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Metropolitan Bridge Unit, Inc.

November 2018



President's Message

By Lynda J. Straker

Congratulations to all who attended the Summer National in Austin, Texas and won or scratched in any of the games. The hotel accommodations were very pleasant, the playing area was conveniently located and the dining options, though limited, offered delicious choices with abundant portions. Although the attendance was less than anticipated, there were many memorable moments throughout this tournament, highlighted by the host club's outstanding hospitality. Several out-of-towners mentioned to me that they were looking forward to attending our AAA and the Spring National at Resorts Casino Hotel in Atlantic City, New Jersey. As of this writing, 20 of the 40 rooms that have been reserved for the AAA have been reserved by out-of-towners.

We need the MBU membership to support our 2018 AAA by attending all four days of the tournament or as many days as possible. New players — Don't miss this! I will never forget the first AAA Tournament I attended as a new player in East Brunswick, New Jersey. My partner and I had only played at club games for a few months and playing in East Brunswick with other new players like us was so much fun. The complimentary New Players Luncheon is a special treat and the bridge lesson is always very helpful. Everyone will enjoy the Awards Brunch on Wednesday which, by the way, is funded by the entertainment tax we all pay during the year. So, if you haven't already made your reservation, please do so now and help to make this 2018 AAA one of our best.

The Eastern Section is co-hosting the 2019 Spring National (March 30 - April 5, 2019) with the ABA. Members of the MBU, the North Jersey Bridge Unit, the Philadelphia Bridge Unit, Martha's Vineyard Independent Club and the Delaware Independent Club have already begun working to make this National a success. A successful National will result in a profit from

fundraising activities that will be distributed within the Eastern Section. Tee shirt sales, headed by Gladys Smith and Clara Hargrave, represent one facet of our fundraising activities. Please be prepared to purchase a tee shirt and wear it on Tee Shirt day at the National. All Eastern Section members will be asked to sell and/or purchase an ad in the Souvenir Journal, another fundraising activity. The MBU is responsible for conducting the Memorial Service at the Spring National. We will need a volunteer(s) to organize and direct this activity.

Kudos to all members who are working hard to bring in new members and/or teach the game of bridge. It's essential to our growth and an uphill battle. Although the following comparison between membership at October 2017 and October 2018 shows no growth in our total membership, these numbers do not reflect the individuals in classes now who, hopefully, will opt to join the MBU:

Club	October 2017	October 2018
Astro	6	8
Bayview	24	24
Brooklynites	29	32
Co-op City	19	20
Cosmo	29	22
Leisure	9	9
Jet Setter	19	23
Mount Vernon	36	35
Springfield	18	20
Triangle	34	30
Twilight	24	22
Westbury	18	20
Total	265	265

See you at the bridge table.

Lynda is a member of the Springfield Duplicate Bridge Club and can be reached at ljays96@aol.com and 516-610-7601.



Club News

Bayview

Bayview will be closed from Monday, December 10, 2018 through Monday, January 28, 2019. We will re-open on Monday, February 4, 2019.

Wishing everyone Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Brooklynites

A tree is not the only thing growing in Brooklyn. This three-and-a-half-year-old bridge club has picked up 14 new members and an associate snow-bird member so far this year. Who said if you don't charge, they won't come? Not only do they come, but they come all the way from Staten Island and New Jersey with enthusiasm and commitment. At the AAA you will see them wearing their Brooklynites T-shirts proudly as they compete against other new players.

Brooklynites had a successful UNCF game thanks to all who attended. Thanks to a new crop of women cooking in the club, hospitality was spectacular. We look forward to seeing you at our C game on Friday, November 9.

A bus will leave Brooklyn on the morning of November 17, 2018 with players who want to support the Diamond State tournament in our Eastern Section. Best of luck to all our players.

Cosmo

Belated birthday wishes to Philippe Gerdes, Harvey Stone, and Steven Bond.

In the past year, Cosmo has welcomed five new members: Jose Ramos, Sharon Lucas, Paula Joseph, Martin Einhorn and Ellen Tauber.

It's almost that time of year, soooooo.... Holiday Greetings to all!

Leisure

The Leisure DBC sends greetings to all the bridge clubs in the MBU. As we prepare for the holiday season, the Leisure Bridge Club is hosting a Benefit Game on November 14, 2018. The game will be played at the Joseph P. Kennedy Senior Center, 34 West 134th Street, New York, NY 10027. Game start time is 11 am. Light refreshments are available before the game and lunch is provided for all players.

Leisure extends a warm welcome to all players to join our Benefit Game and enjoy our hospitality. Have a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday.

Mount Vernon

Congratulations to DBCM's officers elected to serve a two-year term ending June 30, 2020: President - Charles Guest; Vice

President - Alfred Knight; Secretary - Charlotte Roberson; Treasurer - Viola Porter; Financial Secretary - Jeanne Simmons; Points Coordinator - Lorraine Hinds.

