



Our tournaments still need your boost of attendance. **Sectional** attendance has been down. Our Sectional dates, decided years ago and not an option to change, along with the economy have contributed to a lag in attendance. Unexplainably, our **Regional** attendance was down last year, in 2012, and the recent September 2013, in spite of the experienced efforts of the long-time chairs, Georgia Banziger & Cheryl Schneider (Columbus), was down even further, a discouraging 100 less tables from 2012! (The Regional player fee had been raised this year so that better hospitality could be offered, and that helped to boost our income from this major money-making event and compensate for the drop in attendance the last two years.) Our upcoming last Sectional of the year, always held in early December, and popular as being the only winter sectional in the area, unfortunately is scheduled as a mid-November date this year. Do look over the games available for that weekend of November 15-17 and please try to plan to play as often as you can. If you or someone you know needs a partner for the November Sectional, Marilyn O'Connor will be happy to help. If you are going to other cities to tournaments, encourage others to attend. Take flyers & pass them out.

As questions continue to arise, I'd like to touch briefly on the difference between **THE MIAMI VALLEY BRIDGE ASSOCIATION**, which is Unit 136 of the ACBL and the **MIAMI VALLEY BRIDGE CLUB**, operating, at the bridge center, **under the umbrella of the Miami Valley Bridge Association**. The Miami Valley Bridge Club, along with two other clubs, is a member of Unit 136, as designated by ACBL. The Miami Valley Bridge Association (Unit 136) geographically includes these three clubs in the Miami Valley area: Lima, Logan County (Bellefontaine) and Miami Valley Bridge Club. Both Lima and Logan County are independently owned and operated. The MV Bridge Club is the largest, and is owned directly by the Miami Valley Bridge Association (Unit 136). This ownership causes the Association Board to become involved in the affairs and major purchases of the Bridge Club from time to time. The MV Bridge Club (operating out of the Bridge Center) has a paid manager, Tom Coyle, under contract to the Miami Valley Bridge Association Board, to conduct the bridge activities of the club, arrange for the upkeep and cleaning of the facility, monitor the directors for proper conduct of club games, and most importantly, Promote the Game of Bridge. The Association (Unit) must elect a Unit Board each year, under the laws of ACBL. The Association (Unit) also pays a Webmaster, Georgia Banziger, and (new) Treasurer, Richard

Garlough. Neither the Club Manager nor the Webmaster positions are required to be members of the Board, they are paid positions, at the will of the Board of the Miami Valley Bridge Association. The Treasurer, according to our by-laws, must serve on the Board. All other positions except these three are volunteer...

Thank you to Don Snyder, who is our Hospitality Chair. (Jan Sheppe was accidentally listed as hospitality chair in the last Midwest Monitor. Jan is our tireless Sectional Chair, and chair of the upcoming Holiday Party, with assistance from Beverly Dana, Marilyn O'Connor, Joanne Deutsch, and others) Don will continue as Hospitality Chair through the November Sectional and Steve Boehmer still serves as Sectional Beverage Chair. Steve also took the pics of the Board, currently displayed on the table in the trophy area. Georgia serves as Membership Chair and Electronic Contact/Tournament Coordinator. Thank you to Darin, our technology specialist, for working so hard to set up the new website, and Georgia who maintains it. We will all miss Stefanie Ginger, who was always ready to step forward to help on any project, and Bob Stitt who was just getting his feet wet as Vice-President and Valley Tally editor. I have appointed Stu Petersen as the new Unit Game Chairman. Thank you to Rosie Sullivan for taking the minutes, a truly time-consuming and thankless job. Jerry Grogan has served for several years as Treasurer, but has stepped aside for personal reasons. Richard Garlough has agreed to serve as Treasurer for the remainder of 2013 (4th quarter). Lori Harner again took care of the Mentor-Mentee program, won in the finals by Georgia Banziger and Barbara Bitticker. Marilyn O'Connor has been the conscientious partnership chair for our tournaments forever, and like a Northwest Mountie, never wavers in finding a partner for someone in need. Marilyn also is Sunshine Chairman. Wayne O'Connor has (thank you) served as the Education Chair. Steve Forsythe has encouraged and taught a myriad of newcomers, many of whom have joined MVBA. I appointed Joanne Deutsch as (a new position) Kitchen Manager, at her request, several months ago, and the results speak for themselves. Joanne Coyle is talented and tireless in keeping the outdoors around our Clubhouse attractive and replete with flowers. And welcome to those new on the board filling vacancies to finish out 2013: Richard Garlough, treasurer, Jan Sheppe, and David Kennedy.

