



The Fifth Column

April, 2017

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Ann McGilvery Award

It's time to nominate possible recipients of the Ann McGilvrey Award!

This award honors a District 5 player, or in some cases a pair, who epitomize(s) ethical behavior and good sportsmanship at the bridge table. On December 8, 1973 the District V bridge community suffered the loss of Ann Lytle McGilvrey, Ralph Vichill and Lee Caito in a tragic boating accident. In honor of Ann's memory, and her reputation as one who exemplified the highest standards of sportsmanship and ethical behavior at the bridge table, the Board of Directors of District V instituted the Ann McGilvrey Award. It is presented at the May Regional each year to a player or partnership who reflects those same positive qualities. These recipients are not chosen on the basis of service or bridge ability. Only past winners are invited to participate in the selection process. Typically the selection committee will look for someone who has established a district-wide reputation for active ethics and good manners. Email submissions are preferred (marcsylvester@hotmail.com), but paper submissions are also accepted: Marc Sylvester, 12330 Culbertson Drive, Edinboro, PA 16412.

TO BE CONSIDERED, SUBMISSIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY MAY 15, 2017!!!!

Year (if known)	Recipient
2016	Barbara Bergman
2015	Gladys Martin
2014	Sharon Robertson
2013	Barb Grzegorzewski
2012	Ron Franck
2011	Lynn Rafferty

2010	Pat Smith
2009	Susan Stark
2008	Bernie Fudor
2007	Peter Grover
2006	Ernie Retetagos
2005	Jim Reeve
2004	Pat Rasmus
2003	Sandra Fleischman
2002	Alice Williams
2001	Jim Zimmerman
2000	Mary Paulone Carns & Howard Lebow
1999	Roni Gitchel & Tom Wolstoncroft
1998	Alice Lind
1997	Jan Assini & Nomi Connell
1996	Sharon Fairchild
1995	Dick Early
1994	Joe Dragoun
1993	Marvin Melamed
1992	Judi Sonon
1991	Arthur Goldsmith
1990	John Toy
1988	Richard Fleischman
1986	Elmer Schwartz
1983	Gail Carns
1975	Grace Moore
1974	William Babb
Year Uncertain	Kay & Richard Barbaris
Year Uncertain	Irene & Jeff Darrow
Year Uncertain	Robert Freedman & Jim Mathis
Year Uncertain	Harry Ganelin
Year Uncertain	Julia Halloran
Year Uncertain	Keyla Lawton
Year Uncertain	Fred Sorensen
Year Uncertain	Woody Van Court
Year Uncertain	Joyce Wade
Year Uncertain	Yik Young

Whistfully Yours by Barbara Greenspan

Beginning April 5, 2017 **Beverly Carter** [330-722-8214] and **Jean Klinkenberg** [330-321-2452] are beginning a new bridge game on Wednesday evenings. There will be a lesson at 6:00 pm and the game will start at 6:30. This game is the Medina Bridge Club and will be held at St.

Matthew's Lutheran Church, 400 N. Broadway, Medina. Please try to support this game.

April 7-9 brings us to our Ohio Master's Sectional at St. John's Hall, 1900 Carlton Rd, Parma. Should you have any questions about this tourney please contact **Cathy or Kermit Wolford**. catwolf@roadrunner.com or kerwolf@roadrunner.com. Sunday will have a Board-a-Match team game only if 8 or more teams sign up for it by that Saturday afternoon. Let the directors know if your team wants that event.

Remember this is the tournament where you will elect your new board members. Current and past board members have attempted to draw newer players into serving. If you flew under the radar and we missed contacting you and you are willing to volunteer please let **Bill Hoggsett** or me know. We can use you. Thanks

How many points does it take to make District 5's top 100 masterpoint list?

ANSWER: 3736

Who isn't on it? ME

Who is on it from Unit 125 [Cleveland] as of 1/1/17

1. Mary Chilcote	21,449	WOW!!
2. Phil Becker	18,260	
3. Ken Kranyak	15,767	
4. Jim Zimmerman	12,893	
5. Brian Ellis	12,052	
6. Kathy Sulgrove	10,441	
7. Jerry Rolnick	10,427	
8. Jeff Alexander	9,447	
9. Jan Assini* <small>now in Pittsburgh</small>	9,184	
10. Don Sulgrove	8,486	
11. Pat Chisholm	7,118	
12. Kumar Bhatia	6,876	
13. Roger Tiktin	6,315	
14. Beverly Cohen	6,218	
15. Bernie Greenspan	6,035	

