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President's Message

By Lynda J. Straker

Greetings MBU Family,

It has been my pleasure to serve as your MBU President during 2022 as we began the transition back to the world of duplicate bridge – as we know it. Working closely with MBU elected officials and club presidents, I ensured our actions had a collective voice and any steps taken to emerge back into the world of face-to-face bridge were carefully considered and fully understood. Thankfully, most of our MBU clubs are back – Westbury on Sundays, Duplicate Bridge Club of Mount Vernon on Mondays, Jet Setters and Bayview sharing Tuesdays, Cosmo and Springfield sharing Thursdays and Brooklynites on Fridays. Triangle is open on Wednesdays for club games and Leisure and Twilight are hoping to reopen in 2023.

Most of us are now familiar with playing bridge on BBO and it will likely remain a part of our bridge activity for years to come. Some of our members prefer BBO and may or may not return to the bridge table. Whatever your choice, virtual bridge on BBO, face-to-face bridge at the table, or both, the MBU needs and appreciates your support.

Kudos to all who pitched in to host a successful 2022 “AAA.” It was well received by all who attended and hopefully will lead to an even more successful event next year.

Our first annual MBU meeting will be held Saturday, January 21, 2023 at 11 am at the Community Bridge Home. During this meeting, we will hold our Memorial Service and our annual “C” game will follow after a brief period for refreshments. Masks are required during our meeting and during the game.

Wishing everyone peace, love and joy during this holiday season and beyond,



Great Expectations for 2023

By Dolores Watson

We joyfully ring in the new year with a sense of unity among MBU members as we stayed the course with defined direction from Executive Board and club presidents and its members worked together in such a way that 2022 turned out to be a good year for meeting goals and increased attendance at bridge games.

Thank you to all who participated in on-line fund raisers — namely, gourmet popcorn sales and BINGO game. The three C's (confidence, cooperation and commitment) played a large part in the year's success which, without a doubt, will serve us well in 2023 because we have great expectations.

In keeping with MBU Memorial Service tradition, the song selection for our Grand Slammers of 2022 is [“Goodness of God” performed by CeCe Winans](#). Please keep their names in your heart listening to this soulful rendition of the hymn.





Remembering Our Final Grand Slammers



*Carla Estwick
Triangle DBC*



*Lorraine Hinds
DBC of Mount Vernon*



*Morris Johnson
Twilight DBC*



*Phyllis Jones
Bayview DBC*



*Jean Keizs
DBC of Mount Vernon*



*Kenneth Thomas
Twilight DBC*



*Anthony Toran
Westbury DBC*



*Helen Williams
Cosmopolitan DBC*

Past Members

*Ruthie Alexander
Jet Setter DBC*

*Peggy Crichtlow
Long Island DBC*

*Faye Gasaway
Long Island DBC*

*Robert Johnson
Westbury DBC*

*Ernestine Myles
Co-op City DBC*

*Bertha Robinson
Triangle DBC*

*Mayer Wiesen
Westbury DBC*



Bayview Breeze

By Valerie Brooks

Happy New Year, family! Let's start it right with prayer:

Heavenly Father, we thank you for the year that has passed and the many blessings you have showered upon us in time.

We earnestly pray for the gift of the Holy Spirit and call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ for His intercession, His guidance and His light to shine our path.

Hope everyone has happy holiday memories.

Congratulations to all the winners of our very successful AAA Tournament. Dear to our hearts are Pat Thomas, Marilyn Legall, Donna Woo and Christian Baxter.

Warm birthday wishes to Sylvia Simmons, Louise Wilson and Willie Fuchs.

Bayview will be closed to club games in January. See you again Tuesday, February 7th at 11 am.

Special thanks to Lynda Straker for her leadership as our MBU President, and best wishes for continued success as our Sectional Vice President. Welcome to our new MBU officers.

Brooklynites DBC

By Jane Atlas

Happy holidays to all our bridge friends.

Our recent "C" game was a huge success. Those of us who played bridge in Atlantic City had fun.

Our club continues to thrive. We miss those who have not yet returned to our in-person games. Please play bridge with us on Fridays at 625 Quincy Street. Lunch is provided at noon. Game begins at 12:30 pm.



Cosmopolitan DBC

By Steven Bond

Again, thank you to all those who have supported us during 2022. It's been great to see friends who have returned to the tables for in-person bridge.

Congratulations to all those who ranked at any of the games at the MBU AAA Tournament.

Looking ahead, COSMO will hold its Holiday "C" game on January 5, 2023, which will include lunch at 11 am. The game starts at noon; the playing fee is \$10. Also, stay tuned for more info about our graduation celebration for Annetta Wallace's New Players class.

Welcome to our newest member, Terry-Arlene Marshall.

Congratulations to those celebrating birthdays this quarter; Therese Hamilton and Doris White, in March.

Masks are still requested. Continue to take care and be safe.

