greatly appreciate your continued support during these extraordinary times." As these times continue to impact everyday life in the "world of bridge," your involvement is very important and very much needed.

A special "thank you" to CBH members that have already sent in their \$50.00 yearly dues and donations for 2023 and to all bridge players that have mailed donations. What a blessing you are. Again, thanks to everyone for your continued support. Be blessed and stay safe.

The Director Speaks

CALL THE DIRECTOR

By Annetta Wallace

The director's job is to help players understand the laws, make rulings that permit play to continue, and impose penalties as permitted or required by the laws. When you fail to call the director at the time of an infraction, you may be giving up some of your rights for redress later.

Players should not be offended when another player calls the director. One does not call the director **ON** the opponents. One calls the director to assess options associated with irregularities, and to do so from an unbiased perspective. The director has the responsibility to ensure that all players at the table understand the law as it applies to the situation, to make a ruling that permits play to continue. Players can help by identifying potential infractions in a factual, and not an accusatory, manner.

Players sometimes believe that if they are damaged after the opponents have failed to alert, or had a bidding misunderstanding, they are entitled to relief. This is partially true; one must be able to demonstrate that the damage was a consequence of the infraction.

If one player makes a bid that departs from partnership agreement, regardless of damage, the law permits no adjustment as long as this is not a regular occurrence. Frequent departure from partnership understanding can create partnership agreements that must be disclosed to the opponents. If the bid reflects partnership agreement and the alert or explanation were in error, then the law allows an adjustment. This adjustment is not automatic; the damage must be proven. The connection between the damage and the infraction must be demonstrable.

If partner has given misinformation and the offending side is declaring, the law requires that the director be informed before the opening lead. If the offending side is defending, play of the hand must be completed before the director is called.

The director can also help if another player is doing something that prevents you from enjoying your game. A discreet word to the director will enable him/her to address the situation.

Bridge is a very competitive activity. All the players are trying their best to win and sometimes problems do occur. The director is the best person to deal with these problems and the director is also the only person permitted by the laws to do so. Players shouldn't enforce rules. That's the director's job. Call the director.



In 1926, Harvard-trained historian **Dr. Carter G. Woodson** (1875-1950), known to many as the "Father of Black History," spearheaded the birth of what's known today as Black History Month. He chose February as the opportune month because it included the birthdays of both Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass. Fifty years later, coinciding with the nation's bicentennial in 1976, and in the wake of the Civil Rights Movement, President Gerald Ford decreed a national observance and called upon the people to "seize the opportunity to honor the too-often neglected accomplishments of Black Americans in every area of endeavor throughout our history."

FEBRUARY
BLACK HISTORY MONTH



First African American Graduate of Hampton High School

In September 1995, Virginia's Hampton High School celebrated the centennial of the school's first graduation. Hundreds of people turned out for the event including Cheryll Jones, who in 1965 became the first African American to graduate from the school. Cheryll's experiences as the school's lone Black student were reported in the *Daily Press* on September 15, 1995.

1965 graduate recalls discrimination

By **Jonathan Goldstein**
Daily Press

HAMPTON

The discrimination was usually subtle.

Cheryll Cypress Jones, the first black student to graduate from Hampton High School, said she rarely faced direct animosity. But a number of students and teachers let her know they didn't like having her around.

"For the most part they weren't hostile, but they weren't very friendly either," said Jones, who participated in a ceremony Thursday marking the 100th anniversary of the school's first graduation. "It was a lonely existence."

She graduated in 1965 after three years at the school.

Jones tried out for the cheerleading squad but was told she didn't make the final cut. She tried out for the choir but didn't get chosen. And she auditioned for a school play, only to be told that the community wasn't ready to see a black girl in that role.

Still, Jones persevered with

support from her family and a small group of teachers and friends.

Thousands have followed her.

"In retrospect, I feel that I obviously helped pave the way for the students who came after me," said Jones, 48. "But at the time I didn't think of that. I was thinking of graduating and getting out."

She decided to brave the possible backlash and go to Hampton, which required special permission from the school division and the state Board of Education, because it was the best school in the city, Jones said.

Her father, George Cypress, remembers when the family decided that she would go to Hampton.

"She had no problem being the first because she's a very independent person," said Cypress, a

medical consultant. "She said she could cope, and we wanted her to get the best education possible."



Despite the loneliness and hard times, the choice paid off, Jones said.

After high school she was able to go to Fisk University in Tennessee to study English, and then she went to Syracuse University in upstate New York to study journalism.

Now she's the chairwoman of the English department at a high school in Queens, N.Y.

"My students are amazed when I tell them I was the only black person in my class. They say they would have left," she said. "But once I was on that path it never occurred to me I had a choice. I was committed to going to Hampton High School. Period."