16. Susan Craney	5,907
17. Stan Dub	5,802
18. Edia Shai	5,190
19. Shirley Burke	5,151
20. Stephanie Alexander	5,119
21. Bob Stitt	5,019
22. Don Rop	4,780
23. Susan Stark	4,645
24. Jack Shapiro	4,471
25. Sharon Fairchild	4,456
26. Bernie Heyman	4,440
27. Lew Bernard	4,276
28. Marjorie Melamed	4,277
29. Stephanie Stitt	4,188
30. Jim Reeve	4,121
31. Hope Ellis	3,901
32. Hao Ge	3,804

Also let's mention our unit members who have passed away but would have been on this list (along with the year they left us):

Laurie Kranyak	2011	11,459.32
Frank Aquila	2010	7,714.61
Niel Waletzky	2013	7,031.87
Marvin Kane	2008	5,582.49
Larry Rock	1994	5,311.41
Lloyd Loux	2013	5,220.65
Sally Kane	2015	4,942.24
Marvin Melamed	1997	4,417.03
Bill Babb	2007	4,160.49
Arthur Goldsmith	1995	4,021.93
Jack Knudson	2012	3,696.57

Here are the top ten on-line masterpoint winners in our unit:

1. Sue Craney
2. Stan Dub
3. Karl Zaman

4. Bernie Greenspan
5. Jim Novak
6. Don Rop
7. Beverly McMullen
8. Henry Essig
9. Bob Stitt
10. Gary Sikon
11. Sue Pisanelli
12. Fleur Howard

These people have won 11,052 points on-line!

Sharon Fairchild is our District Director, which means she represents us at the national bridge level. If you have comments or criticism, she is very responsive and she is always available to the members. She has been collecting stories of people who have advanced in rank. It's very Interesting and fun to read. Go to the District 5 bridge website and click on masterpoint races. Highlighted in pink is Sharon's collection of stories.

Rank Changes for March 2017:

Junior Master: **Grace Ann Frank, Richard Lindsley, James McGuire, Linda McGuire, Marissa Missits, Gail Smith, Stephen Smith**

Club Master: **Robert McCormick, Joan Wilson**

Sectional Master: **Judy Stanfield**

Regional Master: **Donna Turek**

NABC Master: **Mary Ganske**

Life Masters: Jim and Susan Knirsch

Bronze Life Master: **Jim Bell**

If you see any of these players, please congratulate them on their fine accomplishment!

Unit 142 News by Sharon Drake

The perfect way to learn if your bridge game has been called off is with GAMEOFF. This is a text alert sent to you. And, it's easy to sign up. Just text "GAMEOFF" to 84483. For more information, go to **Club Results** at www.pittsburghbridge.org and then to **Cancellations** at the top of the page. This service is free. The PBA bridge hotline has been eliminated. GAMEOFF will serve as a last-minute alert to your cellphone when a game has been called off with less than 24-hour notice. As usual, cancellations made with more notice will be posted on the Club Results page. So save lots of minutes wasted going to a game which has been called off by taking one minute to text "GAMEOFF" to 84483.



Jan Assini is the Fifth District President. The former Clevelander is now a Pittsburgher, but the whole Fifth District is thankful she's our president.

Not exactly a new face to Pittsburgh is **Jan Assini**, the president of the Fifth District. This district covers western Pennsylvania, eastern Ohio, western New York, western Maryland, and northern West Virginia. It is one of 25 in North America.

Although she spent 47 years in Cleveland, the move to the Pittsburgh Bridge unit (PBA) went as smoothly as having 13 trump. "I stayed in the district so it worked out well," Jan says. The vibrant woman has been

district president since 2015. Before that she volunteered with the district board for 18 years. "It was pretty much my turn," she says.

Her term lasts until September 2017, a two-year effort. She downplays her role as president. "I pretty much put out fires."

She gives her job description as the contact between ACBL and the Fifth District including disciplinary actions.

As for actually sitting down at the table, Jan tries to participate in all sectionals and regionals in the district. She doesn't play much during the week because of her work. She returns to Cleveland every other week, too. Jan says of her move, "It wasn't that drastic."

With many bridge friends here, Jan finds PBA "alive." She recognizes contract bridge is winding down throughout the country. However with school programs and novices, a big part of the Pittsburgh unit's focus, the game is on.

