

CLUB NEWS

FOR THE DUPLICATE PLAYERS OF THE VILLAGES

APRIL, 2020

NEWS CLIPS:

Bermuda Regional Tournament

There were six players from the VDBC who chose to attend this year's Regional Tournament in Bermuda: Carol Payette, Doris Reeves, Ellen Danich, Georgiann Ackley, Joyce Jackson and Nancy Jaffe. This tournament is one of the oldest in the western hemisphere.

There is lots to recommend it....afternoon high tea; free food and rum drinks after the evening session (of course that evening game didn't start until 8PM!); a black tie event the first night and again on the final Friday. But you should also include the beautiful setting on the island of Bermuda. The people there were so genteel, proper and gracious. The setting and the ambiance could not have been better.

Carol and Doris did a fabulous job of racking up the points. They ended up with 56.30 total points! Carol had 31.45 and Doris 24.85. Together they had a 70.38 game and Carol also had a 70 percent game with a partner from Nova Scotia. Carol came in 40th and Doris 52nd of the top 500 players. Together they had 3 first place wins! Great job Ladies! As Carol says: **"What a ride!"** (submitted by **Nancy Jaffe**)



Georgiann Ackley, Ellen Danich, Joyce Jackson, and Nancy Jaffe

NEWS CLIPS:



DORIS REEVES AND CAROL PAYETTE
CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL!



Alerts vs Announcements

Jon Williams

When partner's bid has a meaning other than its natural meaning, a player is obligated, in most cases, to let the opponents in on the secret. This done by either an alert or an announcement.

Alert: used for most conventional bids. To alert partner's bid, say only "alert" -- nothing else unless asked -- and tap the table with the Alert card from your bid box. (Using the Alert card helps insure that opponents get the message; if you don't have an Alert card, tapping the table is a suitable substitute.)

Announcement: used for a limited number of common bids. To make an announcement, state the meaning of the bid and tap the table.

An announcement is appropriate for only four types of bids. For ease of identification, these are shown in blue ink on your convention card.

- The range of a natural 1NT opening bid (say "15 to 17" or "12 to 15" or other range you are using).
- A Jacoby Transfer or Texas Transfer, in which a ♦ or ♥ bid at any level is a transfer to the suit above (say "Transfer").
- 1NT forcing or semi-forcing (say "Forcing" or "Semi-forcing").
- A 1♣ or 1♦ opening bid that does not promise 3 cards in that suit (say "May be short")

Note: Do not announce the range of a notrump overcall. If the lower limit of the bid could be less than 14 or the upper limit more than 19, an alert is required.

Announcing bids that should be alerted violates correct procedure. Here's an example: if the auction goes 1♠ (P) 3♦ and opener says "Bergen" or "invitational spade raise" or gives a similar explanation, opener has just given responder unauthorized information. The only appropriate statement is the single word "Alert," accompanied by tapping the table with the alert card.

It is also inappropriate to extend the transfer announcement to transfer bids that are not Jacoby Transfers. For example

- Playing stolen bids when opponents interfere, the auction goes 1NT (2♥) Dbl, a transfer to spades. Opener must say "Alert." It is incorrect to say "Transfer" because this is not a Jacoby Transfer.
- Playing 4 suit transfers, the auction goes 1NT (P) 2♠, a transfer to clubs. Again, it is incorrect to say "Transfer" because this is not a Jacoby Transfer.

There are some common conventional bids that should not be alerted. Some of these are: (continued on page 3)

- Stayman
- Gerber when it is a jump to 4♣ over a natural NT or over a response to Stayman or a transfer.
- Most cue bids (bids of opponents suit). These include Michaels, strong cue bids, and the "Western cue." An exception that requires an alert is if the cue bid is natural.
- The Unusual Notrump, defined as a jump to 2NT or any 4 level or higher NT bid showing the minors or the two lower unbid suits.
- Any 2♦ response to a strong, artificial 2♣ opening bid.

Also, no alert is required for a conventional bid above the level of 3NT, beginning with opener's first rebid. The appropriate way to notify the opponents is, after the final pass, for either member of the declaring side to say "Before you lead, let me explain partner's ____ bid.," and then proceed to do so. For example,

- 1♥ (P) 4♣ (club shortness and heart support) a "splinter" bid - requires an alert, but
- 1♣ (P) 1♠ (P); 4♣ (club shortness and spade support) should not be alerted.

