

UNIT 191 BRIGHT LEAF ALERT

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FROM THE PRESIDENT...

On behalf of the Unit, I want to wish everyone a Happy and Healthy New Year and a successful bridge season for 2014! We have many activities planned for the upcoming year that will appeal to all levels of bridge experience. Our mission is to grow our membership, to offer a variety of programs for our members to improve their bridge skills and to support youth and junior bridge. We welcome any suggestions from our membership—so please don't hesitate to contact any board member or me.

I also would like to take this opportunity to thank the tremendous contributions from our numerous volunteers during our events of 2013. Our attendance at the March and July Sectionals and our Gala hit an all time high and would not have been nearly as successful without the many people who gave their time and energy. Thank you!

Finally, a special thanks to our outgoing president, **Phil Erlenbach**, and our fellow board members, **Harrison Brooke**, **Sandy McCay**, **Carol Schachner**, and **Ingrid Toschlog**. We will miss your contributions.

Happy Bridging!

Jim Bean—Unit 191 President



Seated (L to R): **Pat Bodoh**, **Jim Bean**

Standing: **Maggie Lindquist**, **Paul Kobrin**, **Jackie Marks**, **Ed Fuller**, **Melanie Riva**, **Ken Dye**, and **Jackie Jenzano**

Randy Joyce, **Katie Wilson** and **Phylliss Woody** were unavailable at the time the photo was taken.

The Unit 191 board , which includes 5 newly elected members, met for their first regular meeting on January 6. Officers are :

President: **Jim Bean**

Vice-President: **Joyce Jenzano**

Secretary: **Pat Bodoh**

Treasurer: **Paul Kobrin**

Committee Chairpersons:

Membership: **Linda Harris** - Electronic Contact: **Linda Harris**

Publicity: **Melanie Riva**

IN (Intermediate-Newcomer) Coordinator: **Maggie Lindquist** and **Joyce Jenzano**

Alert Editor: **Barbara Martin**

Education Liaison: **Jackie Marks** and **Joyce Jenzano**

March Sectional: **Jim Bean** and **Barbara Martin**

July Sectional: **Leonard Beeghley**, **Phylliss Woody**, **Jackie Marks**

FLM Sectional: **Maggie Lindquist** and **Katie Wilson**

Annual Meeting (Gala): **Robin Marin** and **Doris Elkin**

Tournament Coordinator: **Randy Joyce**

Unit Bridge Coordinator: **Randy Joyce**

Unit Recorder: **Phylliss Woody**

District Representative: **Chris Moll**

Disciplinary: **Ken Dye**

Webmaster: **Ken Dye** —assisted by **Jackie Marks** and **Ed Fuller**

YOUTH BRIDGE CAMP 2014

WE ARE LOOKING FOR A FEW GOOD KIDS!!! Rising fifth graders through college aged youth are specified although if a bridge player vouches for a child younger, we will accept them.

Dates for the first week of this summer's Youth Bridge Camp are **June 16-20** and the second, more advanced session, will be **June 23-27**. The only requirement for the second week is that they have attended the first week or they attended last year's Bridge Camp. The hours will be 9:00 am until 2:00 pm, Monday through Friday. Fees are \$75/child/week, and lunch is included. Pre-registration will be required. Both the flyer and registration form are posted on the Unit webpage and there are also flyers and registration forms available at the Triangle Bridge Center.

Parents make their plans for their children's summer activities early—in February or March, so it is important to get the word out as soon as possible. I have sent the information to be included in Parents' Magazine's Summer Camp listing in their January issue and hopefully will participate in their February 9th Parent Camp and Education Fair, but we also need your help in promoting this venture. Many of you brought participants to last summer's Bridge Camp and some have told us they have more who are planning to come this summer—which is great! We also need Unit members to promote this venture to their friends, relatives, and neighbors and to take flyers to schools located near them. Contacting a specific teacher or administrator in a school seems to be a more effective route. We are asking for any of you retired teachers who might have contacts in the schools or anyone with young relatives in the schools who can recommend a teacher who might be willing to promote it to either get flyers from me or to give me contact information so that we can get flyers to them.

Maggie Lindquist, Youth Bridge Teacher

YOUTH BRIDGE CAMP AND NEEDY CHILDREN

In the past we have been asked whether or not there are scholarships for underprivileged children to attend the Youth Bridge Camp. Until now, our answer has been no but I think it would be a good idea to offer scholarships so I would like to reach out to the membership to see if anyone would be willing to sponsor a child who might otherwise not be able to attend.

