

Rozella Campbell Terrell Jones
2829 Tall Oaks Ct. Apt. 11 803 Nestleway Drive
Auburn Hills, MI 48326 Greensboro, NC 27406
248-410-2411 336-337-7131
rozellacampbell@yahoo.com Jones.terrell11123@yahoo.com

Assistant Secretary - Awards Rail Managers
Belinda Steele John Mavis
Detroit, MI 482191101 S. Meridian Ave
Auburn Hills, MI 48326 Alhambra, CA 91803
313-319-6200 Lmavis@sbcglobal.net
Assistant - Robert Kenz
robertkenz@verizon.net

ABBA COMMITTEE CHAIRS & MEMBERS
Finance Committee

Fred Nickl- Chair Frank Tucker
111 S. Dwyer Ave. 909 Westmount Drive
Arlington Heights, IL 60005 Alhambra, CA 91803
847-857-1792 626-282-9969
fatblindguy@gmail.com Tuckers909@gmail.com

Keith Edgerton Judy Jeter
3319 W. Parkridge Drive 1031 Howell Drive
Peoria, IL 61604-2011 Vinton, VA
919-621-1707 540-556-3489
Keithedg2@yahoo.com

Thomas Lester
19146 Ardmore
Detroit, MI 48235
313-864-0448
Tlester52@att.net

Legislative Committee

Joyce Spencer - Chair Linda McClary
2809 Herndon Village Way 1194 Kinglet Ct
Unit 101 Eagan, MN 55123
Raleigh, NC 27610 ggeziouise@yahoo.com
919-796-5090
Miss_joyful_joyce@yahoo.com

Ernest Sherrill Sharon Williams
67 Charles Lane 1333 W. 59th Street

Pontiac, MI 48341 Chicago, IL 60636
248-332-5605 773-474-8025
Saw45mad14@sbcglobal.net

Janice Erkillla
5253 42nd Ave. S
Minneapolis, MN 55417
612-722-3041
rerkillla@comcast.net

Public Relations Committee

James Benton - Chair Rodriguez Best
1209 Summerset
Raleigh, NC 27610
919-755-0007
silverbenton@bellsouth.net

Tanya Wilson Blind Bowler- Editor
555 Windy Hill Dr. Mario Diming
Winston Salem, NC 27105 1333 W. 59th Street
tatareneel@gmail.com Chicago, IL 60636
773-474-8027
Mario 902010@sbcglobal.net
Robert doc Wright
wrightsiphone@gmail.com

National Tournament Committee

Linda Keeney - Chair Linda Hoepner
1232 N. El Centro Ave #A 8114 Oakland Ave. So
Los Angeles, CA 90038 Bloomington, MN 55420
323-467-6263/323-388-3040 952-888-6783
JCMavis@gmail.com Linda.hoepner@chrobinson.com

Amy Giddings

Rules Interpretation & Enforcement Committee

Kathy Brockman- Chair Walter Burmeister
2735 S. 61st Street 5314 S. Springfield Ave.
Milwaukee, WI 53219-3002 Chicago, IL 60632
Kathybrock1@sbcglobal.net 773-767-1724

Esther Dickerson Rozella Campbell
7004 Calvin Ct. 248-410-2411
Fort Washington, MD 20744
estherdickerson@msn.com Sandy McDaniel
412-304-8590

Nominating Committee

Robert McDonald -Chair TBA

7232 South Ridgeland
Chicago, IL 60640
773 - 255 - 3121
Ridgeland72@sbcglobal.net

Past Presidents Committee

Chairperson: Robert McDonald Members: All Past Presidents

Editor's Welcome

The time has come to be excited again because the bowling season is upon us. I know...I know many of you are not thrilled because that means summer is almost over, and the fall and winter season is on the horizon. Look at it this way, at least you're back to bowling and can have some friendly competition bowling.

This season we are going back to Las Vegas, Nevada for our 71st Annual National Tournament. This should be an amazing and fun tournament for everyone. You will receive some information about the tournament in this issue as well as some updates on awards and stats.

Have fun reading and enjoy your bowling season.

