



ABA Memphis Bridge Unit



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Unit President's Message

Thank You to all who participated in making our June 1 - 4th "A" game a success. Everyone who attended said they were very well pleased with Memphis Bridge Unit member's warm, friendly and helpful manner, which created a pleasant environment setting the stage for a great bridge tournament.

YOU DONE DID VERY GOOD. (smile)

Gloria Christler (candidate for Vice President) prepared an Absentee Ballot Request form for each financially current ABA member in the Memphis area. You should have received yours from your club's president. If you haven't received yours, please let me know and I will provide you with one. The 2015 Election of ABA National Officers will be held in New Orleans at the Summer National or absentee voters can vote by mail.

Request for Absentee Ballots requested by mail began June 1, 2015.

All ABA's current paid members, as of May 31, 2015, are eligible to vote in the 2015 Election. Onsite voting will occur Tuesday, August 4, 2015, in New Orleans. If you are unable to attend the 2015 Summer National in New Orleans, you may cast your ballot by US Mail. Only official ABA Absentee Ballots will be

accepted. You may obtain an Absentee Ballot Request Form online at the ababridge.org website. You should complete and mail your Absentee Ballot as directed in your voting packet. Ballot must be postmarked by July 31, 2015, to be included in the election. Following is the Official ABA Slate for the Election of National Officers for the 2016-2017 terms:

National President

Jewel Chapman
Henry Irwin

National Vice President

Gloria Christler (Incumbent)
Eric Shelton

National Secretary

Willetta Phipps

National Treasurer

Tolliver McKinney
Mary Mason Young

We need to raise **\$600.00** to offset the expenses incurred refurbishing our tables and additional expenses incurred during our tournament. We will accept contributions and/or have games to raise the funds. Your cooperation is needed. It would release a tremendous burden off the unit if each of the two Memphis clubs contributed \$300.00 each.

The players at Orange Mound Senior Center are playing twice a month and taking classes. Please consider playing in their game and encouraging them on their way to becoming

intermediate level bridge players.

We will have an opportunity to practice team game playing before our Summer National game this month. The Memphis team that played in Nashville "A" game came in 2nd and I would like to think the practice session we had helped us focus and play better as a team. I encourage those who plan to go to the Summer National to practice team playing with other Memphians. Team games point rewards are substantially more than pair games. We plan to have other team game practice sessions July 12 and 26th at my home unless someone else would like to host it.

Thank you in advance for your participation in upgrading our unit's team play.

Our next "C" game at the Orange Mound Senior Center will be August 22nd.

Tolliver McKinney

Grade "A" Tournament (Tunica)

Pearl and Elmo deserve a special "Thank you" for storing and hauling the tables to and from the tournaments all these years. If it weren't for Elmo and Pearl, I'm not sure who could or would step-up to the plate and take on this great storing and transporting challenge. Being somewhat involved and observing first

hand, I realized the work that goes into this task. Until several years ago, I thought the tables were furnished by the venue.

A special “thanks” to Tolliver who gave 150% to planning and implementing this great Grade “A” Tournament, which generated many compliments regarding the hospitality and environment. He also made many of us burn quite a bit of energy too in preparation of tables, goodie bags, etc.

Fashion Show

Frankie did us proud in pulling the **African Fashion Show** together. The audience appeared to have enjoyed the fashions along with the overview of African countries visited and origin of fashions. Evelyn, Gladys and Tolliver have collected many beautiful fashions in their diverse, African travels in different countries. Also, Liz, Frankie and I enhanced the show in our African garbs, too. Kim modeled her bridge creation and received many compliments and inquiries regarding them. Hopefully, next time there will be more participation making the event bigger and better. At Houston’s Sectional, an Atlanta player said he told his club how impressive the fashion show truly was. Kudos! Frankie

A special Thanks to Ardell and Earnestine, Orange Mound Bridge Club, for driving to Hernando to help refurbish the tables for the tournament. Members included Mel, Lovie, Liz, Pearl, Elmo, Tolliver, Evelyn and Easter. Also, members provided a potluck making the job easier.

Frankie and Connie stepped in and served the food. Kim was the outstanding photographer as she so willingly gives her services; Pearl and Gloria attended to finances, and Mableen did wonders in connecting the partnerships. Goodie bag prep included Helen, Gladys, Frankie, Pearl, Elmo and Tolliver. Others members helped behind the scene in different ways. The downside of stating names is that someone is always left out, so please accept my apology in advance. It is human nature to be encouraged when others recognize your efforts and works, so this is why I took the leap and stated names, **this time.**

P.S. It takes a village (unit) to produce a successful tournament. ek



Beverly Gillespie 7/16
Pearl Smoot 7/17

Please send birthday info to aprilek@bellsouth.net if we have missed posting it.

