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• **The VEEP SPEAKS.....**

Now that the holidays are over, I hope everyone experienced a wonderful holiday season. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for showing the confidence and support in my leadership by reelecting me to a second term as your Sectional Vice President. I also thank the team of chairpersons and other volunteers who helped make the last two years a success. Your other newly elected and appointed officers are: Jean Milligan, Treasurer, Thelma Morgan, Secretary, and Lorine Powers, Parliamentarian.

My first term of office brought quite a number of challenges and I suspect that there are many more ahead including remaining viable in face of declining membership and rising costs. However, with your help, we will meet these challenges head on. With that said it is now time for everyone to roll up your sleeves and get to work addressing the business and issues at hand, but before I do that, let me extend Congratulations to **Marian Womack** (Houston TX) for her achievement of winning the Joyce Williams Derby for a third time. Marian also led the William Friend Race in the Platinum category amassing a total of 1661 master points. Congratulations are also extended to **Thelma Morgan** (Cypress TX) who topped the William Friend Race in the Ruby category with a total of 539.9 master points. Further congratulations to all of our members who placed in the top ten of their respective Friend Race categories. Grand Master: Lela Wilson, Lionel Barton, Mae Clark; Platinum: Marian Womack and Bill Turner; Gold Diamond: Evelyn Adkins, Hank Irwin; Ruby: Thelma Morgan, Brenda Metze, Delores Smith; Life Master: Judith Glasco; Master: Lovie Lynch. CONGRATULATIONS are extended to Dorothy Colley (Merit award winner) and Clarena Richardson (Life member).

Last June 2007, our Juneteenth Sectional was hosted by the Tri-Metro Unit in Dallas. It was a success in many ways. Dallas did a great job of providing our hospitality. The National Tournament Authority (NTA), Bob Wallace, director-in-charge, conducted an informative workshop for our directors. We are still in need of more director upgrades. I implore all level one and level two directors to become more active and to seek further upgrades. Some of our clubs still do not have directors above level one or two. (Note: the SWS List of Directors in this issue of our newsletter).

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The Veep Speaks, *continued*

During the Dallas tournament, the membership voted to hold only one sectional tournament per year. Now what does that mean for the section? It means that we will put forth our best effort and energies to make the ONE annual sectional a best that it can be. We are small compared to most of our sections and we need the cooperation and participation of ALL members. Visitors are invited and always welcome, but WE must be supporting participants ourselves. We should not invite others to our section if we are not going to be there ourselves. So prepare to make this a grand event by coming out to play. We are planning great hospitality and other surprises. If you have bridge playing friends in other sections or within the city who are not active ABA members, please invite them to join us. Just think, if only 20 of us brought in two players, our table count would be increased by ten. If you know anyone who is interested in bridge or learning to play bridge, invite him/her to kibitz a game so that they can experience the tournament environment that we so often talk about. The bug might bite them too. Let us make every effort to meet this challenge. **COME OUT AND LET'S MAKE THIS TOURNAMENT LOADS OF FUN.**

SPRING NATIONAL: The Spring National will be held in Cleveland OH, March 23-29th. This year, the tournament is one day shorter, will begin on MONDAY, the day after Easter Sunday end on Saturday night, March 28th, after the Swiss Team. Make your reservations early and support the ABA. As I have stated before, our numbers are few and often times our attendance at the National Tournaments is small. So I need your help to represent our section at the various committee meetings. Section chairpersons who are not going to Cleveland should ask someone to represent you at your respective meetings.

SUMMER NATIONAL: This tournament is sponsored by the ABA and as in previous tournaments where there is no host-city; the eight sections are responsible for various activities. Our section has been asked to handle Registration at the Summer National in Milwaukee, Wisconsin (i.e., issuing registration kits containing Awards Ball tickets). I will need more volunteers for this and other duties such as attending and representing our section at various committee meetings. If you plan to go to Milwaukee this summer, please contact me by phone or e-mail me at (mabroussard2@yahoo.com) regarding your willingness to assist at this tournament.