Knowing and following correct procedure regarding alerts and announcements of partner's bids is an important part of bridge. Casually explaining an alertable bid when not asked gives partner unauthorized information and risks having the director assign an adjusted score. It is up to every partnership to know and use correct procedure regarding alerts and announcements.

For more information, see "Ruling the Game" in the January 2020 issue of the Bridge Bulletin and the ACBL Alert Chart, at <http://web2.acbl.org/documentLibrary/play/AlertChart.pdf>

CONTINUATION OF MARTY BERGEN'S "RULES OF BEING A GOOD PARTNER"

14. Although it may be unfashionable, it really is okay to be pleasant to a partner with whom you also happen to live.
15. Remember: "The worst analysts and the biggest talkers are often one and the same." Quote from bridge columnist Frank Stewart. Think twice before verbally analyzing a hand. Do not embarrass yourself with a hasty inaccurate comment.
16. When you voluntarily choose to play bridge with someone, it is not fair to get upset when partner does not play any better than usual.
17. Never side with an opponent against your partner. If you cannot support your partner, say nothing.
18. If you think you are too good for a partner, and do not enjoy playing bridge with him/her, do everyone a favor and play with someone else. That is clearly much better than being a martyr. However, be careful before burning bridges....another player's grass may not be greener.
19. Learn your partner's style, regardless of how you feel about it. Do not expect your partner to bid exactly as you would. When partner makes a bid, consider what he/she will have, not what you would have.
20. Try to picture problems from partner's point of view. Seek the bid or play that will make his life easier.
21. Sympathize with partner if he/she makes a mistake. Let your partner know that you like him/her, and always root for your partner 100%.

That's all, folks! Now we will all be good partners!

New Members January - February 2020

Mary	Allen	Rosalie	Hancock	Susan	Parker
Darlene	Anderson	John	Hendrick	Pam	Prisbe
Giammateo	Annette	Judith	Howard	Roger	Prisbe
Dwayne	Ballew	Rosemary	Iodice	Sheila	Puz
Marcia	Ballew	Sally	Jensen	James	Rash
Marie	Barnes	Jim	Kallaher	Kathryn	Rector
Beth	Beaver	Martha	Kallaher	Robert	Rother
Karen	Berger	Judie	Keenan	Margaret	Rounds
Patricia	Birbiglia	Gerri	Klein-Kuhn	Jan	Sax
Robert	Birbiglia	Kathy	Knue	Robert	Sax
Carole	Broughton	Marsha	Koenig	Michael	Schaeffer
Jim	Brown	Pat	Larosa	Ashok	Singhal
Kathy	Calkin	Diane	Leeker	Sandy	Smith
Allan	Chapple	Gunnar	Ludwig	Marta	Stefanutti
Karen	Collins	Russell	Luke	Oscar	Stefanutti
Cindy	Cravens	Sheila	MacLeod	Barbara	Tasevoli
Curt	Cravens	Carol	Malstrom	Michael	Tasevoli
Dianne	Dunfield	William	Malstrom	Rhonda	Teodorski
Jack	Durbin	Patti	McCann	Pat	Thompson
Mick	Elle	Eileen	McEntire	Kanak	Varde
Jerry	Fisher	Kathleen	Merucci	Michelle	Werley
Christine	Garvey	Arlene	Mills	Sook	Wilkinson
Mike	Gilbert	Nancy	Nesbit	Todd	Wilkinson
Edward	Gough	Mike	Nussbaum	Ted	Withers
David	Griffin	Carol	Olmos	Marvin	Zucker
Donna	Griffin	Bill	Parker		

70% GAMES

Bill Behr and Ken Fowler had a 72.32% game at SeaBreeze in the 0-50 limited game on Jan. 27.
 Rich Seidman and Charles Showalter had a 73.44% game at Laurel Manor open game on Feb. 3.
 Ed Schusler and Phil Benner had a 72.28% game at SeaBreeze open game on Feb. 10.
 Parnell Ladd and Irit Birman had a 72.78% game at SeaBreeze in the 0-50 limited game on Feb. 10.
 Alice and Jack LaHoud had a 72.66% game at Mulberry open game on February 26.

Congratulations to all!