DBCMV supports the pursuit of higher education by our youth and awards scholarships to seniors graduating from high schools in Mount Vernon. The Scholarship Committee (Dr. Gloria Hobbs, Chair, and committee members Charles Guest, Anderson Jones, Jean Keizs and Dolores Thompson) diligently vetted candidates for 2018 scholarships totaling \$1,500. Their efforts garnered much gratitude and praise from students, parents, teachers, counselors and principals. This year's recipients are: Ruby Acquah of Mount Vernon High School, now attending SUNY Buffalo; Charonne Higgins of Nellie A. Thornton High School, now attending The College of New Rochelle School of Nursing; and Queen Boswell of Nelson Mandela High School, now attending SUNY Purchase.

Springfield

We send heartfelt best wishes to Daisy Carew on her recent marriage. May God bless you with love and peace.

Happy Birthday to our dear Evelyn Smallwood on her 92nd birthday this past September 25. Congratulations and continued good health.

All of us are very happy to have June Robinson back at the bridge table. You were truly missed.

We wish all a Happy Thanksgiving and hope your family day is joyous!

Triangle

Congratulations are in order for five bridge students: Dorothy Hamilton, Theodora Hartman, Easter Lawrence, Paula Morris and Brenda Smith. At the November 1 mentor/mentee game, they received certificates for completing beginning bridge based on the Audrey Grant Series. Their motto is now "fired up and ready to go."

Westbury

The Westbury Duplicate Bridge Club is back in session. We opened, after a long summer siesta, on Tuesday, September 11, at the "Yes We Can" Center. It was great to see so many of our sister club members come out to support us. Please keep coming. We meet every Tuesday evening at 5:30 pm for refreshments and 6 pm is start of game. Our Thanksgiving C game will be held on Tuesday, November 27. Refreshments at 11:15 am and game starting at 12:30 pm.

This year has been a difficult one for our club with the loss of our senior members—Gertrude Collins and Gloria Allen—along with the recent loss (September) of our Treasurer, Carole Taylor. We continue to offer our condolences and prayers to their families. Get well wishes go to Wilma Alexander, Claxton Francis and Mayer Wiesen. Congratulations are in order to our new members: Donna Lewis, Cheryl Moffat, Denise Thompson and Cynthia Bohanan for venturing out to play in other club

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tournament games. They are gaining the confidence and experience which will help them in their quest to become better bridge players. It should be noted that Alverna Lewis, President of the Westbury DBC, teaches beginners bridge lessons at 2 pm on Sundays at the "Yes We Can" Center. Contact her at 516-997-6529 for more information. The club welcomes all members to come out to practice with our new players on Sundays.

cannot continue to have the desk uncovered, and the few of us cannot keep up the pace. Those of you who can, please give us a hand.

These are some of the initiatives that are in the planning stage:

1. Identify more volunteers.
2. Expand our advertisements--arrange distributions of notices in outside neighborhoods, Facebook enrollment and *Black Enterprise*--depending on cost.
3. Identify agencies who provide Grants for which we may qualify. Please note: The Bridge Home does not qualify for New York City Capital Grants as long as we have a mortgage.

Sincerely,

Ruth M. Shuler, President
Community Bridge Home

Farewell, It's Been a Great Run

Thank you MBU members, especially the club reporters, Lorelei Blackman, Delius Wilson, Lois Francis, Jesse Palmer, Therese Hamilton, Eliza Brann, Valerie Brooks, Yvonne Allen, Bernice Williams, Wilma Alexander, and Jean DeVeaux, for the support and assistance you have provided to me over the past 10 years with publishing the MBU Consumer.

You are in for a real treat! The new editors, Dolores Watson, Rita Thompson and Annetta Wallace, are working hard on presenting a new format for your enjoyment.

It has been a great run and a pleasure. Thank you!

Gladys Smith



Uniquely New York

By Dolores Watson

It's here again! AAA 63rd annual bridge tournament, happening at the lively Resorts Casino Hotel (walk to boardwalk) in Atlantic City, New Jersey. Tournament dates: December 10-13, 2018. This year's theme: Uniquely New York.

Do you really know what New York City has to offer? You can know by exploring the island through organized tours--be a tourist. Sight-seeing venues are available by air, land and water. Helicopter rides that fly above the iconic skyscrapers that make up the spectacular skyline. Guided walking tours of the city's most interesting areas. Hop on-Hop off buses and top view buses that explore East side, West side, Uptown and Downtown attractions. Sail the Hudson River on a schooner or relax on a slow cruise.

Consider the 9/11 Memorial & Museum at Ground Zero in lower Manhattan or One World Observatory, 102 floors displaying a see-through sky panel that takes in breathtaking views. Visit the Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture, a National Historic landmark in Harlem. You can find numerous tour guides and sightseeing services on-line with a range of prices.

Looking forward to an enjoyable experience of this year's theme presentation by Chairperson Betty Sherrill and AAA committees. See you there!

