

Metropolitan Bridge Unit Quarterly Membership Meeting, 07/21/2023

Marcia Demos called the meeting to order at 10:34 AM.

Roll Call – Present: Marica Demos, Janice McBean, Raye Liverpool, Lois Wright, John Demos, Pat Jackson-Thomas, and representatives from the following clubs: Bayview, Brooklynites, Cosmo, Jet Setter, and Springfield.

Good and Welfare –

MBU Good and Welfare March 2023 - July 2023 Report

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<u>NAME</u>	<u>CLUB</u>	<u>REASON</u>
<u>March 2023</u>		
Ermile Stewart Family	Triangle	Sympathy Card-Passing of Member
Minnie Hagan	Jetsetter	Get Well Card
Joan Sanders	Bayview	Get Well Card
Evelyn Smallwood	Springfield	Sympathy Card-Passing of Member
Edna Boothe	Westbury	Get Well Card
Barbara Anderson	Co-Op City	Sympathy Card-Passing of Former Member
Martha Hewitt	Cosmopolitan	Get Well Card
Louise Wilson	Bayview	Sympathy Card-Passing of Her Sister
<u>April 2023</u>		
Olivia Tracie Stukes	Jet Setter	Sympathy Card-Passing of Member
Patricia (Pat) Thomas	Bayview	Get Well Card
Dorothy Smith	Mount Vernon	Get Well Card
<u>April & May 2023 (Members and Former Members) with Long Term Illnesses</u>		
Rudolph Cummings	Bayview	Get Well Card
Theodore Conliffe	Westbury	Get Well Card
Mercedes Mann	Twilight	Get Well Card
Julius Fields	Triangle	Get Well Card
Lorelei Blackman	Mount Vernon	Get Well Card
Julia Rhinehardt	Springfield	Get Well Card

Delores Brooks	Bayview	Get Well Card
Betty Sherrill	Twilight	Get Well Card

May 2023

Dianne Edgerton-Norman	Cosmopolitan	Get Well Card
Phillip Gerdes	Cosmopolitan	Get Well Card
Minnie Hagan	Jetsetter	Get Well Card
Barbara Wingate	Westbury	Get Well Card
Parvez Mehta	Mount Vernon	Get Well Card
Betty Sherrill	Twilight	Get Well Card

June & July 2023

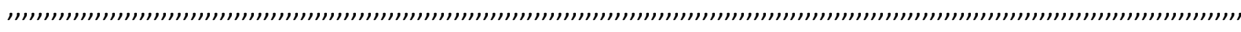
Minnie Hagan	Jetsetter	Get Well Card
Marcia Demos	Springfield	Get Well Card
Lorelei Blackman	Mount Vernon	Get Well Card
Barbara Wingate	Westbury	Sympathy Card-Passing of Member

June & July 2023 Members at Home

Delores Brooks	Bayview	Thinking of You Card
Julia Rhinehardt	Springfield	Thinking of You Card
Willie Fuchs	Bayview	Thinking of You Card
Therese Hamilton	Cosmopolitan	Thinking of You Card
Louise Wilson	Bayview	Thinking of You Card
Doris White	Cosmopolitan	Thinking of You Card

June & July 2023 (Members & Former Members) with Long Term Illnesses

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Thank You Cards & Letters

To: Metropolitan Bridge Unit (MBU) Members



Dear Friends,

Evelyn was a Founding Member of the Springfield Duplicate Bridge Club and a Teacher/Mentor to many of our members. Evelyn's wisdom, demeanor, and smile will be missed and leaves a void that cannot be filled.

May our hearts, and those of her Family and Friends, be filled with God's Love and Peace.

Please keep the Smallwood, Straker, McBean, Dean, Nicholls, Harrison, and Desvarieux Families in your prayers.

*Marion Mercer, President
Springfield Duplicate Bridge Club*

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A Special Thank You

"I would like to thank everyone who prayed, called, sent a card or email during my illness. I was blessed by your kindness and sincere concern."

Minnie Hagans

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Thank You Cards & Letters "Continued"

To: Metropolitan Bridge Unit (MBU) Members

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Thank all so much for your Caring Concern & Kindness

Jamile and Family
(Ermile Stewart's Daughter)

Kindness is many small gestures that together make all the difference in the world.

