



Valley Tally



Miami Valley Bridge Association
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**Fall 2016
Election
Issue**

President's Corner

Welcome to the election issue of the Valley Tally. The president, vice-president, and secretary are elected for one-year terms. Four directors will be elected for three-year terms. The Valley Tally, with the written notice of election and annual meeting, will be placed on the MVBA website, and printed for the bridge center. Mailings will also go to Lima and Logan County centers. Included in this issue are the names of the people running for re-election, and short statements for the three members running for the MVBA Board of Directors for the first time. Starting Friday, November 18th, please get your ballot from the director and vote. Put your ballot in the voting box, and check your name on the membership list.

Our Winter Sectional Tournament will be held From Dec 2nd through the 4th. This time we will have 3 sessions on Friday to better meet the needs of the players who are still working, and those that have trouble driving after dark. Check the schedule out on-line or in the flyers at the Bridge Center.

The Friday immediately following the Sectional, our MVBA Christmas/Holiday Party, New Life Master and other awards, and the Bridge game will be held. All directors will have tickets for sale starting Thursday, November 17th. The cost is \$15 for the party and the game. The cocktail party/buffet is from 5 pm to 7 pm. The game starts at 7 pm. The cost for just the Holiday Party/buffet is \$10, and for just the game, \$8. We ask that at least one person per pair sign up to bring a sweet or savory hors d'oeuvre.

The MVBA Board of directors approved publishing a Directory for 2016-2017. I will begin working on it soon. Please make sure any changes in your address, phone #s, or email preferences/addresses have been changed with ACBL. I get all my data for the Directory from ACBL.

Have a Very Happy Holiday Season!

See you at the tables, *Georgia Banziger*

Martin & Keim Win the MVBA Unit Mentor/Mentee Series

Debi Martin teamed up with her mentor, Joe Keim, to take first place in the 2016 mentor/mentee series. The 3 games were held at the bridge club during May, June & August.

Please help us with our recycling efforts.

Only place aluminum cans in that bin, and no Styrofoam or trash in either of the bins. We are also collecting, for Beth Grismer, hard plastic caps in a bowl on the table for a special project.

Election slate for 2016 elections

* = Incumbent

These members are running unopposed for the one-year term of:

President – Georgia Banziger*

Vice President – Dave Kennedy*

Secretary – Ilse Tebbetts*

Five of our members are running for four three-year terms on the MVBA Board of Directors.

Anita Brand (see below)

Tom Coyle*

Jim Rachal (see below)

Stu Petersen*

Sandi Rachal (see below)

Four Directors will be elected.

Anita Brand Hi, my name is Anita Brand. I moved to this area in May 2016. I am an avid bridge player who loves the game. I was the club Treasurer at my last club in Springfield Missouri. I served for 3 years before moving to Ohio. I also was a director and directed 2 games each week. The reason I took the director test was I wanted to know more about the inner workings of the game. After I passed the test, the club asked me to direct. I have now directed once at MVBC. I would like to serve on the Miami Valley Bridge Association's board.

Jim Rachal I would appreciate your vote to give me the opportunity to serve on the board of MBVA. I began playing bridge when I was 12, but it was always an informal party game until I joined MBVA about a year and a half ago. I started with the idea of playing bridge during the two months we spend in Florida during the winter and now it has become a passion. I am playing between 4 and 6 games a week. I have experience serving on organization boards with my most recent experience being on our condo board (until we sold it in 2015). MVBA has a wonderful history and I would appreciate the opportunity to continue this success.

Sandi Rachal My name is Sandi Rachal and I am running for the MVBA Board. I have been a member since August of 2013. I started my bridge journey at MVBC by taking the Saturday morning classes and playing in the NLM games on Monday and Wednesday nights. I enjoyed playing so much that I am now playing 4 or 5 times a week. I have also been playing in both local and out of town tournaments. We have a wonderful facility, great educational opportunities for all players, and a membership that is supportive of newer players. I would appreciate the opportunity to be more involved in the MVBA by serving on the Board of Directors.

NOTICE TO ALL MEMBERS OF MIAMI VALLEY BRIDGE ASSOCIATION:

The annual membership meeting will be held on December 9th at about 6:20 pm at the Miami Valley Bridge Center. The meeting is held during the Holiday party and before the game. You do not need to participate in the party or game to attend. Awards will be presented to new Life Masters and others.