

STATEMENTS OF CANDIDATES
FOR DMBC BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2026/2027

GAIL BRICKEL

My name is Gail Brickel and I am a candidate for the new DMBC Board. My husband and I moved to Mount Dora from CT in 2009. We then relocated to Ormond Beach in 2016. Approximately 2 years later I became a member of our club. I have served 4 years as a board member. Some of my accomplishments are helping to redo and update the Board's charter, and by-laws, helped Martha develop a list of member's birthdays so she could post them, and I also gathered recipes from club members to have a cookbook made as a fund raiser for our club. After a short break from serving on the Board, I still feel a need to help this club in some meaningful way again.

I have a BS in Psychology and went on to get a MA in Marriage and Family therapy. I then went to work at an agency that specialized in substance abuse counseling, and I worked there for 21 years until I retired and moved to Florida. While at the agency I worked as the Coordinator for my unit and was second in command. I then went on to become a state licensed Substance Abuse therapist, and I also became a state licensed Clinical Supervisor overseeing a staff of 5.

I love gardening, and my husband and I travel a lot to visit botanical gardens and even local nurseries just to see the flowers. I also raise African violets. I love playing cards and games of any type. I could go on, but hopefully this is enough for you to consider me for the board again.

Sincerely, Gail Brickel

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I have served on the Metropolitan Bridge Club Board for 3 years, having served as Board President for all three years. Originally from Louisville, Kentucky, I have lived in the Daytona Beach area for 50 years, save for 5 years when I was the President of North Florida Community College in Madison, Florida.

I have been playing bridge since the mid-1960s. I have been playing at Metropolitan for about 5 years. I have been retired for 25 years and am very active in the community. I have served as president of the American Cancer Society local chapter and on the state board of that organization. I have served as president of the Symphony Guild, the Museum of Arts and Science Guild, the Daytona Beach Leadership Council Alumni, the New Horizons Club of the Halifax Area (presently for the third time in 22 years). I was elected to serve as president of the Junior League. I am the Vice-President of the Tiger Bay Volusia Club. I have served as chair or president of several state, national, and international professional organizations. I am currently the president of the homeowners' association in Breakaway Trails as well as at my condo, Southern Shores, in Flagler Beach. I currently serve on the Board of the Daytona State College Foundation, where I fund an endowed scholarship.

I provide this litany of leadership and board roles only to show that I have decades of experience serving on boards in many different roles. I am happy to bring that experience to the Metropolitan Board. I hope that by serving on this Board, I can be a part of the team that ensures the vitality and future of this very special club.

JUDY HINDS

To the Membership of Daytona Metropolitan Bridge Club:

As a member of our club since 2000, my dedication to our bridge community runs deep. While I previously stepped away to care for my late husband who suffered from dementia, I am fully ready to return my time and energy to promoting our club's future.

One of our most urgent challenges, I believe, is increasing our club membership. To do this, we must not only attract those who are inclined to learn the game of bridge but also must ensure our club is one known to provide a friendly and effective game of bridge. To address this, I bring historical knowledge of the club from my previous years of serving on the board as treasurer and also performing the role Bob Renuart now plays as accountant. As a prior CPA, I understand how to balance our budget while investing in membership outreach, novice players mentorship, successful tournaments, and ensuring that all members feel valued.

I am running for member of the board to serve as a reliable, experienced bridge between our club's rich history and its exciting future. I would be honored to serve with the current board and thank you for your consideration.

Judy Hinds

KIM KLANCKE

Dr. Kim A. Klancke graduated from Princeton University, the University of Cincinnati Medical School and completed cardiology training at the Medical University of South Carolina. He moved to Daytona Beach in 1982 where he joined the cardiology practice of Dr. Roger K. Lewis and his wife Liz Lewis (Business Manager) who are both members of the bridge club. We grew the practice to include 15 cardiologists, over 100 employees and 7 offices in Volusia County. After 37 years of clinical practice, Dr. Klancke transitioned to being the medical director for the practice and playing duplicate bridge.

Dr. Klancke has been a long-term member of the Daytona Metropolitan Bridge Club and is interested in serving on the board of directors.

Kim K.

LINDA KRENZLER

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Professional Experience and Commitment to the DMBC

- I have lived in Volusia County for twenty-five years and am a retired Volusia County Special Education teacher. Currently, I serve as the secretary on my developments Homeowner's Association.
- As a special education teacher, I developed Individual Education Plans for each student in collaboration with parents, administrators, and related education and health professionals.
- Before becoming a teacher, I worked as a medical librarian and served as Chief of Librarian at a VAMC. In that role, I directed the daily administrative, financial, and staffing operations of the Medical and Patient Education Libraries.
- Since joining Daytona Metropolitan Bridge Club as a novice bridge player, I have been warmly welcomed by all the club's members. They are patiently teaching me the conventions and strategies I need to become a successful bridge player. I enjoy the camaraderie and the challenges my bridge partners provide during each game.
- I would like to give back to the club by contributing and serving on the Board of Directors.

Thank you for considering my nomination,
Linda Krenzler

PETER POLUBIEC

I am writing to express my interest in being considered as a candidate for the Daytona Metropolitan Bridge Club Board of Directors for the upcoming term.

As a regular member of the club, I enjoy being part of the bridge community and would welcome the opportunity to contribute more actively to the club's future.

My ACBL #5690528

I have been playing bridge since the age of 14, giving me nearly 50 years of experience. Originally from Europe, I am familiar with the regulations of the WBF, EBL, and, of course, the ACBL.

I am fluent in English, Polish, Russian, and German.

I have the time available to actively contribute to the club, as my business provides me with passive income.

I bring more than 40 years of business and management experience, including leadership, team development, customer relations, problem-solving, and organizing business operations. I believe these skills could be valuable in supporting the club's activities and long-term development.

If elected, I would be interested in helping attract new members, encouraging greater participation, supporting club events, and strengthening the welcoming atmosphere that makes our bridge community special.

Please let me know what steps I need to complete to formalize my candidacy and submit a short biography for distribution to club members.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I would be pleased to contribute my experience, ideas, and time to help the club continue to grow.

Best regards,

Peter Polubiec

DEBI PROUDFOOT

Candidate for the Board of Directors Daytona Metropolitan Bridge Club

Deborah Proudfoot brings valuable leadership and business experience to the Daytona Metropolitan Bridge Club, having served on its Board of Directors for the past two years. Now retired, she previously served as President of Davis and Associates, a brokerage company, and J&D Properties, a real estate investment company. Through her business leadership, Deborah developed extensive experience in management, decision-making, and working with people toward common goals.

Deborah values the friendships, enjoyment, and mental stimulation that bridge brings to its members. She believes in maintaining a welcoming, friendly, and well-managed club where members can enjoy the game and the fellowship it creates. She would be pleased to continue serving on the Board and contributing her experience, enthusiasm, and commitment to the continued success of the Daytona Metropolitan Bridge Club.

(Submitted by Debi Proudfoot)