



# SUPPLEMENT - JANUARY 2020 EDITION

## Quarterly Membership Meeting Minutes

Quarterly Membership Meeting

10/26/2019

Lynda Straker called the meeting to order at 10:08 AM.

**Roll Call –Present:** Lynda Straker, Jean DeVeaux, Janice McBean, Lois Wright, Annetta Wallace, and representatives from the following clubs: Astro, Bayview, Brooklynites, CO-OP City, COSMO, JetSetters, Leisure, Mount Vernon, Springfield, Triangle, Twilight, and Westbury.

**Absent:** Jean DeVeaux, Lois Francis, Annetta Wallace, Charles Guest, Diane Edgerton Norman, Valerie Brooks, Beverly Sessions Kelly.

**Good and Welfare** - Good and Welfare Report -

Good and Welfare Report - For MBU, Inc. Meeting October 26, 2019

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

<u>NAME</u>	<u>CLUB</u>	<u>REASON</u>
<u>May 2019</u>		
Family of Dorothy Scott	Mount Vernon	Sympathy Card-Passing of Former Member
Martha Hewitt	Astro	Get Well
Harvey Stone	Cosmopolitan	Get Well
Doris Duperly	Westbury	Sympathy Card-Passing of her Sister
June Robinson	Springfield	Get Well
Lemuel Copeland	Jetsetter	Sympathy Card-Passing of his Brother
Charles Guest	Mount Vernon	Sympathy Card-Passing of his Father
Jerry Cunningham	Brooklynites	Get Well
 <u>June 2019</u>		
Sylvia Yearwood	Jetsetter	Get Well
Sylvia Thomas	Jetsetter	Get Well
Phyllis Jones	Bayview	Get Well
Joan Handy	Jetsetter	Get Well
Shirley Gross	Twilight	Get Well
Queenie May	Co-Op City	Get Well

Jeanne Simmons	Mount Vernon	Get Well
Family of Dianne Oliver-Cuff	Jetsetter	Sympathy Card-Passing of Member
Gloria Christler	ABA National President	Sympathy Card-Passing of her Son-in-law

July 2019

Jane Harris	Bayview	Get Well
Family of Charlotte Cottman	Triangle	Sympathy Card-Passing of Member
Viola Waterman	Jetsetter	Get Well
Enric Q. Boxill	Twilight	Get Well
Edna Boothe	Mount Vernon	Sympathy Card-Passing of her Sister
Barbara Wingate	Cosmopolitan	Sympathy Card-Passing of her Daughter
Martha Hewitt	Astro	Get Well

August 2019

Sylvia Yearwood	Jetsetter	Get Well
Harold Edwards	Bayview	Get Well
Barbara Wingate	Cosmopolitan	Get Well
Harvey Stone	Cosmopolitan	Get Well
Joan Handy	Jetsetter	Get Well
Catherine Reid	Cosmopolitan	Get Well

September 2019

William Russell	Cosmopolitan	Get Well
Ernestine Myles	Co-Op City	Get Well
Naeema Mubaarak	Mount Vernon	Get Well
Jeanne Simmons	Mount Vernon	Get Well

Anderson "AJ" Jones	Mount Vernon	Get Well
Viola Waterman	Jetsetter	Get Well
Rudolph Cummings	Bayview	Get Well
Louise Shaw	Mount Vernon	Get Well
Wilma Alexander	Westbury	Get Well
Charlotte Roberson	Mount Vernon	Get Well
Dorothy Smith	Co-Op City	Get Well
George Hudson	Cosmopolitan	Get Well

Thank You Letter from Barbara Wingate:

"To My Bridge Family: During time of sorrow, we learn how much our family and friends mean to us. Thank you so much for your kindness, sympathy cards, monetary donations, prayers and well wishes at a time when it was much needed and deeply appreciated ..... Barbara Wingate & Family."

October 2019

Family of Carrie Shelton	Astro	Sympathy Card-Passing of former Member
Family of George Hudson	Cosmopolitan	Sympathy Card-Passing of Member
Sylvia Yearwood	Jetsetter	Get Well
June Robinson	Springfield	Get Well

A Special Thank You from Cheryl Jones and The George Hudson Family.



