

June, 2007

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### The VEEP Speaks.....

As I approach the eve of the end of my two year tenure as your SWSVP, the Section has faced many intriguing challenges and with your help, they were met. I have enjoyed my role in meeting the challenges and thank those of you who helped in the achievement of many of my goals and objectives. Many of the objectives that were set forth are ongoing and require continuous efforts on each member's part. I encourage you to continue working to help make our beloved ABA the best organization that it can be. Whether you choose to work on the local, sectional or national level...Please **CHOOSE** to work! If you choose **NOT** to work, then you also choose not to complain. So, roll up your sleeves and work to make our organization the best that it can be.

Our section is small compared to most of the other sections, second smallest in fact, but we can boast about many of our accomplishments; the most recent being our showings in the 2006 Friend Races in all categories and our winners at the 39<sup>th</sup> Annual Spring Nationals in Las, Vegas. For the record, I wasn't one, but I **am** friends with those who were and I am just so glad to know them! Congratulations winners!

Special congratulations to Lela Wilson and Thelma Morgan. Lela was the Player of the 2007 Spring National in Las Vegas. That's called "beating everyone in the house". Thelma Morgan finished at the top of the Senior Life Master category in the 2006 Friend's Race. Thelma previously won in the Life Master category.

The SW Section is to be congratulated for receiving the **\$500** award from the Co-Chairs of the 2007 Spring National for submitting the highest number of full and half page ads. Thanks to Mary Alice Alexander for her assistance in preparing and coordinating the ads. This is the **second consecutive year** that we have won this award. **THANKS TO ALL CLUBS AND UNITS FOR YOUR SUPPORT IN THIS FUND RAISING EFFORT.**

Finally, in addition to increasing our membership of active players, one area in which the section must improve is an increase in the number and level of active directors. **All** clubs should have at least one certified ABA director. We have not yet achieved this goal. Clubs without a certified director should contact our Staff Development Chairperson, Bobbie Turner for information and assistance in achieving this goal.

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### **Sad News**

The SWS mourns the loss of four members, Joe Scott of New Orleans, Louis Smith, Corpus Christi, Bertha Loper, Houston and Jewel McKenzie, Dallas. Jewel was the sister of Mrs. Iris Carr. Jewel will be sorely missed at our tournaments as we all remember the two sisters, always identically dressed. Our prayers are with all who lost loved ones since the writing of the last newsletter. I must continue to ask you to notify our Condolence Committee Chair, Bettie Mann by phone call or e-mail when our members or members of their families have suffered illnesses or losses so that she can send the appropriate condolence from the section. **This is important!** We leave our family members often to play bridge and the least we can do is let them and/or their family know that when they are suffering, we do care.

### **Important National Deadline dates:**

Detroit Summer Nationals Souvenir Journal Ads	May15, 2007
Hyatt Regency Dearborn MI Hotel Reservations	July 5, 2007
Return of Absentee Ballots for 2007 National Election	July 15, 2007
Note: Absentee Ballots provided by mail request <b>only</b> if received by	May31, 2007
On-site voting will be held at Detroit Summer Nationals	July 28, 2007

### **New Appointments**

Thelma Morgan has been appointed as Section Chairperson of the Scholarship Committee.

### **Promotion**

Dorothy Colley was recently promoted to Director-level 3.

### **BOARD ACTION EXCERPTS**

- Defining Moments Prices slashed as follows:  
Full package           \$25  
Chronicle only        \$20  
Video/CD             \$6  
Deck of Cards         \$4

Sets or parts of the set are available from the SVP. Please make your request known.

- Future National Tournament Sites:  
Spring 2008   Cleveland OH                               Summer 2008 Milwaukee WI  
Spring 2009   Houston TX   Summer 2009 Pittsburg PA
- Second place awards should be paid at all Grade A, Sectional and National level tournaments, provided a stratum has at least 6 tables.
- Directors may e-mail members or post game results on website but NOT game files. Game files are not public information and are to be guarded.
- SVP must certify staff development chair's recommendation of directors through level III.