DBC of Mount Vernon

By Rita Thompson

On October 31, DBCM V held a "C" game and Halloween party. The event included a costume contest where three winners received a certificate for complimentary admission to a future game. Check out the [Photo Gallery](#) on the MBU website to discover the identity of the member and prize winner who attended as Cornelius from the film *Planet of the Apes*. Tom Daly arrived as mild-mannered reporter Clark Kent later changing into, you guessed it, Superman. Prize winner Dolores Thompson sported a fancy witch hat.



Thank you to all who attended and especially Director John Demos who, along with his lovely wife Marcia, shared the occasion of their 45th wedding anniversary with us. A champagne toast was made to honor the occasion.

Our members, Parvez Mehta and Rita Thompson, teach bridge at the UFT Bronx Learning Center. On November 14, we hosted a special bridge game and luncheon inviting their bridge students. Eleven students attended and several have returned to play again. We hope the trend continues.



Springfield DBC

By Eliza Brann

Merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous new year to our bridge family. We send birthday congratulations to Daisy Carew, January 10, Marcia Demos, January 28, Edwin Ward II, February 23, Marion Mercer, March 16 and James McKeon, March 17. We hope you will enjoy the company of friends and family on your big day.

To all those who attended our first "C" game since the pandemic, we say thank you. There were 10 tables and it was lots of fun meeting everyone face to face. We appreciate you all.

Triangle DBC

By Bernice Williams

Greetings fellow bridge players. It looks like the light is finally near the end of the tunnel.

First, congratulations to the birthday recipients: Alice Butler, our resilient driver who will help you get wherever, on January 7th. Then we have our computer whiz, Dorothy Hamilton, on the 15th, on the 20th we have faithful Mayme Frazier and last, but not least, on the 27th, we have Minnie Goka who can give us extreme humor.

Congratulations to all who attended the AAA, regardless of points made or not. Seeing face-to-face bridge players was wonderful as it had not been done in such a while. Julius Fields is homebound thus far. We hope to have him back in the near future. For Harlem's Schomberg Center there is an eight million dollar grant to support a critical investment in renovation for the 96-year-old campus. So let's all be safe and well in these trying times.

Twilight DBC

By Jesse Palmer

Happy New Year. Hard to believe that 2022 is finally over. Hope you keep the resolutions that you made for the new year.

The following members will be celebrating their birthdays. During January, Betty Ball and Chris Blount and in February, Eleanor Waymer, Robert Patterson and E. Frances Reid.

At the "AAA" Tournament, Twilight members won points, E. Frances Reid and Jesse Palmer won two baskets of cheer, and Betty Ball and Pearl Bostic were awarded pins in honor of their 90th birthday.

Hopefully, we will begin to play in late January at a site to be determined. When we reopen, please join us.

Westbury DBC

By Patricia Binyard

Happy New Year, Bridge Family! We hope you all were able to enjoy the holiday season. It seems like only yesterday we were welcoming in '2022' and here we are in a new year. We are thankful that many of our clubs were able to re-open last year and it was wonderful to see many of you at the bridge table for the first time in two years.

Our club reopens on January 8th. We will continue to meet on Sundays at the 'Yes We Can' Center. Game time: 1 pm. Doors open: 11:15 am.

Our wish to all for the new year is happiness, health, wealth and peace. Hope to see you all at the bridge table

"AAA" Fundraiser Huge Success

By Marcia Demos

As the year 2022 comes to a close, I look fondly at the support we received from our members and others that made our "AAA" tournament possible.

Our sponsorship program was responsible for raising over \$3,000. We had clubs that gave, and we had members that gave more than one time. We even had one commercial sponsor, Perry's Flooring of Franklin Square New York.

The "Baskets of Cheer" raffles raised an additional \$247, and I must thank Yvonne Ebea for helping to keep me sane as I taught myself to create the baskets. Yvonne also wrapped most of the door prizes that were given away to our invited guests.

I also wish to thank Raye Liverpool and Sharon Fox for their almost daily sponsor updates as well as others for their support of the "new kid on the block."

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Thank you to our reporters.
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THANK YOU, AAA SPONSORS



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CHRISTIAN BAXTER	JANICE HARRISON	FAMILY OF MOSES SMALLWOOD
LENNY BINYARD	CALVIN HEWITT	GLADYS SMITH
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You're simply the best!



This year, I resolve to...

Make a bridge new year resolution and stick to it. Here's a guide of things to do at the table to make the game better for everyone.

Table Manners

- ◆ Cards should not be taken out of the board before all players are at the table.
- ◆ Before looking at your cards, count your hand and ensure that you have exactly 13 cards.
- ◆ Do greet your opponents at the table and treat them with respect and courtesy.
- ◆ Do not indulge in post-mortems with your partner directly after a hand is finished (save it for after the game). Not only could a post-mortem undermine partnership confidence, but it may communicate information to players who have not played the hand at other tables.
- ◆ Do not criticize partner. (Keep it to yourself until after the game. You will have cooled down by then, and you may have figured out that you share some of the blame.)
- ◆ Do compliment your opponents for fine bidding or play (especially beginners).
- ◆ Do say "director please" in a pleasant tone. Keep your hand up so that the director can quickly determine who called.
- ◆ Do always support your partner. She/he is the only player in the room that is on your side.