NEW PLAYERS: It is refreshing to see the enthusiasm of our newer members who are consistently coming out to play in a more competitive environment. I applaud them for their courage and tenacity. They have also demonstrated that they can win, place or show. As has been said, "On any given day..." Maude Jones, Pat Sadler, Vernieta Keys, Orelia Ellis, Constance Jackson, Naomi Manuel, Francis Greer or Helen Hudson may give you a big fat zero. I might add that Helen came out to kibitz Mrs. Earline Winn a few times and is now placing in her field. All I can say is," Be encouraged and **HANG ON IN THERE**".

Last but not least, we mourn the loss of three members who passed away since our June sectional tournament: Allene Rayford, Baton Rouge; Barbara Ellison, Houston and Calvin Wesley, Fort Worth. Our prayers and sympathy go out to their families.



Mary-Ann Broussard, SWSVP

SWS Top 25 Players

1. Lionel Barton	Missouri City, TX	31,928
2. Mae Clark	Arlington, TX	24,733
3. Lela Wilson	Beaumont, TX	24,478
4. Bill Turner	Houston, TX	19,945
5. Earline Winn	Houston, TX	15,466
6. Marian Womack	Houston, TX	14,663
7. Evelyn Adkins	Dallas, TX	7,781
8. Mary Ann Broussard	Houston, TX	7,576
9. Ervie Freeman	Houston, TX	7,209
10. Nelda Gray	Houston, TX	6,221
11. Bobbie Turner	Houston, TX	6,158
12. Henry Irwin	Austin, TX	6,098
13. James Woodard	League City, TX	5,962
14. John Williams	Houston, TX	5,240
15. Dorothy Colley	Houston, TX	5,196
16. Frederick Carvin	Anahuac, TX	4,352
17. Thomas Grace	Houston, TX	4,150
18. Alma Johnson	DeSoto, TX	4,096
19. Iris Carr	Dallas, TX	4,077
20. Shirley Brown	Houston, TX	3,843
21. James Mays	Houston, TX	3,800
22. Floyd Tate	Houston, TX	3,523
23. Percy Milligan	Dallas, TX	3,331
24. Clarena Richardson	Houston, TX	3,307
25. Renetta Etter	Houston, TX	3,202

The 5th Chair

No matter when or where members of Twin City Bridge Club gather to play bridge, there is always a 5th person at the table. "Remember what Ralph said", "Ralph said this or that", or, "you can't get on the *Leader Board* playing like that." Even when he ceased to travel, he wanted to know how we all fared at the table. When we would tell him we made the *Leader Board*, he would flash that big broad grin and say "I'm proud of you. Never just play for fun, always play to win." We all know that whenever we pick up a bridge hand, "Billy" Ralph Wilson will be watching over us and smiling.

*Elouise Young, President,
Twin Cities Duplicate Bridge Club*

Vernon Williams DBC

Rev. Charley H. Handy, Sr., President

Since the year of 1988, the Vernon Williams Duplicate Bridge Club of Baton Rouge, Louisiana has had the privilege of sharing their bridge meetings with a legend, really, a husband (Norbert C. Rayford) and wife team that will be remembered for establishing both legacies and memories, within our bridge club. We will always remember Allene and what she brought to our meetings.

In remembrance of Allene, we are asking our ABA Headquarters, the Southwest Section and other friends to join us in financially supporting a Scholarship Program on her behalf. All proceeds are to be sent to the DeBose Foundation, Inc., Attn: Allene K. Rayford Memorial Scholarship Fund, P. O. Box – 64614, Baton Rouge, LA 70896.



Allene Knighten Rayford
May 23, 1923 – September 26, 2007

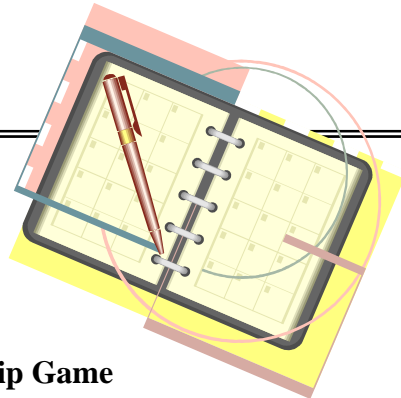
Thank you for your acts of kindness and lasting memories of our dearly beloved friend.

