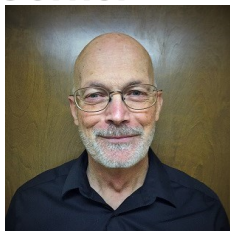


# Northern Indiana Unit 154

APRIL 2018 Newsletter

Editor: Kim Grant

## President's Corner



Gary Chaney

Greetings, Everyone. Spring is here, but someone needs to tell the weather to act like it. Now that I have the obligatory complaint about the weather out of the way, let's talk about the important stuff.

**IT IS OFFICIAL!** Unit 154, our beloved Northern Indiana Unit, is now a member of District 12 of the ACBL. On March 8, 2018, the ACBL Board of Directors voted to approve our request for transfer from D8 to D12.

We have joined the district of the players and the partners that we see every week from Michigan and northwestern Ohio. On behalf of the Unit BoD, I thank each and every one of you who signed the petition for transfer. Yes, all 480 of you! You comprised 85% of all the Unit members who played at a Unit club two or more times in the past two years. You spoke with gusto and passion and the ACBL heard you.

Now that the Unit is part of D12, let's demonstrate our bridge passion and participate fully in the D12 Grand National Team qualifying on May 11-12 in metro Detroit. Specific information will soon be available through our clubs for this event. For a number of us our becoming a part of D12 means we can play for the first time with our regular weekly partners in this event. Also, there will be an extra STaC week this year for the Unit. Watch for more info regarding this event on the Unit website which is: [Unit154.org](http://Unit154.org)  
District 12 Website is: [District12bridge.org](http://District12bridge.org)

Speaking of websites, HELP!!! Since the founding of this website in 2014, Kim Grant has been the webmaster and switchboard for our Unit. She has decided to step away from this responsibility so she can attend to other priorities. If you are technologically savvy (or are willing to become such) and would like to be a more active part of the Unit, here is an opportunity. Kim will happily work with you to teach you the ropes and to provide verbal assistance when needed. **The plain and simple fact is that if no Unit member steps up to become the new webmaster by June 15, 2018, this site will cease to exist.**

**ELECTIONS! ELECTIONS! ELECTIONS!** Each year the Unit Board of Directors (BoD) has a certain number of seats become available. This year seats representing Angola, Fort Wayne, Gary, Kokomo, and South Bend/Mishawaka (2) are open. How does a Unit member become a candidate for one of these seats? EASY AS PIE. Simply fill out the self-nomination form found on this website and send it electronically or hard copy to Election Committee Chair Gary Chaney so that it arrives on or before May 15, 2018. That's all that is needed. Elections will be held on a date(s) to be determined between June 1-15 at the appropriate clubs.

I wish all of you a happy April. Remember to trust your partner and be a partner who can be trusted.

