



E-NEWS FROM EAST METRO DBC

JANUARY 2011

EAST METRO IN JANUARY

| | |
|----|---|
| 3 | 1 st game of 2011 |
| 10 | Regular Game |
| 17 | Closed; Martin Luther King Holiday |
| 24 | 1 st business meeting of the new year-- 6:00PM. All members should be present |
| 31 | Regular Game |

NEED RESOLUTIONS FOR THE NEW YEAR? HOW ABOUT THESE?

--Excerpted with permission from "ViewPoint," March 2005 by Brent Manley, editor, ACBL Bridge Bulletin

This year, I'm going to:

- ❖ **Try harder to be friendly to everyone when I'm playing bridge.** It's more difficult when you're grumpy because you're having a bad game or mentally berating yourself for a silly play or bid the previous round, but you know your overall game will benefit if you can let those emotions go before you pull the next hand from the board. Set an example. Always be cheerful.
- ❖ **Make more bridge dates with inexperienced players.** This is a great way to show that you care about the game. It will also help you to keep perspective and increase your understanding of the struggles some new players go through. If you can't remember your own beginnings, it may jog your memory and boost your tolerance.
- ❖ **Praise an opponent—especially a newer player—for a good bid or play.** It's something you can give that doesn't cost but produces huge rewards.
- ❖ **Keep working to improve my game.** Bridge can be enormously frustrating. Just when I feel I'm playing halfway decently, I want to ask myself, "I know you took up bridge today, but what time today?"

EAST METRO ELECTS NEW OFFICERS FOR 2011- 2012



Pictured from left to right: **Sandy Waller**, secretary; **Johnnie-Walker-Lee**, vice president; **Nancy Hawkins**, outgoing secretary; **Rosetta Boyd**, president; **Nancy Roberts**, Financial Secretary; **Helen Toney**, Treasurer

Message from the President

Dear East Metro Members—

I am both excited and humbled to have been elected to follow in Avis Turner's footsteps as the new leader of our wonderful club. With your help, I will do all I can to be sure our club remains the viable, first-rate organization that it always has been.

To that end, I need your involvement. I would like to see each of us commit to making our club stronger by chairing and/ or working on at least one committee. No one person can do it all. And as our club belongs to all of us, each of us should find an area where we can make a difference. It is not enough to simply come out play a game and do nothing else at East Metro. Nor is it an excuse to list all of your other obligations. We all have other commitments. Come prepared at our first meeting of the year—Jan 24—to take a key role as chair, representative, or member of any of the following:

| | | |
|-----------------------------------|---|--|
| <i>Mentoring Committee</i> | <i>Tournament Committee</i> | <i>Publicity and Communications</i> |
| <i>Club Librarian</i> | <i>Representatives to the Unit (2)</i> | <i>Representative to the Southern Section</i> |

These committees have chairs, but need members to become a part of their committees:

| | | |
|--|---------------------------------------|--|
| <i>Membership --Avis Turner</i> | <i>Education --Faye Hines</i> | <i>Logistics--Fred Kuhstoss</i> |
| <i>Hospitality--Gail Daniel</i> | <i>Courtesy--Janice Peters</i> | <i>Awards--Helen Toney</i> |

HOW WILL YOU SERVE EAST METRO IN 2011??

My best to all of you for a wonderful, "bridge-filled" prosperous, healthy new year! --Rosetta

East Metro Establishes Award to Honor Helen Toney



Do you remember what you were doing 30 years ago? 20 years ago? 10 years ago? For all of those years, Helen Toney can tell you what she was doing:

- *Point Coordinator for the Atlanta Bridge Unit, 1980-to the present*
- *Member, Awards Committee, Atlanta Bridge Unit, 1988-to the present*
- *Charter Member, East Metro Duplicate Bridge Club, 1986*
- *President, East Metro, 1991-1993*
- *Treasurer, East Metro, 1999-to the present*
- *Southern Section Representative to the History Archive Committee, 2003-2010.*

In recognition of 30 years of UNCOMPENSATED SERVICES * to her club, her Unit, her Section, and the ABA, during its final meeting of 2010, the Executive Board at East Metro voted to honor Helen's years of constant, largely unrecognized service by creating an award in her honor, which will be known always as the **Helen Toney Award for Meritorious Service** and will be given when warranted to members who exemplify Helen in her commitment to work quietly in the background for the good of the club.

