

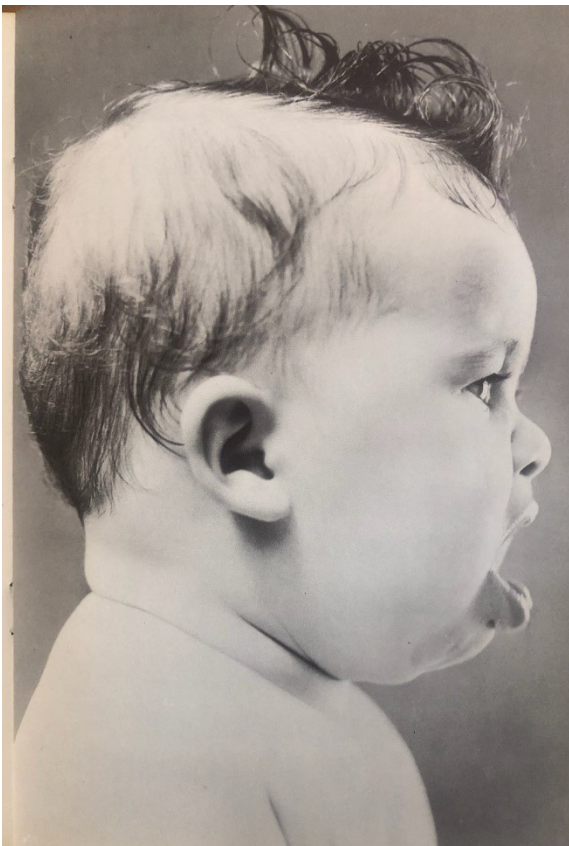
FUN & GAMES DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB

ALERT! ALERT!

April 30, 2024

Bridge Baby

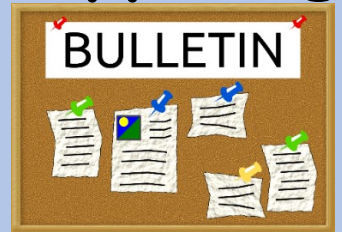
quotes from 1961



"You opened with that?"

Thank you Patti Pojezny for sharing these
Bridge Baby Quotes.

What's Happening



at F&G?

- ✚ Saturday Zoom Classes, 9am
- ✚ Tuesday Beginner Games 0-100, lesson at 10:00 game at 10:30 am
- ✚ May 5, Cinco De Mayo-Sunday Potluck and New Rankers' Party
- ✚ May 27, Memorial Day Hotdogs
- ✚ June 4, Beginning Bridge using 2 over 1
- ✚ June 5, evening online game moved to Wednesday from Thursday night
- ✚ June 6, NEW Thursday night Open and Limited games at 6:30.
- ✚ August 16 and 17, Shootout Tournament 0-750 NLM

I'm always happy to receive help with this Newsletter and appreciate the contributions I've received from many of you. If you have information to share, please send it to me at launaashby@outlook.com.

MAY BIRTHDAYS

May's F&G birthday folks and the famous persons with whom they share their birthdays are:

Jack Atkinson	5	Tyrone Power
Ann Mitchell	22	Naomi Campbell
Katie Dunlap	24	Priscilla Presley
Patti Singleton	30	Idina Menzel



Do you have a new recipe you want to try, but no one to serve? Maybe you were grocery shopping and saw something that really peaked your interest? Perhaps you wanted that special cake from the bakery but didn't need a whole cake? Well guess who does!! Your friends at F&G will be thrilled to share your treats! Please consider joining the many volunteers who routinely bring treats to share.



ACBL requires players to have their partnership convention cards completed and available at the game table.

Please note Susan Williamson's email address is rswilliamson@gmail.com.

Have you misplaced your calendar? Well, no worries! You're in luck. Jaci Finch posts the calendars for you on our website funandgamesduplicatebridgeclub.com.
THANK YOU JACI!!

NEW RANKERS



May 5 will be our First Sunday Potluck, Cinco de Mayo and New Rankers' Party all rolled into one! New Rankers - you get to play free on this day. Our New Rankers are:

Sectional Master - Don Dillingham
Regional Master - Janet Cook
Gold Life Master - Jim Hammond

CONGRATULATIONS!!



