

I have been playing competitive bridge in the ACBL since 1994. Gail and I purchased our home in The Villages in 2003. We started snow birding in 2006 and became full time residents in 2010. In 2010 I was elected to serve on the Board of Directors. In 2012 I was appointed Head Director. In 2017 the position was split into Head Director and Data Manager and I assumed the duties of Data Manager. In July 2019 I resigned as Data Manager to accept a temporary appointment to the Board of Directors after Vickie was appointed to assume the Data Manager position. I am now an advisor to Unit 128, Unit 9 of the ACBL. This position allows me to participate in ACBL decisions affecting clubs in the State of Florida.

During this period there were many changes in The Villages and in the club. When I was first appointed to Head Director in 2012 we had 7 games a week and there were 6 Directors. When the job of Head Director was split there were 15 weekly games and 13 game directors. Our club attendance in 2012 was 7,700 tables. In 2019 it was over 16,000. Attendance continued to increase in 2020 until the pandemic interfered. Hopefully attendance and member participation will return when things become safe to play again.

During the past ten years in addition to the above noted responsibilities I have been actively engaged in teaching various classes mostly devoted to introducing new bridge players to the game as part of the Newcomers programs. It is with great pride and satisfaction that many of those participated in these programs have been come successful and regular bridge players in the club including many who are now Life Masters or better.

I would like to have the honor of being reelected to be a Board member again in this year's election. I think my experiences and institutional memory over the last 10 years will help the Board in making decisions for the future.