The cost is \$75/week (details above) and offers some recreation as well as the opportunity to learn this game. Some confirmation as to need will be required in the form of a letter from Social Services or from their school. We also want a letter from a teacher confirming that this child would be capable of the abstract thinking required for the

deductive reasoning and logic this game requires.

You would not be asked to send the money until we actually have a child who needs it and your involvement would be as much or as little as you wish, including meeting the child and attending the camp to watch the lessons or you may sit in at a table possibly holding a hand to complete the foursome if you would like. We do have to warn you, if you do become part of the game, we have a rule that the experienced player will always replace whoever is dummy. We don't think you need the practice.

We are limiting this to no more than 3 underprivileged children per week so if we have an abundance of willing sponsors you may not be called on for this year but we will keep your name on our list for the future.

Submitted by Maggie Lindquist

A FAMILY AFFAIR

It was a family gathering of a sort on Friday, January 3, at the Senior Center for **Eric Larson**. Eric and his three grandchildren played in the game—Eric partnering with **Daniel Johnston** and **Kevin and Maggie Johnston** were partners. Two of the Johnstons also played in the holiday gala.

The Johnston siblings are all products of the summer Youth Bridge Camp sponsored by Unit 191 and directed by **Maggie Lindquist**.

It is pleasant to see younger players at the games and we all need to do what we can to support and encourage the Youth Bridge Camp. Get the word out—after all, they are the future of the game.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

UPCOMING LOCAL TOURNAMENTS

January 24-46	Wilson, NC
February 13-16	Raleigh, NC
February 21-23	Salisbury, NC

Regional Tournament

Feb. 24– March 2	Williamsburg, VA
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March 6-9	Durham Sectional
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MENTORS: EARN A \$5 COUPON!

Come in first among the mentor/mentee pairs on Wednesday morning at the:

DURHAM BRIDGE CLUB GAME 9:30 AM

This is the perfect game for you and your mentee. The price is right—\$7.00—plus there is always good food, good bridge, and good times.

MYRTLE BEACH WINNERS

Several Unit 191 members traveled to Myrtle Beach during the holidays and participated in the tournament. Top winners from our unit were:

Randy and Kay Joyce	96.48
Gary Zadjeika	31.89
Charlie Marshall	31.89
Dave Schreiber	13.91
Joyce Jenzano	13.91
Cliff and Jill Kaufman	13.09
Steve Barsby	12.18
Ken Dye	7.22
Betsy Mebane	7.22

Julian and Liz Wachs picked up their first platinum points at the Nationals held in November in Phoenix. Platinum points are awarded for NABC events (which are national-rated events with no upper masterpoint limit). The Wachs placed in a pair's event.

Congratulations to all!

BRIDGE EXTRAVAGANZA

EXTRA POINTS AND BRIDGE BUCKS ON MARCH 19TH!

Given the very successful debut of the “two session event” with prizes last October 16th, the Unit is doing it again on March 19th. Mark your calendar and don't miss the details in the February Alert.

THE ADVENTURES OF DUKE AND CAROLINE

Dramatis Personae

Caroline.....*Smart, vivacious, trusting; funded her own company at 25, now retired at 50 and seeking new challenges; wants to learn to play bridge the right way, both technically and ethically*

Duke....*Rich, cavalier, devil-may-care; made his money the old fashioned way, he inherited it; sees bridge as a social outlet; not above bending the rules to advance his status*

The McAdoos.....*Elderly couple from the 299er game*

Buzz and Jim.....*College students*

The RGG's.....*Expert players who gave and expected the best you had to offer at the table*

Laggardly Larry....*The slowest player at the table*

"Helpful Hilda"....*The club's expert on gentle gloating*

Over the course of may weeks, other characters will be introduced to our little drama. Any relation to real life persons will be purely coincidental.

JUST A LITTLE PEEK

Written by Randy Joyce and Sandy McCay

Duke and Caroline both had been looking forward to the Tuesday game at the TBC. They had secured Jim and Buzz as teammates, and this made them feel like the win would be theirs before a card was even played. The game was a special game with Sectional rating, so there were a lot of master points on the line.

Duke bought the entry and all sat down to await their opponents for the first round. Duke and Caroline were sitting North-South, and who should sit down to oppose them but The McAdoos? Buzz and Jim opposed another competent pair at the other table.