DATES FOR 2008 SWS TOURNAMENTS

FEBRUARY 15-17	MDBU GRADE "A" WEEKEND	HOUSTON
JANUARY 25	MDBU MEMBERSHIP GAME	HOUSTON
MARCH 7-9	TRI-METRO "A" WEEKEND	DALLAS
JUNE 19-23	SW JUNETEENTH SECTIONAL	HOUSTON
AUGUST 22-24	AUSTIN\TRAVIS CO."A" WEEKEND	AUSTIN
SEPTEMBER 19-21	OKAY-C GRADE "A" WEEKEND	OKLAHOMA CITY
OCTOBER 10-12	HARBOR DBC GRADE "A" WEEKEND	CORPUS CHRISTI
NOVEMBER 7-9	JOHN L. BARNETT "A" WEEKEND	FORT WORTH

ALL SECTIONAL TOURNAMENTS WILL INCLUDE BRIDGE EDUCATION SEMINARS

Mary-Ann Broussard, SWSVP



NATIONWIDE EVENTS

January	Annual Membership Game
March (1st Wednesday)	Nationwide Headquarters Benefit (Day Game)
June (1st Friday)	Nationwide Benefit Game (Night)
September (Last Friday)	Nationwide Scholarship Game (Night)
(Last Saturday)	Nationwide Scholarship Game (Day)
October (Club/Unit select date)	United Negro College Fund Game
December (3rd Friday)	Super Open Pairs (Night)

From the Metropolitan Duplicate Bridge Unit President

2006 & 2007

can be characterized as years of change... calendar changes for sure: Earline Winn Duplicate Bridge club changed from Saturday to Wednesday; Galena Manor changed from night to day; and the Bridge group has been granted the use of the Shrine of the Black Madonna for Nationwide games and for new player tournaments when our usual facilities are not available.

With the focus on Bridge Education, we have several classes in progress: on Tuesdays at St. Francis, instructor Bobbie Turner; Wednesday at Judson Robinson Community Center, Nelda Gray instructor; and Thursdays at Trinity United Methodist Church, Jim and Thelma Morgan, instructors. We are now in the process of implementing a new players class on Saturdays at Augustana Lutheran Church. Judith Glasco will be the instructor. Didn't someone say "Change is Good?"

Congratulations to all bridge players who have reached new milestones. Unit fees were implemented and now the Unit's operational expenses are manageable. Committees were formed and became functional. I want to thank committee chairs Dr. John Williams and Dr. Frank Hawkins for a job well done. The Historical Committee, headed by Clarena Richardson, and the Courtesy Committee, headed by Janie Reed, continue to function well.

As I depart to spend time with family, sorority, and volunteer work, I want to thank everyone for the opportunity I have had to serve you. I have done my best, though I wish I could have done more.

I want to extend my congratulations to my longtime partner, LaVerne Rogers, on the recent celebration of her 60th wedding anniversary! My sincere thanks to Ethel Black, Gloria Tapscott, James Mays, Ralph Buggs, Mauvelyne Henry, Mary Ann Broussard, Dorothy Colley, and many more for their support during my two years in office. I also wish to thank the members of the non- Houston Clubs i.e. Austin, Beaumont, Corpus Christi, Dallas, Fort Worth, and Oklahoma, especially at tournament time, including the February 15-17, 2008, Doyle Branch Grade "A" weekend.

Thanks to all.

Opal White

Unit President – 2006, 2007

Thank you Southwestern Section!

I wish to express a heartfelt "Thank you" to the SWS Merit/Life Membership Committee, as well as the National Merit/Life Membership Committee for honoring me with the 2007 Merit Award.

Dorothy Colley

Final Grand Slammer

Calvin Wesley, long time member of the John L. Barnett DBC, and brother of Mae Clark, passed away on Wednesday, January 23, 2008.