For those of you who had signed up to go on the **ROBERT TODD SECTIONAL-AT-SEA CRUISE** on April 4-11, we are sorry that your plans have been interrupted by the COVID-19. (The editor assumes it has been cancelled.)

Tom Bush writes that we are now listed as the largest ACBL Duplicate Club in North America! It may be temporary because of the COVID-19.

INTRODUCING A NEW RESIDENT MEMBER



ANN CANTERBURY, from Panama City left Panama City in October 2019 after her home was severely damaged by Hurricane Michael. Shortly after the hurricane she went on to stay with her daughter in Orlando until moving here this past August where she is enjoying her new home in the Village of Linden.

BACKGROUND: Ann graduated from Southern Illinois University. She has lived in Illinois, Arizona, Maryland, Vancouver, Missouri, and Florida. She taught Speech, Drama, and English early in her career while living in St. Louis County. Years later while working at a branch office of Textron Lycoming in St. Louis, she served as Chair of a Product Support

Symposium for the Army Aviation Association. During those years, Ann was also heavily involved in Community Theatre serving as President and appearing on stage as well as directing several musical productions. During this time she partnered with Elaine Bastl, a Village resident, in starting a DJ business (*Atmosphere*) where they provided canned music for clubs, events, weddings, and served as DJs.

When she moved to Tallahassee in the late 70's, she served as a Senior Consultant at MGT, a management consulting firm. She traveled extensively around the country working with school districts and local, county, and state governments. Ann began playing more duplicate bridge while in Tallahassee, and became a Club Manager for several years. She was responsible for all aspects of club management. During that time, she also served as chair of two Tallahassee sectional tournaments.

Ann also was part of the Tallahassee Duplicate Bridge Club team that won the Florida state competition to compete at the 2008 ACBL nationals in Las Vegas. While the team did not win, it was exciting to represent Florida. Over the last four or five years Ann has not played much duplicate but is now looking forward to establishing more partnerships and playing a lot more bridge here in The Villages. She is a Silver Life Master.

Ann is impressed with The Villages Duplicate Bridge Club; its well designed and informative website, all the games being offered, the Directors, club officers, and the players. She is honored to be a member of the second largest ACBL Duplicate Bridge Club in the country.

Please keep her in mind when you are looking for a bridge partner (her phone number and email address are on the website)! She'd love to know and play with many of you!

A BIG WELCOME IS EXTENDED TO YOU, ANN!

TO ALL THE GREAT SCHOLARS:

"If at first you don't succeed, skydiving is not for you."

"Why is there a 'D' in fridge, but not in refrigerator?"

"Why do we put cups in the dishwasher and the dishes in the Cupboard?"

"Why is it called 'Rush Hour' when traffic moves at its slowest time?"

"How come Noses run and Feet smell?"

Most Club Points Jan 1 - February 29, 2020

Over 1,000 Master Points			300- 999 Master Points			Under 300 Master Points		
Philip	Benner	116.87	Marilyn	Schmidt	33.71	George	Sonnichser	24.86
Wilson	Day	95.39	Doug	Smith	32.17	Gary	Segal	19.59
Dave	Hudson	93.61	Steve	Flowers	29.70	Gail	Smith	18.98
Russ	Pearly	93.32	Deb	Brunoehler	25.46	Steve	Smith	18.98
Jeff	Koltenuk	89.55	Donna	Brown	24.38	Bonnie	Orris	18.70
Jon	Greenspan	87.04	Maury	Fjestad	24.34	Sugi	Hayes	18.63
Ann	McClelland	84.81	Lynn	Patterson	23.73	Don	Orris	18.31
Carolyn	Benner	64.73	Ron	Cooper	23.38	Vernon	Sikora	18.17
Charles	Showalter	64.45	Joseph	Ogi	22.46	Carol	Lenk	18.15
Paul	Hassett	60.96	Larry	Abramovitz	22.06	Dennis	Lenk	18.15
Gladys	Mikel	59.66	Arthur	Franz	21.71	Kanak	Varde	17.78
Jon	Williams	57.88	Margaret	Sarno	20.42	Ken	Teebagy	17.71
Joe	Sacco	56.33	Kathy	McKay	19.82	Eileen	Rush	17.12
Diane	Day	55.94	Doug	Vene	19.71	Frank	Palazzo	16.30
Andy	Sloan	53.23	James	Slater	18.62	Rebecca	Cooper	16.23
Colleen	Treanor	53.15	Joe	Bosch	15.54	Diane	Backstrom	16.03
Ed	Schusler	51.88	Murray	Tanzman	14.66	Randy	Eisner	16.01
Terry	Oleske	48.43	Mike	Kwiatkowski	14.13	Norma	Uphold	15.97
Marilyn	Williams	48.16	Marty	Rothbard	13.84	Jim	Young	15.79
Richard	Seidman	43.70	Maureen	Kiernan	13.69	Ashok	Singhal	15.11

