

UNIT 144 AGENDA
BOARD MEETING 02-17-2019

Call Meeting to Order	Barbara Johnson
Approval of Minutes from Last Board Meeting and Annual Meeting	Judy Knox
Treasurer's Report	Lee Smart
NABC Update	Bob Williams
IN 2021 Regional	Tolliver/Lee
Update Nate Silverstein	Judy Knox
Awards Dinner	Lee/Tom Ebers
Sky Rocket/Tunica (discussion on how to improve tournaments, increase attendance)	Ed
GNT update	Barbara Johnson
Report on Youth Bridge submitted by Lisa Harris. Larry Jackson and Judy Knox	Judy Knox
Select date for next BOD Meeting	
Adjourn	

Respectfully submitted:

Barbara Johnson, President Unit 144

Unit 144 TN Bridge Association
Board Meeting
February 17, 2019

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Barbara Johnson – President

Tom Ebers- Vice President

Judy Knox - Secretary

Lee Smart – Treasurer

Ed Davis, Tolliver McKinney, & Bob Williams

The meeting was called to order by Barbara Johnson at 3pm on Sunday, February 17, 2019.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the November 30, 2018 Board Meeting were submitted for approval. These minutes were prepared by Ed Davis. Bob Williams made a motion to approve these minutes. Seconded by Lee Smart. The minutes from the Annual Meeting on Friday, February 1, 2019 were also submitted for approval. Lee Smart made a motion to approve these minutes seconded by Tom Ebers. Both sets of minutes were approved by the Unit Board.

Treasurer's Report – Lee Smart

Lee submitted a profit and Loss report for the current year and for last year. We had \$2533.33 net profit for this year. (See Exhibit A attached for Lee's report.) Lee also gave details regarding total amount of money raised for the NABC and the ending balances for the checking and savings account. Ed Davis made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report. Seconded by Barbara Johnson. The Board approved the treasurer's report.

NABC UPDATE – Bob Williams

Bob said financially we are in great shape. Tom is doing great with hospitality. We are having free coffee all day per Tom. Donna is doing a great job as volunteer chair. We had a great meeting at the Sheraton with the ACBL staff. They said normally a meeting like this lasts about 4 or 5 hours. We were done in 1 hour. Ed Davis made a comment regarding the smooth meeting that we had. Everybody asked the right questions. Everybody paid attention. Everybody has worked really, really well. Bob is meeting with the Food truck people. Corky's wants to put their food truck there, too. There was a lot of discussion regarding how well the tournament seems to be going so far.

IN 2021 Regional & NLM Sectional

There was much discussion regarding the IN 2021 Regional. It has been sanctioned for April 2021. We need to discuss this Regional and time needed for it some more. Ed said he will take care of the IN Regional. Lee wants to have an IN Sectional in 2019, and 2020 to lead up to the IN Regional in 2021. We might want to change the date to November for the Regional. We want to have the IN Sectional in 2019 in November 8, 9, and 10. There was much discussion regarding the contract with M. A. Lightman for us to have the NLM Sectional in November of this year. Lee Smart is the tournament Chair. (See Exhibit B attached for copy of the flyer and the contract for the NLM Sectional)

Awards Banquet

There was much discussion regarding the Awards Banquet this year. Ace of Clubs and Mini-McKenney awards are given to the players who have the most master points at Unit 144 Clubs and Unit 144 Tournaments. It was decided that we will have it catered. Lee Smart and Tom Ebers are in charge of the event. Judy will send out the letters to the winners, make sign up sheets and purchase medallions. (Please see a copy of the final Awards Banquet Letter which is attached at Exhibit C)

Sky Rocket/Tunica – Ed Davis

Ed has got all the Sectional and Regional Tournaments Sanctioned for the Unit through 2022. The Gold Strike Contract is up in 2020. We are committed to them through 2020. We will look for another venue after that year. We want to run our IN Sectionals and Regionals with local directors since it will cost us a lot less than using Charlie. Ed has talked to Diane Dillman to possibly run our IN Sectional in November. Ed has a schedule for Tunica made out and will forward it to Judy to make the flyer. Everybody will have a chance to view the schedule before it is published. (See Exhibit D for Tournament Dates and Sanctions)

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GNT Update

Sue Ray has got 20 tables for the GNT Swiss teams on Saturday. Linda Pelts is donating a Corky's Barbeque dinner. She wants us to charge \$5 for the dinner and she wants it to go to M. A. Lightman. Sue Ray is the GNT Coordinator for the Unit. Lee made a motion that we split the profit 50/50 with Lightman that is made from the GNT Swiss Team Game. Second by Tom Ebers. The motion passed.