*Gary*



# Fort Wayne Sectional

May 18, 19, & 20, 2018

## Fort Wayne Bridge Center

4618 East State Blvd., Suite 101

Fort Wayne, IN 46815

260-373-0422

### Tournament Chair:

**Kim Grant**

(260) 740-7348

kimfwi@aol.com

### Partnerships:

**Gary Chaney**

(419) 438-2175

chaneygary47@gmail.com

### Hotel Information:

**Holiday Inn at IPFW**

4111 Paul Shaffer Drive

(260) 482-3800

4 minutes from playing site

Bridge Rate/\$115 until 4/19/18

Double Queen Rooms

## Friday & Saturday

Stratified Open Pair/Team Games

Single Sessions

10:00 AM 3:00 PM

\*\*\*Limited (299ers) Pairs

Single Sessions

10:00 AM 3:00 PM

## Sunday Swiss Teams

10:00 AM

# And the 2017 Winners are...

Race	2017 Mini-McKenney Winners	2017 Ace of Club Winners
0 to 5	Richard Brewes, Michiana Shores IN 52.51	Richard Brewes, Michiana Shores IN 47.55
5 to 20	Benjamin Paulson, South Bend IN 49.22	Benjamin Paulson, South Bend IN 41.47
20 to 50	Terry Bauer, Portage 101.38	Terry Bauer, Portage IN 66.60
50 to 100	Larry Satek, Fremont IN 51.14	Marcy Tomes, Valparaiso IN 45.30
100 to 200	Karen Nagy, South Bend IN 69.76	Charles Tomes, Valparaiso IN 65.76
200 to 300	Carol Watters, Columbia City IN 136.65	Carol Watters, Columbia City IN 70.73
300 to 500	Lee Baatz, Columbia City IN 174.26	Lee Baatz, Columbia City IN 104.60
500 to 1000	Yuan Hsu, Hammond IN 260.05	Yuan Hsu, Hammond IN 219.06
1000 to 1500	James Kart, Fort Wayne IN 301.22	Wayne Carpenter, Chesterton IN 200.34
1500 to 2500	Kimberly Grant, Fort Wayne IN 325.81	Donald Valiska, Highland IN 185.80
2500 to 3500	Louis Nimnicht, Crown Point IN 280.19	Patricia Killeen, Mishawaka IN 232.00
3500 to 5000	Lena Howard, Elkhart IN 267.20	John Killeen, Mishawaka IN 233.45
5000 to 7500	Joseph Chin, Highland IN 326.08	Joseph Chin, Highland IN 253.51
Over 10,000	Chayem Ben Moshe, South Bend IN 378.77	Chayem Ben Moshe, South Bend IN 53.39

# 70% + GAMES

Wayne Carpenter, Chesterton & Laverne Niksch, Portage: **71.53%** 2/6

Don & Rose Ferguson, Fort Wayne: **70%** 2/20

Joe Chin, Highland & Yuan Hsu, Hammond: **70.51%** 2/24

Chuck Tomes, Valparaiso & Don Giedemann, Valparaiso: **72.92%** 3/14

Dave Bigler, Hobart & Mike Brissette, Gary: **71.11%** 3/17

Tom Hallum, Mishawaka & Suzanne Watson, South Bend: **71.25%** 3/2/18

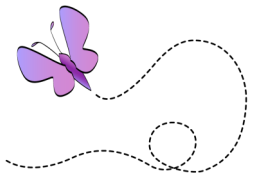
Elaine DeLaney, South Bend & Chris Habegger, Bristol: **72.5%** 3/9/18

John and Tricia Killeen, Mishawaka: **70.83%** 3/22

Don & Rose Ferguson, Fort Wayne: **71%** 3/27



# Friends that will be missed.



**WINI MORSCHES of Columbia City**, was a constant source to strive and to soar. She was slight in stature but huge in heart, beautiful inside and out, artistically accomplished, and humble. Wini was a true lady who was always able to prioritize her choices to accommodate the ones she loved. Her family was her pride and joy and they could never doubt their importance in her life. The world is a better place for knowing such a lovely lady. As 7 NT is a grand slam, Wini Morsches was a Grand Lady. She will be missed.



**FAYE ANDERSON of Schererville** has passed away at the age of 98. She was a long-time devotee of the fascinating game of bridge until failing vision and a myriad of health issues prevented her from continuing on. She vowed that she would play bridge until she became a Silver Life Master (with 168 more points to go) or until she became 100 years old. Sad to say — she didn't fulfill either aspiration.

It was never in her original plans to become a Life Master, but one day her partner, Barbara Walczak, suggested to her, "Let's hop a plane to Reno (notice her Reno shirt) and get started on our Life Master gold." She entered the adventure spiritedly. They traveled to many places in the next nine months, until they had their 25 gold. They even had the thrill of playing against Eddie Wold, Marc Jacobus and Mike Passell in a team game at Lake Geneva.

Faye was feisty (in an amiable way) and had a fun-loving teasing personality endearing her to everyone. A previous director called her "Bulldog" — and I think she liked her nickname.

One of Faye's biggest regrets was that, as much as she desired to, she was not able to go to college. It was the 1930s and there were 12 children in the family, and there were no financial resources to make that happen. Unfortunately, her potential was never fully realized. She was a smart lady.



**NORA ALLEN**  
**6/28/26 - 3/2/18**

Nora Mae Allen, 91, of Elkhart, played at the South Bend Bridge Club some years ago on the 399er side of the room. She was always gracious, and we are sorry to see that she will no longer be with us.