The Auction

- ◆ Bidding boxes are designed to reduce the possibility of information being communicated between partners by voice intonation or other mannerisms such as eye contact. When using the bidding box, decide what your bid is going to be before reaching for, or touching, cards in the bidding box. An extreme example of this is when you touch a 2♥ card and then pull out a pass card.
- ◆ Do not ask for information from your opponents unless it is your turn to bid.
- ◆ Do not ask what a bid means unless you intend to bid. Asking for information without bidding could, in certain circumstances, be construed as passing unauthorized information to one's partner. If one does not intend to bid, questions of the opponents should be made after the auction has concluded.

Play of the Hand

- ◆ Do say "thank you" to your partner when he/she puts the dummy on the table. (Even though you are thinking to yourself 'where the heck is the hand my partner was bidding?')
- ◆ Do, when you are on opening lead, lead first and then write the contract on your score sheet. When you are on opening lead, detach a card from your hand and lay it face down on the table. This prevents irregularities, such as leading when it is not your turn to lead and allows questions about the auction and any alerts to be answered. All players, except dummy, may now request a review of the auction and an

explanation of any alerted calls. You, as the opening leader, may ask for a review of the bidding before you make your first lead. Other players may also ask for a review of the auction at their first opportunity to play.

- ◆ Do NOT snap your cards down on the table.
- ◆ Do not detach a card from your hand before it is your turn to play. Do not pull up a card, push it back into your hand, and then pull up another card. Nor should you detach a card and then replace it to play another card. Also, never rearrange your hand when you are out of a suit. All these maneuvers provide additional valuable information to the declarer.
- ◆ You have the right to inspect the cards that have been played on the current trick as long as YOUR card remains face up. Once all cards have been turned over (face down), no one can ask to see the cards that were played.
- ◆ At the end of a hand, ensure that you do not mix up your cards until the result is agreed with the opponents.
- ◆ North, when scoring the traveler, must present it to East-West for their acceptance prior to folding and returning it to the board. The same applies when entering the result into Bridgemates.
- ◆ Do not look at your opponent's, or partner's, cards after the hand has been played without their permission.

Dummy's Responsibilities

- ◆ Dummy may not call declarer's attention to anything except that he is about to lead from the wrong hand or to ask if he is out of the suit being played.
- ◆ Dummy may not play or touch any card in dummy (even a singleton) until declarer calls the card. If declarer designates a suit, but not the rank, he is deemed to have called for the lowest card of the suit indicated. If declarer designates a rank but not a suit, he is deemed to be continuing the suit in which dummy won the last trick.
- ◆ Dummy is not allowed to call the director.

Principle of Full Disclosure

The philosophy of active ethics tells us that winners should be determined solely by skill, fair and normal playing luck. Actively ethical partnerships take pains to ensure their opponents are fully informed. This means that all information available to your partnership must be made available to your opponents.

ACES AND KNAVES

A FILM ABOUT BRIDGE COMPETITION AND CHEATING

In the [July 2019](#) issue of *The Consumer*, Dolores Watson reported on the film, saying "a rewarding experience awaits you in this 60-minute provocative documentary ... as it explores through a series of micro-interviews, the love, dedication, and awe bridge players have for this special game."

If you missed seeing it in theaters, ***Aces and Knaves*** is now available to stream online for FREE. [Click here](#) to watch it now and catch a glimpse of Mount Vernon's Alfred Knight and the late Jimmy Pelham in the film.



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	Open at 1 pm Light Snack 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
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

Seasons Greetings from The Community Bridge Home

By Lois M. Wright

The Community Bridge Home Executive Board members would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their continued support as we continue to adapt to the unprecedented circumstances during the pandemic.

We thank all who are participating in the weekly ABA/BBO online games benefitting the Bridge Home. Also, a special thank you to the many that sent donations in 2022. Your weekly online game participation, and your generous financial donations, were, and still are, very much appreciated.

If you have not done so to date, please consider becoming a member of the Community Bridge Home. As a member, you may exercise your right to receive a 10 percent discount for any activity/event you hold at the Bridge Home. For information on becoming a member, please contact the Bridge Home at 718-712-5050.

We wish everyone a very happy and prosperous 2023. Be blessed and stay safe.