Sunday, May 5

The Hospitality/Players' Committee is at it again. We'll be celebrating New Rankers on May 5 as well as Cinco de Mayo! How do we celebrate - with margaritas of course! We'll have food and margaritas at 1:00 and games at 2:00. Since it's also potluck Sunday, we invite you to bring your favorite Mexican dish to share and enjoy with your margarita. **Espero que puedas unirte a nosotros!**



**SAVE
THE
DATE**

Friday and Saturday, August 16 and 17. Tournament OKC Shootout for 0-750 NLM. We're trying something new for this tournament. The days are Friday and Saturday, PLUS we'll have our usual morning and afternoon sessions, but we've added an evening session both days at 7pm, and at half-price. **BONUS!!!**



FUN AND GAMES Duplicate Bridge Club is a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation. Your volunteer Board of Directors is responsible for the management and success of the Club, in all aspects including its business and bridge games. After all, without good business practices, we won't be able to offer bridge. The Board and its various committees meet monthly to review and discuss operations, financial reports, policies, procedures and everything else that comes along. Your volunteer Board works hard to ensure that the Club has the resources it needs to operate and offer bridge to its players well into the future. Our Board members have varied backgrounds, experiences and opinions, but always work together to come to the best business decisions for the Club and interests of its players. Though their opinions often vary, they are united in their understanding and appreciation that it takes hundreds of volunteer hours to make Fun and Games one of the best bridge clubs ever.

So who are the 10 volunteer Board Members you ask??? Let me introduce you to a few of them here. First up, and in no particular order, is Susie Graves.



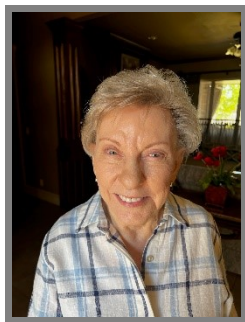
Susie Graves

Susie has been an Oklahoma City girl since she was three years old. With an undergrad and masters degree, she spent her entire work career in the nonprofit arena— first as a teacher and guidance counselor, then as the executive director of Positive Tomorrows (OKC's school for homeless children and youth) and finally directing a statewide community foundation,

Technology Trust & Women's Foundation. Her volunteer life was also dedicated to nonprofit endeavors as she served on the boards of the Homeless Alliance, Leadership OKC and its Youth City Council, The Junior League of Oklahoma City and Westminster Presbyterian Church.

Susie has played bridge since high school. Her sister Linda took her to Fun and Games as a respite from her daily caregiving when her husband was very ill. Susie remembers she was "scared stiff" and reprimanded for touching the boards! But thank goodness, she stuck with us and claims to be a bridge addict today.

Susie is your newest Board member and is also Vice President. She chairs the Audit Committee and serves as liaison to the Players Committee and the Social Media Committee. When she's not playing bridge or working for the Board, she enjoys golf and mahjong. Can you believe - she read the entire Bible in 90 days! Susie and Laura Welch were in the same sorority pledge class, Kappa Alpha Theta at SMU. Who knew Laura Welch would become the First Lady of the U.S., Laura Bush!

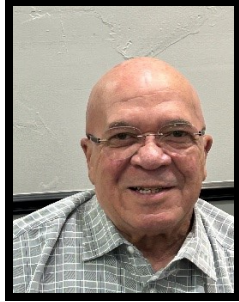


Lu Fountain

Lu was born and raised in Oklahoma City and attended both OSU and OU. After living in Nebraska for five years she returned to Oklahoma City where she owned the Parklawn Flower and Gift Shop in Midwest City, OK. After the flower shop, Lu went to work in the oil industry for 10 years then worked for the Federal Aviation Administration for 25 years before retiring. She was classified as a Special Agent for most of those years which entailed collaborating with Customs, DEA, FBI and various other government agencies. She says it was a truly interesting position.

For several years Lu participated in knitting classes and enjoyed knitting retreats. She had also played party bridge for many years when she decided to try Duplicate Bridge. When Lu arrived for the first lesson, she was stunned to see Susan Williamson was the instructor! What a wonderful surprise for Lu since Susan had also been her knitting instructor.