Bridge Club Schedule

SUNDAY	WESTBURY	Open at 12:15 pm Light Snack Game at 1 pm	"Yes We Can" Community Center 151 Gardner Street Westbury, NY 11590
MONDAY	MOUNT VERNON	Lunch at 12:30 pm Lesson at 1 pm Game at 2 pm	Vernon Manor 30 Ehrbar Avenue Mount Vernon, NY 10552
TUESDAY	BAYVIEW & JET SETTERS	Open at 11 am Light Snack Game at 12 pm	Community Bridge Home 120-50 Springfield Blvd Cambria Heights, NY 11411
WEDNESDAY	TRIANGLE	Open at 10 am Game at 10:30 am	St. Nicholas Senior Center 210 West 131st Street New York, NY 10027
First & Third WEDNESDAY	TWILIGHT	12:15 pm Lunch (\$1) Game at 1 pm	Fort Greene Senior Center 196 Albany Avenue Brooklyn, NY
THURSDAY	COSMO & SPRINGFIELD	Open at 11 am Light Snack Game at 12 pm	Community Bridge Home 120-50 Springfield Blvd Cambria Heights, NY 11411
FRIDAY	BROOKLYNITES	Lunch at noon Game at 12:30 pm	625 Quincy Street, 1st Floor Brooklyn, NY 11221

Calendar of Events

April 15-21 ABA Spring National Tournament, Elizabeth, Indiana

April 27 MBU Quarterly Membership Meeting

May 1 "C" Game - Mount Vernon

May 4 "C" Game - Cosmopolitan

May 5 "C" Game - Brooklynites

May 18 "C" Game - Springfield

May 22-25 Eastern Section Tournament, Atlantic City, New Jersey

June 2 ABA Nationwide Game (evening)

June 3 ABA Nationwide Game (day)

June 12 "C" Game - Mount Vernon

June 21 "B" Game - Westbury (2 sessions)

June 23 "C" Game - Brooklynites



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"January to March 2023 Top 25 Players"

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2.	Dr. Errol Grant	Black Diamond	16,084.47
3.	Parvez Mehta	Platinum Diamond	14,659.09
4.	Cheryll Jones	Platinum Diamond	12,444.90
5.	Allen Morton	Platinum Diamond	10,368.84
6.	Dr. Gloria Hobbs	Gold Diamond	7,980.81
7.	Alfred Knight	Gold Diamond	7,596.62
8.	Gloria A. Johnson	Gold Diamond	7,242.13
9.	Annetta Wallace	Gold Diamond	6,810.12
10.	Doris White	Gold Diamond	6,156.05
11.	Lynda Straker	Gold Diamond	5,737.52
12.	Janice McBean	Gold Diamond	5,611.66
13.	Edna Boothe	Gold Diamond	5,288.07
14.	Minnie Goka	Silver Diamond	4,533.10
15.	Ruth M. Shuler	Silver Diamond	3,757.96
16.	Charles Guest	Silver Diamond	3,696.12
17.	Eleanor Waymer	Silver Diamond	3,507.43
18.	Nathalie McFarlane	Silver Diamond	3,382.99
19.	Dorothy Smith	Silver Diamond	3,150.23
20.	William Wood, Jr.	Silver Diamond	2,781.98
21.	Jean DeVeaux	Silver Diamond	2,770.90
22.	Beryl Battle	Silver Diamond	2,711.88
23.	Marion Mercer	Silver Diamond	2,635.09
24.	Christian Baxter	Silver Diamond	2,606.75
25.	Carole Smith	Silver Diamond	2,551.84

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"January – March 2023: Top 25 Women Players"

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16.	Marion Mercer	Silver Diamond	2,635.09
17.	Carole Smith	Diamond	2,551.84
18.	Patricia Thomas	Diamond	2,367.53
19.	Alverna Lewis	Diamond	2,360.96
20.	Valerie Brooks	Diamond	2,299.48
21.	Marcia Demos	Diamond	2,280.32
22.	Beanetta Murphy	Diamond	2,220.32
23.	Lois Francis	Diamond	1,988.70
24.	Pearl Bostic	Diamond	1,925.27
25.	Sandra Surita	Diamond	1,865.80

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January – March 2023: ABA/BBO Report By Level

Level	/	Rank	Points	Club	Name
Asterisk	/	1 st Place	(2.88)	Mt. Vernon	Marcella Shelton
2 nd Place / None					
Master	/	1 st Place	(5.19)	Jetsetter	Tom Daly
		2 nd Place	(2.98)	Twilight	Jesse Palmer
Life Master	/	1 st Place	(6.84)	Twilight	Robert Patterson
		2 nd Place	(5.92)	Mt. Vernon	Ann Brandwein
Sr. Life Master	/	1 st Place	(8.97)	Cosmopolitan	Ronald Prester
		2 nd Place	(7.48)	Twilight	Raye Liverpool
Ruby	/	1 st Place	(703)	Mt. Vernon	Viola Porter
		2 nd Place	(10.29)	Cosmopolitan	Patricia Jackson
Diamond	/	1 st Place	(16.29)	Bayview	Valerie Brooks
		2 nd Place	(721)	Mt. Vernon	Charlotte Roberson
Silver Diamond	/	1 st Place	(30.84)	Bayview	Christian Baxter
		2 nd Place	(9.82)	Mt. Vernon	William Woods, Jr.
Gold Diamond	/	1 st Place	(11.09)	Cosmopolitan	Doris White
		2 nd Place	(7.62)	Springfield	Janice McBean
Platinum Diamond	/	1 st Place	(9.22)	Mt. Vernon	Parvez Mehta
		2 nd Place	(6.01)	Cosmopolitan	Cheryll Jones
Black Diamond	/	1 st Place	(19.09)	Westbury	Dr. Errol Grant
2 nd Place / No Active Player					
Grand Life Master / 1 st Place: No Active Player / 2 nd Place: No Active Player					

