

# BRIGHT LEAF ALERT

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The Unit 191 Board met on December 14 to elect officers and name appointments for the upcoming year. Seated from left to right: **Joyce Jenzano, Melanie Riva, Carole Crotty, Jackie Marks, Phylliss Woody, Barbara Martin, Nancy Crow, Linda Harris, Diane Saulsberry.** Absent: **Ed Fuller, Hugon Karwowski, Betsy Mebane** (See Board officers and appointments on page 14)

## From the President...

I appreciate the Unit's support in re-electing me to the Board of Directors and the board's confidence in me in electing me as President for the coming year. I look forward to a productive year in fulfilling the missions of the unit in promoting the game of bridge.

We owe a huge "Thank you" to our departing board members who have served tirelessly and effectively in their roles as board members and in other important ways of providing opportunities for bridge players at all levels. Thanks to **Jim Bean, Paul Kobrin, Randy Joyce, and Maggie Lindquist.** (See page 4 for further comments.)

I want to extend a welcome to our new board members, **Carole Crotty, Nancy Crow, Betsy Mebane, and Hugon Karwowski.** Thanks to all of you for your interest and willingness to serve the unit in this capacity.

The Board welcomes input from its members. Take a few minutes sometime to review the Unit's by-laws on the unit's website as these outline the responsibilities of the board and the goals of the unit. Please let us know if there are specific areas you feel we should be focusing our efforts on or if you have concerns that should be addressed by the board. Most importantly, though, please volunteer to participate in unit activities, e.g., at tournaments and special events, in mentoring activities, in bridge newcomer events and activities, in recruitment activities, etc. There are many jobs, big and small, that members can do to promote bridge. Please let us know what your interests are.

Happy New Year to everyone and best wishes for the accumulation of many points, be they black, silver, red or gold. Most of all, though, have fun and enjoy the game and the collegiality with other bridge players.

*Joyce Jenzano, Unit President*

## HOLIDAY GALA WRAP-UP

We, **Linda Harris** and **Kay Richardson**, were pleased to welcome so many of you to the Sheraton Hotel on Sunday, December 6, for our annual Holiday Gala. Approximately 180 guests in holiday finery and festive spirit attended the event. We were delighted to hear from so many of you that, despite being disappointed that we did not return to the Rizzo Center, you were happy at the Sheraton. We were especially glad to hear that you enjoyed the meal. We felt the Sheraton staff was very accommodating and tried hard to make our event successful.

The highlight of the Gala was our special music provided by **Barbara Martin** and **Skip Riva**. Skip sang and played guitar and Barbara accompanied on piano. We're sure you enjoyed hearing this talented duo. After our scrumptious repast, **Pearl Schechter** led us in some invigorating exercises. Now we know how Pearl stays so fit! Several of you made photographs to share, and thanks to **Ed Fuller**, these can be viewed on our website. Hyperlink to Gala Gallery is:

[www.unit191bridge.org/Documents/Memories/Albums/2015Gala and Annual Meeting/Index.html](http://www.unit191bridge.org/Documents/Memories/Albums/2015Gala%20and%20Annual%20Meeting/Index.html)

During the business meeting, it was announced that the following persons were elected to our Board of Directors: **Carole Crotty, Nancy Crow, Joyce Jenzano, Hugon Karwowski, and Betsy Mebane**. Congratulations to each of you! We also heard reports from our treasurer, **Diane Saulsberry** and membership chairman, **Linda Harris**. After our president, **Jim Bean**, adjourned the meeting, we began our bridge game directed by our own unflappable **Darleen Bates and John Torrey**. John's grandson, **Drew Emch**, served as our caddy extraordinaire, as he has done for the past several years. With 44.5 tables of bridge, winners were as follows: N/S **Jim and Linda Hansell** (61.17%) followed by **Jackie Marks and Joyce Jenzano** (60.59%). E/W winners

were **Ellen Melenikiotis and Linda Whipple** (62.14%), followed by **Jim Cunningham and Jim Bean** (60.66%). Well done!