Update Nate Silverstein

The financial statement was submitted from the Nate Silverstein Sectional. We were down 20 tables. We had a net loss of \$ 321. There was much discussion regarding the reasons for why the tournament was not well attended. It was felt that since we had to change our regular date from Jan. to first of Feb. was the main reason. We were waiting to schedule it so we could have it at the new Lightman location. By the time we found out that we could not have it there, the Agri Center did not have any dates left in January and VT only had the first week of February for us to have it. Charlie was able to get the first week of February date for us. This was not a very good date. We will hopefully do better next time since we won't have to wait to find out if the new club is available. (See Exhibit E attached for Financial report on Nate Silverstein.)

Barbara wants to schedule our next Board Meeting. We decided to have it after the NABC on May 10. Right after game at 1:30 strictly to talk about finances. We will do awards dinner on May 3. **Barbara will check on those dates and get back to us.

We will table the discussion on Linda Sherrell's Youth Bridge report to the next Board Meeting. A report from Lisa Harris and Larry Jackson was prepared and submitted to each Board Member. Discussion of this report will be tabled to the next board meeting. (See Exhibit F attached for Copy of Lisa & Larry's Report) Meeting was adjourned at 5 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Knox
Judy Knox, Secretary 144

** Corrected Date For Awards Banquet is May 10 and for Board Meeting is May 24 after the Friday morning game 1:30

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EXHIBIT A

16-17 PROFIT AND LOSS

UNIT 144 7-1-16 /6/-30-17

17-18

program deposits	68143	89510.1
fundraising	3937	
interest	7.67	26.19
interest	7.38	
Revenues	72095.05	89536.29

EXPENSE:

WEBSITE	1200	1264
YOUTH BRIDGE	2662.06	2573.92
SECTIONALS	18853.97	18039
REGIONALS	47579.53	61964.54
SUPPLIS AND POSTAGE	873.49	1025
UNIT EVENTS	1031.45	1036.5
REIMBURSED	1720	1100
operating expenses	73920.5	87002.96
	-1825	2533.33

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EXHIBIT B

Memphis 0-500 NLM Sectional Tournament

November 8, 9, & 10, 2019

M. A. Lightman Bridge Club - 8180 Sedgewick Way, Memphis, TN 38125

Friday 2pm

Stratified NLM Pairs*

0-500 Pairs

0-100 Pairs

0-20 Pairs

Saturday Starts 9:30 & 1:30

0-500 Pairs

0-100 Pairs

0-20 Pairs

Sunday

Start Times: 10am and after lunch

Stratified Swiss Teams 0-500

***Pairs Stratification:**

0-500 NLM Pairs (0-100, 100-300, 300-500)

0-100 Pairs (0-20, 20-50, 50-100)

0-20 Pairs (0-5, 5-20)

*3 table minimum to hold separate event.
Separate event example: 0-20 players
only play with other 0-20 players.*

FEES

Friday & Saturday

\$10 per person per session

\$4 additional for lapsed ACBL members

**Box Lunch Available
Saturday for \$8**

Sunday

**\$100 Per Team for Both Sessions
with Lunch Included**

Fragrance Free Please

**Hotel Suggestion
Hampton By Hilton
3579 Hacks Cross Road,
Memphis, TN 38125
(901)-754-8454**

**Breakfast, Snack & coffee
before game Sat. & Sun.**

**Tournament Chair &
Partnership Desk: Lee Smart
Leesmart9@aol.com
901-277-9671**

**Co-Chair & Director: Diane Dillman
d1955g@aol.com**

M.A. LIGHTMAN BRIDGE CLUB, INC.

912 Kelly Road, Memphis TN 38111

(901) 324-3889

malightmanbc@aol.com

January 23, 2019

Contact Person: Bill Demetriou, (901) 355-5283

EVENT ORDER NO.

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BILL TOACBL-TN Bridge Assn, Unit 144
912 Kelly Road
Memphis, TN 38111**EVENT NAME**

I/N Sectional

Attn: Judy Knox

DATE	ROOMS	TIMES	RENTAL
Nov. 8, 2019	Main room at 8180 Sedgwick Way, Memphis, TN (up to 20 tables)	2pm-8pm	\$350*
Nov. 9, 2019	"	8am-8pm	\$700*
Nov. 10, 2019	"	8am-8pm	\$700*
Cleaning Fee			\$200
Refundable Security Deposit			\$500

TOTAL \$2,450**50% DEPOSIT (\$975) DUE BY** March 8, 2019**BALANCE (\$1,475) DUE BY** August 8, 2019

Thank you for your business!