Hoping to see you soon at the bridge table!
Jan Gimbrone, President, Unit 136

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING: THE ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING OF THE MIAMI VALLEY BRIDGE ASSOCIATION WILL BE HELD FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2013 AT THE MVBA BRIDGE CENTER, DURING THE CHRISTMAS PARTY, AT APPROXIMATELY 6:30 P.M., AFTER DINNER, BEFORE THE EVENING GAME.

The election for the officers and members of the Miami Valley Bridge Association will take place during our November 15-17, 2013 Sectional Tournament. *If you prefer, you may vote early **November 4 - November 15** at the MV Bridge Center. You must ask the game director to check your name off and provide you with a ballot.*

NOTE: If you live a distance away, or are incapacitated, please contact any current officer, who can then check your name off and mail you a ballot and a self-addressed envelope. (See the mvba.com website, "About Us" for a current list of board members.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS TO THE BOARD OF THE MIAMI VALLEY BRIDGE ASSOCIATION:

(Vote for one for each office listed)

PRESIDENT:

Georgia Banziger...I am, again, running for President of MVBA. I have been asked to write a short Bio. I have served on the MVBA board for 8 years, including 2 years as Vice President, and 3 years as President. In the last two years I have served as Vice President of District 11. (I will be resigning this position if elected as MVBA President, so I can represent our Unit at the District meetings.) I have been attending the District 11 Board meetings for over 6 years and have a good relationship with the members of the District 11 Board.

I am a very active member of our Unit and Club. My activities besides playing bridge are: Membership Secretary, updating the membership roster for ACBL Score and for our mailings; Ordering the plaques for the Unit (Memorial, awards, etc.); I am in charge of the Unit's Tournament scheduling; I have done the directory for the last 7 years; Webmaster for the MVBA website; Co-chair the annual Flying Buckeye Regional at the Hope Hotel; MVBA Bridge Center acting manager for 7 weeks or so each summer; Director of the Thursday morning game at the Bridge Center; I even do the recycling!

I was instrumental in the MVBA Board purchasing Bridgemate II scoring devices and a Dealer4 (hand generator & dealer). We now have hand records at the center after the games and on the website. Both of these items are also used for our Regional and Sectional Tournaments. This has speeds up the start of the games at the Bridge Center, as well as tournaments. We have saved a lot of money on caddies at tournaments. We do not need as many with the Bridgemates in use.

This time as President, I would like to work on **building**: membership, and retention of members; attendance at Sectional Tournaments; better use of Roberts Rules of Order at MVBA Board meetings, and a more positive tone to the discussions; positive communication between the Board of Directors and the general membership of the MVBA (more informative minutes, posted agendas, and financials); positive attitudes at the tables and otherwise. I would very much appreciate your vote in the election.

PRESIDENT:

Jerry Grogan... I have been a member of the Board of Directors of the MVBA for seven years, four of those years as the Treasurer. I have a degree in Accounting from Xavier University and worked for General Motors and Electronic Data Services for 34 years, in various management positions. The reason I am running for President of MVBA to bring my years experiences for the betterment of this Organization. I believe we must plan for the future. I fully support the funding of the Replacement Account as developed by the Finance committee.

VICE PRESIDENT:

Joanne Deutsch... I am seeking the office of Vice President of the MVBA because I want to contribute to the smooth and efficient running of the organization. I have been a board member for 5 years and I think that a capable and knowledgeable governing board coupled with the indispensable leadership of the club manager are the two elements that will ensure our continued success.

If elected I would like to emphasize the following:

- The continuing maintenance of our well ordered and attractive bridge center
- A more easily understood maintenance and presentation of all our financial records
- Enhanced communication between the board, manager and the membership
- More Goodwill and Fellowship among all our players

SECRETARY:

David Kennedy...Hi, my name is David Kennedy and I am currently running for the Board of Directors of the MVBA. I have been playing Bridge here for just over two years now and I am totally hooked on the game! I play mainly the evening games and a few weekend games since I am still employed at PNC Bank as an Assistant Vice President in Finance Technology.

I have been on Boards of Clubs and Organizations most of my adult life. I just finished a six year stint on the Board of Directors for the Dayton Men's Chorus, serving the last four years as their Treasurer. In the early 1990's I was the State President of the Ohio Junior Chamber of Commerce (Jaycees), an organization of 7000+ members at the time.

