Dolly Parton tribute

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Party organizer and Unit 110 Vice President Andrea Yalof, Dolly Parton (aka Bruce McKechnie), Unit 110 President Pete Hardin and Camilla Buchanan.

During the Peninsula Bridge Club's fundraising events for Alzheimer's, held in Hampton VA, raffle tickets were sold for the opportunity to play bridge with some of the club's outstanding players. Members could also purchase raffle tickets for the chance to choose a costume that one of the club's daring male players would be required to wear for a day of bridge.

The raffle featured a list of 20 suggested costumes, along with the option to choose another costume. One enthusiastic club member purchased $400 worth of tickets for the honor of selecting the costume. However, as fate would have it, they were disqualified from winning the costume choice after winning a separate raffle for the opportunity to play with one of the bridge players before the costume drawing took place!

Because several of our bridge players were attending the Gatlinburg regional, a Dolly Parton costume was ultimately selected. The choice was made before Dolly's passing.

A Saturday in September was designated as a special Dolly Parton tribute day, featuring a potluck luncheon and sing-along. Club members dressed in pink, and some even added cowboy boots to their outfits.

The highlight of the day was a surprise appearance by Dolly Parton herself – or, more accurately, Dolly Parton aka Bruce McKechnie! His performance was a rousing hit with the crowd. And while the photograph may not do him justice, his lovely eye shadow certainly deserves special mention! ■