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7.	William Wood, Jr.	Diamond	2,781.98
8.	Christian Baxter	Diamond	2,606.75
9.	Delius Wilson	Diamond	2,403.37
10.	Larry Gutman	Diamond	2,252.67
11.	Clarence Schmidt	Diamond	2,096.08
12.	Thomas Holloway	Diamond	1,820.24
13.	Willie Fuchs	Diamond	1,339.25
14.	Paul Watford	Ruby	1,229.16
15.	James McKeown	Ruby	1,169.40
16.	John Demos	Ruby	924.40
17.	Herman Francis	Senior Life Master	500.11
18.	Ronald Prester	Senior Life Master	450.37
19.	Lemuel Copeland	Senior Life Master	414.76
20.	Calvin Hewitt	Senior Life Master	385.30
21.	Robert Patterson	Life Master	354.78
22.	Steven Bond	Life Master	325.78
23.	Rudolph Cummings	Life Master	278.15
24.	Philippe Gerdes	Life Master	241.15
25.	Edwin Ward II	Life Master	209.84



Condolences

Bayview

*To Louise Wilson on the loss of her sister,
Geneva Osbourne*

Jet Setter

*To the family of Traci Stukes
To the family of Marjorie Davis, a former member*

Springfield

*To Janice McBean and Lynda Straker on the
loss of their mother, Evelyn Smallwood*

Triangle

To the family of Ermile Stewart

Get Well Wishes

Bayview

Rudy Cummings
Joan Sanders

Mount Vernon

Lorelei Blackman
Charlotte Roberson

Springfield

Marcia Demos
Lynda Straker



Triangle

Julius Fields

Twilight

Shirley Gross
Mercedes Mann
Betty Sherrill

Westbury

Ted Conliffe



APRIL

BAYVIEW

Donna Woo

BROOKLYNITES

Kathleen Marshall

MOUNT VERNON

Charles Guest

Charlotte Roberson

TRIANGLE

Marzella Dawkins

May Ott

WESTBURY

Deborah Mabry

Joel Ross

MAY

BAYVIEW

Patricia Thomas

COSMO

Martha Hewitt

JET SETTER

Grace Parris

MOUNT VERNON

Harvey Brandwein

Jean DeVeaux

Alicia Mapp

SPRINGFIELD

Sharon Fox

Janice McBean

TRIANGLE

Ida Minault

JUNE

BAYVIEW

Christian Baxter

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Ruth Shuler

MOUNT VERNON

Elmond Harley

Delius Wilson

SPRINGFIELD

Diana Green

Julia Rinehardt

TRIANGLE

Julius Fields

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Raye Liverpool

WESTBURY

Lenny Binyard

Donna Lewis



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**Metropolitan Bridge Unit, Inc.
Annual Membership Meeting
January 21, 2023**

Lynda Straker called the meeting to order at 11:02 AM.

Roll Call – Present: Lynda Straker, Janice McBean, Raye Liverpool, Sharon Fox, Charles Guest, John Demos, Lois Wright, and representatives from the following clubs: Bayview, Brooklynites, Cosmo, Jet Setters, Mount Vernon, Springfield, Triangle, Twilight, and Westbury.

Good and Welfare – Lois Wright stated report was previously distributed via email.

MBU Good and Welfare Report Prepared by: Lois M. Wright Email address: Mystuff1944@netzero.net

<u>NAME</u>	<u>CLUB</u>	<u>REASON</u>
<u>December 2022</u>		
Georgina Correa	Mt. Vernon	Get Well Card
Steve A. Bond	Cosmopolitan	Get Well Card
Marjorie Davis	Jetsetter	Sympathy Card-Passing of Former Member
Earnestine Myles	Co-Op City	Sympathy Card-Passing of Former Member
<u>December 2022 (Members & Former Members) W/ Long Term Illnesses</u>		
Rudolph Cummings	Bayview	Get Well Card
Theodore Conliffe	Westbury	Get Well Card
Thomas Holloway	Westbury	Get Well Card
Mercedes Mann	Twilight	Get Well Card
Genesis Washington	Co-Op City	Get Well Card
Evelyn Smallwood	Springfield	Get Well Card
Julius Fields	Triangle	Get Well Card
Lorelei Blackman	Mount Vernon	Get Well Card

<u>January 2023</u>		
Genesis Washington Family	Co-Op City	Sympathy Card-Passing of Former Member

Thank You Cards To Metropolitan Bridge Unit (MBU) Members; August 2022 – January 2023

A Special Thank You To MBU Members From Julia Rinehardt:

To Lynda & The Metropolitan Bridge Unit: “Thank You for your Prayers. May the Joy & Peace of Christmas be with you throughout the New Year.” Julia Rinehardt

A Special “Thank You” from Lois M. Wright:

“Thank You for Brightening My Day” “Your Cards and Calls were really appreciated...Also, helped lift my spirit during my “homebound” period. Thanks for Being Kind, Being Real and Being there for me; when I really needed it. What a Blessing You Are.”



In Appreciation

To: The Metropolitan Bridge Unit

Sending US loving thoughts; from those my Father spent time with and held in high regard, is so comforting. Thank You Sincerely, for sharing our sorrow. Your kindness is deeply appreciated and will always be remembered.