What a bummer to have to play a team that was not only competent but just as interested in winning! The first few hands were uneventful, but Caroline noticed a very funny "tic" in Duke's neck on the fourth hand. He seemed to swivel his head around and really stretch.

"The poor thing" Caroline thought to herself, "Duke must be in a lot of discomfort." Duke was playing the hand and proceeded to drop a singleton King *OFFSIDE* to make a game contract. Caroline was so proud that her sweetie had made such a good play that she would have to cook his favorite dinner tonight.

The rest of the round was pretty flat, and then Buzz and Jim returned to compare scores. As fate would have it, our heroes won a close match on the strength of Duke's wonderful play to make the game. A small win got them off to a good start against good opponents. Buzz and Jim queried Duke about his rationale behind playing for the drop rather than a finesse, but he just said that he had a hunch.

The second round of the team brought less formidable opponents, and Duke and Caroline were having a very good round. On the fifth board, Duke dropped a card on the floor and as he reached to pick it up almost fell out of his chair. Mumbling something about really getting clumsy, Duke proceeded to lead a King from Kx of Clubs against four Hearts, got a ruff and duly set the game.

Caroline was ecstatic that her intended had found such a formidable lead. If he had led any other card, the game would have gotten home. It served the opponents right to have announced that their One Club bid might be on a doubleton and had clued Duke into the killing salvo.

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Duke and Caroline....continued.....

Jim and Buzz returned shortly, and it had been a slaughter, They had won a Blitz! Buzz and Jim asked how Duke and Caroline had beaten the four heart game. Caroline heaped praise on Duke and said that he had led the Club King because the opponents were playing a short club. Jim allowed as how he also had opened one club, and he and Buzz played normal methods. Jim asked Duke how he had found the opening lead that he chose when his Diamond holding was QJTx. Duke was quick to reply that he felt a desperation lead was called for. No more was said.

Duke and Caroline lost the third round and won the fourth. It all came down to the deciding fifth round. They were playing against a not very ferocious squad of 70ish ladies who were about as interested in the eats as they were in the bridge. Caroline felt that the win was theirs. On board #1, the ladies pushed to a hopeless slam and went down a trick. The title was certainly theirs now. On board #2, Caroline's world came crashing down!

One of the ladies passed, Duke opened 1 NT which Caroline boosted to 3 NT. She only had 9 points, but her mentors had told her to bid close Vulnerable games in a team game. Duke got an opening lead of a Heart and proceeded to lose the first four tricks. As the play developed over the next several tricks, it became apparent that Duke would have to guess the Club Queen to make his contract. That is when Caroline saw that the lady on her right was holding her cards so that everyone could see her hand. And she saw Duke take a peek!

It suddenly dawned on her like a ton of bricks. Duke had made his earlier spectacular plays because he had been looking in his opponents' hands. Here, he didn't even have to crane or drop a card. The lady was just holding her cards out for everyone to see. Caroline was about to tell her to hold her hand back when Duke guessed the Queen and made his game.

Jim and Buzz came back and professed a bad round. They too had bid the no play slam and had

no other good scores. Except the lady at their table had misguessed the Club Queen and had gone set. The match and the event swung on this board. The guys congratulated Duke on his winning guess as Caroline cringed. She knew what had really happened.

After the game, Caroline consulted Jim and Buzz, "Did you guys think that Duke had seen in someone's hand to make his plays from earlier matches?"

"We were going to discuss that with you," said Buzz, "but decided to wait until after the game. We had suspicions, but wanted to get your take on things."

"The ladies that we played the last round practically laid their hands on the table, and I saw Duke take a look," said Caroline. "I believed his earlier explanations until I saw the last hand."

"We can't play with you anymore if this is the way that Duke is going to behave," said Jim. "We have our reputations to protect. The ladies that you played the last round brought a lot of the problem on themselves for not protecting their hands. You should strive to tell your opponents to hold their hands back, but if they refuse to listen to your advice they are fair game. However, what Duke did earlier was just downright cheating, and we don't want to be a part of it."

"He will NEVER do that again," said Caroline. "Not if he wants to be associated with me! I want to win on skill and not by nefarious means. I will take GREAT care to see that Duke never pulls a stunt like that again. I wish that the two of you could nicely tell the ladies that they should breast their cards and not tempt an addict like Duke to look. I will stop his blatant looking, but I can't make him become a contortionist to not see what is plainly before him."

If everyone held their cards in such a manner so as to not let anyone see their hands, then we could decide this great game of ours on skill alone.