Initials _____

Initials _____

***PLEASE NOTE: This contract is subject to a special discounted first-year price for the I/N Sectional only and is subject to the specific details outlined in the attached Terms & Conditions.**

ACBL-TN Bridge Association, Unit 144

M.A. Lightman Bridge Club, Inc.

By: _____

By: _____

Title: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

Date: _____

ADDITIONAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

These **Additional Terms and Conditions** hereby made a part hereof the Event Order (collectively, the "**Agreement**") are entered into by and between M.A. Lightman Bridge Club, Inc. ("Lightman Bridge") and ACBL-TN Bridge Assn, Unit 144 (the "Unit") For the entire term of your use and occupancy of the contracted function space within the Hotel premises during your Event, you agree to comply with all of the requirements set forth herein

ADDITIONAL DEFINITIONS:

- "**Event**" refers to each day of the sectional to be held at Lightman Bridge as detailed in the Event Order.

OPTION DATE: The arrangements set forth on the Event Order will serve as the final arrangements for your Event, and are tentatively being held for you on a **first option** basis until the due date specified in the Event Order. We may release this first option with no notice required if you do not sign and return the Event Order to Lightman Bridge within 30 days.

DEPOSIT; PAYMENT TERMS: We require you to provide the deposit as indicated on the Event Order.

FULL CANCELLATION: You may cancel this Agreement only by giving written notice to us. In the event of a cancellation, our actual damages would be difficult to determine. Therefore, at the same time you send us your written notice of cancellation, you also agree to pay us, as liquidated damages and not a penalty, the following cancellation fee:

- Cancellation notice received by Lightman Bridge on or after March 8, 2019 and before August 8, 2019: 25% of total (excluding security deposit);
- Cancellation received after August 8, 2019: 50% of total (excluding security deposit).

OVERTIME: You agree to begin your Event promptly at the scheduled start time and to have your guests, invitees and other persons vacate the designated function space at the agreed upon end time. You must reimburse us for any overtime wage payments or other expenses incurred by us because of your failure to comply with these requirements.

JOINT USE OF SPACE: This Event order reserves space for 20 four-person tables in the main room of the Bridge Club at 8180 Sedgwick Way, Memphis, TN, (the "Bridge Club") for your Event. It is understood that Lightman Bridge may run games or classes simultaneously with your event, but will make use of the side classroom for such games to the maximum extent possible. If there is not enough room in the side classroom for the simultaneous games and/or classes, then up to 6 tables may be used in the main room for a simultaneous game. You will also have shared use of the kitchen, serving area, and restrooms in the Bridge Club.

ADDITIONAL TABLE CHARGES: You may rent space for up to 10 additional tables (30 total) in the main room at a cost of \$20 per table space per session (half-day). No notice is required to use this additional space, but payment must be made prior to the end of the Event.

TABLES AND CHAIRS TO BE PROVIDED BY UNIT: Lightman Bridge does not guarantee that there will be sufficient tables and chairs for the Event. The Unit is responsible for providing sufficient tables and chairs for the Event.

BRIDGE SUPPLIES NOT FURNISHED: All Bridgemates, cards, boards, and other bridge supplies are to be provided by the Unit and are not the responsibility of Lightman Bridge. The Unit shall arrange to have its boards made in advance. The Unit may rent the dealing machine of Lightman Bridge to make boards for an additional fee to be agreed upon.

CLEANING FEE: The cleaning fee is an additional fee to recoup a portion of the cost of cleaning the Bridge Club before and after the Sectional. It is non-refundable.

SET UP AND BREAK DOWN: The Unit shall be responsible for room set-up and break down. The following tasks shall be completed by the Unit prior to leaving the building on November 10:

- All dishes removed from main floor, serving area, and kitchen and put in dishwasher.
- All trash removed from Bridge Club.
- Tables, chairs, and bridge supplies that are the property of the Unit removed from the Bridge Club.

An additional \$50-\$100 cleaning fee will be charged if these tasks are not completed.