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## Young Professionals DBC

*by, Clarena Richardson*

The Young Professionals find themselves in a languished state of mind at this time as we wistfully offer much love and sincere prayers to our members.

Firstly, to Mary Ann Broussard whose mother, Mrs. Ola Mae Simon, made her transition at the young age of one-hundred and two. Mrs. Simon's wit, wisdom and compassion were widely felt, not only in a family of young and old, but throughout a church community, a community at large and several generations of preachers.

Secondly, much love and sincere prayers are extended to Juanita Mitchell, our infirm member, whose loving daughter "Ginger" of Washington, D. C., said her last "Goodbye", abruptly in April. Ginger's life was another example of Christian living. In life, her mission became an effective combination of education (5 degrees) skills, technical and industry knowledge and public/private sector experience; work that rendered her an expert in areas in affordable housing and subprime lending. She was instrumental in the development of 2500 Units of affordable housing nationwide. In death she was an organ donor and five people from Boston to D.C., now benefit from her donations.

Thirdly, our prayer list includes our member and interim president, Doris Greene. As we monitor her health progress, which shows improvement, but getting her back among us offers challenges but we keep hoping and pushing that she will realize nothing is impossible with God.

## Harbor Duplicate Bridge Club

*by, Carl E. Vaughn, President*

We are working to increase our membership by starting a new member class. This is very much needed since we lost two of our members, within the last six months. Mrs. Ida Jones a long time loyal and dedicated ABA member, passed in December 2006 and Mr. Louis Smith, another loyal member, passed April 8, 2007. At the present time we are making plans for our annual tournament to be held on October 12 to 14, 2007 at the Best Western Motel on the Bay Front. Hope to see you there.



## Hearts & Diamonds DBC

*by Marybelle Whiteman*

Hearts & Diamonds DBC has continued its steady growth! In the past year, we have added four new members: Mae Hickman, Geraldine Callahan, Mary Daniels and Audrey Walker.

Our skills under the monthly tutelage of Mrs. Mae Clark are progressing.

During our Tri-Metro Grade A games in March, 2007, Lois Pruitt and Marybelle Whiteman, won 1<sup>st</sup> Place during a single session game.

Our games are held at Moorland YMCA in Dallas. Annually, H & D gives the "Y" a generous donation.

## SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE SOUTHWEST SECTION ABA

Thelma Morgan, Chair

I have communicated with all Club Presidents by telephone and/or mail information pertaining to the scholarships available to the Southwest Section.

Currently, we have three (3) scholarships for the year 2007-08 at \$1,000 per year.

Eligibility requirements:

- At least one year of college with a 2.5 GPA or better
- Official transcript
- Verified statement of financial need
- Completed ABA application
- Three (3) completed ABA reference forms (one must be from an ABA member)
- Autobiography
- Application deadline, June 15, 2007



If you have any questions, please feel free to contact any committee member or me at (H) 281-373-5512 or [thelma2646@sbcglobal.net](mailto:thelma2646@sbcglobal.net)

Thelma J. Morgan, Chair  
Scholarship Committee

Members:  
Fred Carvin – Houston, TX  
Dorothy Madison – Austin, TX  
Dorothy Nance – Desoto, TX

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### Challenge DBC

*by Jean Milligan*

We have moved! Our games are each Saturday, starting at 10:45 a.m., at the Singing Hills Recreation Center, Dallas, Texas.

We have elected new club officers for 2007 – 2008. They are, President, Mike Montgomery, Secretary, Marie Anders and Treasurer, Audrey Mitchell.

During January, 2007, we held our membership game. We offered a variety of incentives including prizes for winning one's choice of activities to encourage attendance. The event was well attended. We had 7 tables of bridge.

Our top Challenge members are, Gold Diamond player, Ms. Evelyn Adkins, Silver Diamond player, Mr. Percy Milligan and Diamond players, Nancy Coleman, Jean Milligan and Thelma Frost, who attended the 2007 Spring National in Las Vegas. Lots of winning all around by all! What fun!