~Mario Diming~

President's Letter

Dear ABBA Members,

I would like to thank everyone for their support and well wishes as I embark on this new journey of ABBA president. I hope all of you that were in Phoenix with me had a great time. Those members who could not make it to Phoenix, I hope you have heard about how much fun that was had by all. We look forward to bringing the success of the Phoenix tournament to Vegas. I would love to see us have an even more successful tournament there. It will take all of us in the organization to make this happen. So, if you know somebody who is interested in joining your league, get them to come out and try it. If you know of people that are bowling in a city that does not have a league, have them create one. If we all work together, we can accomplish this goal.

If you have not heard about Vegas, let me tell you about it. We will be staying at the South Point Hotel, Casino and Spa. Everything you can imagine is there in one location under one roof. After Vegas in 2018, the next year we will be going to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania in May of 2019. Michael Staab, who is an ABBA tournament director's assistant and bowls in Pittsburgh, is already working on making the 2019 tournament a party in Pittsburgh. Continue to read the Blind Bowler this year to hear more about Pittsburgh.

One of the new responsibilities of the ABBA president is to hold two open membership meetings per year. So, I would like to announce the first meeting to be on Wednesday, November 8 at 8:30 pm Eastern time. I will be sending out a conference call number and access code with further details. I hope all members can join the officers of this organization

and me as we listen to you, the members, concerns and suggestions. We all need to work together to make this organization be the best it can be. I see this organization as a big family, and I want all of us to work together to make this be achieved.

In closing, I would encourage you to remember whenever you pick up that ball and toss it down those lanes, have fun out there and good luck and good bowling.

~A.J. Inglesby~

From the Desk of the Secretary Treasurer

WELCOME TO THE 2017 - 2018
BOWLING SEASON!!!

SPECIAL REQUEST: FOR ALL WHO KNOW THE POWER OF PRAYER, PLEASE CONTINUE TO KEEP THE FOLLOWING IN YOUR PRAYERS: The people affected by "Harvey and Irma," AND ALL THOSE WHO HAVE HAD LIFE THREATENING INJURIES OR LOST LOVED ONES.

Leagues, Area Association Secretaries, Active Life members, Officers, and Tournament Directors received: The Average Book, August Packet, inclusive of information and forms needed for the new season.

> A few reminders again from REIC (especially for new secretaries)

* Minutes should be maintained for all league meetings.

* A prize list should be approved by the league at least by the 5th week of the bowling season. It can be amended at a later date.

* The fiscal year for ABBA is August 1st through July 31st of the following year.

* Leagues should review and update their bylaws or constitution on an annual basis per ABBA bylaws Article IV, Sec. 3.

Policy Statement F-3, Financial Reports From Member Leagues, approved in November 2011: Leagues under ABBA's 501(c)(3) status must submit a brief Fundraising Guideline explaining how the proceeds will be used.

This information should be recorded in the meeting minutes. The league's fundraising guideline should be sent to the ABBA Secretary-Treasurer if the league plans to raise more than \$1,000 in a year. That amount does not include prize money.

* League secretaries must file the 990 EZ form with the IRS each year. If this is not done, the league is removed from the list of ABBA leagues covered by the nonprofit status. Leagues not covered under the 501c3 status do not have to follow this procedure.

* 2018 Convention/Tournament, Sunday May 27 - Friday, June 1, 2018.

Cutoff date for reservations, May 6, 2018 (all information is from the contract)

* Mid-Year, Tuesday, November 14 - Friday 17, 2018, Mid-year & National Tournament hotel information is the same, (difference), cutoff date for the Midyear is (Oct. 24, 2017)

Hotel - South Point Hotel, Casino & Spa, - Phone -866-791-7626, toll-free Group Code for Nov. - ABB114 and May - ABB0527. You must identify yourself as a member of ABBA to receive Group rate - (Nov.) \$65 (May \$78), Single/Double. The hotel requires a first night's deposit of room

and tax, per room, to guarantee individual reservations and THE CREDIT CARD WILL BE CHARGED FOR THE STIPULATED ROOM AND TAX. RESERVATIONS WILL BE HELD UNTIL 6:00 AM ON THE FOLLOWING DATE. If a reservation must be cancelled, please notify the hotel by 3 pm the day prior to arrival in order to avoid being billed for the first night's stay. Check in 3 pm, check out 12 noon A CREDIT CARD OR DEBIT CARD IS MANDATORY AT TIME OF CHECK IN FOR INCIDENTALS (it does not matter if you plan to use room service, etc.)