Hello Bridge Home Family:

The holiday season is fast approaching. The Board of Directors and I extend best wishes to all of you for a happy and healthy holiday season.

We thank all our volunteers, donators, and especially Mr. Paul Watford for his efforts and hard work in making sure that we get replacement card tables. We also thank Ms. Beverly Session-Kelly and Ms. Victoria Williams for accepting special assignments. Our realtor, Mrs. Debbie Miller, has been so gracious in finding and contacting contractors who have already done work for the Bridge Home and is contracted to do more work at reasonable rates. Debbie has also identified someone who has some experience with Grant writing. We really appreciate her. We also ask for your continued support in trying to keep the Bridge Home afloat. However, we are still in dire need of office volunteers. We



The Director's Corner

By Annetta Wallace

ERRORS IN EXPLANATION AT THE BRIDGE TABLE

- ◆ Regular partnerships are expected to know their agreements.
- ◆ To alert and then say "I'm not sure" gives partner unauthorized information.
- ◆ If an incorrect explanation of the convention or agreement is given, a penalty may be imposed. A late alert is regarded as misinformation.
- ◆ If the opponents have been given the wrong information, the director must be called and the opponents informed at the first legal opportunity.
 - ◆ If you are dummy or declarer, the first legal opportunity is after the final pass but before the opening lead is made.
 - ◆ If you are a defender, the first legal opportunity is after the end of play of the hand.
- ◆ It is unethical to correct partner's error immediately or indicate in any way that partner has made a mistake.
- ◆ You may not act upon what partner says. You must bid your hand based on your system or agreements and not on what you heard from your partner.

UNAUTHORIZED INFORMATION

- ◆ Information about the cards is "unauthorized," if it is from a source other than the bidding and play. Using unauthorized information is forbidden, but creating it is not. This puts the burden on the partner of the person aware of the unauthorized information. Some sources of unauthorized information are:
 - ◆ Table talk – even innocent comments like "I don't know which ace to lead" give a player information about his/her partner's hand which they shouldn't have.
 - ◆ Body language – such as sighs over your hand or the cards partner leads or plays, looking at partner to make sure they notice a bid or play, shrugging to imply that you have nothing much worth playing.
 - ◆ A change in bidding style, such as an unnaturally long hesitation before bidding, implies you have something in your hand worth thinking about.

- ◆ Making a bid or playing a card with undue emphasis. Try to bid and play at an even tempo.
- ◆ Overhearing talk about the hands at a nearby table. Avoid discussing hands or contracts loudly during the game.
- ◆ Not necessarily seeing, but being in a position to see, any of partner's cards; such as when partner plays a card out of turn or drops a card or cards. This is why a player cannot just return an exposed card to his hand even if his/her partner hasn't seen it.
- ◆ Being in a position to see the play or hear the score of a board that you haven't played. This is why a player who is waiting for boards cannot get up and get a board from another table. They might see cards being played or scores being entered.
- ◆ Boards must be handed on by people who have just played the board.
- ◆ Penalty cards – you are not allowed to use the knowledge of your partner's penalty card on the table to affect your play.
- ◆ Using partner's explanation of a bid to affect your play.

CALLING THE DIRECTOR

- ◆ The Director must be called if there is any irregularity at the table.
- ◆ Do not make your own rulings at the table. If anyone accidentally makes a wrong bid or plays a wrong card, call the director.
- ◆ If you make your own rulings, you may be denying the opposition, or even yourselves, rights they (or you) are entitled to.
- ◆ It's a good way to learn the rules (laws) so don't consider it telling tales or bad sportsmanship. It is part of the game and you are breaking the rules if you don't call the director.
- ◆ The director's ruling is final.
- ◆ Who calls the director? The Dummy may not call the director until the hand is over, unless another player at the table calls attention to an irregularity.
- ◆ Make sure you call loudly, "Director, please," and keep your hand up until you catch the director's eye.
- ◆ Play stops immediately when the director is called.
- ◆ Just one person, usually the one calling the director, explains the situation. If a director arrives at a table and four different voices are trying to tell him/her what happened, it's too

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confusing. If one person gives the facts in a logical order, then the director can make a decision quickly and easily.

- ◆ Directors' rulings are based on "restoring equity," i.e., keeping contracts and play of the hands on a par with the rest of the room, rather than penalizing people for wrongdoing.

BAYVIEW DBC CLASS SCHEDULE

Date	Topic
November 5	Negative Doubles
November 12	Negative Doubles
November 19	Supervised Play
December 3	Penalty Doubles

HOW TO DERIVE THE MOST BENEFIT FROM YOUR BRIDGE CLASS

- ◆ Be punctual.
- ◆ Give the instructor your full attention.
- ◆ Do not listen to your fellow student at the table who believes he can teach.
- ◆ Do not be the one who believes he can teach his fellow students.
- ◆ Read and re-read your textbook and class notes.
- ◆ Complete homework assignments.
- ◆ Play bridge between class sessions.
- ◆ Ask the instructor all questions you may have.
- ◆ Lay out cards at home to become better in counting the cards (high card count and distributional count).