Metropolitan Bridge Unit

"November 1, 2022 Top 25 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.	Dr. 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



HAPPY BIRTHDAY, BRIDGE PLAYERS



JANUARY

BAYVIEW

Sylvia Simmons
Louise Wilson

BROOKLYNITES

Terence Drayton
Vanessa Muhammad-Khan
Elijah Seabrook

Kirstin Tildon
Denise Whethers

MOUNT VERNON

Lorelei Blackman
LaChonne DeVeaux

SPRINGFIELD

Daisy Carew
Marcia Demos

TRIANGLE

Alice Butler
Mayme Frazier
Minnie Goka
Dorothy Hamilton

TWILIGHT

Chris Blount
Betty Ball

WESTBURY

Theodore Conliffe
Jeraldine Odoms

FEBRUARY

BROOKLYNITES

John Clark
Monique Fountaine
Barry Jamison
Daryl Powell
Rhonda Phoenix-Tildon

JET SETTER

Harry Gaines
Beverly Session-Kelly
Fannie Smith

MOUNT VERNON

Georgina Correa
Parvez Mehta
Clarence Schmidt

SPRINGFIELD

Edwin Ward II
TWILIGHT

Robert Patterson
E. Frances Reid
Eleanor Waymer
WESTBURY

Thomas Holloway
Barbara Wingate

MARCH

BAYVIEW

Willie Fuchs

BROOKLYNITES

Brenda Forte
John Hopkins
Mary A. Lewis
Cheri Lightfoot
Sheree Moore

COSMO

Therese Hamilton
Doris White

JET SETTER

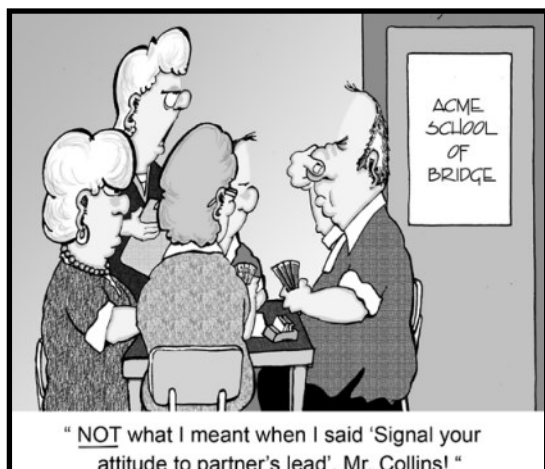
Lemuel (Bill) Copeland
Minnie Hagans
Traci Stukes

MOUNT VERNON

Ann Brandwein
Dolores Thompson

SPRINGFIELD

James McKeon
Marion Mercer
Lynda Straker



Get Well Wishes

Bayview
Rudy Cummings

Mount Vernon
Lorelei Blackman



Triangle
Julius Fields

Westbury
Ted Conliffe



**Metropolitan Bridge Unit
Quarterly Membership Meeting,
October 22, 2022**

Lynda Straker called the meeting to order at 11:01 AM and welcomed everyone to our fact-to-face meeting.

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

Invocation – Janice McBean

Good and Welfare – Lois M. Wright

MBU Good and Welfare January – November 2022 Report

Prepared by: Lois M. Wright

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<u>NAME</u>	<u>CLUB</u>	<u>REASON</u>
<u>January 2022</u>		
Phyllis Jones	Bayview	Sympathy Card-Passing of Member
Carla Estwick Family	Triangle	Sympathy Card-Passing of Former Member
Cynthia Wilson	Triangle	Sympathy Card-Passing of her Mother
Lorraine Hinds Family	Mt. Vernon	Sympathy Card-Passing of Member
<u>January 2022 (Members & Former Members with Long Term Illnesses)</u>		
Rudolph Cummings	Bayview	Get Well Card
Theodore Conliffe	Westbury	Get Well Card
Thomas Holloway	Westbury	Get Well Card
Meyer Wiesen	Westbury	Get Well Card
Mercedes Mann	Twilight	Get Well Card
Genesis Washington	Co-Op City	Get Well Card
<u>February 2022</u>		
Morris Johnson Family	Twilight	Sympathy Card-Passing of Member
Evelyn Smallwood	Springfield	Get Well Card
Charlotte Roberson	Mt. Vernon	Get Well Card
<u>March 2022 (Members and Former Members with Long Term Illnesses)</u>		
Julia Rinehardt	Springfield	Get Well Card
Julius Fields	Triangle	Get Well Card
Meyer Wiesen	Westbury	Get Well Card
<u>April 2022 (Members & Former Members / Get Well & Sympathy Cards)</u>		
Peggy Crichlow Family	L. I. Dup. Bridge Club	Sympathy Card-Passing of former Member
Betty Ball	Twilight	Sympathy Card-Passing of her Sister
Marjorie Davis	Jetsetter	Get Well Card
Mercedes Mann	Twilight	Get Well Card
Rudolph Cummings	Bayview	Get Well Card
Theodore Conliffe	Westbury	Get Well Card
Thomas Holloway	Westbury	Get Well Card
Meyer Wiesen	Westbury	Get Well Card
Mercedes Mann	Twilight	Get Well Card
Genesis Washington	Co-Op City	Get Well Card



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Carole Smith	Twilight	Get Well Card
Evelyn Smallwood	Springfield	Get Well Card
Bertha Robinson Family	Triangle	Sympathy Card-Passing of former Member

May 2022

Raye Liverpool	Twilight	Get Well Card
Lorelei Blackman	Mt. Vernon	Get Well Card
Helen Williams Family	Cosmopolitan	Sympathy Card-Passing of Member
Julia Rinehardt	Springfield	Get Well Card