We owe a debt of gratitude to the many of you who cheerfully performed the numerous chores and responsibilities required for our Gala: **Eric Larsen** and **Ray McEntee** who came early to set up tables; **Kay Gruninger and Pahnea Ratty** who handed our name tags; **Maggie Lindquist and Phylliss Woody** for handling voting; **Ed Fuller, Phylliss Woody and Barbara Martin** for photographs; **Diane Saulsberry** for collecting RSVP's; our President, other officers and board members for their help and support; our directors and caddy; all of you who helped in many ways. Mainly, we thank you, our members for attending and supporting the event.

**Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!**

The date for next year's Gala has been set for Sunday, December 2, 2016. Please mark your calendar and plan to be there. As we have agreed to serve as co-chairs for next year's Gala, we would appreciate hearing your comments and suggestions, to hopefully, make our Gala even better.

*Written by Kay Richardson*

And a huge round of applause to **Kay and Linda** for co-chairing this event! The two worked diligently to make sure all details were covered—and they were! Thanks to the two of you!!

*Thank You*



## 2015 HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE

**Phil Erlenbach** is the 2015 Hall of Fame inductee for our unit. He now becomes part of the group that was inducted last year—**John Torrey, Peggy Barbee, Lona Ruth Kennedy, Mary Lou Johnson, and Harrison Brooke.**

Before moving to the area, Phil and his wife owned and directed a club in Connecticut for many years. The two of them gave lessons, directed on bridge cruises, and taught bridge at a prison.

After retiring and moving to Durham, Phil was elected to the Unit 191 board and served two terms—2 years as President, 6 years as Disciplinarian, and chaired a tournament. In 2011, Phil served on the board again for two years and was President for one year during that time. Thanks, Phil, for your many contributions to our unit and to the game of bridge.

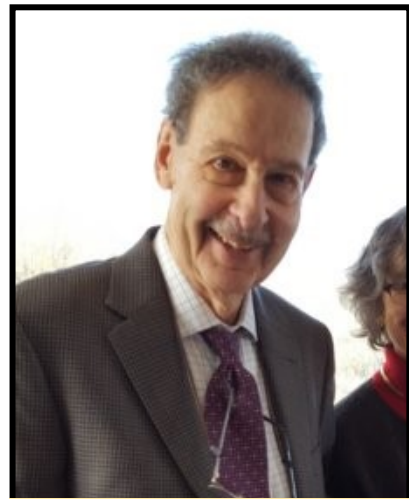




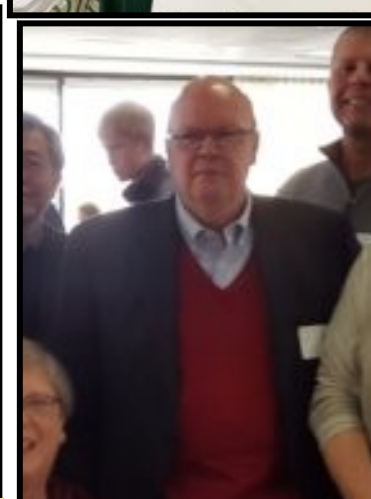
**Jim Bean**



**Maggie Lindquist**



**Paul Kobrin**



**Randy Joyce**

## FOUR BOARD MEMBERS RETIRE

With the election of four new board members, these four dedicated people will leave our unit board. Each has contributed greatly to the growth and progress of our unit—tell them **THANK YOU** when you see them.

**Paul Kobrin** has served on the board for three consecutive terms—that's nine years—this may well be a record! Paul is the unit's "Treasurer Extraordinaire" having served as treasurer each year except for last year when he worked with Diane Saulsberry to become the new treasurer. Paul has kept the books in fine order and on an even keel.

**Randy Joyce** has served our unit for three years— but was on the board in Raleigh for over 15 years and President for ten of those years. Randy was Disciplinarian and offered sage advice to the unit on many bridge topics. Randy's contributions to the bridge world are well known and he has been an effective link for us in the district, regional and national bridge structure.