The Family of Kenneth L. Thomas; Jyll, Charles, Brea, Mya & Christopher

Gail Chandler-Myer - Philadelphia Unit, Eastern Section ABA

Subject: Clayton White Memorial

Dear Bridge Family, My husband, Clayton White lived an extraordinary life as father, grandfather, professor, conductor, arranger, Bridge Player and so much more! He will be remembered by many as a music icon within and beyond our community. And by most of you, as a committed teacher and player of the game of Bridge.

I wish to extend a personal invitation to all who were touched by his gift as a teacher, blessed by his artistry as the conductor of the Clayton White Singers & amazed by his skill as a Bridge Instructor and Player to join our family at:

A Musical Memorial Service...January 7, 2023...12:00pm to 2:00pm

Deliverance Evangelistic Church, 2001 West Lehigh Avenue, Philadelphia, Pa. 19132

Wishing You All Health, Peace, Love & More Bridge In The New Year!!

Yours In Spirit.... Cheryl White

Metropolitan Bridge Unit (MBU) Final Grand Slammers:

January 2022 thru January 2023

Members:

Phyllis Jones (January)
Lorraine Hinds (January)
Morris Johnson (February)
Helen Williams (May)
Jean Keizs (July)
Kenneth Thomas (August)
Robert Johnson (August)

Bayview
Mount Vernon
Twilight
Cosmopolitan
Mount Vernon
Twilight
Westbury

Former Members:

Carla Estwick (January)
Peggy Crichlow (April)
Bertha Robinson (April)
Ruthie Alexander (June)
Faye Gasaway (July)
Meyer Wiesen (August)
Mary F. Lewis (September)
Sam Phillips (November)
Leroy Anthony Toran (November)
Marjorie Davis (December)
Ernestine Myles (December)
Genesis Washington (January)

Triangle
Long Island Duplicate Bridge Club
Triangle
Jetsetter
Long Island Duplicate Bridge Club
Westbury
Westbury
Springfield
Westbury
Jetsetter
Co-Op City Bridge Club
Co-Op City Bridge Club



Invocation – Diane Edgerton-Norman

Memorial Service – Led by Diane Edgerton-Norman. Club representatives for 2022 deceased members held lit candles. Poem written by I. Calvin Morris was read by Lynda Straker.

Minutes – Presented by Janice McBean. Minutes of the October 22, 2022 membership meeting were reviewed by the membership. MOTION (Doris White/Charles Guest): Accept minutes as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

Correspondence – Letter from Paul Watford, Twilight DBC president, read mentioning a \$2,000 AAA donation from Gloria Johnson honoring the Morris Johnson dedicated game at the 2022 AAA.

President's Report – Presented by Lynda Straker

It was a year ago that you voted to extend the tenure of the current MBU officers for one more year in order to work through what we felt was a waning pandemic. Fortunately, we have learned how to manage our lives including bridge during this last year. Most of our clubs are holding regular club games. Our schedule of special games is growing. We held a successful 2022 “AAA.”

There is much to do as we begin 2023 to continue the progress we’ve made. The pandemic has created the need for reevaluation of all of our standard activities – not just in the MBU, but throughout the ABA.

At the summer national, the President of the ABA acknowledged that membership is down and it might not be feasible to continue with seven sections, each section having two sectionals a year and two Nationals a year. He formed a subcommittee to look at a variety of ways the ABA might change its normal operations. The subcommittee recommended to the Board, and the Board adopted its recommendation, that the ABA consist of four sections, Eastern, Western, Southern and Northern. So the Eastern Section and Mid Atlantic Section will be merging by the end of April 2023. The Southern Section and Southwestern Sections will also be merging as well as the Great Lakes and Midwest Sections.

The Eastern Section and MidAtlantic Sections will be merging first by the end of April 2023. An Election Committee consisting of members of both Sections will be conducting an election of officers – Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. You’ll be hearing more about that within the next few weeks.

The Spring National will be held April 15 through the 21st in Elizabethtown, Indianapolis. Our Eastern Sectional will be held May 22 – May 25, 2023 at Resorts. Please plan on attending both of these events.

It has been a pleasure serving the MBU and working with a team of efficient and dedicated officers as well as everyone who volunteered to make this such a successful year.

Respectfully submitted,



Financial Secretary's Report – Raye Liverpool

**Metropolitan Bridge Unit of NY, Inc.
Quarterly Financial Secretary's Report
October 1, 2022 thru December 31, 2022**

Income	
Annual Dues 2023	\$1,280.00
Entertainment Tax	\$1,061.00
Good & Welfare 2023	\$200.00
Herman Huff 2023	\$400.00
AAA Sponsors	\$3,720.00
AAA Donations	\$50.00
Bingo	\$740.00
Nationwide Game Player Fees 9-30-22	\$280.00
MBU C Game Player Fees 10-22-22	\$168.00
Nationwide Game Player Fees 12-9-22	\$160.00
MBU AAA Player Fees, 50/50, Raffles 12-5 thru 12-8-22	\$7,209.00
Bridge Home BBO Proceeds from ABA	\$594.58
Total Funds Received	\$15,862.58