NEW PLAYERS

James O. Morgan, Chair



Classes are still being held weekdays in and around the Houston Metropolitan area at various locations and the following is a brief result:

- Wednesday, 10-1PM @ Judson Robinson Community Center taught by Nelda Gray,
- Every other Tuesday, 11-3PM @ St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church taught by Bobbie Turner and assisted by Betty Patrick,
- Thursday, 11-1PM @ Trinity United Methodist taught by James Morgan resulting in five (5) new members.

The New Players Games for 2008 will still be held the 3rd Saturday of the month at The Shrine of the Black Madonna at 12:00 noon. This game headed by Bridge Education Chair, Nelda Gray has been quite successful. We have had good support from advanced players coming out to help with bidding and the play of the hand. The format may change somewhat in 2008 but we still encourage new players and “not so new” players to come out and build upon their game.

Please tell us what you are doing in your areas to recruit and retain new members. Contact James Morgan, james2646@sbcglobal.net with your information and/or suggestions.

OKAY- C Duplicate Bridge Club

Advent was a time of preparing to welcome again God's gift of love shown in Jesus Christ. Then the most celebrated time of the year, CHRISTMAS. The tree has been untrimmed, lights put away, the new year ushered in and we are ready for another year of addition, BRIDGE!!!!!!!

Oklahoma City closed the year with a positive feeling, we made another year and there is a food pantry with a few more items because we cared enough to supply non-perishables items each time we met during part of the year. The “A Weekend” was canceled, but we plan to give it another shot in 2008.

*Shalom,
Lorine Powers, President*



2007 Life Membership Award
Clarena Richardson
Houston, Texas

2007 Merit Award
Dorothy Colley
Houston, Texas

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE
SOUTHWEST SECTION ABA
Thelma Morgan, Chair

The following students from the Southwest Section were awarded the F. Alberta Peterson Scholarship for the 2007-08 academic year:

1. Janisha V. Kimble of Missouri City, Texas is a student at Texas Tech in Lubbock, TX
2. Mykel Morgan of Angleton, Texas is a student at Prairie View A&M University, Prairie View, Texas (no relation to Thelma Morgan)
3. Todd A. Vaughn of Ft. Worth, Texas is a student at Texas A&M University-Kingsville, Texas. Todd is the grandson of Carl and Minnie Vaughn of Corpus Christi, Texas.

All three are initial recipients and are eligible for renewal if they are eligible and reapply.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact any committee member or me at (H) 281-373-5512 or thelma2646@sbcglobal.net

Scholarship Committee
Thelma J. Morgan, Chair

Fred Carvin – Houston
Dorothy Madison – Austin
Dorothy Nance – Desoto

Young Professionals DBC

The Young Professionals, chose to invest in HCAP, which is a 501c3, not for profit organization dedicated to teaching and developing leadership and teamwork skills to inner city youth through the sport of swimming. HCAP also provides a basic learn to swim program to any and all constituents. We felt our gift to be a helpful starting point toward enhancing their goal.

Further, we sponsored a *bridge education* game and donated to the ABA Education and Charitable Foundation (abaECF). We plan to consider regular donations to this cause because of the scholarships awarded to second year college students.

Once again, our own, Dr. Mary Ann Broussard was unanimously voted in as our Sectional Vice-president at our Sectional game in June.

Another Young Professional in the person of Clarena Richardson is a new Life Member. She expresses profound “Thanks” to the Section and more especially to Earline Winn, James Woodard and Brenda Metze.

We welcome two members back into action, namely, Doris Greene, who for a time was ailing and Alice Pradia, who had resigned, but re-joined after an eight month hiatus.



Submitted by, Clarena Richardson, Secretary

JOHN L. BARNETT DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB

Reporter: Emanuel McKinney

Activity

We held our annual weekend Grade A tournament November 9-11. Thanks to each of you who came and participated. Our 2008 tournament is scheduled for November 7-9. Mark your calendar and plan to come.