Lu has been a member of the Board since Fun and Games was organized in 2016. Lu is your Purchasing and Inventory Committee Chair so is responsible for purchasing all routine products for the Club. She also ensures that the bathrooms and kitchen are always stocked.



George Francis, Jr.

George was born and raised in Columbus, Ohio so he claims to be a Buckeye. He went to Ohio State University for one year to pursue an Engineering Degree, but readily admits he spent more time at the Student Union than studying. So he dropped college and decided to take a job as an Auto Mechanic, then soon after, he married and started his family. Several years passed and his place of employment closed so in 1964 he decided the US Navy was a good idea. He spent the next 11 years serving as an Electronic Technician doing tours worldwide. In 1975, he received an Honorable Discharge from the US Navy and was immediately hired by the Federal Aviation Administration. The FAA led him to Oklahoma City, where he worked and attended Oklahoma City University. He achieved a BS in physics and an MBA. After a very successful career with the FAA, he retired in 2004.

After retirement, Lu Fountain invited George to join her at party bridge (they needed a substitute). He ultimately attended beginning bridge classes taught by Susan Williamson and he was hooked.

George has been a Board Member since Fun and Games was organized in 2016 and currently serves on the Audit Committee. He considers it an honor and is constantly called in to help with a variety of needs, which is a very long list!



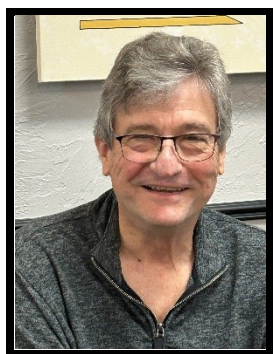
Patti O'Neil

Patti is a home-grown Okie, having been born and raised in Del City. She and her husband Dan have lived in Edmond for 45 years. Patti enjoyed her career as an IRS agent and retired from federal service after 26 years. But she says she loves retirement too! Patti enjoys gardening,

sewing and quilting. She claims to play a very bad game of golf but keeps trying. Fun fact - she actually had a hole-in-one the first year she played golf but hasn't even come close again.

Patti started playing bridge many years ago, but really learned better bridge through Susan Williamson's classes. She's been playing duplicate bridge for about seven years.

About a year ago, Patti was asked to serve on the Board as Secretary, which she says has been a very interesting and enriching experience as she's learned about the business operations of the Club. She's had many projects, the most recent of which is a new directory for the Club, which she hopes will be available this summer.



ED RUBAC

Ed learned to play bridge while he was attending OU and that is where he played his first duplicate game. He was hooked from the beginning and made Life Master in the early 1980's. But, as we all know, work, family and life in general sometimes gets in the way of bridge, so he gave it up until he sold the family oilfield machine shop and retired in 2009. He crossed paths with a former partner, Jack Atkinson, at a Henke game and they started playing together again. Since they both like to experiment with odd bidding conventions, they got along well. Ed now knows that the key to better bridge is not weird conventions, but card logic and counting points and distribution.

Ed reluctantly joined the Board and discovered how many hundreds of volunteer hours are necessary to keep the place running smoothly. Ed says he never intended to be on the Board, he only wanted to show up and play bridge! But here he is today doing great work as a Board Member and the Education Committee Chair.



Karen Clark

Karen spent 51 years working customer service for AT&T and the Oklahoma City Water Department. Don't you know she has stories to tell about that!

Karen had never played cards before 2016 when Lu Fountain encouraged her to try the beginning lessons with Susan. The rest is history 😊. Karen joined the Board pre-Covid and is now the Facilities Chair, responsible for the general maintenance of the Fun and Games facility. She gets the call for every electrical, plumbing and cleaning issue!!

But I bet you didn't know . . . Remember the original movie *Gidget* with Sandra Dee, Cliff Robertson and James Darren? Remember the many contests that WKY radio used to have? Well, they had a contest for a Sandra Dee look-alike and Karen's mother, unbeknownst to Karen, submitted 16-year-old Karen's photo. And she won! I can certainly see the resemblance in her beautiful face even today 😊.



I hope to have bios on our other Board Members Katie Dunlap, Jane Hughes and Janet Pitt in the next edition of *Alert! Alert!*