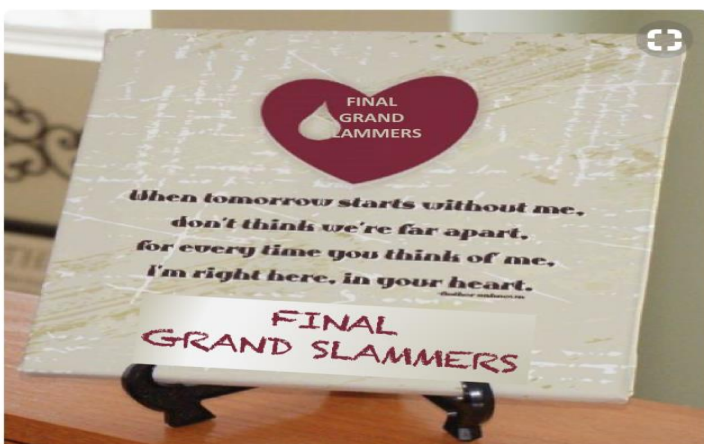
*Dear Bridge Family,*

*Words cannot begin to express my gratitude for your outstanding support during this difficult and devastating time for me and the rest of the George Hudson family. I was overwhelmed by your expressions of sorrow, sympathy, and attendance at George's memorial service.*

*Today I need some time to build my tomorrow. I know that your prayers and thoughts are with me.*

*See you soon,*

*Cheryll*



## Metropolitan Bridge Unit (MBU) 2019 Final Grand Slammers

Mr. Oliver Clark	Twilight
Mr. Rupert M. Mitchell	Astro
Mr. Edwin D. Lewis, Jr.	Westbury
Mr. Conrad Martin	Jetsetter
Ms. Dorothy Scott	Mount Vernon
Ms. Dianne L. Oliver-Cuff	Jetsetter
Ms. Charlotte Cottman	Triangle
Ms. Carrie Shelton	Astro
Mr. George Hudson	Cosmopolitan

**ACTION ITEM:** Lois Wright will follow-up with the ABA National Office on Grand Slammers not shown on website.

Clubs were reminded to reported Good & Welfare items to Lois Wright in a timely manner.

**Invocation** – Given by Lynda Straker. Moment of Silence held for George Hudson.

**Minutes** – Minutes of the May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2019 quarterly membership meeting were reviewed by the membership.  
MOTION (D. White/W. Woods): Accept minutes from the 05/04/19 quarterly membership meeting. MOTION PASSED.

**Correspondence** – None.

**President's Report** – Presented by Lynda Straker

Thank you for attending our meeting.

I'm very proud of what our members were able to accomplish at the summer national in Atlanta and that so many of us were able to attend. Let's continue that level of participation in the events coming up, particularly in our 2019 AAA which we will hear more about later.

There are two items that are important to me that I'm going to address now. It has been the policy of the MBU that each club find a way to accommodate anyone and everyone who comes out to play. I see that happening here at the Bridge Home and I hope it's happening in all of our clubs.

The second item is that it's important that we support each other's special games, "C" games, Benefit games and any special games. By support, I mean we shouldn't hold regular club games that compete against special games being held by our member clubs. Sometimes that does happen. Kudos to the clubs that do close so their members may attend those games.

The spring national will be here before you know it. It's in Baltimore this year and I hope we have a large group in attendance there. Registration information is included in the recent ABA Bulletin and if you haven't registered yet, please do so right away.

SUGGESTION: Julius Fields suggested we send a letter to those clubs that do not close for special games of other clubs.

**Treasurer's Report** –

**Metropolitan Bridge Unit of NY, Inc.  
Third Quarter Treasurer's Report  
July 1, 2019 through September 30, 2019**

JP Morgan Chase Bank, N.A.

**Checking Account**

<b>Opening Balance</b>	<b>\$16,989.98</b>
<b>Deposits</b>	<b>\$4,188.00</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$21,177.98</b>
<b>checks/fees paid</b>	<b>\$3,192.05</b>
<b>Closing Balance</b>	<b>\$17,985.93</b>

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

\$35.79	web fees	\$35.79	web fees
\$53.62	6/21 longest day hospitality	\$500.00	scholarship award
\$108.00	6/21 longest day cbh player fees	\$100.00	Summer natl flash ads
	6/21 longest day aba processing		replacement check to
\$97.20	fees	\$25.00	springfield
\$930.80	6/21 longest day ABAecf donations	\$660.79	<b>TOTAL</b>
\$50.00	MBU summer national raffles		
\$225.00	MBU summer national ad	\$35.79	web fee
\$75.00	7/1 "A" game cbh rental	\$13.85	5/4 MBU game copies
\$62.00	7/1 "A" game cbh player fees	\$50.00	charlotte cottman memorium
\$139.28	7/1 "A" game hospitality	\$59.40	ABA sickle cell sanction AM
\$13.18	stamps & good and welfare cards	\$59.40	ABA sickle cell sanction PM
\$25.00	queens baptist church ad with cosmo	\$11.00	good and welfare stamps
\$261.95	july consumer	\$125.00	sickle cell bridge home rental
\$2,076.82	<b>TOTAL</b>	\$100.00	sickle cell collation
		<b>\$454.44</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>