HOLIDAYS AND BRIDGE = FUN

Clubs in our unit hosted holiday parties that were well attended, festive and filled with members in good spirits, decked in holiday attire and wearing smiles of joy. Of course, the season began with our annual Gala held at The Dubose House. While that was indeed the unit's feature event for the season, many clubs held parties for members.

TARHEEL BRIDGE CLUB

John Torrey, owner and director of the Tarheel Bridge Club had the first unit holiday party on Friday, December 13.



John brought the traditional ham plus all the trimmings, and lunch was enjoyed by 65-70 members. **George Bloomer** and **Irene Adams** had a score of 71.39% to finish first overall among the 16 tables of bridge. The Tarheel Bridge Club meets on Wednesdays and Fridays at the TBC—game time is 1:00.

THE BRIDGE ACADEMY

On Monday, December 16, **Henry Meguid**, owner and director of The Bridge Academy, had a holiday party. **Audrey Crosby**, **Robin Marin** and **Holly Davis** (in photo) along with **Ann Vaughan**, organized the buffet table, which included more food than one can



imagine! 27 tables of over-stuffed unit members enjoyed an afternoon of bridge. **David Neal** and **Robert Little** were first overall with a 69.55% game. The Bridge Academy has games at the JCC on Cornwallis Road on Mondays and Wednesdays at 1:00, with a lesson beginning at 12:30.

THE GOVERNOR'S CLUB



Members and their guests enjoyed a social hour before the holiday party at the Governor's Club, held on Tuesday, December

17. There were 19 tables—12 tables in the Social Room and 7 tables playing Duplicate.

Mary Ellen Pasquale and **Henry Meguid** were first overall with a 71.74% score. **Maggie Lindquist** directed the game, which meets once a month and is invitational only.

DURHAM BRIDGE CLUB

The Durham Bridge Club hosted a party on Wednesday, December 18. **Nancy Young** is the manager of the club and **Ken Dye** directs. This Durham group meets every Wednesday morning at 9:30 at the TBC.



Caroline Soucy and **Nancy Randolph** (seated N/S) were the overall winners with a 58.18% score. Their opponents in the

photo, **Jim Hansell** and **Phil Erlenbach**, finished second in a tie with **Jim Bean** and **Barbara Martin**.

The Durham Bridge Club has been in existence since the 1940's after combining two Durham bridge clubs when the clubhouse of one of the groups burned to the ground. It is the only club that is governed by a board of directors, which consists of: **Jim Hansell**, **Jim Bean**, **Phil Draper**, **Joyce Jenzano**, **Valerie Roberts**, **Mary Jo Doherty**, **Jeff Boak**, **Deanna Larus** and **Nancy Young**.

SENIOR CENTER

Paul and Ruth Ann Schwenke hosted their holiday party on Friday, December 21. 13 tables of bridge players enjoyed a scrumptious lunch followed by a round of bridge. **Ann Vaughan** and **Henry Meguid** finished first overall with a 67.05% game. Paul and Ruth Ann have been owners/directors of the Friday 1:00 game at the Senior Center since 2010.



Director Ruth Ann waits as **Valerie Roberts** and **Diane Saulsberry** finish a hand against **Richard Cole** and **William McCartney**

TBC

Jay and Darleen Bates, owners and directors of the Triangle Bridge Center, had their holiday party on Saturday, December 21. Following a delightful holiday breakfast, 19 tables enjoyed the bridge game. **Randy and Kay Joyce** were first overall with a 70.17% game.

Games at TBC are:

Mon., Tues., and Thur. 1:00 and 7:00pm

Wed.—7:00pm

Saturday—9:30

Team games—8 is Enough— on the second Sunday of the month plus special team games on selected Mondays and Wednesdays.



Phyllis Woody and **Tom Roberg** are all smiles at the holiday party at the TBC.

FEARRINGTON BRIDGE CLUB

The Fearrington Bridge Club meets on Wednesdays at 1:00 and is by invitation only. The club has several special sessions during the year but there was no scheduled holiday event this season. The club is owned by the members and is restricted to residents of Fearrington Village, although a few people have membership status as former residents or selection based on long time major contributions of time and effort to support the membership. The group meets at the Gathering Place on Wednesdays (except for the third Wednesday during the months of September-April). There is a mini-lesson offered on the first Wed. **Sue Torrey** was the first director of the club, followed by **Marty Demko**, and currently, **Maggie Lindquist** is director.