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL!

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We never really think of playing bridge as a physical exercise, however, **Ellen Danich** does. She rode her bicycle from her house in Virginia Trace (near Canal Recreation Center) to Mulberry Recreation to play bridge. It took her an hour to get there and an hour to return home.

Good Pedaling, Ellen!

She is 81 years old! Amazing!

(submitted by **Margaret Sarno**)

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HETERONYMS – ENJOY!

The bandage was wound around the wound.

The farm was used to produce produce.

The dump was so full that it had to refuse more refuse.

We must polish the Polish furniture.

A bass was painted on the head of the bass drum.

When shot at, the dove dove into the bushes.

A TRIP TO AUSTRALIA / NEW ZEALAND

Written by **CAROLE JACKSON**



About 4 months ago, **Neil Timm** told me he was researching a trip to Australia/New Zealand for he and his wife. He asked if I had any interest. Having never been there, I said, "Send me your notes." On January 24, **Neil, Verena, and I** departed for a 3-week land/cruise package to the DownUnder! We landed in Sidney at 9:00 AM on Australia Day (1/26, the date in 1788 when the first British fleet landed in Sydney Cove to colonize the continent) and hit the ground running. During the day we drank in the sights, and in the evening enjoyed a dinner boat cruise in Sidney Harbor, complete with spectacular fireworks and a wedding! Two of our group of 44 had pre-arranged their ceremony with the tour organizer, Roger, officiating. What fun! From Sydney we flew to Cairns and the Great Barrier Reef. Neil and Verena snorkeled with the marine life while I contented myself with a mini-submersible sub and a glass bottomed boat tour. Other highlights of Cairns were the

Kuranda Skyrail lift to the Rainforest and its nearby village, Koala Gardens, Barron Gorge, and of course, Australia's famous meat pies!



Leaving Australia, we took a flight to Auckland, New Zealand. What a surprise that country was for me. So,so beautiful and rich in history, topography and wildlife. Our time in Auckland included tours of the city and its parks, the Sky Tower, a sea life aquarium, the Waitomo Caves (famous for their glow worms), lush rolling countryside and rural native New Zealand bush country. On February 4 we boarded the Norwegian Cruise Line ship and headed for ports in Tauranga, Gisborne, Wellington, Picton, Akaroa and Dunedin (Port Chalmers). Highlights included the Tauranga hot springs and Maori Village, the Taieri Gorge Scenic

Railway Tour and sipping wine in Marlborough vineyards. But there was so much more – so many impressions and experiences and so little space to tell you all about them. Please talk to either Neil or myself for a glowing report of all we saw and did!

Thanks so much, Carole, for sharing this story with us!

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The Annual Board Meeting was held at SeaBreeze on March 1. There were about 30 people in attendance, plus all of the Board Members.

The agenda was interesting, and there was a lot of interaction between Board Members and guests.

The minutes of the Board Meeting have been posted to the website.

Our Bridge friends enjoying life at Elan.



Standing left to right are Chris and Walter Peters, Betty Johnson, Tom and Von Bush, Loretta Harp and Bev Yankee. Missing from the picture are Annette Stein and George Murray.

I recently had the opportunity to visit our bridge friends living at Elan. Betty Johnson gave me a personal tour of the facility including the beautiful dining room and bar, movie theater, multipurpose room and fabulous lobby. As soon as you walk into this magnificent facility, you know why everyone enjoys it so much. Chris Peters said “We just love it here and are so glad we moved here.”

Bobbie Meyers

Bobbie Meyers is our new reporter for the **Club News!** **Great job, Bobbie!** All of our bridge friends at Elan look so happy! That is wonderful!