Expenses	
Nationwide Game 9-30-22	\$318.13
MBU C Game 10-22-22	\$167.90
Nationwide Game 12-9-22	\$247.99
Stop Payment Fee	
Bridge Home BBO Proceeds from ABA	\$594.58
Web Fees	\$43.44
Bank Fees	\$25.36
Memoriums	\$50.00
Consumer	\$364.39
Postage	\$76.49
Bingo Awards	\$130.00
AAA:	
Sponsor Poster	\$129.74
Hospitality	\$93.71
Entertainment	\$500.00
Player of the Year Awards	\$725.00
Hotel, Directors, Sanctions, Playing Furniture, Decorations, etc	\$13,000.17
Herman Huff Scholarships	
ABA Summer National Ad	
ABA Summer National Raffle	
AAA Ad for ABA Bulletin	
Longest Day Donation-ABA	
Total Expenses	\$16,466.90
Net Income/Loss	<u>(\$604.32)</u>

Notes: \$629 scrip used to pay AAA sanction fee.



Metropolitan Bridge Unit of NY, Inc
Annual Financial Secretary's Report
January 1, 2022 thru December 30, 2022

Income	
Annual Dues 2022	\$110.00
Annual Dues 2023	\$1,280.00
Entertainment Tax	\$1,714.00
Good & Welfare	\$520.00
Herman Huff 2023	\$500.00
Chase Bank Fee	\$0.44
Bridge Home BBO Proceeds from ABA	\$2,177.69
Special Games:	
MBU C Game Player Fees 4-30-22	\$190.00
MBU C Game Player Fees 7-16-22	\$216.00
MBU C Game 10-22-22	\$168.00
Nationwide Game 7-13-22	\$234.00
Nationwide Game 9-30-22	\$280.00
Nationwide Game 12-9-22	\$160.00
AAA Tournament 12-5 thru 12-8-22	\$7,209.00
Longest Day Player Fees	\$240.00
AAA Donations	\$720.00
AAA Sponsors	\$5,240.00
Bingo	\$740.00
Web Fee Refund	\$169.98
Total Income Received	\$21,869.11
Expenses	
Consumer	\$677.42
Bank Fees	\$29.80
Bank Check Order & Supplies	\$234.97
Bridge Home BBO Proceeds from ABA	\$2,021.66
Stipend	\$1,250.00
Web Fees	\$781.61

Webcam Purchase	\$65.61
Zoom Fees	\$81.39
MBU Eastern Section Rep	\$117.77
Memoriums	\$200.00
Good & Welfare Supplies	\$24.47
Director Supplies	\$25.00
Point Card Postage	\$17.22
Spring National Ad	\$225.00
Consumer	\$121.62
MBU Charter	\$50.00
Special Games:	
Longest Day Game Expenses	\$272.24
MBU C Game 4-30-22	\$150.80
MBU C Game 7-16-22	\$108.40
MBU C Game 10-22-22	\$167.90
Nationwide Game 7-13-22	\$224.00
Nationwide Game 9-30-22	\$318.13
Nationwide Game 12-9-22	\$247.99
Longest Day Donation	\$200.00
Bingo Awards	\$130.00
Postage	\$76.49
Hotel, Directors, Sanctions, Playing Furniture, Decorations, Entertainment, Player of the Year etc	\$14,625.88
MBU Herman Huff Scholarships	\$1,000.00
Bridge Home Shed Rental	\$210.00
Total 2022 Expenses	\$23,655.37
2021 Expenses Paid	
ABA MBU BBO Director Fee	\$20.00
Total Expenses	\$23,675.37
Net Income/Loss	(\$1,806.26)



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Treasurer's Report – Shaaron Fox

Metropolitan Bridge Unit of NY, Inc.
Annual 2022 Treasurer's Report
January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022

Checking Account

Opening Balance	\$15,920.20
Deposits	\$18,185.12
Total	\$34,105.32

****Checks/fees paid** \$22,051.54

Closing Balance \$12,053.78

\$0.00 SCRIP ON HAND (mailed to ABA as part of "AAA" sanction)

\$3,240.00 "AAA" Sponsorships

\$2,075.00 "AAA" donations (Jan 2023 \$200.00 from Gloria Johnson)

\$247.00 "AAA" gift basket raffle

\$142.00 "AAA" 50/50

\$610.00 "net" Bingo proceeds

\$6,314.00 Total Fundraising

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

\$899.34 bank fees/check order/web maintenance	\$100.00 "AAA" ad in ABA bulletin
\$2,118.27 BBO proceeds to bridge home	\$1,000.00 MBU Scholarship awards
\$869.58 Consumer expense	\$9.00 Club game overpayment
\$300.00 "AAA" luncheon decorations	\$65.16 webcam purchase
\$130.00 Bingo winners Amazon cards	\$41.69 good and welfare cards and postage
\$76.49 postage	\$81.89 webinar
\$9,188.66 Resorts payment for "AAA"	\$25.00 computer program
\$294.36 MBU collations	\$1,250.00 MBU Board Stipends
\$1,358.91 "AAA" Director fees	\$1,200.00 "AAA" furniture rental/delivery
\$227.58 "AAA" hospitality	\$117.77 one night Eastern Section hotel
\$225.00 summer national journal ad	\$463.10 sanction fees to ABA
\$50.00 summer national raffle	\$129.74 "AAA" sponsor poster
\$210.00 2022 Bridge Home shed rental	\$50.00 "AAA" band deposit (\$500.00 paid in cash)
\$50.00 2022 MBU Charter fee to ABA	\$375.00 game rent to bridge home
\$20.00 Director fees	\$200.00 memoriums
\$200.00 Longest Day proceeds to ABA	\$725.00 "Player of the Year" awards
	\$22,051.54 total