**RICHARD KLITZKE**  
**7/1/29 - 3/11/18**

Dick Klitzke, 88, was a formidable partner and opponent who seemed to come up with just the right bid and play. He and his wife, Doris, were regulars at the South Bend club for many years. He was a Silver Life Master but played like a Diamond LM. We will miss his gentleness and smile.

# RIISING IN THE RANKS

## JUNIOR MASTER

Donald Grote, Chesterton  
Dr. James Lane, Chesterton  
Fred Maione, Bonita Springs  
Roy Martin, Auburn

## CLUB MASTER

Lois Ehinger, Fort Wayne  
Candace Hurwich, South Bend  
Rick Warburton, Schererville

## SECTIONAL MASTER

Robert Enyeart, Fort Wayne  
Penny Henshaw, Fort Wayne  
Barbara Lawson, Valparaiso  
Marty Martin, Niles  
Marcy Tomes, Valparaiso

## REGIONAL MASTER

Margaret Lewis, Granger  
Kay Lively, Highland

## LIFE MASTER



**Otto Bonahoom**  
**Fort Wayne, Indiana**  
Born Nov 5, 1930,

I started playing bridge in law school in 1952. After graduation and service time, I met Lindy Moss and Howard Chapman when we were young lawyers in Fort Wayne. We played bridge with another young lawyer on our lunch hour. The first to arrive would shuffle and deal four hands which we started playing as soon as all had arrived. The player with dummy hand would shuffle and deal four more hands while the game was being played so that we could play as many hands as possible in an hour. After a short time, the others asked me if I played golf. When said I did not, they exclaimed: "Well, go learn!, then when it rains we can just go to clubhouse and play bridge." Howard and I always had two decks in our golf bags. Before long it turned into golf, dinner and bridge once a week at the Fort Wayne CC. My good friend, Bob Carteaux, kibitzed our games for a few minutes and suggested that we join FWDBC.

In 2006 or 2007, Howard, Lindy and I joined the club. On August 1, 2007 when Howard and I had a 70% game, I was hooked!!! My pal, Norm Stephan, told me we should put an ad in the paper or a sign in the front lawn!! Norm was my strong supporter and I miss him.

I became a Life Master on Feb 4, 018 with the help of my friends and partners, Kim Grant, Gary Chaney and Howard Chapman.

I am a retired lawyer. My wife, Jane, and I have 6 children, 15 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren.

## LIFE MASTER



**Carol Watters**  
**Columbia City**  
Born 1-16-40

In 1994 when my sister Vickie lived in Fort Wayne and started playing Duplicate. She convinced me to join the ACBL so I could play in the Regional with her where we won two 1<sup>st</sup> place Rookie trophies. I played a couple more times before she moved to Ohio and I maintained membership in ACBL for awhile.

In 2012 my good friends Wini & Paul Morsches convinced me to start playing Duplicate on a regular basis. Later we went on a Bridge cruise through the Panama Canal and I began my next bucket list goal to try for my Life Masters. With encouragement from many more members in Fort Wayne and the beginning lessons with Gary Chaney and his mentoring program I got totally involved. My mentors to begin with were Carl Wheeler, Judy Nelsen, and Tom Carpenter. When I reached the 200 point level I started playing regularly with Lee Baatz. He has been a great teacher and friend. Since we are both from Whitley County and we rode together it was nice to discuss our wins and losses and improve bidding and play.

The last two years have been surreal with our sectional and regional wins and Lee received his Life Master in November 2017. I was pleasantly surprised to open my mail on February 1<sup>st</sup> and discover that the ACBL had gone back to when I joined in 1994, which allowed me to attain the designation of life Master with 300 points. This has been a wonderful experience and I will always remember the many kindnesses and encouragement from the numerous members who were willing to share their knowledge of this GREAT GAME with someone who needed a lot of help.



