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Akron Unit 107 Bridge

New Member (*Welcome*) and Up the Ladder (*Congratulations*)

- ◆ New Member – Peggy Lincoln
- ◆ Junior Master – Christie Hunka
- ◆ Regional Master – Jim Chase
- ◆ NABC Master – Barbara Sparhawk
- ◆ Bronze Life Master – Chris Murphy



Get to Know Your Directors (*highlighting Amy Goddard - in her own words*)

Hello Akron Bridge friends. Leslie asked me to write a few words introducing myself to those who don't already know me as part of her series *Get to Know Your Directors*. My name is Amy Sue Goddard. I was born in Orrville Ohio and raised in Canton. I went to Akron University for my BSN in nursing and got my Masters in Nursing at Malone College. I worked 35 years as a registered nurse, mostly in Gastroenterology nursing. I have been married to my husband Jan for the past 22 years, and we live in Hartville with a spoiled little sweetheart of a dog named Cody. I didn't start playing Bridge until I retired from nursing. Even though I grew up playing and loving many other card games as a child, somehow Bridge escaped me. I didn't know what I was missing or how challenging a game it can be! My other loves are Everything Williamsburg, cross stitching, poetry, biking, baking and eating out. I started directing Bridge primarily to help my Mother run her Monday night game at the Canton Bridge center. Since Bridge is such a social game, it also gave me an opportunity to gain a lot of new friends and partnerships and bake on a weekly basis. Once the pandemic hit, I knew from my medical background that it was to be taken seriously, and we might be socially isolated for a while. I started online directing to be part of a platform where we could still connect with one another and play the game we all love to play. Thanks to all of you who have helped make that possible. You have learned and supported us in a whole new way of playing Bridge. In directing online Bridge, my primary goal was to help all of us stay connected to one another. I have been able to talk to many of my Canton players and a few of you while you learned to register on BBO, chat, alert, fill out a convention card, and yes, even call or tease or challenge the Director. My husband thinks Bridge has totally taken over my life - not quite true - but what I spend a lot of my time doing is playing, directing, and teaching Bridge, and I thoroughly enjoy it. My wholehearted thanks to you players and fellow directors for that. Without your support none of this would have been possible. Stay safe, happy and healthy until we meet face to face again, Amy.

The Longest Day – check out next month's (June) calendar for specific local games



The Longest Day is an annual fundraising event held to support the fight against Alzheimer's disease by the Alzheimer's Association. This is the eighth year that ACBL has partnered with the organization, and the ACBL community has raised more than \$6 million! The event spans the longest day of the year, the Summer Solstice and symbolizes the challenging journey of those living with Alzheimer's and their caregivers. Bridge is uniquely suited for The Longest Day because studies have shown that playing strategic games, like Bridge, help keep your brain healthy.

Tidbits

- ◆ Congratulations to Myrtle Muntz, the newest member of the Unit 107 Bridge Board. Myrtle will assume her place on the Board effective June 1st. Thank you to all the members that voted via email.
- ◆ Check out the April **Bridge Bulletin**. The 'Club News' on p.36 features Portage Country Club's Bridge teacher, Esther Cline. Great photo of some of her students – several are Unit 104 members. Great to read about Esther's legacy being passed forward to so many Bridge players.
- ◆ **Are you all getting vaccinated?** That vaccination card will be important when we resume live play. ACBL is mandating proof of vaccination at all future live tournaments. More concerning the return to live play in upcoming Newsletters.