ROXBORO BRIDGE CLUB

Keith and Helen Starr are owners/directors of the Roxboro Bridge Club. The group meets at the Senior Center in Roxboro at 1:00 on Mondays and 7:30 on Wed. evenings. A Christmas party was held for the players funded by game fees. **Linda Bridges** and **Barbara Tuck** put the final touches on the decorations, which



were silver trees adorned with playing cards. The food was supplied by Fins and Feathers and was held in the Roxboro Health-

care and Rehabilitation Center. Through their generosity, the club was able to pay the remainder of the Bridgemates' debt and buy 2 more Bridgemates. There were 15 tables of 60 players at the Christmas party.

Helen Starr writes: "As we enter our tenth year, we are gratified to learn that more and more people are discovering our club. With the majority

of players coming from Henderson, Oxford, Yanceyville, Chapel Hill, Clarksville, and Halifax, Virginia. Ours is a friendly game that welcomes new and experienced players at both our Monday afternoon and Wednesday night games. The games are stratified so that players of all levels of expertise have a chance to win master points. In 2013 there were 84 players who came to our game and 825.21 master points were awarded. During the year, **John Barnard** earned NABC Master status, **Charlotte Barnard** gained Regional Master status, and **Paul Williams** moved up to Club Master.

The club meets in the basement of the Senior Center on Depot Street. There is a fee of \$3.00 per game. The fees are used for ACBL fees, a donation to the Friends of the Senior Center, refreshments and management costs. In 2013, our club donated \$1286 to the Friends of the Senior Center.

Every year we start a new Master Point Race and at the end of the year, the winner gets recognition with his/her name on a plaque. The 2013 winner was **Darcus Woody** with 50.81 master points. Second was **Fran Westmoreland** with 44.11 MPs and third was **Helen Hobgood** with 35.72 points.

In 2013, we started The 70% Club. Players who scored 70% or more in a game had their names and scores displayed on a bulletin board. During 2013, there were 16 players who were honored. They were: **Lela Currier, Helen Hobgood, Ron and Shirley Jeffers, Bea Hubbard, Darcus Woody, Gerry O'Neil, Teeny Talbert, Judy Long, Fran Westmoreland, John and Charlotte Barnard, Linda Bridges, Gene Kuykendall, Barbara Parker and Barbara Tuck.**

Projects for 2014 include training more directors and offering workshops to intermediate players who want to improve their skills. We are currently enrolling experienced players who would like to enjoy bidding and playing no trump hands. Players interested in this workshop may call **Keith Starr**, Club Manager, at 336-599-9195 for more information about the workshop or about the regular games."

Submitted by Helen Starr

MARCH SECTIONAL

The popular spring sectional—**Carolina Dreamin'** - will be held at the TBC on March 6-9. Please mark your calendar now and plan to play in this tournament.

Our unit is known for providing wonderful food and we are hoping this year is the best ever. It is well known that people go to tournaments where the food is good and the hospitality is better! Homemade items are preferred, so go through your recipes and plan to prepare a dip or dessert that is your specialty. Cash and purchased items are also appreciated.

Melanie Riva, hospitality chairwoman, assisted by **Jackie Marks**, will be organizing the kitchen and if you are asked to staff a session, please be willing to volunteer. Better yet, offer to help and assist where needed and sign up when the sheets for food are made available.

Kay Gruninger and **Nancy Crow** are partnership chairpersons and would like having a list of names available to be on-call partners. You get a free play if you partner with someone or if you show up and are not needed.

If you are available to stay after each session to help with the clean-up process, please see **Jim Bean** or **Barbara Martin**, Tournament co-chairmen.

Last year's tournament set an all-time record number of tables —TOGETHER—let's see if we can make



**CAROLINA
DREAMIN'
2014**

even bigger and better!!!

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Submitted by Harrison Brooke

A month ago it was my hope that December activity would bring us back to the record high of 561 members we had a year ago but instead we dropped by 2 from 554 to 552 which means for the year we had a decrease of 9 -- 1.6%. We gained two new ACBL members—**Jennie Brooks** and **Kelly Kimmerling** both of Durham—welcome aboard - - and had 2 FLMs reinstate their memberships, but had six FLMs go inactive. Calendar year 2013 is the first time we'd had a decrease in membership since 2008. The table below shows by category what actions we've experienced.