## LIFE MASTER



**Mike Young**  
**South Bend**

Mike comes from a family who loved to play cards - pinochle and euchre. So when he worked at Indiana Bell, he watched noontime Bridge games and was soon hooked. He played in the Indian-apolis Bridge Club which was started by Easy Blackwood (of Blackwood convention fame) taking lessons from a very good bridge teacher, Thelma Wright. After 7 weeks of lessons, he was thrown into the bridge world playing on Wednesday nights in the novice game. After several months, he & his partner decided to play with the "biggies" and he was on his way.

Bridge was put on hold as his children were growing and, umpiring baseball took its place.. When he retired and moved to St. Joseph he found the itch to play bridge again and took lessons from Carol Purdy & Alina Grier. He is thankful for the wonderful mentors who helped him - John Bodish, Cappy Gagnon, Peter Elliot, Jill Culby and Bruce Sokol. He says he learns something new with every game. **GREAT JOB, MIKE!**

## SILVER LIFE MASTER



**Dick Petersen**  
**Fort Wayne**

Dick Petersen began playing bridge in 1964, the same year he moved to Fort Wayne for a job at Magnavox, enrolled in graduate school and began skiing. A very busy year. His early experience was noon time rubber bridge at work and some all-nighters in school. One of my early partners was Tom Carpenter who introduced him to Kaplan-Sheinwold bidding (weak two-bids).

In 1977 he met LaVerne at a "Parents Without Partners" dance. They had both lost their first spouses. They dated for several years and married in 1982. LaVerne knew Dick was a bridge player, so she took lessons from Ruth Stephans and they played in several rubber bridge clubs for the next 13 years. They knew of duplicate bridge, but between work and caring for his mother, they knew they lacked the time to get that involved.

LaVerne retired in 1993. Dick retired in 1995 and his mother died that year. Their first duplicate play was above Boxbergers in the Tuesday night game run by Bob Swindell. They remember Mike and Anne Marie Bonahoom as the friendly couple who made them feel welcome and answered their questions. Soon they were invited to join the Fort Wayne bridge club and the Cedar Creek club. They did quite well as pretty good C class players, went to tournaments, and became life masters in 2000. This was about when the Fort Wayne club moved to Bluffton road. They took the bridge director's course at the New Orleans National and the Bridge Teacher's Course the next year. That's when Dick thinks they were offered the job to be managers of the Tuesday night club.

LaVerne was elected to the Fort Wayne board for several years and to the Cedar Creek board. Dick was elected to the Fort Wayne board about 2004 and served through 2014.

The lease at Bluffton road required us to pay for all the maintenance, so Dick wound up doing all the facility repairs including the computer, the lighting, the water heater and the plumbing. He designed and built the storage shelving and repaired the furniture as needed.

The first web site for the Fort Wayne club was designed by Craig Harold and Dick thought he did a masterful job. Unfortunately, he lost interest in bridge soon after, so Dick became the club webmaster until 2013 at which time the club hired a web designer to build a new site. Mary Lou Clegg is now maintaining the website.

During our bridge career, Dick has also trained 16 new directors, installed the new computer accessories (Bridgemates and dealing machine) and trained the other directors in their operation.

LaVerne and Dick still play, still direct, still manage Tuesday night and still love this beautiful game. LaVerne became a silver life master in 2014, thanks to her early retirement, and Dick just got to that rank this January.

## LIFE & BRONZE LIFE MASTER

Daniel Cunningham, La Porte

## SILVER LIFE MASTER

Dorothy Harrell, Kokomo

## SILVER LIFE MASTER



### **John Hamilton, South Bend**

John reports that, since becoming a Bronze Life Master in 2014, he has been earning matchpoints at local clubs in the Florida area. He continues his work in the law profession and will be coming home soon and joining his friends at the club to earn some South Bend points. His friends will be happy to see him so that he can offer his experience in running sectionals. He and his wife, Lynn, did a wonderful job chairing past South Bend sectionals and their expertise will be welcome. **CONGRATULATIONS, JOHN!**

Mark  
Your  
Calendar



# South Bend Summer Sectional August 3, 4, & 5

**Kroc Corps Community Center**  
800 West Western Ave.  
South Bend, IN 46601  
(574) 233-9471

**Unit 154 Annual Meeting will start at 9:15 AM on Sunday, 8/5/18**