**Maggie Lindquist** has been on the board six years. Maggie is in charge of the Youth Camp and Adult Bridge Camp—teaching, coordinating and marketing the events. She was Education liaison, chaired several tournaments, served as hospitality chairman at tournaments, directed, taught—whatever needed to be done, Maggie was there. Maggie has been instrumental in creating learning opportunities for our youngest and newest players.

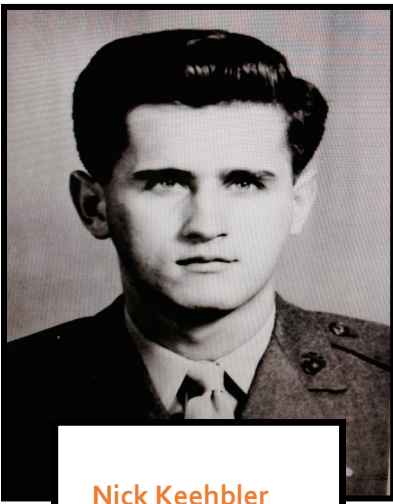
**Jim Bean** has been on the board for two terms, serving as President for the last two years.

He has led the unit through the formation of three new bridge clubs and has seen the membership soar to over 600. Jim has chaired or co-chaired at least 8 tournaments—maybe more—and for sure, this is a record! He also was Hospitality co-chair of our most recent tournament. Jim has worked hard both "on the scene" and "behind the scenes" at all unit events. He found no job too small or too big to undertake.

It's not possible to list all the tasks each of these four people have completed—not only as board members, but simply volunteering for the good of the unit. We appreciate your time, energy, and dedication to ensure the unit goes forward and promotes the game we all love to play.

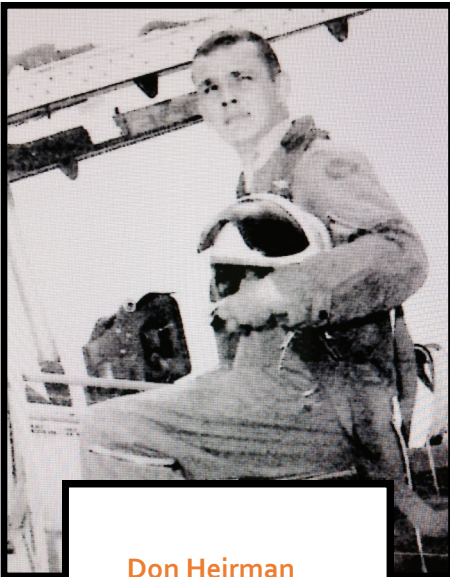
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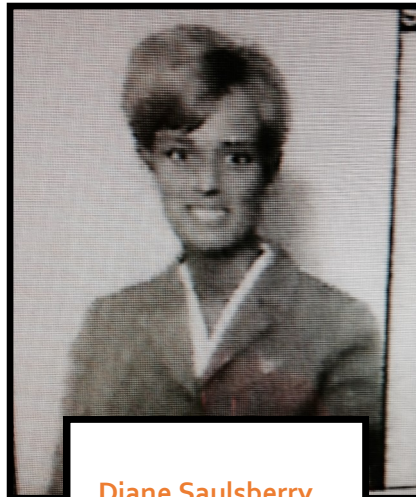


Nick Keebler

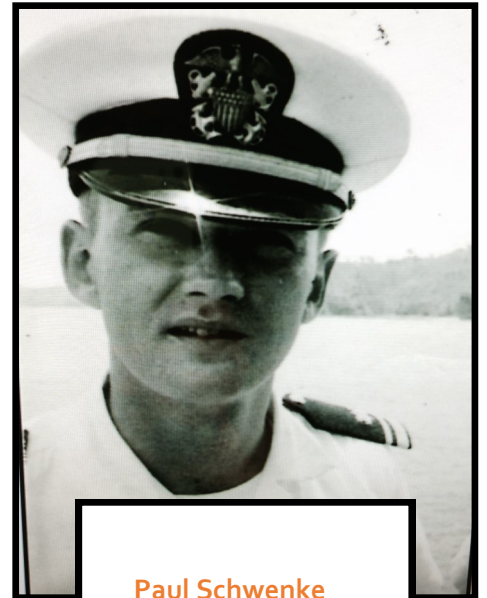
Paul Schwenke had a contest to see if these veterans in uniform (in last month's issue of the Alert) could be correctly identified. Guess they have all changed over the years because no one was able to correctly put names to their faces.