## NEW PLAYERS Committee

submitted by, James O. Morgan

Currently, there are three (3) new player classes in and around the Houston Metropolitan area at various locations:

- Wednesday, 10-1PM @ Judson Robinson Community Center taught by Nelda Gray
- Every other Tuesday, 11-3PM @ ST Francis Xavier Catholic Church taught by Bobbie Turner and assisted by Betty Patrick
- Thursday, 11-1PM @ Trinity United Methodist taught by James Morgan and assisted by Thelma Morgan

The Houston Metropolitan Unit is serious about recruiting and retaining members for the ABA. Interested persons do not have to look far to find a beginners game.

The New Player Representative, James Morgan and Bridge Education Chair, Nelda Gray, have joined forces and have put in place a New Players Game Schedule for 2007. Their playing dates fall on dates when there are no scheduled ABA games. Generally, the games fall on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month ending the year with a Bridge Christmas Party and Awards Night. All games are played at the Shrine of the Black Madonna. Only new players and “not so new” players (0-300) are allowed to compete for City Points. Thanks to James Hunter, Vice President of the Great Lakes Section, for suggesting giving City Points. In fact, once we returned from the Spring National in Las Vegas, NV, we gave out City Points and the 1<sup>st</sup> place winners “screamed with joy!”

New players do come out on regular game nights and on occasion, we have had enough tables of new players where they have their own flight. We believe that scheduling new player games once a month will allow the new players to bond and get comfortable with each other and playing the game. In addition, a “not so new” bridge player, Johnny Gills, visits the classes on a regular basis, takes pictures, and conducts interviews for his newsletter which is emailed to all the new players and other members. He also includes bridge notes and tips that they enjoy, not to mention seeing their pictures.

Two of our new players attended the 2006 Summer National Tournament in Atlanta, Georgia, Lovie Lynch and Delphine Butler. Lovie earned 7.00 and Delphine earned 16.22 points.

This year, three (3) new players attended the 2007 Spring National in Las Vegas, Nevada and had a marvelous time. Again, Lovie Lynch did well. She and her PRO-AM partner George Sanders won 1<sup>st</sup> place. Lovie also scratched in all her games. Iris Sally and her partner, Gloria Cooper represented the Southwestern Section well in the New Players games both earning trophies and points.

We would like to increase the number of new players going to Detroit this summer. It would be GREAT if we could get a team from Corpus, Dallas/Ft.Worth, Austin, Beaumont, Baton Rouge/New Orleans, Little Rock and Oklahoma, too.

Please tell us what you are doing in your areas to recruit and retain new members. Contact James Morgan, [james2646@sbcglobal.net](mailto:james2646@sbcglobal.net) with your information and/or suggestions.

## **UDBC - A Season for Memory Lane – The Root of Who We Are!!!**

*by, Bettye Drummond, President*

We are a proud group of persons following the legacy established for us in Fifth Ward, Texas. Some sixty years ago, an ancestral group of proud persons who had a foundational appreciation for learning and maintaining Duplicate Bridge organized the **UNIVERSITY DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB ( UDBC )**. In 1957, it was **reorganized by Mr. & Mrs. George Sands** (both deceased) at the Julia C. Hester House. **Mrs. Erma Walton**, a very dedicated bridge player (deceased), who lived in Fifth Ward, encouraged this **reorganization and establishment at the Hester House**. **Mr. Sam Price** (deceased) was Program Director at the Hester House and agreed to become the staff liaison to the University Duplicate Bridge Club.

As the story is told, “Mr. Price soon dropped out and turned everything over to Odessa Sayles. She learned how to play bridge by reading Goren, and playing with Mrs. Walton, and Mr. & Mrs. Sands; she also played auto-bridge. This is how she first became involved with Duplicate Bridge.” Of course, everyone knows, she is, until this day, the Lead Teacher for UDBC; and her club members adore her dedication.

**Charter members of UDBC were George and Pearl Sands; Renetta Etta; Odessa Sayles; William Prestwood; Joe and Hortense Lane; Nannie Brown; Bertha Loper; Joe Tillman; Mollie Gary; Delores Mott; Thomas Williams; and Curtis and Mildred Robinson.** “**Ms. Gary** loved duplicate bridge; she rode the bus at night to the Hester House to play bridge. She was an outstanding player...boy, could she play!” The only living, remaining charter-members are **Renetta Etta and Odessa Sayles**. Delores Mott and Thomas Williams no longer play. Approximately 8 years ago, UDBC instituted a program to honor its deceased members; however that program no longer exists.