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As of today, March 15, as I am writing this, the email came saying that bridge games have been cancelled until further notice. That was a smart reaction by the Board, to help keep players and others free of the coronavirus. I, the editor, am grateful to President Donald Trump to call today a National Day of Prayer. Our country and people of all nations need prayers to help safeguard them from this terrible virus.

What is Your Agreement?

A Bridge Tip

By Neil H. Timm

Many partnerships do not use 1430 with kickback. When looking for slam in a minor or even in hearts, the use of 4NT as keycard often gets the contract too high. Is there an alternative? Yes, you may use Gerber and then use the bid of 4NT as an Ace Identification Bid when missing one ace. How does this work? After bidding a major, 4♣ is Gerber and 4NT then becomes an ace identification bid with the responses:

5♣ two aces of the same color (red or black)

5♦ two aces of the same rank (major or minor)

5♥ two aces of the same shape [rounded (♣/♥) or pointed (♦/♠)]

The convention is useful for it allows the Gerber bidder to decide upon whether to stop the auction at the five level, bid a small slam or a grand slam.

Let's look at an example where the bidding goes

1♥	2NT* (Jacoby = 13+ dummy points with 4 hearts)
3♥ (minimum)	4♣ (Gerber)
4♠ (2 aces)	4NT (Ace Identification bid)
5♦ (♥/♦ ace)	?

Responder would bid 6♥ with the following hand:

♠ 7 ♥AKQ2 ♦78 ♣KQJ765

Or with the following hand bid a grand slam with

♠ void ♥AKQ2 ♦78 ♣KQJ7654

Instead of Gerber some may prefer "expert" Gerber where

4♦ 1/4 aces 4♥ 0/3 aces

4♠ = 2 aces with minimum hand 4NT = 2 aces with maximum hand

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Please give **Neil** some feedback on this approach.



This is the newest picture of our Directors!



This is the newest picture of our Club News staff!

TOURNAMENT RESULTS

DAYTONA BEACH SECTIONAL JAN. 16—19

6.38 Philip Benner 6.38 Carolyn Benner 1.55 Sally Paul 1.55 Robert Paul

ST. PETERSBURG SECTIONAL JAN. 17—19

.38 Glen Voss .38 Eric Voss

SARASOTA SECTIONAL JAN. 24—28

1.08 Lee Esworthy 1.08 Kay Esworthy

JACKSONVILLE SECTIONAL JAN. 24—26

3.51 R. Douglas Smith 1.55 Chuck Withrow 1.55 Carolyn Chapman Withrow

BERMUDA REGIONAL SOUTHAMPTON BDA JAN. 25—31

31.45 Carol Payette 24.85 Doris Reeves 1.61 Nancy Jaffe 1.61 Joyce Jackson
1.10 Georgianne Ackley 1.10 Ellen Danich

MIAMI REGIONAL AT SEA JAN. 26—FEB. 2

9.82 Jane Rowe 9.82 Carol Ketterer 3.61 Gloria Bennett

COASTAL ALABAMA REGIONAL ORANGE BEACH JAN. 27—FEB 2

3.79 Myron Henry 3.79 Mary Henry

SUN CITY CENTER SECTIONAL JAN. 31 – FEB. 2

.90 Stephen Smith .90 Gail Smith

PALM COAST SECTIONAL FEB. 7 –9

.52 Barry Pressman

HILTON HEAD ISLAND REGIONAL FEB. 24—MARCH 1

7.57 Bernard Carleton 5.09 Lucy Tillman 2.43 Louise Hodgins

JACKSONVILLE REGIONAL ST. AUGUSTINE, FL MARCH 9 –15

26.20 Victoria Adams	26.20 Lawrence Adams	8.56 Robert Mast	8.56 Carol Ketterer
8.54 Ralph Rosenfeld	8.54 Gail Singer	7.12 Douglas Smith	7.12 Donna Brown
4.29 Carol Richardson	4.29 Brenda Davis	3.77 Margaret Sarno	3.77 Judy Flickinger
3.61 Paul Matheson	3.61 Gail Hudon	3.48 Kristie Carter	3.48 Kelly Dryden
3.15 Stephen Smith	3.15 Gail Smith	2.79 George Balach	2.79 Lou Resnik
1.81 Cathy Thomas	1.53 Susan Krier	1.53 Carma Sands	.97 Bill Carignan
.95 Joanne Roorbach	.51 Gary Segal	.49 Nancy Jaffe	

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL!