The reason that I am running is because we have a great organizational foundation here. One where we can build on our strengths and successes, learn and apply lessons from less than successful events, and ultimately make this great club even better! I believe that as a Board Member I can make significant contributions and look forward to the opportunity to serve!

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Please note that the position of Treasurer is appointed by the President and approved by the Board of Directors, per the MVBA By-Laws.

CANDIDATES FOR BOARD POSITIONS [VOTE FOR four (4) of the below candidates.]

Barbara Bitticker... I am running for a board position because I very much enjoy playing bridge; and I enjoy the people I have met here. I am so grateful to have such a wonderful club and I would like to contribute in some way to the organization. I have lived in Dayton for many years. I taught high school at Alter for 20 years before retiring.

Darin Campo... I have enjoyed my term on the board and would love to serve again. I work full time as a research chemist. I am interested in serving on the board again to help promote the game to new players, and continue to improve our wonderful club. I am willing to help the club and unit whenever needed.

Tom Coyle As Bridge Center manager, representing the majority of players in Unit 136 (those who play at MVBC), it is in the interests of those members to have a voice in Board actions with respect to MVBC.

As manager of MVBC, I will continue to follow the philosophy of making available all the special events offered by ACBL to players at MVBC; from ACBL Wide Charity, International Fund, and Senior games, to April Charity Month, North American Pairs Qualification games, Jr International Fund month, Grass Roots month, and STaC tournaments.

I've served on the MVBA Board and club manager of MVBC since 2007 and request your support to continue to represent the membership.

Joe Keim...I have been an avid bridge player for over forty five years, dating back to my days as a graduate student at Purdue in the late 1960's. after a long hiatus from duplicate I started playing at our bridge center about five years ago. It was great to meet so many interesting people and forge new friendships. Having retired from LexisNexis last year I would like to devote some time to our unit as a board member. Based on recent events I believe that a permanent increase in our player fees was not needed and will look

to rollback that increase by the second quarter of next year.

Stu Petersen... After graduating from Miami University in 1976, and marrying, served in the United States Navy as a commissioned officer. Left the service and returned to Southwest Ohio with the arrival of our daughter in 1981. From the 80's through retirement served in varying capacities in Montgomery County's Courts. Began playing bridge in Junior High, and have played off and on ever since. In the late 1990's directed a variety of non sanctioned games, and, within the last few years ACBL sanctioned games, both here in Dayton and at my brother's club, The Bridge Connection in Michigan. Hope to share that experience as a part of our Units board.

Joe Reiss... I am running for the Board of Directors to contribute to the current and future success of the Miami Valley Bridge Association. A little about my background:

I worked my way through the Engineering school at the University of Dayton. After graduating, I accepted a position in Research at General Motors where several patents were granted on my inventions. I left GM as a Senior Product Manager to start my own company.

Since 1982, I have managed two manufacturing companies. Although I still oversee the day to day operations, most of my time is spent investing the company's Trust Fund in real estate and the financial markets.

I have served on the Board of several businesses and have the experience to work with our Board. I enjoy playing Bridge and the camaraderie of our members.

We have three great clubs in our Association and I am asking for your vote.

Ed Snyder... I am a native Daytonian. I am a graduate of the University of Dayton and the Ohio State University. In 2009, I retired from the Air Force Research Laboratory at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base. I am working part-time at the University of Dayton. I learned to play bridge at lunch at the base, but it was a competitive "party" bridge game. Lois Gschwender finally convinced me to play duplicate quite some time ago and now duplicate is the only bridge I want to play. I am excited and very supportive of the lessons being offered to get more players in the game. If elected to the board, I will do my very best to keep the MVBA growing and being known as a friendly place to play bridge. I believe that even though it is very competitive at times, we should never forget that it is a game and we should be enjoying playing.

Ilse Tebbetts...I've been a member of the Miami Valley bridge community, and greatly enjoying it, for something like five decades. I'm running for the board now because it's high time I gave something back. I am currently on the board of a regional nonprofit and have served on a number of other such nonprofits over the years. I've also served on several local government boards in Yellow Springs, including the Village Council and the Zoning Board of Appeals, which I chaired for some 20 years. As such, I've logged a good deal of experience dealing with issues that arise in a very contentious community, and I believe that that experience would be useful on the MVBC board.