Membership

We welcome Calvin Wesley back to the local area and active play in the Southwestern Section. Although he had remained financially active while living out of state the past several years, his presence at the table was missed.

We also welcome new member Otis Snell, who jumped right into tournament play during our November tournament.

Holidays

Late December and early January traditionally bring a downturn to bridge play. Have a safe and joyous holiday season, and a winning return to play at the table in the forthcoming year.

University Duplicate Bridge Club

University Duplicate Bridge club extends Christmas blessings and good will for the new year. Our focus for the year 2008 is to continue to recruit new members and to reactivate former members to this wonderful world of bridge.

We are looking forward to our annual Soul Food Dinner in January, which is always a treat. We have been well represented at all tournaments and some members have attended the nationals this year: Gloria Tapscott heads this list in attendance and scoring. Kudos to Gloria.

We sadly report the passing of Mrs. Helen Rivers Hall, mother of our president, Bettye H. Drummond. Also, the husband of Minnie Bailey, Bunard Bailey Jr., the mother of Gloria Cooper, Mrs. Edith Ventress, and the brother of Marie Harris, Curtis Paysinger. We implore your prayers for these families.

On a happy note, Renetta Etter, Lottie Harvey, and Marie Harris visited Odessa Sayles on Wednesday, November 14. The bridge game was enjoyed by all. The meal was quite enjoyable and Odessa was elated to have them over.

We want to thank Julia C. Hester House, a community service organization, for providing a safe and quality environment for our bridge club activities, free of charge.



*Submitted by
Barbara S. Monroe*

PRAIRIE VIEW DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB



Again this year, the PVDBC sponsored our annual cruise to Mexico. We set sail Sunday, December 9, 2007 (actually Monday due to fog) on the Carnival Conquest, with more than 2,900 passengers. Once we were underway, all were in for a fabulous time on a weeklong cruise aboard an even more awesome cruise ship than our previous ones. The fellowship, bridge games, and on-board activities were superb.

Many of our guests returned from our previous cruises. Those of you who were first timers to our annual cruise, we hope to see you again. We cannot say thank you enough to our faithful Houston friends, and those from surrounding areas, for supporting our cruise again this year. Thank You!! Thank You!!

Plans are already in the making for December of 2008. If you have not joined us in the past, mark your calendar so you too can be a part of the best bridge, fun, and relaxation any cruise can offer.

A little bit of news about our members in Prairie View shows great strides for James and Thelma Morgan. They both made the century club at the 2007 Summer National Tournament in Detroit. Thelma received a plaque for winning the 2006 Senior Life Master Division of the William Friend Race and was also elected secretary of the Southwest Section in June at the Sectional meeting in Ft. Worth.

As always, we would like to especially thank those who travel from Houston to Prairie View to play in our monthly games and we look forward to your continued participation for 2008.

Cruise Games Overall Results

Game	Date	A	B	C	Name	
1	Mon, Dec 10 th (Day)	1 st			Bill Turner & Samuel Graham	
		4 th	1 st		Waymon & Bernice Webster	
		2 nd			Ethel Black & Joe Ford	
			2 nd		James & Thelma Morgan	
2	Mon, Dec 10 th (Night)	1 st			Earline Winn & James Mays	
		2 nd			Bill Turner & Samuel Graham	
3	Tues, Dec 11 th (Day)	1 st			Earline Winn & James Mays	
		4 th	1 st		Frank & Mary Hawkins	
			3 rd	1 st	Willie & Barbara Hobbs	
		2 nd			Bill Turner & Samuel Graham	
		5 th	2 nd		Alta Allen & Julie Myers	
4	Wed, Dec 12 th (Night)			2 nd	Burnis & Lee Hall	
		1 st			Mary Alexander & Marvin McNeese	
			1 st		James & Thelma Morgan	
			2 nd	1 st	Lani Laurents & Ginni Mayhew	
5	Thur, Dec 13 th (Day)	2 nd			Bill Turner & Samuel Graham	
				2 nd	Willie & Barbara Hobbs	
		1 st	1 st		Taft Barkley & Dorothy Nance	
				1 st	Naomi Manuel & Linda Durham	
		2 nd	2 nd		James & Thelma Morgan	
				2 nd	Waymon & Bernice Webster	
		<i>Team Play</i>				
		1 st			James Mays & Samuel Graham	
	(Team Play)				Bill Turner & Earline Winn	
					Alta Allen & Dorothea Avant	
		2 nd			Marvin McNeese & Mary Alexander	
					Taft Barkley & Dorothy Nance	
			1 st		Willie & Barbara Hobbs	
					Lani Laurents & Ginni Mayhew	