Jamile Stewart
920 Lenox Avenue 7-I
New York, NY 10039

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Thank You!

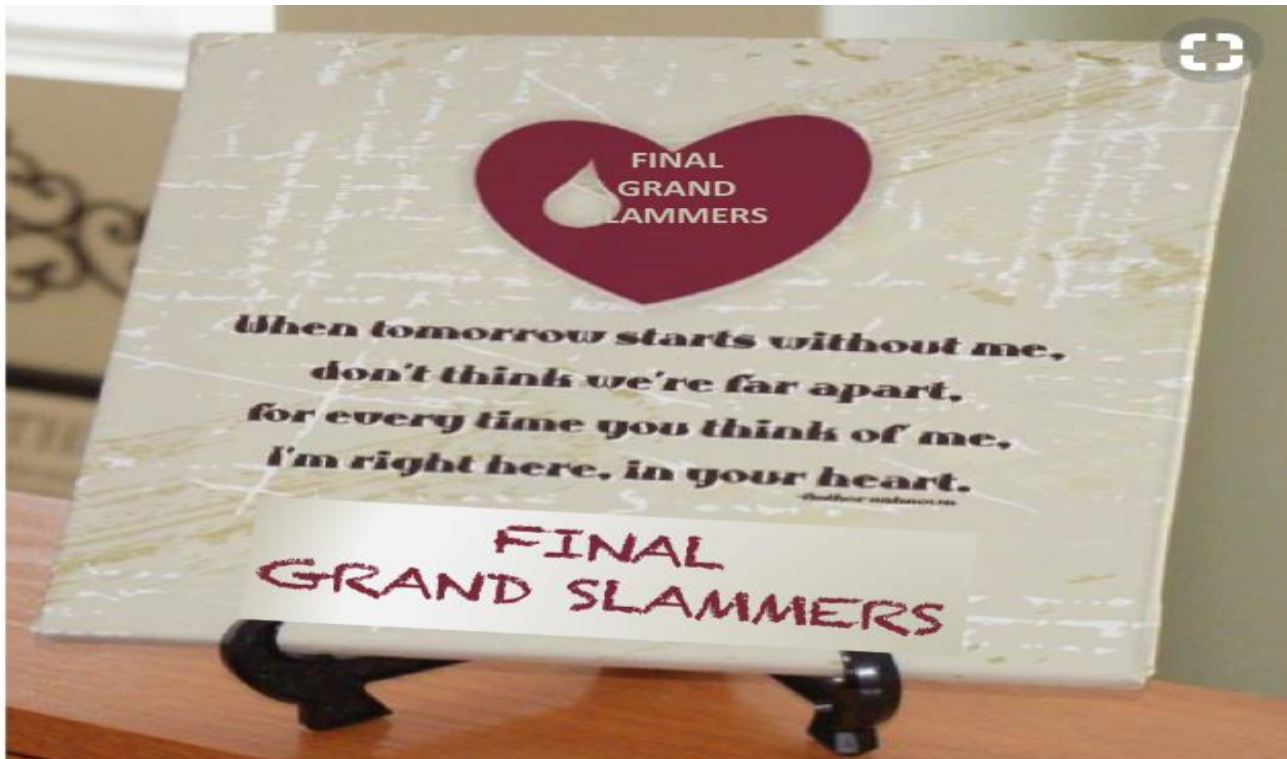
Dear Bridge Family,

Thank you for your Prayers and Words of Encouragement. The Bridge Family remains a source of comfort for me during this time. I am overwhelmed by the support and inspiration I have received from friends old & new / near & far.

Please continue to keep me in your Prayers; and may God continue to bring us all Peace.

Pat Jackson Thomas

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Metropolitan Bridge Unit (MBU) 2023
Final Grand Slammers: January thru June



Members

Ermile Stewart (March)	Triangle Bridge Club
Evelyn Smallwood (March)	Springfield Bridge Club
Tracie Stukes (April)	Jet Setter Bridge Club
Barbara Wingate (June)	Westbury Bridge Club

Former Members:

Genesis Washington (January)	Co-Op City Bridge Club
Barbara Anderson (March)	Co-Op City Bridge Club

A Special Message From The Metropolitan Bridge Unit (MBU)

“To God Be The Glory”

And Remember; His Grace Is Sufficient For All Our Needs.