Don Heirman



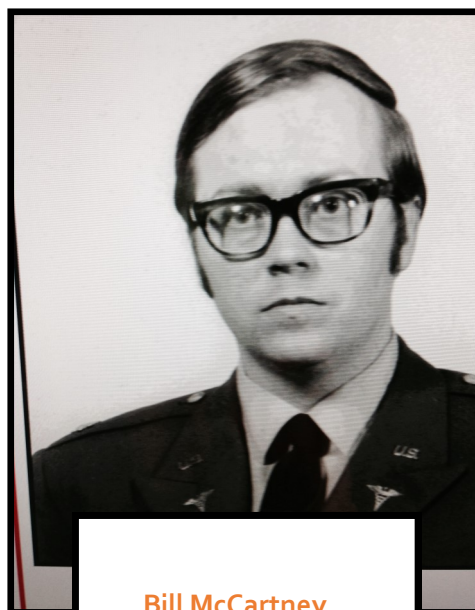
Diane Saulsberry



Paul Schwenke



Jack Heslip



Bill McCartney



Phil Erlenbach





**Holiday celebration at  
The Bridge Academy**

# TRIANGLE BRIDGE

## NEWS AND SCHEDULE

*Submitted by Tammy Moll*

HAPPY  
new  
YEAR

**F**irst bridge for 2016—New Years Day—Friday, January 1st at 1:15pm—Open and 0-50

**T**he New Year's Eve Thursday game will start at 10:00am.

**R**ecent addition to the schedule: Unit game Tuesday, December 29th at 12:30pm.

**O**ur first holiday party was a lot of fun. We appreciate all of you who came and those of you who brought and shared a dish. There was plenty of food and prizes for all. Special thanks to **Melanie Riva** for coordinating and organizing the food.

**W**e do have gift certificates available for purchase. You can buy them for \$9.00 each and there is no expiration date. If you'd like to give someone a free play as a gift, please see a director at any of the games.

**J**anuary is Junior Fund Month and we have chosen numerous special games to support this ACBL-wide opportunity. Last month, Triangle Bridge donated, as our designated local charity, to the Bridge Youth Association \$222.00.

**P**lease welcome some new players to Triangle Bridge the first two Mondays and Tuesdays from the Governor's Club. As their facility is closed for maintenance, the Monday class Tammy teaches may join Jeff's 0-5 supervised/teaching game with a mini-lesson beforehand or Valerie's 0-50 supervised game. The Tuesday class that Maggie directs is also welcome to join either of those games or they are welcome to join the 0-500 game on Tuesday afternoons. For many, this will be their first time coming to Triangle Bridge, so we'd like to welcome them to our club.

**W**e are starting a new 0-300 game on Thursday afternoons beginning January 21st.

**G**NT Swiss games Wednesday, January 6th and Monday, January 25th at 7:00pm.

**E**ight is Enough Swiss is Sunday, January 10th at 2:00pm. Contact Darleen if you need partners or are willing to be a partner.



## NEW TEACHING PROGRAMS BEGINNING IN JANUARY

**Jeff Boak** is beginning a new Bridge Basics class starting **Monday, January 4th from 10:00-12:00pm.**

The primary purpose is to build on fundamentals of Learn Bridge in a Day System and add options for bidding, defending and play. These are weekly drop-in classes with a summary review of the last week's lesson starting at 9:30am followed by a new lesson at 10am. [jeff.boak@gmail.com](mailto:jeff.boak@gmail.com)