Moving UP:

Ruby Life Master: **Sue Golier**; Bronze Life Master: **Sheila Rabovsky**; Advanced NABC Master: **Robert H. Flynn**; NABC Master: **Sam Allen**; Regional Life Master: **Richard Laird**; Junior Life Master: **Suzanne Harchelroad, Cecelia Hard, Anthony Hewitt and Janice Hewitt.**

Akron Alert by Jim Sullivan

2016 Winners

Awards are to be presented to the Akron Unit 2015 Winners at the April 30 Annual Meeting. Marge Baldwin won the Holland Award for receiving the most Master Points at the two Akron Sectionals. Dick Traxler won the Hugh Weinberg Award for receiving the most Master Points at Club games. The other winners are:

	Ace of Clubs		Mini-McKenney	
Rookie	Jean Klinkenberg	31.15	Jean Klinkenberg	42.60
0-5 MP	Ed LaBelle	19.39	Carol O'Connor	26.67

	Carol O'Connor	17.46	Terrence O'Connor	25.87
Junior Master 5-20 MP	George Paidas	20.09	George Paidas	25.11
	Phil Barnhart	10.96	Phil Barnhart	13.65
	James Gesler	9.51	James Gesler	10.45
Club Master 20-50 MP	Janice Eberle	34.77	Ashok Desai	76.33
	Phil Brewer	26.14	Bharati Desai	72.13
	Ashok Desai	25.24	Janice Eberle	45.97
Sectional Master 50-100 MP	Arlene Markey	24.41	Arlene Markey	35.33
	Wayne La Clear	22.85	Bud Fawks	30.31
	Michael Bianco	22.60	Michael Bianco	28.44
Regional Master 100-200 MP	Bruce Cahoon	65.74	Chris Murphy	124.07
	Jacquelyn Fuller	48.25	Bruce Cahoon	77.71
	Barb Sparhawk	34.99	Jacquelyn Fuller	57.24
NABC Master 200-300 MP	Linda Carter	41.19	Linda Carter	52.32
	Sylvia Levinson	38.92	Sylvia Levinson	49.83
	Mary K Sears	36.45	Mary K Sears	47.90
Life Master 300-500 MP	Subhash Agarwal	61.51	Subhash Agarwal	127.95
	Indira Agarwal	60.74	Indira Agarwal	126.31
	Jim Fasnacht	57.77	Jim Fasnacht	82.35
Bronze Life Master 500-1000 MP	Bob Ryan	77.27	Betty Miller	146.68
	Jon Wendelken	62.95	Bob Ryan	123.26
	Susan Manne	61.23	Flo Hinshaw	92.95
Silver Life Master 1000-1500 MP	Judi Shapiro	98.19	Marv Shapiro	116.92
	Marv Shapiro	93.91	Judi Shapiro	115.13

	Barb Schidlowski	77.67	Barb Schidlowski	82.57
Ruby Life Master 1500-2500 MP	Jayne Stahr	118.39	Jayne Stahr	158.81
	Pat Slaven	89.26	Mike Stahr	121.19
	Sue Bussan	86.71	Mitch Mills	119.91
Gold Life Master 2500-3500 MP	Jim Sullivan	64.75	Jim Sullivan	128.16
	Chuck Harrison	51.51	Chuck Harrison	72.59
	Tom Martin	41.70	Susan Bedall	67.97
Sapphire Life Master 3500-5000	Gladys Martin	132.50	Gladys Martin	271.71
	Bob Stitt	15.01	Bob Stitt	113.19
	Stefanie Stitt	12.82	Stefanie Stitt	104.86
Diamond Life Master 5000-7500 MP	Dick Traxler	158.66	Dick Traxler	217.48
	Mina Ronen	117.21	Mina Ronen	213.34
	Marge Baldwin	106.82	Marge Baldwin	168.71
Emerald Life Master 10,000 + MP	Dick Early	118.02	Dick Early	233.90

Membership Meeting - Membership Meeting and Banquet will be held at the Quirk Center on **Sunday, April 30**. After the banquet, there will be a short meeting followed by recognition of new Life Masters and awards presentation. A **Unit Championship Game** will then follow.