Respectfully Submitted

Sharon Fox, Treasurer



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Metropolitan Bridge Unit of NY, Inc.
4th Quarter Treasurer's Report
October 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022

Checking Account

Opening Balance	\$13,473.21
Deposits	\$13,215.62
Total	\$26,688.83

**Checks/fees paid \$14,635.05

Closing Balance \$12,053.78

\$0.00 SCRIP ON HAND (mailed to ABA as part of "AAA" sanction)

\$3,240.00 "AAA" Sponsorships

\$2,075.00 "AAA" donations (Jan 2023 \$200.00 from Gloria Johnson)

\$247.00 "AAA" gift basket raffle

\$142.00 "AAA" 50/50

\$610.00 "net" Bingo proceeds

\$6,314.00 Total Fundraising

**Checks paid/misc. expenses

\$47.08	bank fees
\$447.62	BBO proceeds to bridge home
\$298.75	Consumer expense
\$300.00	"AAA" luncheon decorations
\$130.00	Bingo winners Amazon cards
\$76.49	postage
\$9,188.66	Resorts payment for "AAA"
\$110.72	collation
\$1,358.91	"AAA" Director fees
\$227.58	"AAA" hospitality
\$1,200.00	"AAA" furniture rental/delivery
\$219.50	sanction fees to ABA
\$129.74	"AAA" sponsor poster
\$125.00	game rent to bridge home
\$50.00	Ken Thomas memorial
\$725.00	"Player of the Year" awards
\$14,635.05	total

Respectfully Submitted

Sharon Fox, Treasurer



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Metropolitan Bridge Unit, Inc.

2022 METROPOLITAN BRIDGE UNIT TREASURER'S RECAP SHEET CHECKING - 2022

MONTH	BEG DATE	END DATE	OPEN BAL	ZELLE AND CHKS PAID	WITH-DRAWAL	SERVICE FEE	ATM ERROR	LOGO & WEB FEES	CREDITS	CLOSING BAL
JAN	1/1/2022	1/31/2022	\$15,920.20	\$1,242.51				\$73.78	\$50.00	\$14,653.91
FEB	2/1/2022	2/28/2022	\$14,653.91	\$536.22				\$35.79	\$60.00	\$14,141.90
MAR	3/1/2022	3/31/2022	\$14,141.90	\$541.42				\$35.79	\$535.80	\$14,100.49
APRIL	4/1/2022	4/30/2022	\$14,100.49	\$896.42				\$65.16	\$490.86	\$13,629.77
MAY	5/1/2022	5/31/2022	\$13,629.77	\$489.43				\$241.56	\$107.00	\$13,005.78
JUNE	6/1/2022	6/30/2022	\$13,005.78	\$309.96				\$193.35	\$1,033.98	\$13,536.45
JULY	7/1/2022	7/31/2022	\$13,536.45	\$1,279.26				\$10.86	\$728.20	\$12,974.53
AUG	8/1/2022	8/31/2022	\$12,974.53	\$177.20				\$14.86	\$358.66	\$13,141.13
SEPT	9/1/2022	9/30/2022	\$13,141.13	\$1,262.06				\$10.86	\$1,605.00	\$13,473.21
OCT	10/1/2022	10/31/2022	\$13,473.21	\$607.33				\$10.86	\$2,556.77	\$15,411.79
NOV	11/1/2022	11/30/2022	\$15,411.79	\$517.99				\$10.86	\$2,108.85	\$16,991.79
DEC	12/1/2022	12/31/2022	\$16,991.79	\$13,462.65		\$3.64		\$21.72	\$8,550.00	\$12,053.78
TOTAL			\$170,980.95	\$21,322.45	\$0.00	\$3.64	\$0.00	\$725.45	\$18,185.12	\$12,053.78

ENTERTAINMENT TAX—2022

	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	August	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
Club Name												
Bayview	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$25.00	\$30.00	\$0.00	\$15.00	\$0.00	\$37.00	\$43.00	\$81.00	\$17.00
Brooklynites	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$17.00	\$36.00	\$36.00	\$36.00	\$68.00	\$68.00			
Cosmo	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$30.00	\$30.00	\$34.00			\$76.00		
Mt Vernon	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$261.00	\$42.00	\$74.00	\$95.00	
Jet Setters	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00					
Leisure	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00					
Springfield	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$12.00	\$36.00	\$34.00	\$32.00	\$30.00	\$49.00	\$54.00	\$67.00	\$17.00
Triangle	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$36.00	
Twilight	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Westbury	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00				
Total by Month	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$54.00	\$102.00	\$100.00	\$102.00	\$359.00	\$196.00	\$247.00	\$279.00	\$34.00