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THE LARRY COHEN EDUCATIONAL SEMINAR WAS HELD ON FEBRUARY 6, 2020 AT THE ROHEN RECREATIONAL CENTER. IT WAS A HUGE SUCCESS.

Thanks to Leon Zaczek for the following pictures.



RESULTS OF INTERNATIONAL AND VETERAN SURVEY

We want to thank all the reporters and players who participated in the survey. Since we are the second largest ACBL sanctioned duplicate bridge club in North America, we thought the results would be interesting to all. We have a number of international players who indicated they have a story to tell, and they will be contacted by the reporters between now and the ***June Club News*** to report their stories.

INTERNATIONAL RESULTS

NAME	COUNTRY OF ORIGIN	PRESENT RESIDENCY
Jane Barry	Buenos Aires, Argentina	The Villages
Colin Graham-Hyde	Tunbridge Wells, England	The Villages
Ruth McCann	Kavnas, Lithuania	The Villages
Ashok K. Marwah	New Delhi, India	The Villages
Norm Bush	Quebec City, Canada	Dryden, Canada and Seasonal
Sarah Bush	Bromley, UK	Dryden, Ontario and Seasonal
Don and Joanne Jones	Canada	Ontario, Canada
Sue Freshwater	Hamilton, Ontario	Ontario, Canada
Monika Renard	Darmstadt, Germany	The Villages
Julia Roemmich	Feldafing, Germany	The Villages
Linda Hanover	Philippines	The Villages
Iris Siqueira	Limbe, Malawi	Virginia Beach, VA
Joe Siqueira	Bombay, India	Virginia Beach, VA
Robert Curry	Ottawa, Canada	Ottawa Ontario Canada
Beatrice Curry	Ottawa Ontario Canada	Ottawa Ontario Canada
Mickey Valiquette	Terrace Bay, Ontario	New Brunswick, Canada
Dale Valiquette	Pembroke, Ontario Canada	New Brunswick, Canada
Gabriele Briggs	Bremervorde, Germany	The Villages
Margaret Bates	Newcastle—England UK	The Villages & UK
Arcot D. Suresh	India	The Villages
Ashok Singhal	Gwalior, India	Novi, Michigan
Kanak A. Varde	Mumbai, India	Novi, Michigan
Lynne McLachlan	Toronto, Canada	Ontario Canada
Louise Moore	Brantford Ontario Canada	The Villages & Ontario
Terrence Walsh	Brockville, Ontario Canada	The Villages & Ontario
Priscilla Bourgoin Cannan	New Brunswick, Canada	Madawaska, Maine
Hemalatha Suresh	Coimbatore, India	The Villages
Frances Rolph	Ontario Canada	The Villages
Dianne Hermann	Canada	The Villages & Canada
Nayana Flipse	India	The Villages
Alan Stern	Halifax N.S. Canada	Halifax, Nova Scotia
Art Donahue	Canada	Halifax, Nova Scotia
Ray & Barb Jones	Ontario Canada	Ottawa Ontario Canada
Blanche Courts	Newfoundland. Canada	The Villages
Sugi Hayes	South Korea	Wilmington, Delaware
Gwen Wright	Wyk/Fork, Germany	The Villages
Gisela Knock	Berlin, Germany	The Villages
Josephine DiCorpo	San Miguel, Acores	The Villages
Heather Shane	Canada	The Villages
E. Woerner	Mannheim, Germany	The Villages & Ontario