The following is information that may be of interest. I will not submit this in another issue; please keep it for reference later in the season:

South Point is located in the heart of the premier southwest Las Vegas valley. Guests have dual views of the Las Vegas valley and mountains that surround it. The hotel has 25 stories and the rooms are among the largest in town with complimentary WIFI, coffee makers, safes, plush sleeper beds and 42" plasma TVs.

There are (11) dining options ranging from 24/7 room service to a traditional deli, 24 hour coffee shop, fine-dining steak house, and Italian, Mexican, Sushi, seafood, prime rib, buffet, and gourmet restaurants.

Other amenities include a lagoon style pool, 16-screen movie theater, 64 lane bowling center, Costa Del Sur Spa & fitness center, and an 80,000 square foot casino complete the full spectrum of attractions on-site. To see a more vivid picture or listen, visit the website: www.southpointmeetings.com to receive a tour of the hotel.

Anyone desiring to stay Friday or after, the rates will be \$95.00 plus tax. The charge for triple and/or quad occupancy is currently at \$20 per night over the quoted guest room rate. ID may be requested upon check-in. All persons under the age of 21 will share a room with at least one adult chaperone, 21 years of age or older.

Our group will receive: Complimentary

- * In room WIFI-internet
- * Fitness Center access
- * Airport Shuttle
- * Free local/toll free phone calls
- * Printing of boarding passes
- * Parking and valet
- * Hotel Fun Books - if "fun books" are issued at the front desk, any voucher in the fun book only applies to persons 21 or older. Vouchers cannot be used for any person under 21 years of age with the exception of Bowling and Movie Theatre.
- * A one hundred (\$100.00) personal check may be cashed for a guest who has a credit card and proper identification during their stay.
- * Nevada State Law: smoking (including e-cigarettes) is prohibited in indoor public spaces.

Mid-Year Schedule

All Meetings will be held in the same room (Pelican Bay). Times are tentative:

If there is not a tournament going on in the bowling alley, you are invited to check it out during your stay, check with the Tournament Director, Sandy McDaniel.

Wednesday 15th - 10:00 am, Tournament Committee -
Linda Keeney, Chairperson

11:30 am - Public Relations Committee -
James Benton, Chairperson

Thursday 16th - 10:00 am - Finance Committee -
Fred Nickl, Chairperson

11:30 am - Rules Committee -
Kathleen Brockman, Chairperson

1:00 pm - Legislative (tentative) - Joyce Spencer Chairperson

3:00 pm - 6:00 pm Board Meeting President -
A.J. Inglesby, Chairperson

MEMBERS WHO ARE NOT A PART OF A COMMITTEE, YOU ARE WELCOME TO SIT IN THE ROOM AND LISTEN TO THE COMMITTEE, BUT PLEASE REMEMBER YOU ARE A VISITOR. IF YOU HAVE ANY SUGGESTIONS, PLEASE GIVE THEM TO THE CHAIR AFTER THE MEETING. PLEASE DO NOT DISRUPT ANY COMMITTEE MEETING OR YOU WILL BE ASKED TO LEAVE. PLEASE NOTE: THE HOTEL HAS INFORMED US THAT YOU WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO BRING ANY FOOD INTO THE MEETING OR DRINKS. WATER WILL BE PROVIDED WITHIN THE ROOM.

You will be given a schedule for May as we get closer to that event.

Lunch - on your own - have not heard if Midwest will be conducting their famous "invited guest only" luncheon. Check with Thomas Lester, Walter Burmeister and Jeff Hawkins

Mid-Year Meeting - REMINDER

* Leagues are entitled to representatives (1 for every 4 blind & sighted members) Each league also entitled to (1) Director who can vote at the Board meeting

* Please return your "Credential sheet stating the name of your Director. And list your representatives. A list will be made with those who qualify as Director/representative.

* Checks will be mailed within a week of the Mid-Year Meeting.

We have lost some leagues due to deaths or various things happening in the life of members, but on a more positive note, we have some new leagues forming. People across the country are purchasing rails,

especially the VA facilities. Some wanted the procedure for ordering, we are going to try and make sure this is on our website.