Although, **Doyle Branch** lived in Fifth Ward, he was not a member of UDBC until more recent years. After he became a member, the UDBC depended on him greatly for **history, teaching, and his great directorship**. **Doyle Branch and William Prestwood** were the UDBC members who traveled to all of the National Tournaments. Many of the great payers remember Doyle and William.

**Charity** has always been a serious commitment to the UDBC. Throughout the years, our club has contributed annually to the **Julia C. Hester House** and the **United Negro College Fund**. Additionally, UDBC holds a life membership with the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), and continues to pass the “NAACP Torch” [the act of a life member making the first payment on the life membership of a child and the parent of the child continues the small annual payment].



The foremost commitment of UDBC remains to be **serious solicitation of new membership and a proud support base of teaching basic bridge** to our new beginners. Therefore, we are proud to give recognition to **Iris Sally** for bringing in new members and to **Bettye Drummond** for **following suit** in Iris’ footsteps. Be sure, we are proud of our UDBC Teacher and Director, **O’Hara Scurlock**.

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Prairie View Duplicate Bridge Club  
(PVDBC)  
Bernice Webster, President

Bridge on “**The Hill**” is alive and well. Alumni of Prairie View A&M University affectionately refer to PV as “**The Hill.**”

“**The Hill Highlights**”

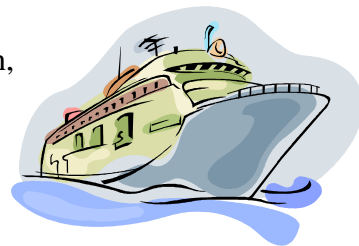
1. Thelma Morgan, 2006 Senior Life Master Player earned 386.49 points.
2. James Morgan and Thelma Morgan placed 4<sup>th</sup> in Flight B of the December 2006 Nationwide.
3. Veronica Hines attended her first Spring National in Las Vegas. She earned 55 points and received her Life Master Certificate at the Awards Ball.
4. James Morgan received his Diamond Level Certificate and pin at the Awards Ball.
5. Thelma Morgan was awarded her Ruby Level Certificate and pin at the Awards Ball.
6. James Morgan continues to teach a bridge class at Trinity United Methodist Church on Thursdays from 11-1 P.M.
7. Patricia A. McGill, Jane Martin, Thelma LeVeaux and Loyce McAfee are the newest members of the PVDBC,
8. Thelma Morgan is Chairperson of the Scholarship Committee for the Southwestern Section,
9. “Our Dynamic Duo” Frank Hawkins and Waymon Webster continue to rack-up the points whenever they sit down to play. Frank is waiting for Waymon to join the ranks of the RETIRED...
10. Linda Durham and Andrew Matthew have been cutting up at Prairie View for the last two tournaments...watch out Frank and Waymon!

Our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Bridge Cruise was wonderful! We had bridge players and non-bridge players from Oklahoma, Michigan, New York, Illinois, Indiana, Virginia, and Tennessee. Our friends from the Southwest Section were too numerous to mention but our grand total was one hundred and twelve strong. We were delighted to have our SWVP, Mary Ann Broussard and husband, Fred on board as well as our very own ABA President, Captain Hank Irwin.

Bobbie Turner and Dorothy Colley directed our six (6) games. There were winners at the bridge table, in the casinos, the duty free shops and the shops in Cozumel.

On Sunday, December 9, 2007 we will set sail out of Galveston, Texas for our 3<sup>rd</sup> Bridge Cruise. This week-long cruise will allow three ports of call Cozumel, Grand Cayman and Montego Bay.

**Don't let this ship sail without you.** For additional information, see the flyer in this newsletter.



Lastly, we would like to thank all of you who travel to Prairie View for our tournaments. We truly enjoy your friendly and competitive spirit. Have a wonderful bridge year and may you and your loved ones be blessed.