DAMAGES AND SECURITY DEPOSIT: The Unit shall be responsible for any damages to the premises or personal property of Lightman Bridge resulting from the acts or omissions (whether negligent, intentional, or non-negligent) of the Unit's agents, employees, or attendees ("Damages"). The Unit must provide to Lightman Bridge a security deposit of \$500 on or before August 8, 2019, as security for Damage. The Security Deposit shall be held by Lightman Bridge in a separate account, without liability for or payment of interest thereon, until after the Event. The day after the Event, a representative of Lightman Bridge and a representative of the Unit, shall survey the Bridge Club's premises and personal property for Damages. A list of Damages, along with the cost of repairing such Damages (the "List of Damages"), shall be delivered to the Unit within 14 days, along with any remaining portion of the Security Deposit not needed to cover the repair of Damages. If the cost of repairing Damages exceed the amount of the Security Deposit, the Unit shall reimburse Lightman Bridge for those within 15 days of the written notification. In the event of a dispute between Lightman Bridge and the Unit over the specific Damages or the cost of repairing Damages, Lightman Bridge shall withhold from the Security Deposit the total repair cost set forth in the List of Damages until such dispute is resolved.

FOOD AND BEVERAGES: You agree to provide your own food, beverages and services for the Event. Due to applicable law, you may not bring alcoholic beverages into the Bridge Club for your Event.

NO LIABILITY FOR YOUR PERSONAL PROPERTY: You may, at your option, purchase insurance to cover your personal property. To the fullest extent permitted by law, Lightman Bridge, V.T. Gala, and Jaya Gala are not responsible for any loss or damage to property belonging to you, your agents, employees, or attendees and do not maintain insurance covering it.

FIRE SAFETY: All room sets must be in compliance with the local Fire Department regulations, including those pertaining to occupancy load, mandatory aisles, ceiling clearance and fire exits.

OUTSIDE CONTRACTORS: Should you elect to utilize outside contractors at the Bridge Club during your Event, you must notify us at least 10 days in advance of your Event. We may require that your outside contractors sign a hold harmless, indemnification and insurance agreement and provide proof of insurance in amounts acceptable to us (amounts and types of insurance to be determined in our sole discretion based on the type of services the outside contractor will be providing) before the outside contractor will be allowed to provide services on our premises.

SECURITY: It is understood that Lightman Bridge is providing no security for the Event. The Unit may provide its own security for the Event. In all events, Lightman Bridge, V.T. Gala, and Jaya Gala have no liability for damages to persons or property on the Bridge Club's premises or parking lot resulting from a failure to provide security.

IMPOSSIBILITY: Neither party shall be responsible for failure to perform the Agreement if unanticipated circumstances beyond their control, including, but not limited to; acts of God, terrorist attacks in the city in which the Bridge Club is located, or declared war in the country in which the Bridge Club is located, make it illegal or impossible

for the Bridge Club to hold the Event. The affected party may terminate the Agreement without liability upon providing written notice to the other party within ten (10) days of any such occurrence.

DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY: To the fullest extent permitted by law, the Unit agrees that in no event will Lightman Bridge, V.T. Gala or Jaya Gala be liable for (1) any services or products provided, or to be provided, to the sectional by any third-party supplier or contractor, or (2) any liability to the Unit, its agents, employees, or guests for damage or injury to persons or property.

GOVERNING LAW: The Agreement will be governed by and interpreted pursuant to the laws of Tennessee.

COLLECTION / LEGAL FEES: The parties agree that if any dispute arises in any way relating to or arising out of the Agreement, the prevailing party in any arbitration or court proceeding will be entitled to recover an award of its legal fees and costs, plus pre and post judgment interest. If we retain the services of a collection agency or legal representative to assist in the collection of any amounts due to us under the Agreement, you will pay all expenses incurred by us in such collection efforts.

SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS: The commitments made by each party will be binding on their respective successors and assigns. You not may assign the Agreement or any rights hereunder without prior written approval of Lightman Bridge. Further, the facilities contracted in the Agreement, including the meeting/function rooms, are for your exclusive use.

AMENDMENTS; ENTIRE AGREEMENT: If you make changes to the Event Order, the changes may be accepted or rejected by Lightman Bridge in our sole discretion. The Event Order, together with these Additional Terms and Conditions, upon signature by both parties on the Event Order, constitutes the entire agreement between the parties and may not be amended or changed unless done so in writing and signed by the parties; *provided, however*, that your final guarantee of attendance may be made by phone.