TRI METRO DUPLICATE BRIDGE UNIT

As we move into 2008 we are doing all we can to attract new members and to keep some of our old members active. We will be selecting new officers for the Tri Metro unit the first of the year.

Challenge Bridge Members voted to meet on the second and fourth Saturday starting in November. If you are in the Dallas area join us at the Moreland Y, on Ledebetter.

Marybelle Whiteman, President of Hearts and Diamond, is stepping down and Frederick Todd will be the new president effective January 2008.

Marybelle did an outstanding job as president. She always took the initiative to make sure anyone wanting to play had a partner. She was committed to her role as president of Heart & Diamonds.

Fredrick has some big shoes to fill, but we are certain with his knowledge, expertise and leadership skills he will ease into the job

The Dallas area is getting ready for our "A" Tournament, March 7-the 9th. We hope you put it in your plans to attend.

We wish everyone a healthy, prosperous and successful 2008.

Dorothy Nance, President Tri Metro Duplicate Bridge, Dallas



Austin-Travis County Duplicate Bridge Club

The Austin-Travis County Duplicate Bridge Club is very pleased with the continued interest shown by our members in improving their bridge skills. We play every Tuesday night and have had most of our membership present.

We thanked Hank Irwin for his dedicated and unselfish service as National President for the past two years. We are very proud of his accomplishments and his progressive attempts to bring our ABA into the age of technology.

Congratulations to: Judge Harriet Murphy upon being named YMCA's Phenomenal Woman of the Year Award for 2007; Barbara Johnson on the presentation of her granddaughter, Megan Whitley, who is in the running for Sigma Gamma Rho's Miss Debutante of 2007; and, Debra Gardner on the arrival of her newest grandson, Ferman Jeremiah King.

Election of officers for the next biennium were held Tuesday, December 4th and they remain the same. Thanks ATCDBC for the vote of confidence.

President Ruby Handcox
Vice-president Fred Mann
Secretary Barbara Johnson

Treasurer Jim Wueste
Tournament Chair ... Dorothy Madison
Courtesy Chair Bettie Mann

Happy New Year to Southwesterners everywhere!

Submitted by Ruby Handcox, President

Public Relations Corner

Keeping you informed and updated on the tournament “A” weekend trails leads us to start with the month of October that found us in Corpus Christi at the Best Western Marina Hotel where the Harbor Bridge Club held a great tournament. The accommodations at the hotel were “A OK” and the hospitality was superb. Bobbie Turner ran a smooth game throughout the weekend.

In November, we cruised to the Arlington-Fort Worth area, housed at the Country Inn and Suites, where the John L. Barnett DBC hosted us. It was an interesting weekend, with 8.5 tables in each event. Highlights of the weekend, were Margie Brazill’s birthday as well as our own James Woodard. Margie’s sister, Maxine, surprised her and feted the whole group with cake and ice cream. Margie was overwhelmed and extremely grateful to see her 70th birthday. At this time last year, she underwent a triple by-pass. She’s completely recovered now and is again her usual feisty self playing much bridge.

And now, now, and now! We are encouraging all Southwesterners to appear in Houston at the Reliant Park Inn and Suites Hotel to help us celebrate the Doyle C. Branch, Grade A Tournament. Doyle Cornell Branch was not just a committed worker in the Houston area, but a legendary trail blazer for the development of bridge in the Southwest Section, proper. This event will be held February 15 – 17, 2008.