The Dallas Tri Metro DBU welcomes the Southwest Sectional to our city.  
We hope you have an enjoyable visit and you earn plenty of points.

Jewel McKenzie, sister of Iris Carr, made her transition May 24, 2007, in the early morning. Jewel seldom played bridge but always kept her membership current with the ABA. Iris and Jewel were known as the "twins" throughout the ABA. Jewel will be missed by the ABA family.

Evelyn Adkins, president of Challenge Bridge Club resigned as President due to personal reasons.

Michael Montgomery, a member of Challenge since April 2006, accepted the position as president.

Michael's agenda includes increasing membership and encouraging a new generation of young people to play the game of bridge. The Dallas bridge family is very supportive of Michael and will work with him hand in hand to help him accomplish the goal of increasing membership.

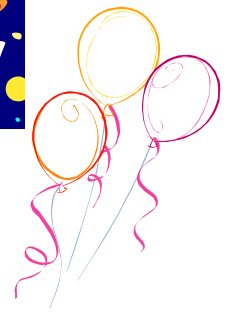
Alma Johnson and Dorothy Nance had the experience of motoring to Oklahoma and playing in the ACBL tournament. Lorene Powers was the perfect host. Although they didn't win the Knock Out, they had a great time playing bridge and earning a few points.

Leroy Gillins is looking forward to attending the Southwest Sectional. Leroy has been ill for sometime and has not been able to play bridge. He is excited about coming to the tournament.

*submitted by, Dorothy Nance, President, Tri Metro DBU*



**Congratulations!**



*Lela Wilson*

**Player of the 2007 Spring National**

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Our current membership of new and upcoming players continues to make the mark of "scratching and matching..." so is the goal of every serious Duplicate Bridge Player... and we are by name: **Renetta Etta, Odessa Sayles, O'Hara Scurlock, Gloria Tapscott, Johnny Gills, Barbara Monroe, Marie Harris, Iris Sally, Lottie Harvey, Ernestine Dansby, Bettye Drummond, Gloria Cooper, Viola Daniels, Minnie Bailey, Janice Brooks, and Diana Tisdom.**

"Our most improved members this year are **Marie Harris, Iris Sally, Gloria Cooper, and Lottie Harvey. Johnny Gills** has gained the most points. **Yeah! Yeah!** "

## AUSTIN/TRAVIS COUNTY DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB

*Submitted by, Ruby L. Handcox, President*

ATCDBC now plays bridge every Tuesday night and our attendance has been excellent. We welcomed two new players, Mosell Cofer and Arlene Turner. We were happy to have our members, Brenda Lucas and Charles Davenport back. Charles has been in Houston attending Web Master School. We were delighted to have Lois Palfrey from the Dallas Club visiting and playing with us last Tuesday, May 16<sup>th</sup>.

We are in the process of setting up classes for beginners as we have several who have expressed a desire to learn bridge. Classes will begin June 1, 2007 and will be taught by our National President, Hank Irwin.

We are very proud of the leadership provided by our National President, Hank Irwin, and the direction in which our Organization is headed. Hank has worked tirelessly and successfully to retire our debts and to bring the American Bridge Association into the 21<sup>st</sup> Century age of Technology.

WE VERY MUCH SUPPORT THE CANDIDACY OF HANK IRWIN FOR A SECOND TERM AS NATIONAL PRESIDENT OF THE AMERICAN BRIDGE ASSOCIATION AND WE HOPE WE CAN COUNT ON YOUR SUPPORT.

Look forward to seeing you at the Southwest Sectional Tournament in June.

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### E. E. Winn Duplicate Bridge Club

by Earline E. Winn

Greetings Bridge Players,

This has been a good year, after a change of club play in January from Saturday to Wednesday, over which we had no control, the club participation is about par! The transition was no problem, in spite of the club having played on Saturday for more than a half century, or since its existence.