” Be Blessed and Stay Safe. ”

Invocation – Marcia Demos

Minutes – Presented by Janice McBean. Minutes of the April 27, 2023 quarterly membership meeting were reviewed by the membership. MOTION (Dorene Christmas/John Demos): Accept minutes as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

Correspondence – None.

President’s Report – Presented by Marcia Demos.

- Thank you for your cards and good wishes.
- Clubs are requested to please hold their Herman Huff games or send in the \$100. This is where our scholarship money comes from.
- Clubs are also requested to pay their entertainment taxes and all applicable club fees. There are penalties if clubs are not financial.
- The MBU president is a member on all committees. Please keep Marcia Demos informed of committee meetings.
- Clubs were asked to give status reports at the last executive board meeting:
 1. Cosmo is developing membership plans.

2. Twilight welcomes back Eleanor Waymer.
 3. Marcia Demos previously mentioned Leisure is not a viable club. It is suggested their remaining members join with another club(s). The membership suggests Marcia Demos have a private conversation with the club president.
- Dealing machine: The MBU will be asking the Eastern Section to pay for half of the completed repairs. Lynda Straker, ESVP, advised this request be submitted in writing to the ES.
 - Marcia Demos apologized for the confusion concerning the July MBU meeting date. The membership suggested that Tuesdays and Thursdays are the best days for MBU membership meetings. Marcia Demos will take, under advisement, the suggestion to offer Lois Francis, Brooklynites President, a personal apology.
 - Director Fees: Asking clubs to pay a minimum fee or more of \$30 for club games and \$60 or more for C games.

Hospitality Report –

Collation at today's meeting was provided by Brooklynites and Jet Setter. The two clubs for our next meeting are Bayview and Twilight. Hospitality chairs will assist the assigned clubs. Each club that provides collation will receive \$50 from the MBU.

Tournament Report – Presented by John Demos

All clubs should be reporting to John Demos and scheduling their sanctioned games. John Demos schedules and issues sanctions. He should have your schedule through 12/3/23.

Financial Secretary's Report – completed by Sharon Fox

See attached report.

Entertainment Tax – completed by Sharon Fox.

See attached.

Treasurer's Report – Completed by Raye Liverpool

See attached.

Consumer Report –Rita Thompson

The July 2023 issue of *The Consumer* was emailed to members on June 20, and it's also posted on the MBU website. I hope you had a chance to read it.

The MBU's new Zero Tolerance Policy was featured on page 1 and includes links to supporting documents. Springfield's news includes a link to a YouTube video from Julia Rinehardt's 100th birthday celebration. A new column (recommended by President Marcia Demos) was introduced. Titled, The New Players' Corner, it will feature tips and helpful information for new

players. And on page 6, there's a great submission from Sharon Fox called "Is that you, Bertha?" I've already received positive feedback on this issue, so it's not too late to catch up on your reading if you missed any of this.

I'm appealing again to our directors, top players, and bridge instructors to consider submitting an article about bridge for a future edition.

Last Friday I was thinking about the Rule of 160 (on page 6) which prompted me to send a submission to Voice of the People in the *New York Daily News*. To my surprise, the submission was published the next day -- Saturday, July 15.

I can be reached at 917.887.5200 or RitaThompsonCLM@gmail.com for questions or article submissions. The deadline for the next issue is September 15, 2023.

Scholarship – No report.

2023 AAA – Beverly Sessions-Kelly and Marion Legall

Beverly Sessions-Kelly reported approximately 50 tickets have been sold for the fundraiser. We are looking for support from everyone.

Point Coordinator Report – No report.