**\$3,192.05 GRAND TOTAL**

**Respectfully Submitted**

**Financial Secretary's Report** –

**METROPOLITAN BRIDGE UNIT, INC.  
Quarterly Financial Secretary's Report  
July 1, 2019 through September 30, 2019**

**INCOME**

2019 good and welfare	\$40.00
2019 entertainment tax	\$1,673.00
Brooklynites 5/3/19 Herman Huff game donation	\$125.00
07/01/19 MBU "A" game entry fees(\$3 scrip)	\$620.00
07/01/19 MBU "A" game raffles	\$122.00
09/14/19 sickle cell double game entries(\$20 scrip)	\$880.00
09/14/19 sickle cell meal sales	\$220.00
sickle cell net	
09/14/19 50/50	\$22.00
9/14 Sickle Cell donations	\$95.00
9/14 Sickle Cell matching donations(j. DeVeaux)	\$95.00
scrip sale to springfield	\$100.00
9/27 nationwide entries	\$216.00
9/28 nationwide entries(\$18 scrip)	\$432.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$3,992.00</b>

**EXPENSES**

bank/web fees	\$107.37
july consumer	\$261.95
good and welfare(stamps/cards)	\$24.18
aba summer national raffles	\$50.00
Herman Huff Scholarship award (Krista Davy)	\$500.00
7/1 MBU "A" game hospitality	\$183.70
7/1 MBU "A" game cbh rental	\$75.00
7/1 MBU "A" game director's fee/hand records	\$75.00
7/1 MBU "A" game cbh player fees	\$62.00
7/1 ABA processing fee	\$97.20
queens baptist church ad with cosmo	\$25.00
summer national raffles	\$50.00

summer national flash ads	\$100.00
summer national journal ad	\$225.00
queens baptist church ad with cosmo	\$25.00
dianne oliver memorium	\$50.00
charlotte cottman memorium	\$50.00
9/14 sickle cell donation	\$698.20
9/14 sickle cell collation	\$100.00
9/14 sickle cell bridge home rental	\$125.00
9/14 sickle cell double game aba sanctions	\$118.80
9/14 sickle cell double game director's fee	\$50.00
9/27 nationwide ABA sanction	\$115.20
9/28 nationwide ABA sanction	\$230.40
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$3,399.00</b>
<b>INCOME/EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$593.00</b>

**Entertainment Tax –**

	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	Sept
<b>Club Name</b>									
Astro	74	58	66	60	92	80	50	48	50
Bayview	no game	112	45	76	49	79	93	no game	90
Brooklynites	50	50	24	42	38	12	36	32	
Coop City	69	69	69	65	74	67	no game	no game	59
Cosmo	61	58	66		84	54	55	16	
DBCMV	44	20	48	82	24	42	64	80	74
Jet Setters	92	81	46	115	56	78			
Leisure	26	36	30						
Springfield	132	94	44	76	96	60	104	104	54
Triangle	48	26	50	44	24		44	44	
Twilight	78	47	53	56	70	62	no game	42	42
Westbury	30	50	30	66	30	36	no game	no game	
	<b>\$704.00</b>	<b>\$701.00</b>	<b>\$571.00</b>	<b>\$682.00</b>	<b>\$637.00</b>	<b>\$570.00</b>	<b>\$446.00</b>	<b>\$366.00</b>	<b>\$369.00</b>

	HHH	good/welfare
<b>Club Name</b>		



Astro		
Bayview		40.00
Brooklynites	125.00	40.00
Coop City	95.00	
Cosmo	100.00	40.00
DBCMV	135.00	40.00
Jet Setters		40.00
Leisure	168.00	
Springfield	179.50	40.00
Triangle	134.90	
Twilight	100.00	40.00
Westbury		40.00
	\$1,037.40	\$320.00

Report accepted for audit.

**Point Coordinator Report** – Given by Lois Wright

- Lois congratulated those who attained a new level: Dorene Christmas, Mary Shepherd, and Barbara Wingate.
- Points should be posted on the website by 10/30/19.
- Clubs should submit their reports by the 10<sup>th</sup> of each month. Adherence to this deadline is mandatory if the MBU is to submit their report to Atlanta in a timely manner (15<sup>th</sup> of each month).
- Please see Lois Wright if there are any questions or contact Lois at [Ladytul2@netzero.net](mailto:Ladytul2@netzero.net).