This club is the oldest club in Texas. It was founded in the mid-fifties of the 20<sup>th</sup> century by a group of postal employees, for the most part. Several were, the late Boyle "Doyle Baby" Branch, Norman "Buddy" Cavitt, Corry "No Trump" Jones, Durwood Collins, James Clay and Floyd Tate, the only surviving Founder, who is still a member of the club. The original name of the club was "The Greater Houston DBC. Floyd Tate was loyal and dedicated to the work of the club from its beginning, until recently. He is mobile but does not participate. He attributes this to a lack of memory. We salute Mr. Floyd Tate in appreciation for the good work he has done.

It is a pleasure to see Thomas Grace, who has been a long standing member, return and participate quite frequently. We welcome our new players and transfer members; Vivian Goodson, Bobbie Watson, Viola John-Lewis and Dorothy Patterson, a friend and partner of Celina Carter. Dorothy resides in New Orleans; her club was phased out as a result of Hurricane Katrina. Our membership increased this year with 8 new members, as a result of our own Nelda Gray's teaching and recruiting of new players. Nelda recruits new players

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## Metropolitan Duplicate Bridge Unit

*Opal White, President*

*Gloria D. Tapscott, Secretary*

I wish to thank all of the representatives from Austin, Beaumont, Chicago, Corpus Christi, Fort Worth, Dallas and Oklahoma who came to our Doyle C. Branch, January 5, 2007 Grade "A" weekend. We enjoyed you so much. We realize some of you made supreme sacrifices to be here in recognition of my 'plea' to you. Others of you who weren't going to come because it was too close to the holidays, the grandkids tired you out, etc. but you came anyway, and to those of you who were glad to get away to play some bridge, thank you. I'm glad you made it. I hope that you enjoyed the tournament as much as we enjoyed having you. We look forward to hosting you again in January.

### Doyle C. Branch Grade "A" Weekend

Whether it was the advertising blitz, or the telephone persuasiveness (threats) of the Unit President, Opal White, or the lull created by the Christmas Holiday, people seemed ready to play bridge. Representatives from Austin, Beaumont, Chicago, Corpus Christi, Dallas, Fort Worth, Houston, and Oklahoma came to Houston to celebrate the life of Doyle C. Branch over the weekend of January 5-7, at Houston's first tournament of the new year, 2007. And they played to win! Here are only the first place winners in each category, but Congratulations to all winners!

An atmosphere of family was present as could be seen and felt by all - hugging, kissing, eating, slapping on the back and the general camaraderie. It was like a family reunion!

Friday, Jan 5- 1 <sup>st</sup> Session	Winners
A	Lela M. Wilson, Marian Womack
B	Artie M. Barrett, Marvin Brailsford
C	Johnny Gills, Judith Glasco,
Friday, Jan 5 - 2 <sup>nd</sup> Session	
A	Freddie Jones, Bill Turner
B	Ethel Black, Ralph Buggs
C	Carl E. Vaughn, Minnie Vaughn
Saturday, Jan 6 a.m.	
A	Mary Ann Broussard, Dorothy Colley
B	Charles Davenport, Ruby L. Handcox,
C	Veronica Hines, Judith Glasco
Saturday, Jan 6 p.m.	
A	Mary Lowery, Earline E. Winn
B	Marie Harris, Louise Self
C	Johnny Gills, Judith Glasco
Sunday, Jan 7	
A Team	Freddie Jones, Bill Turner, Lela Wilson, Marian Womack
B Team	Brenda Metze, Delores Smith, James Morgan, Thelma Morgan

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### EXCERPTS FROM EXECUTIVE BOARD/GENERAL MEETING

- Total number of memberships received as of March 30, 2007, is 3,352. Memberships at Spring Nationals in 2006 and 2005 were 3,540 and 3,884 respectively.
- Membership is declining each year.

Membership by Sections follows:

Section	2007	2006	Section	2007	2006
Eastern	651	692	Midwest	464	532
Southern	545	533	Western	321	371
Mid-Atlantic	535	522	Southwestern	265	286
Great Lakes	477	498	Northwestern	93	106

Dr. Mary Ann Broussard



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### Park Manor DBC

submitted by Bill Turner

The Park Manor Duplicate Bridge Club is planning a bright future for our club. For starters Evelyn Thompson has promised to get a group of interested local people to participate in a bridge class at the Evelyn Churchill Community Center in Galena Park on Wednesday at Noon. In keeping with the ABA's quest for new members, the Park Manor Club will conduct a strong campaign to get new members.