	2020 Total By Club	2021 Total by Club	2022 Total by Club	Good and Welfare	Herman Huff
Club Name	PANDEMIC	PANDEMIC			
Bayview	\$137.00	\$0.00	\$248.00	\$40.00	\$100.00
Brooklynites	\$130.00	\$0.00	\$291.00	\$40.00	\$0.00
Cosmo	\$139.00	\$35.00	\$170.00	\$40.00	\$0.00
Mt Vernon	\$44.00	\$0.00	\$472.00	\$40.00	\$0.00
Jet Setters	\$218.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$40.00	\$0.00
Leisure	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$40.00	\$0.00
Springfield	\$192.00	\$0.00	\$331.00	\$40.00	\$100.00
Triangle	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$36.00	\$40.00	\$0.00
Twilight	\$80.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$40.00	\$0.00
Westbury	\$38.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$40.00	\$0.00
Total by Month	\$1,078.00	\$35.00	\$1,548.00	\$400.00	\$200.00



Point Coordinator Report – Lois Wright

Metropolitan Bridge Unit
“October 2021 to November 2022 Top 25 Men Players”

<u>MBU Rank</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Level</u>	<u>Total Points</u>
1.	Julius Fields	Grand Life Master	31,455.76
2.	Dr. Errol Grant	Black Diamond	16,020.68
3.	Parvez Mehta	Platinum Diamond	14,597.60
4.	Allen Morton	Platinum Diamond	10,327.64
5.	Alfred Knight	Gold Diamond	7,586.39
6.	Charles Guest	Silver Diamond	3,650.75
7.	William Wood, Jr.	Diamond	2,711.88
8.	Christian Baxter	Diamond	2,516.09
9.	Delius Wilson	Diamond	2,382.05
10.	Larry Gutman	Diamond	2,252.67
11.	Clarence Schmidt	Diamond	2,096.08
12.	Thomas Holloway	Diamond	1,823.03
13.	Willie Fuchs	Diamond	1,321.46
14.	Paul Watford	Ruby	1,223.34
15.	James McKeown	Ruby	1,168.74
16.	John Demos	Ruby	918.88
17.	Herman Francis	Senior Life Master	500.11
18.	Ronald Prester	Senior Life Master	409.10
19.	Lemuel Copeland	Life Master	400.14
20.	Calvin Hewitt	Senior Life Master	376.95
21.	Robert Patterson	Life Master	344.64
22.	Steven Bond	Life Master	298.99
23.	Rudolph Cummings	Life Master	278.15
24.	Philippe Gerdes	Life Master	216.48
25.	Edwin Ward II	Life Master	209.50



“October 2021 to November 2022: Top 25 Women Players”

<u>MBU Rank</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Level</u>	<u>Total Points</u>
1.	Cheryll Jones	Platinum Diamond	12,398.27
2.	Dr. Gloria Hobbs	Gold Diamond	7,973.33
3.	Gloria Johnson	Gold Diamond	7,242.13
4.	Annetta Wallace	Gold Diamond	6,796.94
5.	Doris White	Gold Diamond	6,111.68
6.	Evelyn Smallwood	Gold Diamond	5,756.84
7.	Lynda Straker	Gold Diamond	5,699.83
8.	Janice McBean	Gold Diamond	5,575.30
9.	Edna Boothe	Gold Diamond	5,259.50
10.	Minnie Goka	Silver Diamond	4,533.10
11.	Ermile Stewart	Silver Diamond	3,871.99
12.	Ruth M. Shuler	Silver Diamond	3,743.53
13.	Eleanor Waymer	Silver Diamond	3,507.43
14.	Nathalie McFarlane	Silver Diamond	3,382.22
15.	Dorothy Smith	Silver Diamond	3,150.23
16.	Gladys Smith	Silver Diamond	2,918.47
17.	Jean DeVeaux	Silver Diamond	2,751.71
18.	Beryl Battle	Silver Diamond	2,711.88
19.	Marion Mercer	Silver Diamond	2,630.84
20.	Carole Smith	Diamond	2,517.60
21.	Patricia Jackson-Thomas	Diamond	2,367.53
22.	Alverna Lewis	Diamond	2,358.21
23.	Marcia Demos	Diamond	2,269.48
24.	Valerie Brooks	Diamond	2,241.79
25.	Beanetta Murphy	Diamond	2,218.66



“October 2021 to November 2022 Top 25 Players”

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1.	Julius Fields	Grand Life Master	31,455.76
2.	Dr. Errol Grant	Black Diamond	16,020.68
3.	Parvez Mehta	Platinum Diamond	14,577.60
4.	Cheryll Jones	Platinum Diamond	12,398.27
5.	Allen Morton	Platinum Diamond	10,327.64
6.	Dr. Gloria Hobbs	Gold Diamond	7,973.33
7.	Alfred Knight	Gold Diamond	7,586.39
8.	Gloria A. Johnson	Gold Diamond	7,242.13
9.	Annetta Wallace	Gold Diamond	6,706.94
10.	Doris White	Gold Diamond	6,111.68
11.	Evelyn Smallwood	Gold Diamond	5,756.84
12.	Lynda Straker	Gold Diamond	5,699.83
13.	Janice McBean	Gold Diamond	5,575.30
14.	Edna Boothe	Gold Diamond	5,259.50
15.	Minnie Goka	Silver Diamond	4,533.10
16.	Ermile Stewart	Silver Diamond	3,871.99
17.	Ruth M. Shuler	Silver Diamond	3,743.53
18.	Charles Guest	Silver Diamond	3,650.75
19.	Eleanor Waymer	Silver Diamond	3,507.43
20.	Nathalie McFarlane	Silver Diamond	3,382.22
21.	Dorothy Smith	Silver Diamond	3,150.23
22.	Gladys Smith	Silver Diamond	2,918.47
23.	Jean DeVeaux	Silver Diamond	2,759.52
24.	Beryl Battle	Silver Diamond	2,711.88
25.	Marion Mercer	Silver Diamond	2,630.84



