

February 2019 Newsletter

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Happy Valentine's Month!

I am heartened to see that most of you are still out there challenging yourselves and your opponents at the bridge tables. Though we would all rather be back in our own bridge home, we are all also making new friends which is a good byproduct of our misfortune.

We have some GOOD NEWS. We have recovered our money from the original roofer! The check was deposited to our bank account yesterday. Thank you, **BONNIE ZOKOTNIK**, for pursuing this so diligently.

Rumors have been flying and rather than repeat them or add to them I will tell you what little we know for fact. The roof is virtually finished. Some minor work is needed to pass final inspection which is scheduled to take place next week.

We are still waiting for the City to formally respond to the letter we submitted to them in early January which justified our nominal annual rental rate. Our letter also included the benefits we provide to the community and the local economy, our financial position, and a list of our many philanthropic endeavors.

As mentioned in Betty Bayard's update of 1/21/19, until the City confirms its position with regard to the Bridge Club and our building, renovations have been put on hold. We are in almost daily communication with our contact at the City, reminding him of the urgency of our situation and answering questions about us and the building. The City is aware that a quick resolution is critical. As of yesterday, we were told a formal response would be forthcoming early next week. Though we have repeatedly asked to meet with the City, they have declined until they have officially responded to our letter.

Since it will realistically be several weeks before everything is resolved, we are looking for a venue where we can hold one or two of our games each week. Possibly Monday afternoon, Wednesday morning and/or Wednesday afternoon. Any suggestions of places that might be able to accommodate up to about 18 tables are welcome. I have contacted the Schnebly Center and await their response.

SHIRLEY TOWNLEY AWARD

CONGRATULATIONS to KIM McCUNE, the 2018 recipient of the SHIRLEY TOWNLEY AWARD. This award is given annually to a 0-299 member who earns the most masterpoints at the club. We will have a special celebration for KIM sometime in the future. **GREAT JOB, KIM.**

GAME SCHEDULE

Once we are back in business our full game schedule will again be published in the newsletter.

Meanwhile **BEGINNING BRIDGE AND BASIC BRIDGE REVIEW CLASS will continue to be held on Tuesdays from 9AM to noon at the Schnebly Center.** **JIM GEARY** bravely carries on this DMBC tradition, teaching this informative and entertaining series of lessons. Anyone with less than 20 masterpoints is welcome. **Thank you, JIM.**

BRIDGE HUMOR

The Ravin'

by Edgar Allan Pavlicek

Once upon a midnight, Drury

Drove my partner to a fury.

All I did was bid two clubs;

Don't know why he got so sore.

While I nodded, nearly napping,

I received a verbal flapping.

Partner asked me o'er and o'er,

"Have you *ever* played before?"

As for Drury...

Nevermore!

Enjoy your games, wherever you might be playing.

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