We changed our game time to 1:30 P.M. to accommodate some of our players who could not make a noon starting time. The class would be held from 12:00 P.M. to 1:00 P.M. There will always be a full lunch for our players.

We are planning to have a new players section, and for this it has been suggested that we use pre-dealt hands with analysis. Nelda Gray said she could get her Wednesday Class to play in a Novice Section at the Wednesday Park Manor game. Bobbie Turner has also promised her support and will make every effort to get her students to come to the game. We are also inviting the Kings and Queens Bridge Club to come and join us. All novices are invited to participate, the more the merrier.

Because of the change in dates of the Prairie View Annual Cruise, the Park Manor Christmas Party will be held on December 5<sup>th</sup>

The address of the Evelyn Churchill Community Center:  
1508 Hunter Street  
Galena Park, Texas 77547  
Phone: 713-678-3117



JOHN L. BARNETT DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB  
Fort Worth, TX

The club has focused on recruiting new members in recent months. While they are acquiring the knowledge and confidence to appear at the table in tournaments, we'll start introducing them to you now. Let's meet **Gloria Schuford!**

Gloria is a native of the small East Texas town of Tatum, and a graduate of Mayflower High School in Longview, TX. She moved to Fort Worth with her family in 1954. She earned bachelor degrees in nursing from the University of Texas at Arlington, in health care administration from East Texas University at Commerce, and certification as an occupational health nurse. After a varied 43-year career in the nursing profession, she retired in 2004 from General Dynamics Aerospace Corporation.



Gloria is active in several community and nursing professional organizations, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, enjoys gardening and traveling, and is the mother of two adult children.

After retirement, she enrolled in a bridge class at Tarrant County College, where she met Emanuel McKinney, who invited her to join the JLBDBC and put a little soul into her bridge education. She has vowed to become as competitive at the bridge table as she claims to be at the bid whist table. Look forward to meeting and welcoming her!

We're grateful for restoration of health for two former presidents of our club, Margie Brazzile, following two hospitalizations earlier this year, and Sarah Jones, after an early May surgery.

Our November 9-11, 2007 tournament has been carefully scheduled to avoid conflict with the Las Vegas tournament in November, so plan to come and enjoy. Many thanks for your past support!

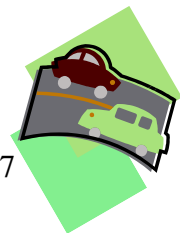
2007 Officers

President.....Emanuel McKinney	Secretary.....Harlean Beal
Vice President.....Sarah Jones	Treasurer.....Mae Clark

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The Tournament Trail continues .....

Juneteenth Sectional, Dallas, TX	June 14 – 17, 2007
Summer National, Detroit, MI	July 26 – August 4, 2007
Travis County/Austin Grade A Weekend, Austin, TX	August 24 – 26, 2007
Okay C, Grade A Weekend, Oklahoma City, OK	September 21 -23, 2007
Harbor, A Weekend, Corpus Christi, TX	October 12 – 14, 2007
John Barnett, A Weekend, Ft. Worth, TX	November 2 – 4, 2007



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for every club within the Houston Metropolitan Duplicate Bridge Unit. Nelda has made a difference! One of our most active new players is Dr. Roosevelt Jones, who participates in all of our club tournaments, plus others. He has a regular partner; they are studying, playing and learning together. In addition, Roosevelt is our new Club Director, on duty every time, to assist our tournament director, Dorothy Colley, in setting up the bridge paraphernalia for play. He is doing a great job. I am proud to say that many of our club members are talented. In December, 2006, Betty Watkins, Doris Wilson and others, prepared the dinner for our club's annual Christmas party. This was the first time that we had not employed a caterer for this event. The food was so delicious that you would think that you were dining in a fine restaurant on Bourbon Street in New Orleans! We also have competent players who are involved with club, unit, and sectional activities. Lillian Graham, player contact and hospitality; Loraine Davis distributes club MPA certificates; Nelda Gray, bridge education/recruitment; Opal White, MDBU, President; Dr. John Williams, MDBU Ethics Committee, Chair; Roger Pewick, SWS web master; Lionel O. Barton, SWS tournament Chair; all working together for a worthy cause and a better tomorrow.