Springtime Sectional May 19-21 - The location is the **Quirk Center** at 1201 Grant Avenue, Cuyahoga Falls, 44223. To get directions use one of the Internet directions finder, e.g. MapQuest. There will be a Stratified 499ers Pairs game and Stratified Open Pairs events at both sessions on Friday and Saturday. Times for the sessions will be **1:30 p.m. and 7:00**

p.m. on Friday and **11:00 a.m.** and **3:00 p.m. on Saturday**. This should still allow players time for their Saturday night social events. The **Sunday event will be a Stratified Swiss Team Game** starting at **11:00 a.m.** with lunch included in the price. The calculations for all the events will be the average of the players.

Friday Unit Games – *All of the Friday Pairs Games will have pre-dealt hands with hand records automatic scoring.* Get a partner, come on out to the Quirk Center and enjoy the fun, competition, and hospitality. If you need a partner call **Jim Sullivan** at 330-659-4707. See the Friday Unit games Schedule on the akronbridge.org Web Site, in the Newsletter/Calendar, or below:

Apr. 7 – No Game Parma Sectional

Apr. 14 – No Game Good Friday

Apr. 21 - 12:30 Unit Championship

Apr. 28 – 12:30 Unit Charity FUND Game

Sunday April 30 - 12:00 Annual Meeting & Awards Banquet

May 05 – 12:30 Unit Championship Game

May 12 – 12:30 Grass Roots FUND Game

May 19 – No Game Akron Sectional

May 26 – No Game – Independence Regional

Western New York News by Denise Slattery

Preface: A fond note of appreciation goes out to **Howard Foster** for his careful and diligent reporting for the last three years. His insight and attention to detail will be missed.

The Buffalo Winter Sectional, conducted January 27-29, was directed by **Brian Meyer**, with the kind assistance of **David Hemmer** in the facilitation of the Dupli-Swiss Event on Sunday. Here are the winners, by stratification:

Friday Morning Side Pairs

(A)	Stanley Kozlowski and Alexander Kowal	(64.12)
(B,C)	Mary Joyce and Pamela Righter	(57.34)

Friday 2-Session Strat Pairs

(A,B)	Dian Petrov and Mohan Prabhu	(62.04)
(C)	Robert Sommerstein and Lawrence Abate	(57.43)

Friday Afternoon Side Pairs

(A,B,C)	Rajat Basu and Sharon Chang	(60.98)
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Saturday Morning Side Pairs

(A,B,C)	Rajinder Puri and Rajat Basu	(61.98)
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Saturday 2-Session Strat Pairs

(A)	Barbara Libby and Elizabeth Clark	(59.72)
(B)	Davis Heussler and David Colligan	(56.32)
(C)	Eugene Nawotniak and Robert Sommerstein	(49.65)

Saturday Afternoon Side Pairs

(A,B)	Dale Anderson and Arthur Matthies	(65.80)
(C)	Robert Strike and Rajinder Puri	(53.04)

Sunday Stratified Swiss

(A) **David Hemmer, Saleh Fetouh, Kamil Bishara and Randolph Seidenberg Jr.**

(B) **Walter Olszewski, Barbara Pieterse, Martin Pieterse, Paula Kotowski**

(C) **Rajat Basu, Joyce Frayer, Rajinder Puri and Mary Ball**

Congratulations to all the winners and runners up! The turnout was impressive and Polish Villa Food Truck provided that 'something different'!

And thanks to the co-chairs, **Betty Metz** and **Gay Simpson**, for a smooth operation throughout and an overall enjoyable weekend.

The Unit's Youth Program, continuing under the tireless leadership of **Carol Bedell**, completed its spring classes at Transit Middle School on March 7. Unfortunately scheduling issues preclude the program from continuing in the public school system as the lessons can only be scheduled as free time and not as part of the curriculum.

The Youth Program held at BCB which started last summer, continued for a third session in the spring semester, ending on March 12.

A second follow-up class, for those who have completed the Youth Program beginner's class, will be conducted from June 27 through August 29 (9:00-11:00 a.m.). **Jim Gullo** and **Fred Yellen** are the instructors.

The Unit's Bridge Mentoring Program, new in 2016, was a splendid success in the fall and was continued in January. There are currently a total of 23 mentors and 27 protegés. Pairs are required to play five times during the half-year, and the Unit underwrites the mentor's entry. Many of the "mentees" have acquitted themselves impressively in various open games at local clubs and Unit events. Their feedback has been overwhelmingly positive and many of them (plus others) are continuing the arrangement albeit with a new mentor. **Dian Petrov** continues to coordinate the program with great skill and diplomacy.