Get Well Wishes

Bayview
Rudy Cummings

Jet Setter
Devora Sconiers

Twilight
Oliver Clarke
Barbara Coston
Shirley Gross



Co-op City
Vivian Edwards

Mount Vernon
Naomi Jones
Louise Shaw

Westbury
Wilma Alexander
Claxton Francis
Mayor Wiesen



November

Bayview
Harold Edwards
Richard Rogers
Josephine Smith

Mount Vernon
Ersaline Callender
Anderson Jones
Rita Thompson

Brooklynites
Barbara Byam
Dorene Christmas

Twilight
Jesse Palmer
Carol Smith
Cynthia Stroy

Jet Setter
Yvonne Ebea

December

Bayview
Marilyn LeGall
Joan Sanders

Mount Vernon
Gloria Hobbs
Elinor Williams
William Wood

Brooklynites
Betty Mitchell
Leon Roland

Twilight
Kenneth Thomas
Paul Watford

Cosmo
John Demos

Westbury
Claxton Francis



Condolences



Co-op City

To Sylvia Butler, on the loss of her son
To Carlyn Jones, on the loss of her sister

Jet Setter

To Victoria Williams, on the loss of her sister

Westbury

To the family of Carole Taylor



The Winners Circle

Nationwide Games

9-28-18 – Night

Flight A

- 1 Julius Fields – George Hudson
- 2 Lynda Straker – Janice McBean

Flight B

- 1 Ersaline Callender – S. Mascarenhas
- 2 Valerie Brooks – Christian Baxter

9-29-18 – Day

Flight A

- 1 Christian Baxter – Valerie Brooks
- 2 Julius Fields – George Hudson

Flight B

- 1 Christian Baxter – Valerie Brooks
- 2 Marie Barnes – Jawanza Phoenix

UNCF Games

10/10/2018 – Co-op City

Flight A

- 1 Julius Fields – Jeffrey Stroud
- 2 Viola Porter – Wanda Miles

Flight B

- 1 Viola Porter – Wanda Miles
- 2 Vivian Edwards – Queenie May

10/11/2018 – Twilight

Flight A

- 1 Allen Morton – Cheryl Jones
- 2 Doris White – Edna Boothe

10/15/2018 – Mount Vernon

Flight A

- 1 George Hudson – Jeffrey Stroud
- 2 Alfred Knight – Gloria Hobbs

Flight B

- 1 William Wood – Lorraine Hinds
- 2 Lynda Straker – Janice McBean

10/17/2018 – Cosmopolitan

Flight A

- 1 Julius Fields – George Hudson
- 2 Errol Grant – Parvez Mehta

Flight B

- 1 Janice McBean – Lynda Straker
- 2 Sharon Fox – Marion Mercer

Flight C

- 1 Therese Hamilton – Sylvia Simmons
- 2 Bernice Williams – Alice Walker

10/20/2018 – Springfield

Flight A

- 1 Parvez Mehta – Errol Grant
- 2 Annetta Wallace – Gladys Smith

Flight B

- 1 Valerie Brooks – Christian Baxter
- 2 Carole Smith – Delius Wilson

10/22/2018 – Triangle

Flight A

- 1 Lynda Straker – Janice McBean
- 2 Allen Morton – Cheryl Jones

Flight B

- 1 Lynda Straker – Janice McBean
- 2 Ermile Stewart – Minnie Goka

Flight C

- 1 Ruth Brennan – Larry Gutman
- 2 Donald Morrison – Elizabeth Sola

10/23/2018 – Jet Setter

Section A

Flight A

- 1 Errol Grant – Parvez Mehta
- 2 Allen Morton – Cheryl Jones

Section B

Flight A

- 1 Barbara Wingate – Harry Gaines
- 2 Mary Luter – Helen Williams

10/26/2018 – Brooklynites

Flight A

- 1 Julius Fields – Parvez Mehta
- 2/3 Annetta Wallace – Ruth Shuler
- 2/3 Lynda Straker – Janice McBean

10/28/2018 – MBU

Section A

Flight A

- 1 Julius Fields – George Hudson
- 2 Lynda Straker – Janice McBean

Flight B

- 1 Lynda Straker – Janice McBean
- 2 William Wood – Lorraine Hinds

Section B

- 1 Cynthia Bohanan – Chery Moffat
- 2 Donna Lewis – Denise Thompson

Mentor/Mentee Game

11/1/2018 – Astro

Flight A

- 1 Edna Booth – Joan Sanders
Harold Edwards – Rupert Mitchell
- 2 Janice McBean – Steven Bond
Lynda Straker – Lois Wright

Flight B

- 1 William Wood – Alice Butler
Lorraine Hinds – Jean Keizs
- 2 Carole Smith – Raye Liverpool
Charlotte Roberson – Rita Thompson





**QUARTERLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING
 OCTOBER 28, 2018**

Lynda Straker called the meeting to order at 3:36 PM.