Sectional Representative Report - Pat Jackson-Thomas

- The Eastern Section held their first face-to-face membership meeting since the pandemic. It was also the first meeting for the merged sections (Eastern/Mid-Atlantic).
- The ESVP, Lynda Straker, thanked everyone for their support and asked for volunteers on standing committees.
- Independent Clubs, and their position on the Eastern Section Board was defined.
- There will now be two lists mentioning top players: One list will show the top 200 players past and present. The other list will show the top 200 living players.

Education – Marcia Demos will reach out to Willie Fuchs and other experienced players and ask them to give a class or take on mentor responsibilities.

Property – No report.

Constitution – No report.

Website/Facebook – No report.

Outreach – Lois Wright and Donna Woo report their efforts are going well.

Unfinished Business –None.

New Business –

- Lynda Straker advised the membership there was a new independent club in New Jersey named “Spades.”

ANNOUNCEMENTS- None.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 AM, Respectfully submitted by Janice McBean, MBU Secretary.

NEXT MEETING: OCTOBER 24, 2023, 10:30 AM

Metropolitan. Bridge Unit of NY, Inc
Quarterly Financial Secretary's Report
April 1, 2023 through June 30, 2023

Income	
4/27/23 Tom Daly MBU meeting/ "C" game donation	\$5.00
4/27/23 MBU meeting/ "C" game proceeds	\$480.00
2023 good and welfare from clubs	\$160.00
Entertainment Tax 2023	\$830.00
Herman Huff 2023	\$200.00
Herman Huff 2022	\$300.00
6/2/23 Nationwide proceeds (includes \$23 from 50/50)	\$485.00
Lynda Straker 6/2/23 Nationwide 50/50 donation to MBU	\$24.00
Pat Binyard 6/21/23 Longest Day donation to ABA from 50/50	\$20.00
6/21/23 Longest Day 50/50 income	\$20.00
John Demos Director's fee donation to ABA for Longest Day	\$50.00
6/21/23 Longest Day proceeds	\$230.00
Springfield AAA fundraiser ticket purchase	\$100.00
Total Funds Received	<u>\$2,259.00</u>
Expenses	
4/27/23 MBU meeting/ "C" game director's fee	\$60.00
4/27/23 MBU meeting/ "C" game sanction fee	\$24.00
Dealing machine repair and shipping	\$893.04
monthly website fee	\$30.00
6/2/23 Nationwide director's fee	\$50.00
Pat Binyard 50/50 donation to ABA for Longest Day to ABA	\$20.00
MBU Longest Day 50/50 donation to ABA	\$20.00
John Demos Director's fee donation for Longest Day to ABA	\$50.00
4/27/23 ABA table fee for MBU meeting/game	\$24.00
6/2/23 Nationwide sanction to ABA	\$168.00
4/27/23 meeting collation	\$123.94
6/21/23 Longest Day collation	\$165.70
6/21/23 Longest Day processing fee	\$14.00
Good and Welfare cards	\$7.50
Annual website maintenance fee	\$216.00
12/9/22 Nationwide sanction to ABA	\$96.00
2020 Sylvia Butler memorium	\$50.00
Total Expenses	<u>\$1,005.14</u>
Net Income/Loss	<u>\$1,253.86</u>

Submitted by Sharon Fox

Entertainment Tax - 2023

	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	August	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	2022 Total by Club	2023 Total by Club	Good and Welfare	2023 Herman Huff	2022 Herman Huff
Club Name																	
Bayview	\$0.00	\$33.00	\$43.00	\$22.00	\$24.00	\$33.00							\$248.00	\$155.00	\$40.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
Brooklynites	\$50.00	\$64.00	\$46.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00							\$291.00	\$160.00	\$40.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
Cosmo	\$55.00	\$55.00	\$55.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00							\$170.00	\$165.00	\$40.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
Mt Vernon	\$61.00	\$47.00	\$50.00	\$79.00	\$33.00	\$27.00							\$472.00	\$297.00	\$40.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
Jet Setters	\$0.00	\$18.00	\$22.00	\$34.00	\$34.00	\$36.00							\$192.00	\$144.00	\$40.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
Leisure	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00							\$0.00	\$0.00	\$40.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Springfield	\$24.00	\$28.00	\$48.00	\$24.00	\$26.00	\$44.00							\$357.00	\$194.00	\$40.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
Triangle	\$12.00	\$22.00	\$32.00	\$40.00	\$42.00	\$36.00							\$36.00	\$184.00	\$40.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
Twilight***	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00							\$0.00	\$0.00	\$40.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
Westbury	\$50.00	\$36.00	\$56.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00							\$134.00	\$142.00	\$40.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
Total by Month	\$252.00	\$303.00	\$352.00	\$199.00	\$135.00	\$143.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,900.00	\$1,441.00	\$400.00	\$700.00	\$900.00