Diane Rinaldi Vonderbrink... Highlights of my MVBA Board experience included several years of chairing the hospitality committee. Before that Judy Berberich and I chaired the 0-299 sectional. It was a two day event that I would like to see make a comeback. If the board agrees and the membership wants it, I would work as a board member to get this started again.

Again, please vote for 4 (four), casting your ballot either at the Fall-Winter Sectional, November 15-17, 2013 or earlier at the MVBC November 4 – November 15.

*Thank you to the nominating committee for the 2014 election: **Judy Berberich (chair), Joanne Deutsch, Stu Petersen, Joe Keim***

NEW MEMBERS WELCOME!!!

Trish Hughes 1611 Redbush Ave Kettering OH 252-8112.
Sue Stephens 2929 Acorn Dr Kettering OH 275-2994
Bruce Stewart 5550 Tiffany Ln Springfield OH 416-0126
Duane Wood 1370 Champions Way BeaverCrk Twp OH 912-5951
Fred Swaisgood 1209 Cottingwood Ct Bellbrook OH 848-8535
Michael Thill 229 Colonial Ln Dayton OH 438-1814
Jervis Thomas 1020 Chestnut Cir Greenville OH 547-6211
Ann Whitaker 331 Lutz Dr Union OH 836-5286
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Joan Vogel 2245 Jaime Rose Way Dayton, OH 914-922-1226
Paul Schaeffer 725 E Main Eaton OH 456-2839

Gerald Druin 1692 Beaver Ridge Dr Kettering, OH 699-2055
Lisa Garner 1215 Oakwood Ave Dayton OH 298-4523
Shirley Mlod 1215 Linda Ln Fairborn OH 878-5535
Ted Nusbaum 109 Yorkshire Cir Lima OH 419-230-2718
Barbara Verhoff 3846 Cherokee Dr Lima OH 815-721-5904
Kathryn Brown 2207 Far Hills Ave Dayton OH 296-0543
Sallie Luther 45 Peach Orchard Rd Dayton OH 298-2607
Debi Martin 359 Fawnwood Rd Kettering OH 298-4671
Judy Pritchard 625 Renolda Woods Ct Dayton OH 298-1888
Sandi Rachal 7605 John Elwood Dr Centerville OH 433-4735
Steve Simmons 173 James River Rd Beavercreek OH 426-3301

And WELCOME to TRANSFERS into UNIT 136:

Leola Rucker 5165 Dayton Liberty Rd Dayton OH 757-424-9840
Ellen Holroyd 8075 Blackleaf Ct, Centerville, OH 436-0940
Margaret Tuttle 7670 Rolling Oak Dr Centerville OH 433-0511

MOVING UP IN RANK! Congratulations to...

Junior Masters
Allen Hadley, Richard Hoback, Judy Simmons, Phyllis Thompson, Nancy Mohan, Alok Mohan, Myron Coleman, Shirley Mlod, Virginia Schulke, Michael Thill, Patricia Paine, Duane Wood, Connie Taylor
Club Masters
Dennis Hicks, Tom Condron, Suzanne Heaps, Pauline Kash, Sheila Drennen, Victoria Bricker, Elton Bornhorst, Roselyn Bornhorst, Brian Van Vliet

Sectional Masters
Mannie Costales, Kyle Johnson, Lee Parker, James Hudson, John Garrett, Chris Ross, John Scharf, Joseph Camillus, Ernest Spegele
Regional Master:
Barabara Bitticker, Linda Clay, Charles Hemm, Joan Isaacson, David Kennedy, David Whitesell
NABC Masters
Lee Monnin, Don Snyder, Bhaskar Samant

Life Masters
Sandra Brading, Marlene Sigler, Joan Kiralfy, Lori Harner
Bronze Life Masters
Jan Sheppe, Joe Hemskey, Susan Freeman
Silver Life Masters
Ricki Nehs, Kenneth Cramer, Carol Grieselhuber
Gold Life Master
Ilse Tebbetts

CARDS SENT TO THOSE ILL OR WHO HAD SURGERY:

Brian Freeh, Ben Kraus, Frances Kuhn, Pat Griffiths, Toni Funk, Roger Dybvig, Dick Welsh, Diane Vonderbrinke, John Kennel, Judy Dalton, Ron Babcock, Fred Vescio, Rosemary Duncan, Jeff Gargrave, Ann Levy, Alma Malas, Jerry Nangle, Mary Frees, Juanita Swanson, Toni Funk, and Shirley Heintz, Betty Vallo, Dave Balsmeyer.