**V**alerie Roberts is starting her Introduction to Two Over One Game Force nine week class **on Friday mornings, beginning January 8th, from 9:30 to noon.** If you haven't already registered, please call her (919) 294-4138. The class will cover basics of the 2/1 system and students should already have a good understanding of Standard American concepts. Additional conventions such as Bergen and Drury will be included. Lessons develop in a logical manner with lots of hands to practice. Class runs until March 4th and the fee is \$125 for the nine weeks. [vjroberts3@gmail.com](mailto:vjroberts3@gmail.com)

**Chris Moll** is starting a series of classes beginning on **January 26th on Tuesday mornings from 10-11:30am**. The first class will be “Play of the Cards”. Classes are scheduled for Jan. 26, Feb. 2, Feb. 16, Feb. 23, and March 8. Five lessons \$99.00. Pre-registration requested as the class will be limited to 24 people. If you do not wish to attend all 5 lessons, you may drop in for \$25/session. Please make checks payable to Triangle Bridge and there will be an envelop at the director’s station. This class is not designed for beginners. For questions or additional information. [tammy26bridge@aol.com](mailto:tammy26bridge@aol.com)

### Ongoing teaching games:

Jeff's supervised teaching games for 0-5 has moved from Wednesday to Friday mornings from 10:00am to 12:30pm.

Play and Review games on Tuesday and Thursday evenings at 7:00pm

Valerie's 0-50 supervised games are on Mondays at 12:30pm and Fridays at 1:15pm.

All morning games start at 9:30am and all evening games start at 7:00pm.

Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday afternoon games begin at 12:30pm. Wednesday afternoon game begins at 1:00 and the Friday game starts at 1:15pm.

Please note there are no games Thursday evening, Jan. 28th, Friday, Jan. 29th, and Saturday, Jan.30th as we chose to support the Raleigh sectional being held that weekend.

**T**o all of you, a safe, healthy and happy new year!

## Tammy and Chris

# TRIANGLE BRIDGE

All games in **RED** are Junior Fund

Games in **GREEN** are GNT Swiss

Games in **Purple** are Swiss Junior Fund

## JANUARY 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Open and 0-50	2 Morning
3	4 Open and 0-50 Evening	5 Open and 0-500 Play and Review	6 Morning Afternoon Swiss—7:00	7 Open Play and Review	8 Open and 0-50	9 Morning
10 8 is Enough 2:00pm	11 Open 0-50 Swiss— 7:00	12 Open and 0-500 Play and Review	13 Morning Afternoon Evening	14 Open Play and Review	15 Open and 0-50	16 Morning
17	18 Open and 0-50 Evening	19 Open and 0-500 Play and Review	20 Morning Afternoon Swiss-7:00	21 Open and 0-300 Play and Review	22 Open and 0-50	23 Morning
24	25 Open and 0-50 Swiss—7:00	26 Open and 0-500 Play and Review	27 Morning Afternoon Evening	28 Open and 0-300 No Game	29 No Game	30 No Game
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# THE BRIDGE ACADEMY



## 2016 Winter-Spring Class Schedule

### **Two Over One Game Force—The Nuts and Bolts**

**2/1 is more than just the first bid!**

In this four-week class, players will learn the six 2/1 GF auctions, the Forcing 1NT, the continuation bids, and the various systemic inferences like jumping in a 2/1 auction, responding 2 over 1, showing controls, and fast arrival. **Registration Deadline—January 26**

### **Improve Your Declarer Play—Part I—How to Play a NT Contract**

**Tired of not making your contract, this two-part class is for you!**

In this four-week class, players will learn how to count top winners, formulate and execute a plan using various techniques like promoting winners, hold up play, establishing a suit, keeping the danger hand off lead, counting, managing entries, winning the notrump race, and various types of finesses. **Registration Deadline—February 26**

### **Improve Your Declarer Play—Part II—How to Play a Suit Contract**

In this four-week class, players will learn how to count losers, formulate and execute a plan using various techniques like promoting winners, ruffing losers, safety and hold up play, cross ruffing, establishing a side suit for discards, loser on loser play, managing entries, and maximizing your chances. **Registration Deadline—April 1**