Roll Call –Present: Lynda Straker, Janice McBean, Lois Francis, Sharon Fox, Annetta Wallace, John Demos, Marion Mercer, Lois Wright, Valerie Brooks, Betty Sherrill, and representatives from the following clubs: Astro, Bayview, Brooklynites, Co-op City, Cosmo, Jet Setters, Leisure, Mount Vernon, Springfield, Triangle, Twilight, and Westbury.

Good and Welfare - Good and Welfare Report - For MBU, Inc. Meeting October 28, 2018
 (For January-July, see 7/22/18 report)

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

<u>NAME</u>	<u>CLUB</u>	<u>REASON</u>
<u>August 2018</u>		
Martha Hewitt	Astro	Get Well
Wilma Alexander	Westbury	Get Well
Carol Taylor	Westbury	Get Well
Mayer Wiesen	Westbury	Get Well
Alverna Lewis	Westbury	Get Well
Catherine Reid	Cosmopolitan	Get Well
Lorelei Blackman	Co-op City	Get Well
Sol Shohet	Cosmopolitan	Get Well
Family of Margaret Kelly	Jetsetter	Sympathy-Passing of Ms. Kelly (Former Member)
Family of Cheryl Ledlum	Brooklynite	Sympathy-Passing of Ms. Ledlum (Member)
Lois Francis	Brooklynite	Get Well
Tyrone Woods	Brooklynite	Get Well
Leon Roland	Brooklynite	Get Well
Francis Caxton	Westbury	Get Well
Jane S. Harris	Jetsetter	Get Well
Marjorie Davis	Jetsetter	Get Well
Edna Boothe	Westbury	Sympathy-Passing of her Sister
<u>September 2018</u>		
Lemuel Copeland	Jetsetter	Get Well
Devora Sconiers	Jetsetter	Get Well
Jose Ramos	Cosmopolitan	Get Well
Jacqueline Sterling	Brooklynite	Sympathy-Passing of her Sister
Family of Carole Taylor	Westbury	Sympathy-Passing of Ms. Taylor (Member)
George Hudson	Cosmopolitan	Get Well
Marilyn Legall	Bayview	Sympathy-Passing of her Brother
Charles Guest	Mt. Vernon	Get Well
<u>October 2018</u>		
Joan Handy	Jetsetter	Get Well
Catherine Reid	Cosmopolitan	Get Well



Thank You Cards received:

The Family of Arthur Tate – March 2018
The Family of Dr. Gloria Allen – March 2018
The Family of Roberta Wyche – April 2018
Ms. Edna Moses & Family - June 2018
The Family of Margaret Kelly - August 2018

Thank You Letter Received From Ms. Louise Wilson and Family – June 2018:

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.

MBU Members: 2018 Memorial Services were held for:

Mr. Arthur Lee Tate on March 1, 2018	Ms. Marion Miller on June 1, 2018	Ms. Margaret Kelly on August 17, 2018
Dr. Gloria Allen (March 2018)	Ms. Blanche Jordan (July 2018)	Ms. Cheryl Ledlum (August 2018)
Ms. Roberta Wyche (April 2018)	Ms. Francis McDermott on July 3, 2018	Ms. Carole Taylor (September 2018)

MBU 2018 Grand Slammers Report submitted to ABA:

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| 1. Ms. Gertrude Alston-Collins (Westbury) | 4. Mrs. Roberta Wyche (Jetsetter) | 7. Ms. Francis McDermott (Co-op City) |
| 2. Mr. Arthur Tate (Twilight) | 5. Ms. Marion Miller (Triangle) | 8. Ms. Margaret Kelly (Jetsetter) |
| 3. Dr. Gloria Allen (Westbury) | 6. Ms. Blanche Jordan (Triangle) | 9. Ms. Cheryl Ledlum (Brooklynite) |
| | | 10. Ms. Carole Taylor (Westbury) |

Invocation – Given by Donna Woo.

Minutes – Minutes of the July 22, 2018 quarterly membership meeting were reviewed by the membership. CORRECTION: President’s Report/ change November 7, 2018 to November 17, 2018. MOTION: Accept minutes from the 07/22/18 quarterly membership meeting with necessary corrections. MOTION PASSED.

Correspondence – Letter from Jean DeVeaux:

Dear Metropolitan Bridge Unit members,

I was privileged to attend the Sickle Cell Association of American conference in Baltimore to present them with our donation.

September 15 Sickle Cell game and auction	\$845.00
Jean’s matching auction dollars	250.00
Private donations	<u>115.00</u>
Total	<u>\$1,210.00</u>

Thanks members for your awesome support of this devastating disease which affects our community. To all the clubs which contributed to the food, thanks and thanks again.

Jean DeVeaux

President’s Report – See President’s Message on page 1.