PASSAGES

Robert (Bob) Anderson, February, 2013, *Bronze Life Master*(ed. I remember his big grin when he (and Berna) made Life Master & Bronze at the same time...I never observed his being rude, nor reacting to another's rudeness. Bob was a gentleman)
Condolences to his wife, MVBA Bronze Life Master, Berna Anderson
Mannie Costales, May, 2013, MVBA member.
William (Bill) McCormick, May, 2013. MVBA member. *Condolences to his wife, MVBA member, Judy McCormick.*
Marilyn Bohman, May, 2013, MVBA Member and Bronze Life Master. *Condolences to her husband, Carl Bohman, Bronze Life Master.*
Richard Kirby, May, 2013, MVBA member. *Condolences to his wife, MVBA member Sue Kirby.*
Bill Childers, July, 2013, MVBA member and Bronze Life Master. *Condolences to his wife, Susan Childers, Bronze Life Master.*
Sam Lucas, July, 2013, MVBA member and Bronze Life Master. *Condolences to his wife, Beverly Lucas, Silver Life Master.*
Anthony Viscomi (a Cincinnati Bridge Club member, Tony played frequently at the MVBC)
Bronze Life Master, of Miamisburg, passed away August, 2013
Barbara Nixon, Dayton, passed away August, 2013. Barbara, MVBA member, was a *Gold Life Master* and for several years has designed the cover of our directories.
Sue (Mary) Hersey, August, 2013. Although not a member of MVBA nor ACBL, Sue played regularly at the MVBC for many years.

CONDOLENCES

...to *Roger and Stanley Dybvig* on the passing of their *sister*.
...to *Barbara Bitticker* on the passing of her *daughter*.
...to *Bill Hartung* on the passing of his *mother-in-law*.
...to *Joan Isaacson* on the passing of her *wife*.
...to *Fred Vescio* on the passing of his *son*.

FUNDAMENTALS OF BASICS

...HINTS FOR BETTER SLAM BIDDING

By Jeff Gargrave

- 1) The objective is to reach any slam that can be a laydown but is no worse than a finesse, a single 2-2 or 3-2 break. Fine slams combine multiple ways to generate the requisite tricks, such as either a 3-3 break or a finesse. A working knowledge of squeeze plays is often helpful.
- 2) Blackwood in any style is an excellent tool to stay out of slams lacking needed controls.
- 3) Once you determine you have adequate controls and points, you have to count your partnership tricks. If you can picture a minimum hand for partner that makes the slam laydown, slam is probably a good gamble.
- 4) In suit slams, quality trumps are crucial. The use of roman keycard Blackwood can tell you what you need to know.
- 5) For a suit small slam, you need 4 of the 5 major controls plus second round control in the odd suit.
- 6) For a NT small slam you need 3 aces and second round control in the fourth suit. Lacking a good 5 card or longer suit to run, you will need 32 or more HCP to make small slam a good bet.
- 7) A jump to 5NT used to be “grand slam force.” Now, using RKC Blackwood will usually fetch that information. The modern treatment is “pick your slam;”

This is useful when you believe some slam is a good bet, but you don't know which suit to play. This asks partner to pick the best strain for slam.

- 8) Most grand slams are reached through Blackwood: first, the ace ask shows all 5 (4 if NT) major controls and the king ask also shows possession of the trump Q (or extra length). This allows partner to count tricks and if she gets up to 13, it's grand slam time!! Lacking 13 tricks, responder bids the cheapest K, if below 6 of the trump suit; if above 6 of our suit, responder bids 6 of our suit.

In my next article, I will give some useful (I hope) hints for Q bidding to slam.

(Free) Classes for those interested in becoming a Club level game director will be held beginning November 2 at 11 a.m. For further details see the MVBA website at www.mvba.com or contact Gary Hatten, 281-1432.

DAYTON 2013
FALL-WINTER SECTIONAL
Friday, November 15 - Sunday, November 17, 2013

Players with only 0-5 points play free all weekend!!!

Do you need Silver points? All points awarded at a Sectional Tournament are just that.
Silver! Come, sparkle.