Congratulations to the following Unit 116 Helen Shanbrom Ace of Clubs and Mini-McKinney Winners and Runners-up:

Lawrence Abate, Shakeel Ahamad, Dale Anderson, Amita Arora, Mary Ball, Rajat Basu, Bill Boardman, Linda Burroughsford, Liz Clark, Dennis Clary, Jay Costello, Saleh Fetouh, Joyce Frayer, Jerry Geiger, Dan Gerstman, Joyce Greenspan, Ron Henrikson, Davis Heussler, Christy Kellogg, John Kirsits, Meg Klamp, Tom Koralewski, Stan Kozlowski, Jay Levy, John Lyth, Violet Makhija, Ross Markello, Judi Marshall, Pawan Matta, Art Matthies, Jim McClure, James McGowan, Ken Meier, Edward Morgan, Gene Nawotniak, Ruth Nawotniak, Dian

Petrov, Martin Pieterse, Audrey Ray, Joe Rooney, Mike Ryan, Bud Seidenberg, Mike Silverman, Denise Slattery, Bob Sommerstein, Vincent Taeger, Chris Urbanek,, John Welte, Martha Welte, Marilyn Wortzman, Ethan Xie, Margaret Zhou, John Ziemer.

A number of players attained new masterpoint rankings since the last newsletter. They are:

Junior Masters: **Ted May, Helen C. Reilly**

Club Masters: **Rajinder Puri, Burt Freiman**

Sectional Masters: **Mary Blanchard, Sol Messinger, Henry Porter, Carla Press, James Lanzo, Denise Slattery**

Regional Masters: **Lawrence Abate, John A Lyth**

Life Masters: **Edna R. Fill**

Sapphire Life Master: **Michael E. Ryan**

The Unit welcomed new member **Daren Liu.**

The Unit was saddened by the passing of **Alberta Brown, Jackie Hanley** and **Charles Tripi.**

Coming Events

Spring Sectional April 21-23

Non-Life Masters Tournament May 20-21

Refer to Unit 116 Website for further information

Unit 229 News by LOIS PORTER

With sorrow I report the passing of our Unit president, **David Ruppert**, a Ruby Life Master. He was found lying in his bed reading a bridge book. This last year was the best bridge year of his life, accumulating 182.89 master points. His last tournament was in Cleveland with **Philippe Westreich** when they came in third in the Saturday Open Pairs. He was so

thrilled because this was the first time they had played together. **Alan Leaver** and I played with Dave on a regular basis and he is sorely missed.

Mary Lou Spine also passed away this winter. Mary Lou retired as a full Colonel from the Army Nurse Corps after 22 years. She then went to law school and became an attorney. It wasn't until she retired that she took up bridge and became a fine bridge player. She was always pleasant and kind and will be sorely missed.

Our thought and prayers are also with **Jean Brackett** who recovering from surgery at Passavant Rehab Center in Zelienople.

Congratulations to our unit members who earned over 100 master points this year-**Henry Nelson, Alan Leaver, Jim Wheeler** and **Lois Porter**. **Alan Leaver** has just accomplished Silver Life Master.

On February the Butler group celebrated **Pat Wilde's** 90th birthday. She and **Alan Leaver** also celebrated a first place with a 61% game. This game is planning to relocate to Tanglewood in Butler and change the game time to 10:30 AM. Please call **Lorraine Worsley** at 724-287-0516 for an update. Lorraine works very hard to make this a successful game.

June Morrison had a surprise birthday party for herself on March 14 for her 87th birthday at the Zelienople game. She had tasty wraps and gave away four copies of her book, "Are U as Smart as Your Dog?" **Alan Leaver** and **Lois Porter** were pleased to get signed copies for a 66% game as were **Ken and Barbara Bergman** with a 65% game.

At the Unit game in February, **Bill Lindgren** and **Alan Leaver** came in first with a 65.85% game. In March, **Sheila Rabovsky** and **Bob Heasley** were first with a 60.77% game.

Our Sectional Tournament has been postponed until June 30 and July 1 of 2018. **Lois Porter** is acting president and tournament chair. Hazel Allen is the treasurer and our members are wonderful by pitching in to help in every way.

RECENT RESULTS

2017

[Pittsburgh Spring Sectional](#), March 24-26, Pittsburgh, PA

[Buffalo Winter Sectional](#), Jan 27-29, Williamsville, NY

[Cleveland Rock'n'Roll Regional](#), Jan 11-15,
Independence, OH