*Ya’ll come!
Clarena*



History and Archives

The hour glass is truly emblematical of the world. As its sands run out at the termination of a given period, it shows that all things must have an end.

The year in which our body and soul part – the year in which time ends and eternity begins - so it is that the sands of time have now run out for our own beloved “Barbara.”

We in the bridge world are left with a hallowed memory of a beautiful character. She embraced us with dignity, compassion, skill and love of the game. Though she supported all six clubs in the Houston area, she was bound in allegiance to the Jet Setters. She was fiercely competitive, unassuming, unpretentious and dedicated.

Within the last year or so, there were intermittent periods of recovery from hospitalizations, etc. Being as strong and as independent as ever, she would appear back at the table playing fiercely. She was always driving herself as well as others to and from the games.

She will be forever remembered and loved in the bridge world. We are blessed and grateful to God and her family for having had her in our lives!

Our love to her family is ongoing, as is our accessibility, whenever needed.

Clarena Richardson, Chairman

Yes, it’s True!

True and very true, that the player to be reckoned with now in our Unit and Section is none other than Thelma Morgan.

She is the most well adjusted and self assured person I know since having moved from the observers seat at her first tournament in 2003 and jumping in levels every year thereafter.

To say that she has a winning personality is an understatement. Her lovely demeanor and keen bridge interest in competition qualifies her for such a title.

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Distinct Career Honors for a Grand Slammer

Barbara Ellison, recently deceased Jet Setter, held the distinct honor of being the second black female police officer in the City of Houston. She served under four mayors over a thirty one year career.

She served as a Juvenile officer for those years where her distinguished work commanded honor and the phrase “May the works I’ve done speak for me”...came to fruition.

Retired and active police officers alike were out for an honorable farewell salute.

The farewell included Honor Guards at her bier and a full casket farewell salute. The service was video taped. HPD’s Chaplain spoke of her distinguished career and presented her family with a gold plaque for her service citing also that her name is now recorded in their archives Hall of Honor.

SWS DIRECTORS

Name	Level
Alexander, Mary Alice	1
Barton, Lionel	2
Buggs, Ralph	1
Clark, Mae	2
Coleman, Nancy	1
Colley, Dorothy	3
Dixon, Jewel	1
Galley, Dwight*	2
Gillins, Leroy	2
Hillimon, Ola Mae	1
Irwin, Henry	5
Johnson, Alma	1
Lowery, Mary A.	1
Milligan, Jean	1
Milligan, Percy	2
Scurlock, O’Hara	1
Turner, Bobbie	4
Turner, William	2
Willemet, Jim	1
Wilson, Lela	1
Womack, Marian	2
Woodard, James	1

Jet Setters DBC

The Jet Setters were saddened recently by the loss of Barbara Joe Ellison on November 17, 2007. Though ill, Barbara played bridge with us to the very end of her illness – just 2 weeks before her death. She courageously battled her illness for many years and taught us all the meaning of courage. We know that she is now enjoying many grand slams in a better place. She will be sorely missed.

This has truly been a sad year for us. Elnor Boone lost her mother. Naomi Manuel lost two brothers and a sister, and Mattie Woodard lost her brother. We hope that they will be comforted by our prayers.

Other News: Freddie Guess reached another milestone by achieving 2000 master points. Congratulations Freddie!

We neglected to mention in the last newsletter that James Mays made the Century Club at the Spring National. We were well represented at the Summer National. Ethel Black, Lovie Lynch, James and Martha Mays, Brenda Metze and Delores Smith were all in attendance. Delores and Brenda made the Century Club and all of us achieved success.

Again, the Jet Setters wish all of you the very best in the New Year and many 7 no trump hands.

*Submitted by,
Brenda Metze, President and
Ethel Black, Secretary*

Yes, it’s True, *continued from page 11*

She’s private and doesn’t preach! Quite a contrast to her first teacher and former partner who thinks he’s outgrown her in bridge. Ha!

In reality, we’re in for an interesting journey; all upward bound!

We salute you Thelma and our love and respect goes with you as you continue to move on up.

Clarena