

## **Unit 476 Newsletter**

**October 2020**

### **Unit News**

Your unit board members, besides me, are Mark Hickman, Chip Cleveland, Susan Hoffinger, Candy Baunsgard, and Tammy Florio. My term on the board, as well as the terms of Chip and Susan, will be over at the end of the year. We will need to have an election in December to fill those positions for the next two years. I have decided to run again, as has Chip. We would like to have at least two other names on the ballot. If you are interested in serving on the unit board, please contact any one of the current board members.

Unfortunately, we had to cancel our annual meeting dinner, to be held in conjunction with the Cascade Duplicate Bridge Club's meeting and dinner, as well as our unit picnic. My annual report will be emailed to all unit members shortly. Our 2021 High Desert Regional to be held in May is still on ACBL's schedule for face-to-face playing, but we will just have to wait and see if it will have to be cancelled also and become virtual event.

On behalf of District 20, and at my recommendation as your representative to the district, I was informed that a check for \$300 was sent to Neighbor Impact from proceeds collected at ACBL charity games. During this pandemic, I could not think of a better local nonprofit organization in need of monetary assistance so that they could continue the work they do to help feed, house, and educate people in our local communities.

### **Club News**

CDBC held two games on June 20 to benefit the Alzheimer's Association on "the longest day." I am happy to report that the club was able raise \$2190 for the AA as a result of those games and the additional monies that unit members sent to the club.

ACBL will sponsor Club Appreciation Week from October 26 to November 1. All virtual clubs are automatically included in this opportunity for players to earn upgraded masterpoints. And all table fees paid will go directly to the clubs.

## **Membership News**

Since my last newsletter, the following unit members have attained a rank change: Mark Hickman became a Life Master; Jan Hart became a Bronze Life Master; Robert Pfeffer became a Bronze Life Master; Pat Douglas became a Silver Life Master; and Dorothy Tokerud became a Ruby Life Master. Congratulations to all. I am so glad to know that so many of us are playing on-line and continuing to “see” each other there on a regular basis.

On a sad note, we lost one of our favorite players and former director, Dave “Duke” Cockfield. I know a lot of us enjoyed playing bridge with Duke and will miss him and his humor. I was lucky enough to be able to play bridge face to face with him, Dee, and Mike Koonce just a few weeks ago. A hole in my heart created by his passing will never be refilled.

All you unit members who are playing in virtual club games, thank you. All you unit members who are not playing in virtual club games, you should. I was hesitant at first to do it, but I enjoy it now. So, consider joining us. I am sure someone nearby would be happy to have you watch them play once or twice, if you ask them. That’s how I got started.

But until I can actually see you all at a bridge table, take care and stay safe.

Lorraine Rodich

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