VETERANS SURVEY RESULTS

NAME	BRANCH OF SERVICE	YEARS OF SERVICE	RANK
Dave Hudson	Army Reserves	6	
Jack Fisher	US Army	2	CPC
Len Thevonymus	US Army	2 active/ 5 reserve	Capt.
Bill Carignan	US Navy	5+	LT.
Buck Buchanan	US Marine Corps	2	CPL
Julio Galvez	US Air Force	20	LTC-0-5
Jay Force	US Army	3	CPL
Jeff Koltenuk	US Army	active/ 8 reserve	CAPTAIN
Jon Williams	US AirForce	27	Lt. Col.
Larry Sumner	US Navy	4	ES
Carl King	US Marine Corps	5	Capt.
Carl Luepnitz	US Army	2 active/ 5 reserve	Capt.
Ronald Kacsmar	US Army	3	SP4
Glenn Haas	US Air Force	6	Capt.
David Tyson	US Army	3	SP2&5
William Dehlinger	US Air Force	4	Sgt.
Art Franz	US Air Force	4	Sgt.
Ken Fowler	US Army	2	Sgt.
Richard N. Stewart	US Army	2	Sgt.
Warren "Pat" Scheffer	US Army	3	SP4
Marty Rothbard	US Army	6	SP2&3
Gary Gardner	US Army	3	SGT.
Joe Bosch	US Army	11	SFC (E 2)
Patrick Purday	US Army	4 active and reserve	Major
Al Berg	US Air Force	3	SGT (E-4)
Lynn Patterson	US Army	2 active and 4 reserve	1 st Lt.
James Martin	US Navy	5	E-5
Steve Rainey	US Navy	5	E-3
Bonnie Overson	US Cadet Corps (nurse)	3 World War 2	
Lee Esworthy	US Army	2	Private
Gary A. Ascani	US Army	6	Captain
Jim Muenlenkamp	US Coast Guard	3	Lt.
Robert Wardwell	US Army	3	S-4
Ken Bates	US Navy	3	E-4
Joe Arkison	US Army		
Charles Withrow	US Army	3	SP5
Jim Minucci	US Army	2	PFC
John Drake	US Navy	6	LT.
Terry Hodges	US Air Force	8	Capt.
Conrad Hager	US Air Force	6	Staff Sargent
George Balach	US Navy	26	Captain
Dave Hamrick	US Army		
Bob Droney	US Army	2	Specialist 5
Dolf Payne	US Air Force	6	Captain
John Schwarzmamm	US Navy	4	GMT3
Jim Fangman	Army National Guard	26	LTC

NAME	BRANCH OF SERVICE	YEARS OF SERVICE	RANK
Roger Poulin	US Air Force	2	Captain
Harry Brady	US Maine Corps	2	CPL (WW2)
Mike Vales	US Navy	4	E5
Bob Martin	Army Reserve	5	PFC
Geneo Langlois	US Air Force	6	Airman First Class
Richard Jeffries	US Navy	19	E-9
Larry Sands	US Army	2	SP5
Charles Hustig	US Army	2	1 st LT
Curt Cravens	US Army	6	E4
Roy Holmes	US Army	3	SSG
John Gaines	US Army	6	Captain
Steve Smith	US Air Force	5	
Ted DiCorpo	US Air Force	4	Captain
Reno Ivy	US Navy	10	PO 3 rd Class
Nicholos Pund	US Air Force/Army Nat. Guard	3	E-3
Linda Hanover	US Air Force	20	Major
Lisa Godin	US Air Force	23	E-6
Raymond Delp	US Army	7	SP5
Andrew Kelly	US Army	3	SP5
Doug Worthington			

It was difficult deciphering some of the handwriting. Please forgive any mistakes.

Thank you for participating and **THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE!**

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Buck Buchanan writes: "Introduced just after World War II, the GI Bill is possibly the most significant legislative bill ever passed by Congress. It enabled hundreds of thousands of veterans to obtain a college degree which they otherwise would never have been able to obtain. It enabled returning veterans to become doctors, lawyers, engineers, businessmen and so on, instead of facing a career of construction workers, steelworkers, clerks, and many other low-paying jobs. The taxes paid by these educated veterans far surpassed what it cost the government to educate them.

In my own case, raised in Pittsburgh, I fully expected to end up working in the steel mills, just like my father. I was discharged from the Marine Corps in 1959. After working a year in the mills, I subsequently went to Lehigh University, graduating in Engineering. I was able, thanks to the GI Bill, to continue on to obtain my Ph.D. in 1968. I subsequently had a long and successful career, which I attribute to a large degree, to the GI Bill."

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A BOUQUET OF ROSES by MARC RISSMAN (published in *The Daily Sun* on March 21)

Sweet fragrance, inhale deeply
 Fragile petals, velvet touch
 Natural beauty from within
 Blossoming slowly,
 Soon to reveal
 The fullness, richness, splendor
 A magnificent bouquet.