**Instructor—Henry Meguid, ACBL Accredited and ABTA Master Teacher**

For more information: <http://www.bridgeacademync.com/#!winter-schedule/c85n>

**Sign up for all three classes and get a 15% discount!!!**

Contact Henry Meguid at [info@bridgeacademync.com](mailto:info@bridgeacademync.com) or 919-724-6239



# The Bridge Academy



*Have fun, Play better*

## 2016 New Year's Bridge Extravaganza!

### 0-500 Non-Life MASTER Sectional

**January 16-17, 2016**

**2634 Durham Chapel Hill Blvd  
Durham, NC 27707**

#### ***Saturday, January 16***

10:00 am Stratified NLM Pairs

10:00 am Stratified 0-50 Pairs

2:30 pm Mini-lesson

3:00 pm Stratified NLM Pairs

3:00 pm Stratified 0-50 Pairs

#### ***Sunday, January 17***

10:00 am Stratified Swiss Teams

Play through with lunch included

***Directions:*** The Bridge Academy is located in The M&F Bank Corporate Center Building. For a map and directions, go to [www.bridgeacademync.com](http://www.bridgeacademync.com)

***Nearby Lodging:*** La Quinta Inn & Suites  
4414 Durham Chapel Hill Blvd, Durham, NC 27707  
(919) 401-9660

#### ***Tournament Chair***

Henry Meguid – (919) 724-6239

[henry@bridgeacademync.com](mailto:henry@bridgeacademync.com)

#### ***Partnership Co-Chairs***

Phylliss Woody – (919) 612-7711

[pwoody@unc.edu](mailto:pwoody@unc.edu)

Nancy Crow – (919) 933-4884

[nancykcrow@gmail.com](mailto:nancykcrow@gmail.com)

**NLM  
STRATIFICATION  
0-100; 100-300; 300-500**

**0-50 Pairs  
0-10; 10-20; 20-50**



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# **The Audrey Grant Festival**

**January 19**

**At The Bridge Academy**

**Deadline—January 10**

**Join us to learn how the experts evaluate and bid two-suited hands!**

**Space is limited, so send your reservation with a \$95 check, payable to**

**The Bridge Academy and mail to:**

**The Bridge Academy**

**2634 Durham Chapel Hill Blvd.**

**Durham, NC 27707**

**For more information:**

**<http://www.bridgeacademync.com/#!/audrey-grant-festival/c11de>**



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**"The Playing Power of 2 Suited Hands  
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**2634 Durham-Chapel Hill Blvd.**  
**Durham, NC 27707**

**Tuesday, January 19, 2016**

10:00 am - Noon	Workshop Part 1
Noon - 1:00 pm	Lunch
1:00 pm - 3:00 pm	Workshop Part 2

**Festival Fee: \$95 per person**  
**includes lunch, refreshments and Comprehensive  
Participant Package**

**To register or for further information contact:**  
**Henry Meguid - The Bridge Academy**  
**Henry@bridgeacademync.com**  
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### PROGRAM SCHEDULE

**Monday, January 18**

**9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.**

#### LATEST TEACHING METHODOLOGY

- STEAM! A focus on five essentials for professionally delivered bridge lessons
- The Cards-on-the-Table method

#### NEW PRACTICAL TEACHING TOOLS

- Bridge for the absolute beginner and players with a wide range of experience & skill
- Class management techniques
- Marketing tips
- Professional development resources

**Tuesday, January 19**

**9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.**

#### A CLASS IN ACTION

- Attend "A Festival with Audrey Grant" at The Bridge Academy
- Moving forward!

### YOU'LL RECEIVE:

- Teachers' Guide
- Sample Lesson Plans
- Materials:
  - Bridge Basics 1: An Introduction
  - Coded Cards for Bridge Basics 1
  - Bridge Basics 2: Competitive Bidding
  - Comprehensive Participant Package
  - Bridge At A Glance Booklet
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<mailto:denisehoffmanemail@gmail.com>  
(919) 265-3869 for more information

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