Unit 191 Director Candidates
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Ann Fisher



I love the game of bridge, and it is a pleasure to promote the game by serving on the unit board. Thank you for allowing me to serve, and I hope to continue to do so. The game has brought many new friends into my life as well as a family of support. I hope to see each of you at the table.

Bill Chappell



My return to the bridge table—following a nearly four-decade hiatus while living and working in the New York metro area—came after retiring and moving back to North

Carolina. Retirement and the move followed a career focused on accounting and systems policy and projects in financial institutions.

College friends in the Triangle area enticed me back to playing socially in late 2024. The first game with them introduced me to bidding boxes. The boxes were fine, but I soon realized that the meanings of many bids had changed in the intervening decades: explanations of “two over one,” “negative doubles,” “inverted minors,” and other English-language-sounding phrases followed. After doing my best to adapt at the most basic level, I played my first duplicate game in January 2025 and was immediately hooked.

It is an honor to be nominated to serve on the Unit 191 board, and, if elected, I look forward to working with the board and all of you. I am particularly interested in helping newer players become comfortable in the bridge community, in whatever form works for them.

At my 50th college reunion in June, several classmates seemed to remember me more for bridge than for academics. I explained that while they were worried about what they were going to do after college, I was already preparing for retirement.

Martha Schulwitz



During my childhood, growing up in a large family in Venezuela, Spain, and Greece, I was intrigued watching my parents play bridge with their friends, but unfortunately, they never invited us to join them.

Wondering what to do in retirement lead me to the OLLI catalog, and there I saw a beginner’s bridge class starting in September 2019. After retiring from nursing, I was

excited to finally find and take Modern Bridge Bidding I offered through The Bridge Academy.

When Covid hit, we all know what happened to face-to-face bridge. So, four of us from our bridge class decided to play online from our homes for a year, my partner moving back to Poland for a while, another moving back to Canada, and our fourth living in Pittsboro. Every week we got together to talk on WhatsApp while we played a game on BBO. So much fun!

Learning and playing bridge have been addictive and as challenging as it was being a nurse, both requiring decisions to be made under pressure, but in nursing one wrong decision could be life threatening, whereas in bridge, well, that could depend upon your partner, LOL. Seriously, I have had the BEST partners and mentors.

Playing with a mentor has helped me with my confidence, communication skills, fear of playing with better players and playing in tournaments.

I would appreciate the opportunity to serve Unit 191 and its members.