June 2022 (Members & Former Members) with Long Term Illnesses

Rudolph Cummings	Bayview	Get Well Card
Theodore Conliffe	Westbury	Get Well Card
Thomas Holloway	Westbury	Get Well Card
Meyer Wiesen	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

June 2022

Charlotte Roberson	Mt. Vernon	Sympathy Card-Passing of her Husband
Ruthie Alexander Family	Jetsetter	Sympathy Card-Passing of Former Member
Yvonne Allen	Leisure	Sympathy Card-Passing of her Mother

July 2022

Jean Keizs Family	Mt. Vernon	Sympathy Card-Passing of Member
Julia Rinehardt	Springfield	Get Well Card
Faye Gasaway Family	L.I. Dupl. Bridge Club	Sympathy Card-Passing of Former Member

August 2022 (Members & Former Members) with Long Term Illnesses

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

August 2022

Kenneth Thomas Family	Twilight	Sympathy Card-Passing of Member
Robert Johnson Family	Westbury	Sympathy Card-Passing of Former Member
Christian Baxter	Bayview	Sympathy Card-Passing of his Grandmother
Meyer Wiesen Family	Westbury	Sympathy Card-Passing of Former Member

September 2022

Mary F. Lewis Family	Westbury	Sympathy Card-Passing of Former Member
Marcella Shelton	Mount Vernon	Sympathy Card-Passing of her Mother

October 2022

Edna Boothe	Westbury	Get Well Card
Julia Rinehardt	Springfield	Get Well Card
Lois M. Wright	Cosmopolitan	Get Well Card

October 2022 (Members & Former Members) with Long Term Illnesses

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
Carole Smith	Twilight	Get Well Card



November 2022

Sam Phillips Family
Leroy Anthony Toran Family

Springfield
Westbury
Sympathy Card-Passing of Former Member
Sympathy Card-Passing of Former Member

A Special Thank You Letter from Raye Liverpool:

Life is crammed with things to take care of, and still you made time to show you care. That means everything.....Thanks.

Dear Bridge Family,

All of them made me smile. I appreciate your prayers, thoughtfulness and the unexpected kindness." Raye

A Special Thank You To MBU/ABA Members:

Evelyn Smallwood and Family would like to thank everyone for the cards and gifts received to celebrate her birthday.

Your actions have made this a birthday full of Joy, Happiness, and Love.

Thank you, Bridge Family, for all you do! We are so proud to be a part of the MBU/ABA.

Sincerely, Evelyn, Lynda, and Janice

A Special Thank You Card from Julia Rinehardt:

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

Thank You Cards To Metropolitan Bridge Unit (MBU) Members *January 2022 – November 2022*

A Special Thank You Card from Cynthia Wilson:

To MBU and the CBH..."Thank you kindly for your Sympathy and thoughtfulness during this time of my Mother's passing. It is very much appreciated."
.....Cynthia Wilson and Family

A Special Thank You Card from Gloria A. Jones-Johnson and Family:

To MBU President and Members...

"Thank you for your generosity and kindness. God Bless."

A Special Thank You Card from Yvonne Allen:

Dear Lynda and MBU Members,

"Thank you for your kind expressions of sympathy in the loss of my dear Mother. The Family and I are sincerely grateful for your support."

Truly....Yvonne Allen & Family

A Special Thank You Card from Betty Ball:

Dear Bridge Family....."There are not enough words to express how much my Family and I appreciate the many, many outpourings of Love and Sympathy; from old and new Bridge Friends, for the loss of My Dear Sister. Thank You So Much"..... Love Betty Ball and Family

A Special Thank You Card from Rita Julian:

During a time like this we realize how much our friends mean to us. Your kind expression of sympathy will always be remembered.

Thank you.....Peace and Love.....Rita & Family

A Special "Thanks Everyone" from Evelyn Smallwood:

"I want to Thank Everyone for their Prayers, Cards and Messages

I received while in the hospital."

Note: Please send cards while she convalesces to:

Evelyn Smallwood, 1181 Ossipee Road, West Hempstead, NY 11552

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."

Condolences May Be Sent To The Families of Former Members

The Family of Peggy Crichlow 374 Park Place
Brooklyn, New York 11238



The Family of Bertha Robinson
730 Riverside Drive Apt. 7E
New York, New York 10031

Condolences May Be Sent To The Families of MBU Friends
"Eastern Section Member"

The Family of Gayle Powell
Plaza Duplicate Bridge Club North Jersey Unit

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

Metropolitan Bridge Unit (MBU) 2022 Final Grand Slammers:



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

Bayview
Mt. Vernon
Twilight
Cosmopolitan
Mt. Vernon
Twilight



Former Members:

Carla Estwick (January)	Triangle
Peggy Crichlow (April)	Long Island Duplicate Bridge Club
Bertha Robinson (April)	Triangle
Ruthie Alexander (June)	Jetsetter
Faye Gasaway (July)	Long Island Duplicate Bridge Club
Meyer Wiesen (August)	Westbury
Mary F. Lewis (September)	Westbury
Sam Phillips (November)	Springfield
Leroy Anthony Toran (November)	Westbury

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."