**Property** – by Jean DeVeaux

I am sorry I am not able to attend today’s meeting. John Demos and I have made sure that all materials are available for bridge games and Sharon Fox has done a fantastic job as both a treasurer and financial secretary. I attended the Sickle Cell Disease Association of America and was pleased to present over \$1,200 as a result of the game on September 14, 2019 and private donations. Have a great game.

**Constitution** = No report.

**Scholarship** – Presented by Raye Liverpool for Valerie Brooks

This year the committee issued only one \$500 grant. The award was given to Ms. Krista Davy. She is a Westbury native who majors in Biomedical Science at the Sophie Davis School of Biomedical Education at CUNY City College of New York. Her minors are Public Policy and Psychology. Her goal is to become a Neuroscientist. Her motivation is her grandmother’s death due to Alzheimer’s disease.

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.

**Tournament Report** – Presented by John Demos

- 2020 MBU calendar is finished.
- Suggest we discontinue evening Nationwide games due to low attendance.
- 2020 Longest Days falls on Father's Day. We will hold our Longest Day on Saturday, 6/20/20.
- Will purchase playing cards for the MBU. Boards are in good shape.
- All paper sanctions for 2020 must be submitted now.

DISCUSSION: Discussion was held on Friday Night Nationwide Games. It was suggested we try not serving meals and encouraging players to attend the game. It was decided we will keep the Friday evening nationwide game, start earlier, and encourage participation.

**Consumer Report** – Presented by Dolores Watson

- If there are any omissions, please contact Dolores Watson. The membership Dolores Watson and Rita Thompson on doing a great job.

**Hospitality Report** – Presented by Lynda Straker for Beverly Sessions Kelly & Victoria Williams

- The following clubs have collation for the January 2020 meeting: Bayview, Brooklynites, Triangle, and Twilight.

**2019 AAA Report** – Presented by Lynda Straker for Beverly Sessions Kelly & Victoria Williams

- 2019 AAA Theme – “Unwrap your Bridge Skills”
- Colors – Red, Green, and Gold
- Dates: 12/2 – 12/5/19
- Clubs were reminded to sell raffles, fold all stubs, and turn in their money and stubs to Dolores Watson, Raffle Coordinator, by 11/9/19.
- Parvez Mehta will be conducting a class for those who have under 500 points.

**Sectional Report** – Presented by Gladys Smith

Eastern Section Spring Fling is 5/22-5/25/20 (Memorial Day Weekend) at the Holiday Inn in Parsippany, New Jersey. Please see the ES website for flier and additional information.

**Website/Facebook** – No report.

**Unfinished Business** –

- QUESTION: Are clubs permitted to give a UNCF donation instead of having a game?  
RESPONSE – Yes. Clubs are encouraged to hold a UNCF game or donate more than \$100.
- MOTION (D. White/L. Blackman): Eliminate the MBU Assistant Secretary position.  
Vote results: In favor (39); Opposed (2); Abstain (2).  
MOTION CARRIED.

- Club Bank Balance – It is suggested that as a non-profit you do not carry more than what you need for operating expenses. Suggest clubs with high balances consider donations (ie. Scholarships).

### **New Business –**

- Directors - Thanked for getting the scores out timely. Please train all directors to release scores timely when they have sufficient experience, and materials.
- Assistant to the Webmaster – The Webmaster does not need an assistant at this time.
- Examine if the MBU constitution says we must have MBU Quarterly meetings on a Sunday.
- MBU will resolve how to post changes to bridge games on the website (date/time/place).
- Mentor/Mentee – To encourage mentors to play with mentees, it was suggested we let mentors play free every fourth game. Discussion followed. It was decided this suggestion would be difficult to implement. We will see if clubs can schedule a series of mentor/mentee games.
- Elections will be held in January 2020 for MBU officers. The slate is as follows:  
 President – Lynda Straker  
 Vice President – Jean DeVeaux  
 Secretary – Janice McBean  
 Treasurer – Sharon Fox  
 Financial Secretary –  
 Point Coordinator – Lois Wright  
 Section Representative – Charles Guest  
 Alternate Section Representative – Pat Thomas

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS-**

- Evelyn Smallwood spoke on behalf of the Community Bridge Home. The Bridge Home is in need of our financial assistance. Each bridge player is encouraged to donate \$5/monthly (or more) to the bridge home effective immediately in addition to our annual bridge home dues.
- The Community Bridge Home is having a fund raiser. Two tickets to “Ain’t Too Proud”, the Broadway play, worth \$360, are being raffled for \$5. Drawing will be at the AAA in December 2009.

Meeting adjourned at 11:24 AM.

Respectfully submitted by Janice McBean, MBU Secretary