MISCELLANEOUS: Any provision in the Agreement that is held to be illegal or unenforceable in any jurisdiction shall be ineffective to the extent of such illegality or unenforceability without invalidating the remaining provisions, and any such illegal or unenforceable provision shall be deemed to be restated to reflect as nearly as possible the original intentions of the parties in accordance with applicable law. Either party's failure to enforce any term or condition of this Agreement does not waive that party's right to enforce that or any other term or condition at any time.

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EXHIBIT C

Congratulations on winning the Mini-McKenney/Ace of Clubs Award for the 2018 year! You are cordially invited to attend the annual Unit 144 Awards Banquet honoring Mini-McKinney and Ace of Clubs winners for the 2018 year.

The Awards Banquet will be held Friday, May 10, at MA Lightman Bridge Club at 912 Kelley Rd. We will have wine and beer at 5:30 pm with dinner at 5:45 pm. Dinner will be followed by the awards ceremony and a unit championship game.

As a honoree you are a guest of the unit for dinner and game. For all others, the cost will be \$15 for dinner and the game (\$9 for dinner only). The dinner is being catered by Coletta's Restaurant and will include lasagna and Italian marinated chicken, salad and bread with dessert provided by the unit.

We hope you will bring your favorite partner and join the festivities. Reservations are requested. You may call or text to (901)737-8087 (Please leave a message if I am not in.) or sign up on the list at the Lightman Bridge Club. You can also send an e-mail to judysbridge7@gmail.com for more information.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Knox, Secretary Unit 144

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EXHIBIT D

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MEMPHIS' OLDEST STEEL SERVICE CENTER

Tournament Schedule

Nate Silverstein Sectional

2020	01-02 - 01-05	no site
2021	01-07 - 01-10	" "
2022	01-06 - 01-09	" "

Sky Rocket Sectional

2019	08-01 - 08-04	no site
2020	07-30 - 08-02	" "
2021	07-29 - 08-01	" "
2022	08-04 - 08-07	" "

Delta Dealin' Regional (Tunica)

2019	09-16 - 09-22	Gold Strike
2020	10-12 - 10-18	Gold Strike
2021	09-20 - 09-26	no site
2022	09-12 - 09-18	no site

STRUCTURALS • BARS • EX. METAL • GRATING • PLATES • SHEETS
PIPE • TUBING • PROCESSING • SAWING • SHEARING

Southern Steel Supply Co., Inc.

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MEMPHIS' OLDEST STEEL SERVICE CENTER

Tournament Schedule

I/N Sectional (Jackson, ^{MS} 1-3)
2019 11-08 - 11-10

I/N Regional April (more to Nov.)
2020 Nov.

Local Directors ~~not~~ Charlie
Ashford Dione Dillman to Run
tournament. Charlie could
mentor her (20-25 tables)

P.O. Box 582 • Memphis, TN 38101-0582 475 North Dunlap • Memphis, TN 38105
Phone 901-523-1170 • 800-264-2664 • Fax 901-529-9225

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EXHIBIT E

Nate Silverstein

Year	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Date	01/02/15-01/04/15	Jan. 7-10, 2016	9/1/17	01/18/18	01/19/19
Location	Hilton	HGI-VT's	Agri	Agri	Hilton
Total tables	221	260			179.5
Gross Receipts	9427.50	12302.00	7988	9625.00	8612.00
Cards & \$2bills	141.00	141.00	141	141.00	141.00
Directors- Charlie's totals (see attached)	3004.73	4300.00	2759	2522.00	2569.00
Hospitality - (Jason's Deli)	960.31	750.00	751.64	620.00	379.00
Rent (Hilton)	3043.00	3200.00	2420	4025.00	4370.00
Hospitality - (Bob Williams)	1010.00	1133.00	999	1278.00	1200.00
Awards-Judy	338.85	245.00	142	100.00	80.00
Miscellaneous- Charlie	486.25	999.00	34	9.00	194.00
Hand Records, copying, misc. exp.		370.00			
Total expenses	8984.14	11138.00	7246.00	8695.00	8933.00
Net income	443.36	1164.00	742.25	930.00	-321.00
Tables By Day	2014	2015.00	2016.00	2017.00	2019.00
Thursday	74	0.00	64.00	30.5	49
Friday	82	86.00	77.50 snow		54.5
Saturday	61	71.50	73.50	30	51
Sunday	48	44.00	46.00	38	26
Total	265	221.00	241.00	155	179.5

EXHIBIT F

Youth Bridge Program Report

Unit 144

By Lisa Harris and Larry Jackson
Submitted February 10, 2019

We met with Linda Sherrell on January 29, 2019, to discuss the youth bridge program that she has administered for Unit 144 since the summer of 2015. Prior to the meeting, we were provided with financials for summer camp and after school programs from 2015 to present supplied by Lee Smart, Judy Knox and Linda.