Financial Secretary’s Report – See attached report

Treasurer’s Report – See attached report

Entertainment Tax – See attached report





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2019 Club Dues and Fees:

2019 Membership Dues & Club Fees

Each member pays the following dues in one check made out to their home club:

ABA - \$50; MBU-\$10; ES-\$10 ; Club* - *Amount of club dues determined by individual clubs.

Each club should transmit their 404s electronically, mail the two ABA checks directly to the national office (dues and \$30 charter fee), mail the MBU check to Sharon Fox, MBU Treasurer/Financial Secretary, and the ES check to _____, ES Treasurer.

If the club cannot transmit the 404 electronically, submit 404 (3 copies) to:

Janice McBean, 468 Edgewood Rd., Rockville Centre, NY 11570, with all checks shown below. Telephone:516-610-7602

Four checks should accompany the 404:

One check made out to the ABA. This check should total the number of members shown on the 404 multiplied by \$50 AND

One check made out to the Eastern Section. This check should total the number of members shown on the 404 multiplied by \$10 AND

One check made out to the MBU. This check should total the number of members shown on the 404 multiplied by \$10.

Charter Fee of \$30. This check is made out to the ABA and included with your initial mailing of the 404.

ALSO

Each club annually:

Pay Good and Welfare of \$40. This check is made out to the MBU.

Have a Herman Huff game. Proceeds from game or \$100 (whichever is greater) sent by check made out to the MBU.

Have a UNCF game. Follow instructions on the UNCF form. Send \$100 or proceeds from game (whichever is greater).

Have an ABA Scholarship Game. Proceeds from game or \$25 (whichever is greater) sent by check made out to the ABA. ALL CLUBS ARE ENCOURAGED TO HAVE A GAME AND HOPEFULLY SUBMIT MORE THAN \$25.

Have an ABA Headquarters Benefit Game. Proceeds from game or \$25 (whichever is greater) sent by check made out to the ABA and clearly marked ABA Benefit Game.

Submit to the MBU secretary a club progress report January of each year – refer to MBU Constitution.

May sponsor one Grade B tournament.

Each club must monthly:

Forward hospitality/entertainment tax to treasurer/financial secretary promptly each month.

The treasurer/financial secretary for the MBU is Sharon Fox, 185 Clinton Ave., Apt 11C, Brooklyn, NY 11205.

The treasurer for the Eastern Section is _____

The mailing address for the ABA is:

American Bridge Association,

2828 Lakewood Ave. SW

Atlanta, GA 30315.

Telephone number (404) 768-5517 Fax: (404)767-1871.

Thank you for all you do for the MBU and the ABA. If I can be of assistance, you can reach me, Janice McBean, MBU Secretary, at 516-610-7602 or metropolitanbridgeunit@aol.com.

Point Coordinator Report – Given by Lois Wright

Lois Wright distributed a City Point Report Form to club point coordinators and instructed them to complete the form with member's name, ABA#, and total points for September through December. The complete report should be returned to Lois by 1/5/2019. If the club point coordinator has any questions, please feel free to contact Lois at Ladytul2@netzero.net.

Sectional Representative Report by Annetta Wallace

No section meeting. No report.

Website/Facebook – No report.

Property – No report

Constitution- No report.

Scholarship – Presented by Valerie Brooks

This year the committee issued two \$500 grants.

The first award was given to Ms. Kiara Benn. She is a Brooklyn native who majors in Dance and Psychology at Wesleyan College in Middletown, Connecticut.



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Our second award was given to Mr. Adam A. Connie, Jr. Adam majors in Computer Science at New York School of Technology.

Attached are the thank you letters from both recipients.

The committee thanks all the MBU members who participated in the Herman Huff Scholarship games that raised these funds.

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

Sanction forms are due today. Please submit your sanction forms to John Demos. There are 7 clubs that have not submitted their sanction forms.

Tournament meeting with tournament chairs of each club is scheduled for 11/7/18, Bridge Home, 10 AM.

The MBU is buying new boards/cards.

Lois Francis asked if the 2018 MBU calendar could be issued before sanctions were completed. Response: Nationals, Nationwide Games, Sectionals, have been scheduled and are on the website. The membership asked for an MBU calendar with nationals/nationwides/sectionals posted on the calendar.

Consumer Report – Presented by Gladys Smith.

Gladys Smith resigned as Consumer editor. Thanked everyone for their assistance. Special thanks to Edna Boothe and Minnie Hagans. RECOMMENDATION: Publish Consumer four times a year.

Dolores Watson, Rita Thompson, and Annetta Wallace are willing to take on this responsibility.

Hospitality Report – Marion Mercer reported the following collation schedule:

Clubs responsible for today's collation: Co-op City, Jet-Setters, Westbury, Mt. Vernon

January 27, 2019 meeting collation: Bayview, Twilight, Brooklynites, Triangle

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



Trophy levels are 0-24; 25-99; 100-299. All other levels will receive scrip awards. Raffles have been issued to each club in the MBU. They should be returned 11/26/18, folded, to Marcia Demos. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

Unfinished Business - None

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.
- ◆ Delaware Tournament: Buses leaving from the Bridge Home and Brooklyn. Please sign up.
- ◆ 2019 membership meeting dates: 1/27/19, 4/28/19, and 10/27/19
- ◆ The January meeting will have our memorial service (chaired by Sandra Surita). If there is a need for a July membership meeting, one will be scheduled.

