

## **Unit 476 Newsletter**

**February 2020**

### **Membership News**

ACBL has a new program to encourage its current members to bring in new members. If a current member sponsors a new member, ACBL will send the sponsoring member a check for \$10. A new membership form on the ACBL website needs to be filled out by the sponsoring member at the time the new member is registered in order for the sponsoring member to be eligible to receive the check. If you know someone who is considering joining ACBL, you should look into this. And don't forget, all new ACBL members in the unit will receive some free-play coupons from the unit along with a welcome letter from Connie Baker, our membership chair.

Congratulations go out to Janet Tucker who recently attained her Silver Life Master.

On a sad note, five former members of the unit have passed away in the last few months. We have lost Joyce Guhy, Joyce Newell, George and Willa Watts, and Ray Posner. All were avid bridge players, although some had not played duplicate for some time, and all are missed.

### **Unit festivities**

The annual meeting of the unit will be held in conjunction with the Cascade Bridge Club's annual meeting and dinner on Friday, May 29, after the games held that day. The dinner will be held at the Bend Golf Club, and is free for all 2019 Cascade Bridge Club members. All others who wish to attend the dinner and meeting will need to pay for it. All club owners in the unit are invited to report on the status of their clubs at the meeting, and I will give a status report on the unit. Sign-up sheets and information about the cost of the dinner will be available at the various clubs the month of the dinner.

The unit picnic is scheduled to be held on Friday, July 17. Chip and Berta Cleveland have graciously offered their home once again for this

event. More information and sign-up sheets will be available later for this event also.

## **Oregon High Desert Regional**

Don't forget that our regional tournament is going to be held May 11-17 at the Riverhouse on the Deschutes. Berta Cleveland, our local chair, and Connie Baker, our hospitality chair, say everything is moving along smoothly. We have 19 slots for caddies, and we particularly need people who can work on a weeknight and who have their own transportation. If you know of somebody who may be interested in caddying, and earning \$40 plus tips for each session worked, please let Dianne Maffia, our caddy master, know.

The first evening of the tournament, charity pair games are held. The district will donate the proceeds from these games after the tournament to a local charity of the unit's choice. After our past regionals, the unit has requested the proceeds be donated to MountainStar Family Relief Nursery, Partners in Care, and Boys and Girls Club of Central Oregon. Any unit member may nominate a charity to receive this year's proceeds. If you work with or have used the benefits of a local charity, and would like for it to be considered as this year's recipient, please let a member of the unit board know.

## **Next Board Meeting**

Our next board meeting will be Monday, April 20, at 11:30 a.m. at the Senior Center. We will be discussing the regional tournament, and will be choosing the benefiting charity, among other topics. Any and all unit members are invited to suggest additional agenda items and to attend the meeting.

Until then, see you at the bridge table.

Lorraine Rodich, Unit Board President