***RESUMED GAMES 4/2023

Metropolitan Bridge Unit of NY, Inc.
Quarterly Treasurer's Report
April 1, 2023 thru June 30, 2023

Checking Account	
Opening Balance:	\$11,263.38
Deposits	2,744.00
Total	\$14,007.38
Total Checks/Fees Paid	1,572.18
Closing Balance:	<u>\$12,435.20</u>
Net Increase/Decrease	<u>\$1,171.82</u>

Checks/Fees:

	Subm	246.00	Web Fees
1064	John Demos	174.94	Dealing Machine Shipping
1065	Rick Bingham	718.10	Dealing Machine Repair
1066	ABA	24.00	4/27/23 C Game Sanction-MBU Meeting/Game
1067	ABA	168.00	6/2/23 Nationwide Game Sanction
1068	Dorene Christmas	23.94	4/27/23 Collation MBU Meeting/Game
1069	Lois Wright	7.50	Greeting Cards
Zelle	Alverna Lewis	50.00	MBU Meeting Collation 4/27/23
Zelle	Marion Mercer	90.00	3/16/23 Collation
Zelle	Beverly Session-Kelly	42.70	6/21/23 Longest Day Collation
Zelle	Victoria Williams	27.00	6/21/23 Longest Day Collation
		<u>\$1,572.18</u>	

2023 METROPOLITAN BRIDGE UNIT Treasurer's Recap Report

Checking Account

Month	Beg Date	End Date	Open Bal	Checks Paid	LOGO/We b Fees	Credit Card Purchase/ Zelle Pay	Total Expenses	Deposits/ Credits
JAN	1/1/2023	1/31/2023	12,053.78	2,950.08	114.28		3,064.36	2,926.37
FEB	2/1/2023	2/28/2023	11,915.79	247.41	168.00	500.00	915.41	10.00
MAR	3/1/2023	3/31/2023	11,010.38	453.00	10.00	250.00	713.00	966.00
Quarter To	1/1/2023	3/31/2023	12,053.78	3,650.49	292.28	750.00	4,692.77	3,902.37
APRIL	4/1/2023	4/28/2023	11,263.38	893.04	10.00	50.00	953.04	951.00
MAY	5/1/2023	5/31/2023	11,261.34	0.00	10.00		10.00	450.00
JUNE	6/1/2023	6/30/2023	11,701.34	223.44	226.00	159.70	609.14	1,343.00
Quarter To	4/1/2023	6/30/2023	11,263.38	1,116.48	246.00	209.70	1,572.18	2,744.00
6 Month To	1/1/2023	6/30/2023	12,053.78	4,766.97	538.28	959.70	6,264.95	6,646.37

Submitted by Raye Liverpool

METROPOLITAN BRIDGE UNIT, INC.
Quarterly Membership Meeting
October 24, 2023 at 10:30 AM

Agenda

Presiding	Marcia Demos
Roll Call	Janice McBean
Good & Welfare	Lois Wright
Invocation	Diane Edgerton-Norman
Minutes	Janice McBean
Correspondence	Janice McBean
President's Report	Marcia Demos
Financial Secretary	Sharon Fox
Treasurer	Raye Liverpool
Point Coordinator	Lois Wright
Sectional Representative	Pat Thomas Jackson

Committee Reports

Property	Charles Guest
Constitution	Dianne Edgerton-Norman
Scholarship	Valerie Brooks
Tournament	John Demos
Consumer	Rita Thompson
Hospitality	Jane Atlas/Dorene Christmas

Unfinished Business

New Business

Announcements

Adjournment

Next Executive Board Meeting _____

Next Quarterly Membership Meeting _____