I close my eyes
 And see you.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT....(or perhaps this time around, more of an old man's musing)

By now we are all well aware that we are characters in perhaps one of the most concerning situations other than actual war, that many of us have ever played a part in. The world is in the grip of a pandemic and people all over are in the grips of lock-downs, shortages, and fear of the unknown.

And that very fear itself can be a most frightening thing.

Winston Churchill once said...."Fear is a reaction. Courage is a decision!"

The problem with reactions is that we often have no control over them, and once they get started, there's no knowing where they will end.

We can choose to sit back and allow ourselves to live out the current situation in fear; fear of becoming sick; fear of being one of those who, through prior conditions, perhaps succumbs to the virus and dies; fear of losing loved ones or friends and family; fear that the collapse of the economy will spell the end of life as we know it....and I could go on and on, adding to the list.

Or, as Churchill was trying to suggest, we can find the courage to make, and take, decisions...or perhaps better still, make a decision to find courage!

Courage to play our part, whatever that is, whether it be a leading role or just as a supporting character. We can make decisions, hopefully informed, sensible ones, that we arrive at through knowledge and not just by knee-jerk reactions.

We can also accept decisions that have been taken on our behalf by persons better qualified to make them than we are, by way of their having greater understanding or information, such as medical personnel, doctors, or others we engage with to help us to stay safe.

Whatever we decide to do, let us all make the decision to help one another to overcome any fear that lurks in the background, just waiting to infect us. Let us have the courage to make sensible decisions and to respect those made by others, and also a willingness to adopt those made for us by people more knowledgeable if they are for the greater good.

Above all, let us personally not give in to fear, feeling helpless, sitting back saying there is nothing 'I' can do....when in fact we can all make decisions that let us play our part in fighting this thing, even if that part is nothing more than encouraging staying isolated in a physical sense. But if that becomes our personal role, there is nothing that stops us using social media, phones, email, FaceTime etc.to stay in touch and remain in contact, especially with friends who may be much more vulnerable than we are.

And, whatever the outcomes, we will be better for using this time as an opportunity to look out for one another in whatever way we must to see us all through this. Whether that be by regular, electronic contact while staying physically apart; encouraging our friends to remain safe, but active; by a willingness to shop for self quarantined sick friends and neighbors; or by being open to sharing what we have with those who are perhaps in greater need.

When this is all over, and when life returns to normality, and we come together once again as the social group we are to meet and play the game we so enjoy, perhaps we can then extend the lessons (con't on page 17)

we will have learnt through it to helping make our future, and that of our children and grandchildren, less fearful than it might otherwise be.

BOB MATTHEWS

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As most of you know, **Addy Adler** has been on a 4-month Holland American cruise. **Buck Buchanan** sent her an email inquiring if the COVID-19 is affecting her cruise. The highlights of her reply are:

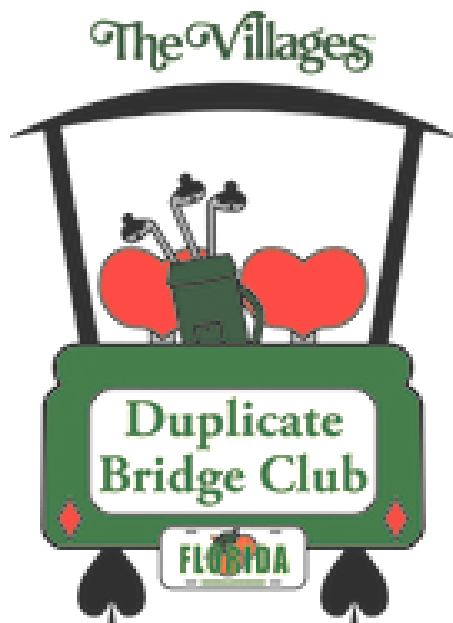
- Currently flying back home. Arriving in Orlando where her son is planning to pick her up.
- Flew from Australia (that airport plans to close the next day) so lucky to get on the last flight.
- Will be in quarantine for two weeks after arriving home.
- No one on the ship had COVID-19.

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We extend to all a Happy and Blessed Easter Season filled with love, joy, good health, and peace, and a Blessed Pesach (Passover).

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We hope many of you are enjoying playing bridge online at Bridge Base Online. A big thanks to **Janet Matthews** for setting that up for our players.