Minutes – Presented by Janice McBean. Minutes from the July 17, 2022 membership meeting were reviewed by the membership. MOTION (Green/Mercer): Accept minutes as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

Correspondence – None

President's Report – Presented by Lynda Straker

Dear Bridge Family,

The Metropolitan Bridge Unit of New York was formed in 1954. Its history includes a long line of dedicated, hard working and motivated duplicate bridge lovers who found friends and family among its members. The pandemic that began in 2020 caused a pause in our activities, but we can be proud of the fact that the MBU has prevailed, due primarily to the same sense of commitment to the game of duplicate bridge and the values of the MBU exhibited by our founders and past and present leadership.

Thank you to all who have contributed to the reopening of our clubs, to those who participate in our club games and meetings, to our members playing exclusively on BBO, to our Directors, to those who teach and bring in new members, and to those who continue to be dues paying members of the MBU, the Eastern Section and the American Bridge Association.

While much of our illustrious history will hopefully be reflected in our future, the MBU must also grow in a changed world where good health is always at risk. Whether playing in person or online, our health and safety concerns exist not just at the bridge table, but wherever we travel - locally and beyond. As more of us integrate our lives into the community, e.g. church, shopping, travel, etc., hopefully the MBU will be able to return to full participation at our club games, sectionals and nationals.

Our “AAA” Holiday Tournament at the Resorts Casino Hotel from December 5 – 8, 2022 needs your support. Call 1 609 340 6300 and use Group Code VAAA22 to make your reservation. The Room rate is \$54 plus taxes and fees for double occupancy. The Reservation Deadline is November 20, 2022. Hope to see you there.

Thank you, again, to everyone who has contributed to the success of the Metropolitan Bridge Unit of New York.

Sincerely,



Financial Secretary's Report – Presented by Raye Liverpool

Metropolitan. Bridge Unit of NY, Inc		
Quarterly Financial Financial Secretary's Report		
July 1, 2022 thru September 30, 2022		
Income		
Entertainment Tax	606.00	
Good & Welfare	80.00	
Herman Huff	100.00	
Nationwide Game 7-13-22	234.00	
MBU C Game 7-16-22	216.00	
Bridge Home BBO Proceeds from ABA	306.86	
AAA Sponsorship	1,175.00	
Total Funds Received	<u>\$2,717.86</u>	
Expenses		
Nationwide Game 7-13-22	249.80	
MBU C Game 7-16-22	107.40	
Stop Payment Fee	4.00	
Bridge Home BBO Proceeds from ABA	306.86	
Longest Day Donation to ABA	200.00	
Web Fees	32.58	
Consumer	136.18	
Herman Huff Scholarships	1,000.00	
Memoriums	50.00	
ABA Summer National Ad	225.00	
AAA Ad in ABA Bulletin	100.00	
Summer National Raffle	50.00	
Total Expenses	<u>\$2,461.82</u>	
Net Income/Loss	<u>\$256.04</u>	
Notes: Scrip on hand: \$629		
Submitted by Raye Liverpool		

Treasurer's Report – Sharon Fox



Metropolitan Bridge Unit of NY, Inc.
Third Quarter Treasurer's Report
July 1, 2022 through September 30, 2022

Checking Account	
Opening Balance	\$13,536.45
Deposits	\$2,691.86
Total	\$16,228.31
 **Checks/fees paid	 \$2,755.10
 Closing Balance	 \$13,473.21

\$629.00 SCRIP ON HAND

\$1175.00 AAA Sponsorship through Sept 2022

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

\$50.00	helen williams memorium
\$25.00	7/17 meeting/game rent to bridge home
\$75.00	4/23 rent to bridge home
\$225.00	summer nat'l journal ad
\$50.00	summer nat'l raffle
\$86.40	6/21 longest day sanction fee to ABA
\$75.00	6/21 rent to bridge home
\$200.00	6/21 longest day proceeds to ABA
\$136.18	consumer printing
\$124.80	7/13 nationwide sanction
\$75.00	7/13 nationwide rent to bridge home
\$36.58	web/misc fees
\$463.74	Bridge Home may/june/july 2022 BBO proceeds
\$100.00	AAA ad in ABA bulletin
\$32.40	7/16/22 "C" game sanction to ABA
\$500.00	Charonne Higgins scholarship award
\$500.00	Kimoya Henry-Ellis scholarship award
 \$2,755.10	 total

Respectfully Submitted
Sharon Fox, Treasurer

Accepted for audit.



Entertainment Tax – Sharon Fox

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							
Brooklynites	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$17.00								
Cosmo	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$30.00	\$30.00	\$34.00		??			
Mt Vernon	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$261.00	??			
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			
Triangle	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00				
Twilight	\$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	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$54.00	\$96.00	\$64.00	\$66.00	\$291.00	\$49.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

	2020 Total By Club	2021 Total by Club	2022 Total by Club	Good and Welfare	Herman Huff
Club Name					
Bayview	\$137.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$40.00	\$100.00
Brooklynites	\$130.00		\$47.00	\$40.00	\$0.00
Cosmo	\$139.00	\$35.00	\$94.00	\$40.00	\$0.00
Mt Vernon	\$44.00	\$0.00	\$261.00	\$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	\$193.00	\$40.00	\$100.00
Triangle	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$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	\$595.00	\$400.00	\$200.00

Jean Deveaux asked club presidents to print hard copies of these reports for their members who do not have access to the electronic reports.