- 1 - State number of rails needed, include location, receiver - addresses & phone number.
 - 2 - Will reply with total cost inclusive of shipping.
 - 3 - Send a check or money order made out to ABBA - 2829 Tall Oaks Ct. Apt.11, Auburn Hills, MI 48326 (we do not take credit cards)
 - 4 - Upon receipt of money, the rail manager will be contacted to ship rail/s, turnover time, approximately 7 days.
- Corrections not previously sent from the August Packet and Average Book

AVERAGE BOOK PACKET CORRECTIONS (-)
MILWAUKEE BEER BARRELS (S) F - DOELLE SHARON - SF (LOZANO) JOANIE
ROCK COUNTY RAILERS - JANESVILLE, WI - SM -(CHRISTENSEN) DEAN - SF
(MOORE) JOANN, TM (ROEPKE) TODD

REPORT OVERLOOKED (ON TIME)
Friday Morning Rollers, High Point NC

PM	Barefoot, Lynn	81	46
PF	Meeks, Mary	72	115
TM	David, Daniel	78	95
SM	Diaz, Sharif	78	134
PM	Diggs, Larry	81	122
PM	Lipscomb, Anthony	75	112
SF	Watts, LaDonna	81	148
PM	Whitsett, Wesley	78	99

REPORT OVERLOOKED (ON TIME)
Greater Cleveland, Cleveland Ohio

PF	Avery, Monica	48	93
TM	Bowden, Tyrone	90	56
SF	Brud, Judi	42	91
TM	Butler Jr., Henry	69	38
PF	Christmas, Tammy	87	77
SF	Craw-Bey, Ester	75	109
SF	Dinkins, D' Peaches	90	126
PM	Dobyne, Antonio	54	98
TM	Giley, Jeremy	33	58
SM	James, Joe	68	121
PF	Johnson, Vicki	79	89
PF	Marley, Andrea	33	113
TM	McNeal, Simon	84	92
SM	McIntyre, Bill	30	115
PF	McKenney, Theresa	87	90
PM	Pattilo, Ivory	48	92
PF	Payne, Renee	87	95
SF	Peoples, Tenora	87	101
SF	Swinney, Kimberly	87	109
TM	Turner, Wilbert	81	99
PF	White, Patricia	84	113
PF	Witze, Joy	42	91
SF	Woodson, Tiressa	78	102

2016-2017 Season Year End Averages

League: Capital City Bowlers, Columbus, Ohio

PM	Lemaster, Kurt	67	173
SM	Cabeen, Kenny	69	201
SM	Reed, Ellis 72	169	
PF	Sams, Donna 21	109	
PF	Ulicney, Theresa	69	101
SF	Workman, Penny	69	126
PM	Gamble, Mike	66	100
PF	Gamble, Cindy	66	114
TF	Lutz, Annette	51	67
TF	Bennett, Arinaldo	65	74
PM	McGowan, Tom	60	125
SF	Ryan, Joyce 69	124	
TF	Riddle, Carol	72	95
PF	Mollett, Sandy	71	108
SF	Randall, Mikki	66	137
TM	Shipman, Kenny	39	82
PM	Shipman, Debbie	42	93
SF	Allen, Lisa 66	137	
PF	Hansen, Nikki	60	62
SM	Hansen, Larry	69	112
SM	Workman, John	72	154
TM	Shipman, Kenny	47	53
TM	Allen, Scott	66	100
PM	Debus, Jim 63	132	
PM	Tolle, Jeff 70	125	