Friday, November 15, 2013

1:00 p.m. Stratified Future Masters Pairs A: 200 – 300 B: 50 – 200 C: 0 – 50

1:00 p.m. Stratified Open Pairs A: 2000+ B: 750 – 2000 C: 0 – 750

7:00 p.m. Stratified Open Pairs A: 2000+ B: 500 – 2000 C: 0 – 500

Saturday, November 16, 2013

11:00 a.m. Stratified Future Masters Pairs. A: 200 – 300 B: 50 – 200 C: 0 – 50

11:00 a.m. Stratified Open Pairs A: 2000+ B: 750 – 2000 C: 0 – 750

4:00 p.m. Stratified Open Pairs. A: 2000+ B: 500 – 2000 C: 0 – 500

Sunday, November 17, 2013

11:00 a.m. Stratified Swiss Teams (Playthrough) 11:00 a.m.

Based on team's average masterpoint holding: A: 2000+ B: 500-2000 C: 0-500

Dayton's famous Complimentary Buffet will be served during Swiss session

Tournament Contact: Jan Sheppe JSheppe9651@aol.com, 706-296-5202
Partnership Contact: Marilyn O'Connor wandmoconnorpb@yahoo.com, 885-4395

Are You a Bridge Ambassador?

We all would like attendance at the Bridge Center to grow: bigger games mean less random results and bigger masterpoint awards, and they're just more fun! And you're already aware that our Regional & Sectionals need a boost! If we make sure that playing at our clubs is a pleasant experience, players will want to return and invite their friends.

You can help by greeting others in a friendly manner, and being a good 'host' or 'guest' at the table. Don't take up more than your

fair share of table space. Have a completed convention card that matches your partner's, and make it available to the opponents. When the opponents ask the meaning of a bid, explain it fully rather than just offering the name of the convention you're playing. Praise opponents' good bidding or play, don't give unwelcome lessons at the table, and don't criticize the opponents' or partner's bidding or play. The time to critique partner is after the game, when you're looking at the hand record.

If an irregularity occurs, always call the director: players should never make their own rulings. We don't want anyone walking away with the feeling that

they were taken advantage of at the table! When the director comes, wait your turn to speak, state exactly what happened, and don't become loud or argumentative.

After the game, please push in your chair, and clean up any trash around your table. We want our clubs looking neat when company comes! It's always nice to make a good first impression.

Above all, remember that bridge is a *game*: it's supposed to be fun. While most people instinctively are courteous, it doesn't hurt to remind, let's all play nice!

....Jan Gimbrone

PLEASE KEEP YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION CURRENT with ACBL

...and avoid hearing "I tried to call/email you, but...???"

Each month, we get an update from ACBL for our computer that overwrites any info MVBA has entered. So, to change erroneous info, the member himself must call ACBL and correct the information with them. **Call ACBL at 662-253-3100 & ask for membership.** (We've heard calling is more reliable than trying to make corrections on the ACBL website.)

NEW YEAR'S EVE

IN THE MIAMI VALLEY!

At the Bridge Center...with bridge & party AND it's a STAC!!

December 31, 2013, 7:00 p.m.

Bridge Game! No reservations needed

Say goodbye to 2013 at the Miami Valley Bridge Center

KOLB'S 25TH ANNIVERSARY – CHARITY GAME

Sunday, November 3, 2013 at 1:30 pm

Marge & Bill Kolb will cover all player entries and cake!

Players, please bring a dish to share.

Donations will be accepted to Kolb's favorite charity, Rally Foundation (see below)

Rally Foundation for Childhood Cancer Research, a national 501 (C) (3), non-profit organization, empowers volunteers across the country to raise awareness and funds for childhood cancer research to find better treatments with fewer long-term side effects and, ultimately cures for kids. RALLY was formed in 2005 after founder and CeO, Dean Crowe, made a hospital visit to cancer patient William Kolb Olson (grandson of Bill Kolb) and learned of the severe lack of funding available for childhood cancer research. She was asked by his mom to rally supporters to raise awareness & funds with the goal of finding a cure. Since its start from William's hospital room, Rally has provided more than \$4 million in childhood cancer research grants, awards and fellowships at more than 75 childhood research hospitals across the country. William Kolb Olson lost his 11-year battle with brain cancer in May 2012 at the age of 25.

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OUR ANNUAL CHRISTMAS/HOLIDAY PARTY

will again be held at the Miami Valley Bridge Center

Friday, December 13, 2013

5:00 pm COCKTAILS 6:00 p.m. DINNER

@ 6:30 ANNUAL MEETING

7:00 p.m. UNIT GAME



Tickets will be on sale soon, and may then be purchased from any director.

The cost will remain the same this year, \$25.00 per person
which includes cocktails and dinner, and bridge!

Jan Sheppe, Chair