Point Coordinator Report – Lois Wright

Metropolitan Bridge Unit
“August 2022 Top 25 Players”

<u>MBU Rank</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Level</u>	<u>Total Points</u>
	Julius Fields	Grand Life Master	31,455.76
	Dr. Errol Grant	Black Diamond	15,952.95
	Parvez Mehta	Platinum Diamond	14,525.22
	Cheryll Jones	Platinum Diamond	12,320.03
	Allen Morton	Platinum Diamond	10,305.22
	Dr. Gloria Hobbs	Gold Diamond	7,951.17
	Alfred Knight	Gold Diamond	7,565.98
	Gloria A. Johnson	Gold Diamond	7,242.13
	Annetta Wallace	Gold Diamond	6,757.74
	Kenneth Thomas, Jr.	Gold Diamond	6,209.79
	Doris White	Gold Diamond	6,051.66
	Evelyn Smallwood	Gold Diamond	5,756.84
	Lynda Straker	Gold Diamond	5,604.81
	Janice McBean	Gold Diamond	5,486.76
	Edna Boothe	Gold Diamond	5,220.33
	Minnie Goka	Silver Diamond	4,531.76
	Ermile Stewart	Silver Diamond	3,871.99
	Ruth M. Shuler	Silver Diamond	3,739.90
	Charles Guest	Silver Diamond	3,626.08
	Eleanor Waymer	Silver Diamond	3,507.43
	Nathalie McFarlane	Silver Diamond	3,374.38
	Dorothy Smith	Silver Diamond	3,150.23
	Gladys Smith	Silver Diamond	2,898.27
	Jean DeVeaux	Silver Diamond	2,751.91
	Beryl Battle	Silver Diamond	2,711.88



2022 MBU: ABA/BBO

August 2022

<u>Level</u>	<u>/</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>Club</u>	<u>Name</u>
Asterisk	/	1 st Place	(17.19)	Brooklynite	Kathleen Marshall
		2 nd Place	(13.88)	Twilight	E. Frances Reid, PHD
Master	/	1 st Place	(6.76)	Cosmopolitan	Paula Joseph
		2 nd Place	(3.53)	Twilight	Jesse Palmer
Life Master	/	1 st Place	(67.70)	Jetsetter	Beverly Session-Kelly
		2 nd Place	(44.64)	Mt. Vernon	Rita Thompson
Sr. Life Master	/	1 st Place	(77.55)	Twilight	Raye Liverpool
		2 nd Place ...	(68.71)	Jetsetter	Lemuel Copeland
Ruby	/	1 st Place	(142.19)	Leisure	Ruth Brennan
		2 nd Place	(109.08)	Cosmopolitan	Patricia Jackson
Diamond	/	1 st Place	(349.64)	Bayview	Christian Baxter
		2 nd Place	(265.05)	Bayview	Valerie Brooks
Silver Diamond	/	1 st Place ...	(91.30)	Mt. Vernon	William Wood, Jr.
		2 nd Place ...	(80.01)	Mt. Vernon	Gladys Smith
Gold Diamond	/	1 st Place	(120.94)	Springfield	Lynda Straker
		2 nd Place	(108.63)	Springfield	Janice McBean
Platinum Diamond	/	1 st Place	(116.15)	Cosmopolitan	Cheryll Jones
		2 nd Place	(111.48)	Mt. Vernon	Parvez Mehta
Black Diamond	/	1 st Place	(75.95)	Westbury	Dr. Errol Grant
		2 nd Place / NA			
Grand Life Master	/	1 st Place /		and	2 nd Place / NA



Metropolitan Bridge Unit
"January – August 2022: Top 25 Women Players"

<u>MBU Rank</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Level</u>	<u>Total Points</u>
	Cheryll Jones	Platinum Diamond	12,320.03
	Dr. Gloria Hobbs	Gold Diamond	7,951.17
	Gloria Johnson	Gold Diamond	7,242.13
	Annetta Wallace	Gold Diamond	6,752.74
	Doris White	Gold Diamond	6,051.66
	Evelyn Smallwood	Gold Diamond	5,756.84
	Lynda Straker	Gold Diamond	5,604.81
	Janice McBean	Gold Diamond	5,486.76
	Edna Boothe	Gold Diamond	5,229.33
	Minnie Goka	Silver Diamond	4,531.96
	Ermile Stewart	Silver Diamond	3,871.99
	Ruth M. Shuler	Silver Diamond	3,739.90
	Eleanor Waymer	Silver Diamond	3,507.43
	Nathalie McFarlane	Silver Diamond	3,374.38
	Dorothy Smith	Silver Diamond	3,150.23
	Gladys Smith	Silver Diamond	2,898.27
	Jean DeVeaux	Silver Diamond	2,751.71
	Beryl Battle	Silver Diamond	2,711.88
	Marion Mercer	Silver Diamond	2,628.83
	Carole Smith	Diamond	2,483.47
	Patricia Thomas	Diamond	2,367.53
	Alverna Lewis	Diamond	2,358.21
	Marcia Demos	Diamond	2,260.64
	Beanetta Murphy	Diamond	2,216.76
	Valerie Brooks	Diamond	2,147.56



