

**District Director, Joann Glasson**  
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**Bridge Fun**

I am proud and delighted to be your new District 4 representative on the ACBL Board of Directors. I promise that I will work as hard as I can on your behalf and I will keep you informed on everything that is happening at the national level.

As your District Director, I plan to take a strong stand on Zero Tolerance issues. Bridge is great fun and we want to make playing this game a good experience for all players. Bad behavior will not be tolerated in District 4. The District board is also working to make District 4 "fragrance free". Many players have allergic reactions to fragrances and the board will be working to make our tournaments comfortable for all by requiring that all participants refrain from using perfumes and colognes.

Special congratulations to Meyer Kotkin, the Valley Forge tournament chair, for becoming a Grand Life Master. To reach this rank, a player must win a national championship and accumulate 10,000 masterpoints. Meyer won the 2011 Werner Open Pairs with Howie Cohen and reached the 10,000 masterpoint mark at the Delaware Regional Tournament.

There's a lot to be excited about in District 4 this year. Our upcoming tournament in Valley Forge has been moved from its traditional week to the week of June 27th. On Sunday, July 3rd, at the Swiss team break, we will be having a free picnic lunch, complete with hamburgers, hot dogs and watermelon.

In August, Mary Miller and Margie Spence have a fun tournament planned for you in the Finger Lakes Region of New York. The tournament has been moved to the popular 10 and 2:30 start times so that you can have your evenings free to visit the lovely surrounding areas.

John and Debi Klinger have moved the Lancaster Regional to a brand new facility, aptly named Spooky Nook, since the tournament begins this year on Halloween. The new tournament will have all the special Lancaster hospitality that we have come to know and love, in a beautiful modern setting.

At the Lancaster Regional, District 4 is running a TAP (Teacher's Accreditation Program) on Sunday, October 30 and Monday, October 31. This 10 hour teaching program usually costs \$125, but District 4 will be subsidizing the cost for any of our District 4 members who want to become teachers. You can

become a certified bridge teacher in Lancaster for only \$50. Click [here](#) for a registration form.

I also want to remind you of the 2016 NAP event. The NAP is a grassroots event that starts in your local club in qualifying games during the months of June, July and August. Players who have qualified at their club move on to compete at the District Level, and, if successful, will receive a subsidized trip to the National NAP event in Kansas City, MO in the spring of 2017. Plan on participating. It is the only game where you can win real \$\$\$. Check your local club for the dates of the qualifying sessions.

Our volunteers are the life blood of our organization. We are very lucky in District 4 to have so many caring, giving people who volunteer their time to run tournaments and work hard to make bridge fun for all – the next time you see a volunteer – don't forget to express your appreciation.