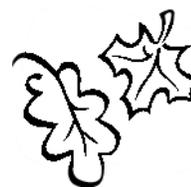




Valley Tally

Miami Valley Bridge Association
4559 Marshall Road, Dayton, OH, 45429



**Fall 2018
Election
Issue**

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President's Corner

It's that time again! This issue of the Valley Tally constitutes written notice of the annual meeting and election of officers, and will be available on the MVBA website and some copies will be printed for the MVBC. The names and short statements of all the candidates are included. The president, vice-president, and secretary are elected for one-year terms. Four Board members will be elected for three-year terms. We will have ballots available on or about November 23rd. Winners will be announced at the annual meeting, which will be held during the MVBA Holiday Party on Friday, December 7.

The 2018 election slate

* = Incumbent

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

President – Georgia Banziger*

Vice President – Wayne O'Connor

Secretary – Ilse Tebbetts*

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

Joyce Dennis*

Joanne Deutsch

Steve Forsythe*

Marilyn Gans*

Michelle Steiner

Welcome to the new Bridge Center!

While the move to our new location on Marshall Road has not been without pitfalls, I'm happy to report that many of the issues have been resolved or will be soon. Although we don't yet have control of the heat, we do have heat in the main playing area. Still in the works are improved lighting and a permanent sign by the street. Meanwhile, we're all enjoying the new reduced entry fees for most special games, made possible by our reduced rent and operating expenses.

Nominations for Officers of the Board

PRESIDENT: Georgia Banziger

I have been a MVBA Board member for 12 years, including six years as President. I have been attending the District 11 Board meetings for over nine years and have a good relationship with the members of the District 11 Board. I do quite a lot of other work for the Unit. This year I was instrumental in finding, negotiating the lease, and completing our move to the new site. I would appreciate your vote to re-elect me as President of the Miami Valley Bridge Association.

VICE-PRESIDENT: Wayne O'Connor

I am currently filling a temporary position on the Board which ends this year. I have served on the Board in several capacities and am now running for the position of Vice President. I will also continue in the role of Education Chairman for the Unit.

SECRETARY: Ilse Tebbetts

The object in writing the minutes of Board meetings is to produce an accurate, coherent, and readable record of the Board's activities and decisions. As Board Secretary, I've had lots of practice in the last few years. My goal for the coming year is to produce a set of minutes in which not a single eagle-eyed Board member finds a single error.

The following people are running for

Three-year terms on the Board

You may vote for up to four

Joyce Dennis

I love the game of duplicate bridge. Hopefully, serving on the Board is a way of paying back. Thank you for your consideration.

Joanne Deutsch

As a member of the Board of the Miami Valley Bridge Association, I feel that I could help as we transition into our new location. I have been a past Vice-President and a past Board member at

our former location. Now, I want to become more involved again in order to be part of the team that is endeavoring to ensure that our tradition of good bridge and enjoyable camaraderie continues in our new space.

Steve Forsythe

My wife Sandy and I have been teaching bridge to beginning and intermediate players at the Bridge Center for over ten years, and have recruited more than 80 new members. As a Board member, I will continue to work to encourage newer players and build up MVBC membership.

Marilyn Gans

I have previously been on the Board and want to be again because I feel that I, in a very small way, am giving back for the enjoyment I receive in playing at the Bridge Center. Thanks so much for the pleasure and for future pleasure.

Michelle Steiner

I started playing duplicate bridge in May 1961, and joined the ACBL shortly thereafter. I stopped playing duplicate in the mid-1970s because life got in the way, but I retained my ACBL membership for another decade.

I started playing duplicate again, and rejoined the ACBL, in September 2013, and have been playing regularly ever since. In May 2017, I was appointed to the Board of Unit 351 to fill a vacancy, and became the chair of the unit's 2018 Progressive Sectional Tournament. I remained a Board member until I moved from Arizona to Ohio, and recently provided advice and assistance (via email) to the current chair of the Unit 351 Progressive Sectional.

I retired from the US Army as a Chief Warrant Officer in 1983 after twenty-two years of service.

I appreciate the welcome and acceptance I've received from the MVBA and everyone in it, and want to repay, and serve, the unit by joining the unit's Board of Directors. Please vote for me.

2018 Christmas/Holiday Buffet & Party

Friday, December 7th

**The Miami Valley Bridge Association's annual holiday party
will be held at the Miami Valley Bridge Center.**

5 to 7 p.m. : Cocktails and lots of hors d'oeuvres

6:20 p.m. : Awards and annual meeting

7 p.m. : Bridge game

Mark your calendar now and plan to join the fun!

**Tickets will be on sale starting November 21st and may be purchased
from any director.**

**The MVBA Unit will provide the shrimp, chicken wings, three types of
meatballs, a cheese tray and a sheet cake.**

**Each pair of attendees is asked to bring a savory or sweet
hors d'oeuvre to share.**

\$18 for Cocktail Buffet and Bridge

\$12 for Buffet only

\$8 for Bridge only



Schedule of Upcoming Events

Nov 30 – Dec 1 - Dayton Sectional

Tuesday, Dec 4 – 6:30 pm Membership game

Tuesday, Dec 11 – 10 am ICC game

Friday, Dec 7 – Christmas Party

- **5-7 pm - Holiday Cocktail Buffet**
- **6:20 awards & meeting**
- **7 pm Unit Game**

Dec 26 - 31 & Jan 1 (am)– District 11 ST@C games

- **All sessions including New Year's Eve & New Year's Day morning**
- **Dec. 31, 7:30 pm - New Year's Eve party & open game**

Saturday, Feb 2 - 1 pm ACBL-wide International Fund Game

Wednesday, Feb 20 – Noon ACBL-wide Charity game

Monday, March 11 – 2:30 pm ACBL-wide Senior Pairs game

Bridge Center News

Our new address is 4559 Marshall Road. We are in the south part of the Lifepointe Church building.

There are four “reserved” parking spots near the door, which are for Lifepointe Church staff and visitors. They're not in the office on Saturday, Sunday, Monday or evenings, so you may use the reserved spots at those times.

Our **Grand Opening** will be held in January or February. Watch for more info coming soon!

Barb Bitticker and Adam Burton were the overall winners of the 2018 Mentor – Mentee games held at the Bridge Center this summer. Well done!

NOTICE TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE MIAMI VALLEY BRIDGE ASSOCIATION

The Annual Membership Meeting will be held at the Bridge Center on December 7 at about 6:20 p.m. The meeting is held during the Holiday party and before the game. Election results will be announced, and awards presented to new Life Masters and others. You do not need to attend the party or the game to attend the meeting.