Here are our findings:

1. Over the past four years, the youth program has served 94 youth (age 24 and under) and 30 adults. Several have completed more than one program and 4 students have stayed with it through Beginner I, II, III, IV and Intermediate I & II levels.
2. We have held 7 Summer Camps and 7 semesters of after school programs.
3. Our youth program has received over \$13,000 in grants from the ACBL Education Foundation which Linda applied for.
4. Of these students, Linda is only teaching privately those that need catch-up lessons for missing sessions due to scheduling conflicts. (Note: The majority of Linda's private lessons are outside of the students attending youth bridge programs.)
5. Of these 94 youth and 30 adults, approximately 40 have participated in Linda's monthly, under 50 MP, sanctioned games that she puts on at no charge on Sundays. This game averages 3-4 tables. (Note: This game draws some youth from Lamplighter School's bridge program which is independent of our youth bridge program.)
6. Typically, 8 of the summer camp students participate in the Firecracker Sectional Tournament, a few of the youth bridge students will participate in the Nate Silverstein Sectional, and 4-6 of these students come to other MAL sanctioned games.
7. The numbers in our youth bridge program have dropped from 2015 with a very big drop in 2018. Students by year are: 1) 2015/2016 – 38 youth and 3 adults; 2) 2016/2017 – 21 youth and 4 adults; 3) 2017/2018 – 27 youth and 13 adults; and, 4) 2018/2019 – 8 youth and 13 adults. Much of this is due to free beginning bridge camps offered initially where now a fee is charged. In the most recent year, a venue change has contributed to falling numbers.

8. Venues used for youth bridge programs have included Hutchison School, Sonya Fleck's Tutoring company, The Chinese School, the Germantown library, and a clubhouse in Collierville. Many of these have included fees for using/cleaning the space.
9. A stipend has been paid to Linda for her teaching time for youth bridge programs after the first year. If at least 8 students are in a class, she receives \$350 per 16-hour class (minimum – often spends more time) directly from ACBL (outside of the Education Foundation grants). (Note: With 2 summer camps and 2 semesters of after school programs in a typical year, Linda receives stipends totalling \$1400.) When class sizes have dropped below 8, District 10 has voted to split the \$350 stipend with Unit 144. There have been additional stipends approved by Unit 144 for Tolliver as he has given a lot of his time.
10. To be eligible for the ACBL Education Foundation Grants, Unit 144 is required to pay at least one-third of the cost of each program. Therefore, Linda has experimented with advertising options in meeting this grant requirement. \$3000 has been spent for advertising which seems very high but helps us to meet this 1/3 rule. We did talk about other advertising options that could reduce this expense.
11. Linda does have difficulties finding people to volunteer to help with youth bridge programs. In the past, volunteers have included Tolliver, Bill Eason, Barbara Johnson, Deborah Harrington, Easter Kirby, Gordon Goldsmith, Jaya Gala, Gerry Harper, Sherry Thaxton and Gail Sutton.
12. Linda's husband is retiring this year and they will move from Memphis by year-end. So, we talked about the future of the youth bridge program. First, Linda feels that we should go back to one free (no fee) beginner summer bridge camp and she may do so this summer before she leaves. If someone does not volunteer to take on the full responsibility that Linda has, we could reduce the program to this one free summer camp and then feed interested students into youth only beginner bridge lessons offered by our MAL instructors. It is important to keep them as youth only private lessons to keep them fun and to not disturb adults that are trying to learn with restless kids around.
13. In summary, Linda feels that this program is developing some life long bridge players. How many is difficult to say. She hopes that continuing some sort of youth initiative stays a priority for Unit 144.
14. Linda added in a follow-up communication that she and Tolliver have both taught beginning bridge lessons to some college students. In fall 2018, Linda donated her time to teach 6 students at CBU which was sponsored by a CBU professor, Pat P. They had 4 lessons. Tolliver and Linda taught Learn Bridge in a Day to 9 students and 2 adults at Rhodes College sponsored by Rhodes. Tolliver is continuing to teach 4 students.