2022 MBU: ABA/BBO Player of the Year

November 1, 2021 thru October 31, 2022

<u>Level</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>Name</u>
Asterisk.....	1 st Place	(31.46)	Tom Daly
	2 nd Place	(17.19)	Kathleen Marshall
Master.....	1 st Place	(10.66)	Mary Lewis
	2 nd Place	(8.98)	Terence Drayton
Life Master.....	1 st Place	(83.22)	Beverly Session-Kelly
	2 nd Place	(62.76)	Steven A. Bond
Sr. Life Master.....	1 st Place	(102.15)	Raye Liverpool
	2 nd Place	(94.26)	Lemuel Copeland
Ruby.....	1 st Place	(142.19)	Ruth Brennan
	2 nd Place	(126.87)	Patricia Jackson
Diamond.....	1 st Place	(506.99)	Christian Baxter
	2 nd Place	(362.06)	Valerie Brooks
Silver Diamond.....	1 st Place	(128.99)	William Wood Jr.
	2 nd Place	(104.48)	Charles Guest
Gold Diamond.....	1 st Place	(191.65)	Lynda Straker
	2 nd Place	(167.37)	Janice McBean
Platinum Diamond...	1 st Place	(171.95)	Cheryll Jones
	2 nd Place	(157.86)	Parvez Mehta
Black Diamond.....	1 st Place	(142.68)	Dr. Errol Grant
	2 nd Place		N/A
Grand Life Master...	1 st Place / 2 nd Place		N/A

1st and 2nd place level members were acknowledged. Awards distributed. 1st place received \$50 and 2nd place received \$25.

Lois M. Wright
MBU Point Coordinator
Cell: 718-640-7651



Sectional Representative Report - None.

Property – No report.

Constitution – No report.

Scholarship – Presented by Valerie Brooks. Applications due by July 1, 2023. Our email address is MBU scholarship@gmail.com. Donations are always welcome.

Tournament Report – Presented by John Demos

All 2023 sanctions should have been submitted by now. If there are any outstanding sanction requests, please submit ASAP.

Consumer Report – Presented by Rita Thompson

Thank you to our reporters for contributions to the January 2023 issue and to Dolores Watson, not only for this issue, but for her many years working on the publication.

I regret I must report that Dolores has informed me she is resigning from *The Consumer*. When I joined the editing team in 2018, I was a new player and new ABA member. Dolores' tenure of six years working on the publication has been an invaluable asset to me. Not only did she collect submissions from the bridge club reporters, ensuring news was submitted timely, but she also had fresh ideas for each issue and provided an article for the cover page.

The time and effort that editors expend on the publication process is from a belief that the MBU deserves a media to keep its members informed and connected. Her departure leaves a huge void, and her shoes will be hard to fill.

The next scheduled issue is April 2023. Volunteers are needed for administrative tasks and writing. If you would like to work on the publication, contact Rita Thompson at 917.887.5200 or RitaThompsonCLM@gmail.com.

Hospitality Report – None. Thank you Beverly Session-Kelly and Victoria Williams for your hard work.

Website/Facebook – None.

2022 AAA – Presented by Lynda Straker. The financial report was distributed to the membership by email. The ABA President commented that the MBU 2022 “AAA” was the best tournament year.

Unfinished Business – Lois Wright acknowledged a gift to the Bridge Home from Cheryll Jones and George Hudson.

New Business –

Election Committee - Presented by Gwen Leverett

Gwen Leverett asked three times if there were any nominations from the floor for the following positions: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Financial Secretary, Point Coordinator, and Section Representative. No nominations were made from the floor and the nomination were closed. MOTION: Cast



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one vote to accept the ballot for officers' term 2023 through end of 2024. MOTION ACCEPTED. Lynda Straker swore in all officers. Lynda Straker and Marcia Demos received flowers from Springfield DBC. Our 2023-2024 officers are:

President – Marcia Demos
Vice President – Charles Guest
Secretary – Janice McBean
Treasurer – Raye Liverpool
Financial Secretary – Sharon Fox
Point Coordinator – Lois Wright
Section Representative – Patricia Jackson Thomas

Marcia Demos, new MBU President, announced:

The new Hospitality Chairpersons: Jane Atlas, Dorene Christmas.

Marcia is looking forward to working with the executive board, club tournament chairs, and new committee chairpersons.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Cheryll Jones reminded the membership of the ABA Summer National in New Orleans, 8/5/23 - 8/17/23.

Please continue to play in the BBO Saturday 11 AM Scholarship game. Money goes to the ABA scholarships: 24 - \$1,000 scholarships, each scholarship has a three-year commitment. Please continue to send any personal contributions to the ABAECF, Inc. foundation.

Please continue to have your individual club scholarship games.

AMAZON SMILE stops 2/1/2023.

Meeting adjourned at 12:17 PM
Respectfully submitted by Janice McBean, MBU Secretary