



Welcome to our Fall 2015 issue!

NEW BOARD MEMBER



Peter Roos was elected to the Board at our Annual Meeting in September. Peter is the new Membership Chair. Welcome aboard, Peter! And thank you to our outgoing Membership Chair, Nancy Mullen.

Nancy has moved over to the Entertainment Committee, where she joins Betsey Paige, Chair, and Maureen Cullen. Our parties will now be triple the fun!

Congratulations to our members who have advanced in status.

Judith Crosby has advanced to Junior Master, **Susan Miller** to Club Master, **William Kondrath** and **Ed Oakes** to Regional Master, **Kathy Aubrey** to Life Master. and **Carolyn Johansson** to Bronze Life Master.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Holiday Parties are planned for Tuesday, December 15th and Saturday, December 19th. Watch for sign up sheets and announcements as we get closer, and **SAVE THE DATES!**

**MEMBER ACHIEVEMENTS
WARWICK WINNERS**

At the recent New England Fiesta Regional Tournament in Warwick several of our members did very well. **Bob Carvin** was a big winner with 15.09 masterpoints, followed by **Ruth Weston** and **Richard Palmer** with 8.58 and **Henry Daley** and **Bob Prevoir** with 3.04.

Other masterpoint winners include **Ralph Desmond, Norm Guivens, Kathy Aubrey, Judy Goranson, Donna Daley, Ken Wirkala, Paul Ranaghan, Betsey Paige, Pat Kelleher, Maureen Berggren, Nora Schneider, Bill Shaffer, Richard Simolari, Jill Fleming, Jon Guttmacher, Rudi Brautigam, Pat Cotta, Robert DeLaar, Wally Loewer, and Rhoda Silverlieb.** Congrats to all!

OLLI PROGRAM



For eight Monday mornings this Fall, Henry Daley is teaching bridge at our Club to 24 students through the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) at U Mass Boston. Some of Henry's students are returning for the Assisted Social Bridge with Judy.



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WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS

We are pleased to introduce our newest members. . . **Welcome!**
 We hope you'll enjoy many happy years of playing bridge at our Club.

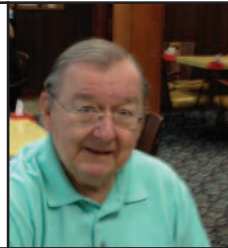
(Photos of **Robert DeLaar**, **Kathleen Walsh** and **Robert Kostka** will appear in our next newsletter.)



Linda Long



Jeanne Murphy



Bill Firla



Jane Tondorf



Ricki Wahl



DeWitt Parsons & Kathleen Galvin



Assisted Social Bridge – Friday, 10:30 [photo above]
 Every Friday Judy Goranson (or some other experienced player) hosts a social bridge session where players are welcome to play in a friendly non-competitive environment. Judy is available to answer all bidding and play questions. Fee is \$2.00.

Beginner Game – Mondays, 10:15 (except holidays)
 A growing number of very appreciative new bridge players come to play and learn at Hal Merzon's Beginner Game for those with less than 20 masterpoints. Just recently, his students presented Hal with a thank you card specially designed by student, Peg D'Onofrio. [photo left]



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Michael Chapman

Michael Chapman learned how to play bridge in the early 1970s while studying agriculture at Nottingham University. During the 70s and early 80s, Mike worked at a variety of jobs, including farming, automotive service, scientific equipment sales, and building renovation. In 1985, he accepted a job with an embryo freezing company in Nashua, NH and moved to the United States. Needing a place to live and wanting to live in the Boston area, he checked out an ad from a guy looking for a bridge-playing roommate to share his apartment in the Charlestown Navy Yard. That guy was the Controller of the Bostonian Hotel, and he and the General Manager of the Hotel wanted to form a bridge foursome. So, Mike moved in and that was how he met his wife (the fourth in the foursome) and his best friend, Richard Palmer (the GM).

During 1989-99 Mike owned and operated an auto servicing business in Reading, in his spare time, writing a murder mystery (unpublished to date) using the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum art heist as the backdrop. That experience unlocked his passion for history, leading to a PhD in history from Boston College in 2006 and several subsequent teaching positions, including Associate Professor at Peking University from 2010 to 2013. Mike played bridge while in China only once, but continued to play in the US when he came back here on school vacations.

Other than during the three years Mike lived in China, he has lived in Charlestown for the last thirty years, always in the same building as best friend, Richard Palmer. In 2012, Mike published a book about Charlestown, *Granite Cities, Yankee Heroes, American Dreams: a National History of Boston's Bunker Hill Monument*.

Today Mike manages a restaurant he opened in Allston in 2014, The Glenville Stops. He and his wife have a son and a daughter, both in their mid 20s, one of whom plays bridge.

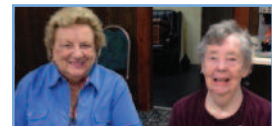
COMMON BONDS: Did you know . . .



Annmarie Stanton & Sheila Bender are both graduates of Girls' Latin School (6 years apart).

Frances Price & Pat McSweeney share the first name: Frances... And Ms. Price's mother's name is Patricia.

Carolyn Johannson & Muriel Hoffman are both past presidents of the South Shore Singles Group.



Final Notes

With great sadness this summer we said goodbye to Pat Cairns, a great bridge player and maker of the best tuna dip we ever tasted. We are so happy that Pat's husband, Dick, and sister, Elaine Sheeran, continue the family's bridge playing tradition. We also note the passing of Pat Cotta's sister, Mark Batchelder's wife and Norm Given's father. **Please remember**, if you know of any significant milestones reached by any of our members or if you have any comments or suggestions about the newsletter, please share them with us at puritanbridge@verizon.net.



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