ANNOUNCEMENTS - None.

Meeting adjourned at 4.49 pm
Respectfully submitted by Janice McBean, MBU Secretary



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Metropolitan Bridge Unit of NY, Inc.
 Quarterly Treasurer's Report
 July 1, 2018 through September 30, 2018

METROPOLITAN BRIDGE UNIT
 Quarterly Financial Secretary's Report
 July 1, 2018 through September 30, 2018

JP Morgan Chase Bank, N.A.

Checking Account	
Opening Balance	\$ 12,417.68
Deposits	\$ 4,868.00
Total	\$ 17,285.68
**Checks paid/fees	\$ 4,802.54
Closing Balance	\$ 12,483.14

**Checks paid/misc. expenses

- \$50.00 - Gloria Allen memorium
- \$50.00 - 2016 James Stewart memorium
- \$110.00 - refund to astro
- \$23.97 - good and welfare
- \$32.95 - Sept. web fee
- \$285.44 - July Consumer
- \$75.00 - 7/22 CBH rental
- \$51.30 - 7/22 ABA sanction fee
- \$38.00 - 7/22 CBH player fee
- \$500.00 - Kiara Benn - Herman H. Huff scholarship recipient
- \$500.00 - Adam A. Connie, Jr. - Herman H. Huff scholarship recipient
- \$25.00 - stop payment fee
- \$100.00 - summer national flash ad
- \$1800.27 - 8/25 Bus for PBU Swiss Game
- \$32.95 - August web fee
- \$50.40 - 6/21 ABA alzheimers game sanction fee
- \$50.00 - 6/21 CBH pm game rental fee
- \$54.00 - 6/21 CBH pm player fee
- \$756.00 - 6/21 alzheimers game proceeds to ABA Educ. and Charitable Foundation
- \$30.22 - good and welfare
- \$12.04 - 7/22 MBU meeting collation
- \$125.00 - summer national journal ad
- \$50.00 - "AAA" entertainment deposit

Respectfully submitted

Sharon Fox

INCOME

Entertainment Tax 2017	\$27.00
brooklynites new member dues 2018	\$130.00
twilight new member dues 2018	\$10.00
Entertainment Tax 2018	\$2,293.00
6/14 Twilight "C" game bidding box rental	\$20.00
Twilight no HHH game fee	\$100.00
7/22 MBU meeting net 50/50	\$12.00
7/22 MBU meeting proceeds (includes \$18 scrip)	\$380.00
Income for 8/25 PBU bus for Swiss Team Game	\$1,848.00
fee reversal refund	\$36.00
9/28/18 nationwide player fee (includes \$14 scrip)	\$360.00
9/28/18 nationwide meal purchase	\$130.00
9/28/18 nationwide net 50/50	\$14.00
9/29/18 nationwide meal purchase	\$170.00
9/29/18 nationwide net 50/50	\$26.00
9/29/18 nationwide player fee (includes \$27 scrip)	\$468.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$6,024.00

EXPENSES

July 2018 Consumer	\$285.44
2018 AAA Entertainment expense	\$50.00
6/21/18 Longest Day abaECF, Inc. donation	\$756.00
Web fees/misc. fees	\$65.90
2018 Summer National Journal ad	\$125.00
7/22/18 MBU hospitality	\$12.04
7/22/18 Bridge Home Rental Fee	\$75.00
7/22/18 Director's Fee	\$50.00
7/22/18 ABA sanction fee	\$51.30
7/22/18 CBH player fee	\$38.00
Herman H. Huff Scholarship recipient Adam A. Connie, Jr.	\$500.00
Herman H. Huff Scholarship recipient Kiara Benn	\$500.00
2018 Summer National "Flash" ad	\$100.00
Bus for 8/25 PBU Swiss Game	\$1,800.27
good and welfare	\$54.19
9/28/18 nationwide ABA sanction fee	\$192.00
9/28/2018 CBH rental fee	\$75.00
9/28/2018 CBH player fee	\$40.00
9/28-29/2018 nationwide hospitality	\$399.63
9/28/2018 copies	\$0.00
9/28/2018 director's fee	\$75.00
9/29/18 nationwide ABA fee	\$249.60
9/29/2018 CBH rental fee	\$75.00
9/29/2018 CBH player fee	\$52.00
9/29/2018 copies	\$0.00
9/29/2018 director's fee	\$75.00
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$5,696.37