Metropolitan Bridge Unit

"January – August 2022 Top 25 Men Players"

<u>MBU Rank</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Level</u>	<u>Total Points</u>
	Julius Fields	Grand Life Master	31,455.76
	Dr. Errol Grant	Black Diamond	15,952.95
	Parvez Mehta	Platinum Diamond	14,525.22
	Allen Morton	Platinum Diamond	10,305.22
	Alfred Knight	Gold Diamond	7,565.98
	Kenneth Thomas, Jr.	Gold Diamond	6,209.79
	Charles Guest	Silver Diamond	3,626.08
	William Wood, Jr.	Diamond	2,711.88
	Delius Wilson	Diamond	2,375.62
	Christian Baxter	Diamond	2,358.74
	Larry Gutman	Diamond	2,252.67
	Clarence Schmidt	Diamond	2,096.08
	Thomas Holloway	Diamond	1,822.19
	Willie Fuchs	Diamond	1,303.39
	Paul Watford	Ruby	1,190.53
	James McKeown	Ruby	1,168.26
	John Demos	Ruby	918.09
	Herman Francis	Senior Life Master	493.35
	Ronald Prester	Senior Life Master	375.05
	Calvin Hewitt	Senior Life Master	373.43
	Lemuel Copeland	Life Master	364.59
	Robert Patterson	Life Master	321.13
	Steven Bond	Life Master	285.50
	Rudolph Cummings	Life Master	278.15
	Edwin Ward II	Life Master	209.50

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



Sectional Representative Report - Charles Guest reported:
Gladyds Smith, ESVP, has moved to Maryland.

Property – Jean DeVeaux
Thank you Raye, Sharon, and John Demos for all you do.

Constitution – None.

Scholarship – Presented by Valerie Brooks
Two applications received from Mt. Vernon candidates.
Thank you letter received from Cherrone Higgins.
Valerie Brooks thanked the members of her committee.

Tournament Report – Presented by John Demos
Please submit dates for all games except club games to John Demos by 11/23/2022 to jdemos2@verizon.net.

The membership asked for the following information:

Each club must annually:

1. Pay Good and Welfare of \$40. This check is made out to the MBU.
2. Have a Herman Huff game. Proceeds from game or \$100 (whichever is greater) sent by check made out to the MBU.
3. Have a UNCF game. Proceeds from game or \$100 (whichever is greater) sent by check made out to the ABAECF (include UNCF in “note” section of check). All funds should be submitted to the ABA National Office. The National Office will forward funds to the abaECF to be sent to the UNCF.
4. 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.
5. 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.
6. Submit a club progress report January of each year – refer to MBU Constitution.
7. Have one Grade B tournament.

Consumer Report – Presented by Rita Thompson

Rita Thompson and Dolores Watson were thanked for the great job they are doing with the publication.

Reminders:

If you are not receiving the Consumer newsletter in your email, please verify your email address. Send an email to metropolitanbridgeunit@aol.com and they will forward it to the Consumer staff for verification. The Consumer is online with active links. Please visit the MBU website and check it out.
www.metropolitanbridgeunit.org or www.mbuinc.org

Hospitality Report – The committee was thanked for doing a great job.



THE CONSUMER

WITH ALL THE MBU NEWS FIT TO PRINT

Metropolitan Bridge Unit, Inc.

AAA – Lynda Straker

RESORTS will not charge a penalty fee if the 50 room count is not met. As of today, we have 35 rooms reserved.

Donations to date: \$2,000.00.

Fund Raiser: BINGO Event scheduled for 11/18/22 to offset AAA expenses.

AAA Meeting on 11/1/22 7 PM Zoom.

Website/Facebook – None.

Old Business – None.

New Business –

11/1- Bayview C Game

11/8, 15, 22 – Cheryll Jones' classes begin to improve the game of MBU members

Gwen Leverett introduced the slate for 2023-2024 MBU officers:

President – Marcia Demos

Vice President – Charles Guest

Financial Secretary – Sharon Fox

Treasurer – Raye Liverpool

Point Coordinator – Lois Wright

Section Representative – Patricia Thomas

Secretary – Janice McBean (nominated from the floor)

Dolores Watson thanked the retiring MBU Executive Board for their service.

Next MBU Quarterly Membership meeting is 01/21/2023.

ANNOUNCEMENTS- None

Meeting adjourned 12 PM

Respectfully submitted by Janice McBean, Secretary, MBU