

District Director, Joann Glasson
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Once a year it is my pleasure to nominate members of District 4, who make outstanding contributions to the bridge community, to lifetime appointments as members of the ACBL Charity Committee and the ACBL Goodwill Committee.

This year I have nominated members of our District who have helped our bridge community in different ways to deal with Covid 19.

ACBL GOODWILL COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS



JANET JOHNSON

Janet Johnson of Philadelphia is the editor of the District 4Spot, our monthly newsletter, which provides communication and information to everyone in our District.

Janet keeps us all connected during this time when we have lost the ability to get together at clubs and tournaments. She also includes reports from all 8 Units in District 4 in her newsletter, so that we can all keep up on what is happening all over the District.

I have received rave reviews from ACBL colleagues all over the country for the top quality newsletter than Janet produces. Editing and distributing the 4Spot is a huge volunteer job and a wonderful contribution to our bridge community. Thank you, Janet.



SUSAN MORSE

Susan Morse of Flourtown, PA is a distinguished actor and writer who shares her skills with the bridge community, both through editing the Unit 141 newsletter, and the humorous articles that she writes for the ACBL Bulletin.

She also recently treated a round table of teachers at a regional tournament with her amazing acting skills by performing one of her stories for us. It was a wonderful experience that I was lucky enough to attend.

If you haven't had the opportunity to read her two-page article "Bridge in the Time of Corona" in the June ACBL Bulletin, make sure you do. Click [here](#) for the story.

Susan has also authored two books that I just loved reading: "The Habit" and "The Dog Stays in the Picture"



FAY PACCHIOLI

Fay has been the manager and director of the Honesdale-Hawley Bridge Club for 25 years since she retired from running a chain of pet stores with her husband.

The Honesdale-Hawley Bridge Club supports a Scholarship at their High School and also supports the Wayne County Senior Center where the bridge games are held.

When the pandemic hit, Fay and her Co-Director, Jim Mazeika, had never played bridge online, but were determined to provide a place for her players to play, so Fay tackled it in earnest - attending numerous classes and tutorials.

The club needed more online players, so she invited the members of Bridgelady, NEPA-DBC and West End DBC to pool with her. Fay now runs 4 games a week for the members of Unit 120, the Northeastern PA Bridge Association. Some of the members of the club have even gone to player's homes to help beginning players get setup and online.

As long as I have been involved in District 4 administration, anytime we have ever asked for volunteers from the District, Fay has been first in line to help out.



EDWARD SCANLON

Edward is the owner and director of the Bridge Boardroom in York, PA.

Edward's bridge club is temporarily closed during the pandemic. His website says it best: "My biggest concern is for the health and safety of my family and friends. You are my friends and many of you are like family to me. I will not jeopardize your health."

During the pandemic, Edward has worked tirelessly to organize the bridge clubs in South Central Pennsylvania and move them online so bridge players from that area would have the ability to play and connect with one another. His group includes clubs from the Lancaster and York area.

ACBL CHARITY COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS



BETSY CUTLER

Betsy has organized an effort in Unit 133 to support the local community during the pandemic. Unit 133 has moved virtual club games online and since they don't have to pay rent to the Lehigh Valley Active Life during this time when there is no face-to-face

bridge, they are splitting the proceeds of their games between two worthwhile charities.

The Lehigh Valley Active Life is serving families in the community through the distribution of more than 280 meals each week. The Executive Director of the organization of the organization is driving those meals to those in need himself rather than put senior volunteers at risk. Half of the funds raised in the Unit 133 virtual bridge games is being used to support that effort.

The other half of the funds is going to the Second Harvest Food Bank to support their mission. The Second Harvest Food Bank is a non-profit organization that provides food to those in need in the Lehigh Valley.

Unit 133 has contributed \$1,200 in the first two months of online play and has pledged to continue to support these important charities.



MARC LABOVITZ

Marc Labovitz of Philadelphia is a retired full-time ACBL Director who has worked continually as long as I have known him to support bridge in the Philadelphia community, always giving more of his time than his job required to help with the running of local tournaments.

Raffles Bridge Club, where Marc also directed, has moved online and Marc has pledged all the profits from the virtual games to Philabundance.

Philabundance is a non-profit organization that provides culinary training for low-income adults in Philadelphia and uses the fruits of their labor to feed those in need during the corona virus pandemic.