	<u>2013</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>
Total Forward	561	540	524	505	494	498
New	31	40	33	33	36	26
Transfer in	22	33	29	25	17	26
Transfer out	(10)	(8)	(13)	(12)	(13)	(15)
Snowbird in - a)	5	8	8	7	8	3
Snowbird out - a)	(6)	(5)	(7)	(7)	(8)	(5)
NLMs inactive	(60)	(54)	(52)	(43)	(55)	(50)
NLMs reinstated	19	23	25	22	32	20
LMs unpaid	(7)	(5)	(7)	(6)	(7)	(10)
LMs reinstated	1	2	3	6	6	5
Deceased	<u>(4)</u>	<u>(13)</u>	<u>(3)</u>	<u>(6)</u>	<u>(5)</u>	<u>(4)</u>
Total (Ending)	<u>552</u>	<u>561</u>	<u>540</u>	<u>524</u>	<u>505</u>	<u>494</u>
Increase (Decrease)						
Number	(9)	21	16	19	11	(4)
%	(1.6)	3.9	3.1	3.8	2.2	(0.8)
Memo						
Rank changes	135	123	100	151	125	130

We had a disappointing number of new members with only 8 for the first 5 months of the year but fortunately picked up 23 for the final 7 months. We suffered a record 60 NLMs who went inactive with a corresponding record of only 19 who reinstated.

On the bright side, we had 135 members who advanced for at least one rank this year. For December, the following did so:

<u>Junior Master</u>	Ginny Butcho	Trenna Corey	Daniel Johnston	Ben Kompa	Ava Nackman
<u>Club Master</u>	Phyllis Alexander	Elaine Hudak	Amy Levine	Beth Wilkins	Barbara Yowell
<u>Sectional Master</u>	Rita Chapman	Zimeng Xie			
<u>Regional Master</u>	Linda Harris				
<u>Life Master</u>	Carol Wilcox				
<u>Bronze Life Master</u>	Skip Riva	Lucy Terrell			

Membership Report—continued....

Carol Wilcox, partnered with **Mary Newman** and teamed with **Margaret Rouse** and **Katie Wilson** at the Cambridge, MD tournament, became 2013's 16th Life Master. So far as I can remember, that's a record number for a single year. Congratulations to Carol and her teammates for a job well done and certainly enjoyed!!

Sadly I must report the loss of two of our inactive members. **Rosemary Wilson**, age 83, died Saturday 28 December. She and her husband Dick were active players during the 1990s and beyond but were put on inactive status early in 2009 after moving to the Cedars. Rosemary is survived by her husband, Dick, their son, his wife and their two daughters.

Henrietta (Yetta) Brandt, age 92, passed away Saturday 4 January. Yetta was a fixture at and a strong supporter of the Durham Bridge Club when I transferred to Unit 191 in July 1969. There were few games available for local players in those days and I always enjoyed Yetta when I was able to play. While a student at Durham High School, Yetta was honored to be chosen May Queen. Later she attended Duke and then graduated from Syracuse University. She is survived by her husband of 68 years Murray Brandt, a daughter, a son, a granddaughter and grandson, and four great-grandchildren.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THERE WILL BE OPPORTUNITIES OFFERED FOR STUDENTS ON SPRING BREAK TO LEARN BRIDGE! IF YOU HAVE GRANDCHILDREN, NEIGHBORS OR FRIENDS WHO MIGHT QUALIFY—YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS THE DETAILS IN THE FEBRUARY ALERT!

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### **PARTY - - PARTY - - PARTY**

Save the date! On Thursday, March 20, the unit is hosting a party to celebrate the winners of the Ace of Clubs and Mini-McKinney as well as to announce the winners of our Unit event being held on March 19. There will be cake for everyone - hope to see you at the TBC at 1:00.

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The Unit 191 Board voluntarily gives of their time to encourage and promote bridge in our unit. Please contact any member for suggestions and ideas to make bridge better for all of us. And please say yes if you are asked to serve on a committee, help in the kitchen, help at a tournament or just to do whatever. Let's constantly strive to make our unit the best ever!!

HAPPY NEW YEAR MENTORS AND MENTEES

Get ready to bring in the new year with a Mentor/Mentee game scheduled for Tuesday, February 11, at 1:00 at the TBC. Please put the date on your calendar. More information will be sent to participants by e-mail.



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**The alert is published monthly and is the official newsletter of Unit 191. If you have suggestions or ideas for articles that you would like to be included in the Alert, please let me know.**

**The deadline for the February Alert will be February 21.**

**Barbara Martin, Editor**