Until next time – keep smiling – it's healthy for you.

#### Club Officers

Earline E. Winn – President  
Treasurer – Loraine Davis

Secretary – Delores Griffin  
Club Director – Roosevelt Jones

### Jet Setters Duplicat Bridge Club

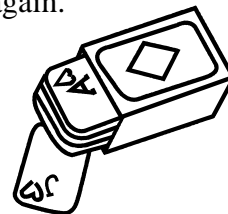
*by Brenda Metze, President*

The newcomers group, organized by Betty Patrick and taught by Bobbie Turner, was visited by our National President, Hank Irwin on May 29<sup>th</sup>. President Irwin congratulated the class on their progress and encouraged them to attend the Summer National Tournament in Detroit.

We were well represented at the Spring National in Las Vegas, in April. Lovie Lynch and her partner won the Pro Am game. Delores Smith, Brenda Metze, and Jim and Thelma Morgan reached the semi-finals in two different team games. James and Mattie Woodard and James and Martha Mays were also in attendance.

Club members have been very supportive of Barbara Ellison during her current illness. She is recuperating at 5002 Teton, Houston, Texas 77033. Tommye Harrison has returned after being ill for quite a while. We are happy that she is playing again.

Wishing everyone many seven no-trump games!



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## THE SOUTHWESTERN SECTION

Extends

Greetings and a Warm Welcome

To

The 75<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration of the ABA

It is delightful to see that the SWS is very well represented at the 39<sup>th</sup> Annual Spring National. It is my hope that you will take full advantage of all of the activities and fun events planned especially for you. Iris Sally and Gloria Cooper are so excited about attending their first National. However players, "look out" because there are quite a number of players from our section that made the 2006 William Friend Master Point Race List in various categories. Thelma Morgan heads the list of top 10 Senior Life Master Players and she is here with her favorite partner, husband James Morgan and their teammates, Brenda Metze and Delores Smith. All of course are serious competitors.

Players in attendance who are listed in the William Friend Races as I remember (?) are, Lela Wilson, Marian Womack, Evelyn Atkins, Henry Irwin, James Woodard, Lovie Lynch, Johnny Gills, Judy Glasco, Brenda Metze and Delores Smith. Listed but not attending are: ABA Webpage Administrator, Charles Davenport, Drs. Waymon Webster and Frank Hawkins.

Other players also in attendance are: Zelma Carr, Gloria Tapscott and Veronica Hines, who have already gained master points while I am still looking for my first one. The Austin contingent is in the house, Bernice Hall, Debra Gardner, my Delta sister, Dorothy Madison, Barbara Johnson, Fred and Bettie Mann, Ruby and Berl Handcox. I know all of you will be busy playing bridge but I want to thank the members who will be attending the various National committee meetings as representatives from our section. Please check the daily flashes for information regarding time and place for the meetings because I know you are eager to **represent**.

Now for some of our top brass and/or more seasoned players attending, you will see, Mae Clark, Lionel Barton, Bill and Bobbie Turner, Jean and Percy Milligan, Nancy Coleman, Thelma (T.J.) Frost and Fred Broussard, my non-bridge playing husband and abaECF, Inc. board member.

Last, but not least, please know that we miss our usual national tournament attendees who are NOT here: Dorothy Colley (my partner), Earline Winn, Opal White, Ethel Black, Clarena Richardson, Ervie Freeman, Nelda Gray, Dorothy Nance, Alma Johnson, and Lorine Powers.

Sorry that you and others could not be fun and win enough master points to a Western Hoe-Down so, **"GO GET GIRLS"!**

with us but we will try to have enough make you PROUD. They even planned **UM COWBOYS AND COW**

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