** Helen gets a small stipend 4 times a year to cover the stamps and gas she uses to perform her duties but we at East Metro, do not call the small amount she receives "compensation!"*

Dr. Angela Johnson *East Metro New Player of the Year*



East encourages new players by giving a trophy to the player in the 0-25 who earns the most points in a single year. This year in 2010 the award went to Dr. Angela Johnson.



MasterPoint Winners at East Metro for 2010

---Points earned from Oct 31, 2009-Nov 1, 2010 and are certified by Helen Toney and Gertrude Guffie

| | |
|-----------------------|-----|
| 1. Rosetta Boyd | 315 |
| 2. Faye Hines | 271 |
| 3. Avis Turner | 223 |
| 4. Nicki Magee | 184 |
| 5. Johnnie Walker Lee | 151 |
| 6. Christine Callier | 141 |
| 7. Thelma Palmer | 113 |
| 8. Loretta McCrosky | 111 |
| 9. Zola Jean McCoy | 104 |
| 10. Leslie King | 98 |

SIX NEW PLAYERS JOIN EAST METRO IN 2010

- ✓ **Octavia Hale**
 - Hometown: Atlanta
 - Most Recent Occupation: Elementary Education Teacher, Atlanta Public Schools
 - Sister of Geraldine Fennie and Carmella Brooks
- ✓ **Carmella Brooks**
 - Hometown: Atlanta
 - Most Recent Occupation: Management, Traffic Engineering, AT&T
- ✓ **Sallie Wynn**
 - Hometown: Clinton, North Carolina
 - Most Recent Occupation: Registered Nurse
- ✓ **Annette Benefield**
 - Hometown:
 - Most Recent Occupation: Management, United Postal Services
- ✓ **Cheryl Hedgemon**
 - Hometown: New O
 - Most recent occupa
- ✓ **Barbara Parker**



PLEASE MAKE THEM FEEL WELCOME WHEN THEY PLAY AT OUR CLUB

Message from East Metro's Outgoing President:

Avis Turner has been East Metro's president for the past four years. During her tenure as president, she instituted a number of new practices and awards at East Metro, among which are a Lending Library for members to share bridge books and bridge software and an annual award given during the Shep Turner Benefit to recognize the achievements of players who begin the year with fewer than 25 masterpoints. Avis, more than any other member, is responsible for the growth of the club, adding more than 15 new members during her tenure, all of whom were recruited from the several bridge classes she has taught during the years. This is her message to East Metro members.

Thanks For The Memories

As I clear my desk and prepare to leave, there are so many memories I can take with me—and they are all of “you”, the members of East Metro. I can remember leaving town for a couple of weeks and officers and chairpersons carried on “business as usual.”—well what did I expect? If someone could not perform his duties due to illness or other pressing matters, I panicked—but my members didn’t-- they just stepped in and filled in the slack. And when a new venue we had to find, I was out of my mind! But there were members who opened the door, just like that. Projects, team games,

tournaments and more, I asked “Would we succeed?” Whatever the need, we didn’t lack because members had planned, gave prizes and food galore! Who could ask for more? And there were times we had a guest, that had no seat but you were there and gave up your chair. Teachers, teachers everywhere—we have what we need and three agreed. Sign your name!, Put this back! Hurry! Scurry!---but no worry, all because of you. What’s my score!No need to fret if e-mail you get. These are memories that will make me smile---for a long, long while.

With all my love,

Avis