INCOME OVER EXPENSES

\$327.63

Respectfully submitted by
 Sharon Fox, Interim Financial Secretary

Metropolitan Bridge Unit
 2018 Entertainment Tax

KEY: \$amount/check number

Club Name	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	herman huff
Astro	68/1247	88/1247	37/1247	???	76/1257	22/1257	30/1257	126/1268	88/1268				
Bayview	???	116/525	82/529	43/540	23/551	83/548	93/553	CLOSED	???				
Brooklynites	no game	26/1073	28/1083	8/1083	no game	14/1102	46/1115	64/1115	???				
Coop City	66/324	88/328	25/330	96/334	134/339	102/343	???	73/465	???				
Cosmo	81/1	63/1	32/1	70/1	77/1	69/1	40/1	???	???				
DBC/Mt. Vernon	52/347	18/347	64/347	74/351	no game	76/358	88/360	???	???				\$100.00
Jet Setters	87/386	107/392	???	56/335	95/336	102/337	48/424	64/424	82/424				
Leisure	34/1263	36/1263	30/1263	56/1275	14/1275	50/1275	16/1275	???	???				
Springfield	84/3882	135/3882	85/3894	75/3894	122/3902	112/3902	90/3902	???	???				\$225.00
Triangle	44/1178	78/1199	90/1199	58/1199	NONE	74/1212	94/1212	46/1212	???				\$135.40
Twilight	26/1437	56/1437	20/1437	68/1454	76/1454	16/1454	80/1464	117/1464	57/1464				\$100.00
Westbury	32/157	60/157	no game	???	???	28/120	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED				

- ASTRO FOR AUG \$50 CREDIT FOR JULY
- TRIANGLE OWES SEPT/NOV/DEC 2017 ???
- JETSETTERS OWES FOR MAR, \$50 CREDIT FOR AUGUST
- WESTBURY OWES APRIL, MAY,
- SPRINGFIELD \$10 CREDIT FOR JULY



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"AAA"

December 10-13, 2018

Resorts Casino Hotel

1133 Boardwalk Atlantic City, NJ 08401

Room rate \$55 & tax per night/double occ.

Call 1 888 797 7700 Group Code VMBU18

Reserve by November 30, 2018

Schedule of Games and Events

Monday, December 10, 2018

2:00 pm Headquarters Benefit
 2:00 pm New Player Open Pair Game
 6:00 pm Knockout Registration Closes
 7:00 pm Knockout (Session 1)
 7:00 pm Open Pair Game
 7:00 pm New Player Open Pair Game

Tuesday, December 11, 2018

9:00 am Knockout (Session 2)
 9:00 am Open Pair Side Game
 9:00 am New Player Open Pair Game
 2:00 pm Knockout Finals
 2:00 pm Open Pair Side Game
 2:00 pm New Player Open Pair Game
 7:00 pm Open Pair Side Game
 7:00 pm New Player Open Pair Game

Wednesday, December 12, 2018

2:30 pm Sectional Open Pair (Session 1)
 2:30 pm New Player Open Pair (Session 1)
 7:30 pm Sectional Open Pair (Session 2)
 7:30 pm New Player Open Pair (Session 2)

Thursday, December 13, 2018

9:00 am Modified Round Robin (Session 1)
 9:00 am Side Game*
 12:00 pm Lunch
 TBA Modified Round Robin (Session 2)
 *IF ATTENDANCE WARRANTS

New Player's

Seminar & Luncheon

(for under 600 HCP players)

Tuesday, December 11

12:30 pm

(or after play)

Awards Brunch

Wednesday, December 12

11:00 am

Silent Auction

"AAA" Chairperson

Betty Sherrill

Tournament Chair

John Demos

Partnerships:

Charles Guest - 914 803-7491

Patricia Thomas - 718 476-2783

Director-in-Charge

Regena Edwards

Playing Fee: \$10

Theme:
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THANK YOU

Thank you, Gladys Smith, for your 10 years' service as Editor-in-Chief of *The Consumer*. The MBU owes you a huge debt of gratitude for your contributions to our unit. You have paved the way for all that will follow. We wish you much success in your new role as Vice President of the Eastern Section of the American Bridge Association.

*The President, Executive Board
 and Members of the MBU*

Thank you to our reporters for your contributions to *The Consumer*. Contributions for the January 2019 edition are due **Friday, January 4, 2019**. Please email to Dolores Watson at wtdlrs@aol.com and Rita Thompson at RitaThompson@verizon.net.

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Sanction Games Calendar

November

- 7 Co-op City "C" Game
- 9 Brooklynites "C" Game
- 12 Bayview "C" Game
- 14 Leisure Benefit Game
- 9 Triangle "C" Game
- 20 Headquarters Benefit Game
- 26 Mount Vernon Team Game
- 27 Westbury "C" Game

December

- 3 Mount Vernon "C" Game
- 4 Jet Setter "C" Game
- 6 Twilight "C" Game
- 10-13 AAA Tournament
- 14 Nationwide Game (evening)
- 15 Nationwide Game (day)
- 17 Triangle "C" Game
- 19 Co-op City "C" Game
- 20 Astro/Springfield "C" Game



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