AWARDS NOT LISTED IN THE APRIL BLIND BOWLER

PLUS 60

Simon McNeal, ?, avg. 92, bowled 154 - Greater Cleveland Ohio

Jim Brueggemann, TM, avg. 64, bowled 129 - Milwaukee WI

Wali Salahuffin, TM, avg. 84, bowled 149 - Raleigh, NC

75 OVER

Anthony Roberts, PM, avg. 118, bowled 193 - Chicago Spare Chasers, IL

Emmitt Neeley, SM, avg. 151, bowled 238 - Chicago Spare Chasers, IL

Nicole Wolf, PF, avg. 120, bowled 216 - Janesville, WI

Odell Chest, SM, avg. 124, bowled 214 - Chicago Spare Chasers, IL

Joe Sperling, TM, avg. 35, bowled 119 - Baltimore, MD

Don Oliver, SM, avg. 139, bowled 216 - Portland OR

Karleen Johnson, SF, avg. 103, bowled 181 - Portland, OR

Vicki Elvidge, NA - Bloomington, MN

Wayne Morgan, SM, avg. 127, bowled 213 - Cleveland Ohio

Bronze Medals

Alex Munoz, PM, avg. 147, bowled 217 - Philadelphia, PA

Greg Gontaryk, TM, avg. 135, bowled 205 - Philadelphia, PA

Latiesha Adams, PF, avg. 111, bowled 190 - Raleigh, NC

Marjorie Conyers, PF, avg. 132, bowled 190 - Raleigh NC

James Benton, TM, avg. 119, bowled 172 - Raleigh, NC

Joe Kuctndkas, SM, avg. 172, bowled 264 - Philadelphia PA

Joe Kuctndkas, SM, avg. 172, bowled 256 - Philadelphia, PA

Silver Medals

Alex Munoz, PM, avg. 146, bowled 235 - Chicago ALBA, IL
Deon Sims, SM, avg. 180, bowled 276 - Chicago Spare Chasers, IL
Alice Kelly, TF, avg. 97, bowled 164 - Raliegh NC
Chris Menges, SM, avg. 194, bowled 268 - Aurora, CO
Richard Hose, SM, avg. 187, bowled 276, Baltimore MD
Richard Hose, SM, avg. 189, bowled 269 - Baltimore MD
Herbert Everett, PM, avg. 161, bowled 226 - Raleigh NC
Herbert Everett, PM, avg. 164, bowled 258 - Raleigh NC
Joyce Spencer, PF, avg. 130, bowled 203 - Raleigh, NC
James Benton, TM, avg. 113, bowled 176, Raleigh, NC
Ron Neer, SM, avg. 199, bowled 214 - Aurora, Co
Nicole Wolf, PF, avg. 120, bowled 216 - Janesville WI

TriPLICATE Chevron

Elsa McCoy, TF, avg. 96, triplicate (85)
Virginia Martinez, TF, avg. 89, triplicate (120)
Don Oliver, SM, avg. 177, triplicate (143)
Abby Winters, PF, avg. ?, Triplicate (n/a)

Split Conversion Chevron

Dorene Siler, SF, split (10-7-6-4)

If you were still missed, I will list you in the next issue.

Please note: Regardless of the award being submitted, all information needs to be supplied, (reason for all the ? marks by names). Once again, Jackie can be either male/female and although the award is for a TriPLICATE, I still need the average. Please supply all information on all forms, thank you.

I am available by phone, email or text (except Sundays/Holidays) (248) 410-2411, E-mail abbasec.trea@yahoo.com (I check mail daily, except Sunday/Holidays).

~Rozella Amerson Campbell, Secretary Treasurer~

Side Note - AS OF Oct. 1, 2016, I have a new address: 2829 Tall Oaks Ct. Apt. 11, Auburn Hills, MI 48326. This was given last year, but some are still using the old address - forwarding has run out.

Midwest Blind Bowling Association

Hello All members:

Hope everyone had a good summer. Our prayers go out to those affected by Hurricane Harvey. We hope with everyone's help, they can put their lives back together as quickly as possible.

Thanks to Sandy Tisdale and the Milwaukee Beer Barrels for hosting the 2018 Midwest Tournament. Below is the information needed for the tournament.

~Submitted by Sandy~

61ST MIDWEST BLIND BOWLING ASSOCIATION

Richard Jorgensen	T	M	401	--	\$25.00	Chicago		
						Alba		
Howard Dehning	P	M	550	--	\$25.00	Chicago		
						Braille Center		
Joyce Arther	S	F	566	--	\$25.00	Chicago		
						Peace Breakers		
John Clark	P	M	563	--	\$25.00	Chicago		
						Peace Breakers		
Robert McDonald	P	M	563	--	\$25.00	Chicago		
						Peace Breakers		
Tyrone Moody	T	M	471	--	\$25.00	Chicago		
						Peace Breakers		
Gerald Ricker	T	M	412	--	Plaque	Kalamazoo		
						Blind Bowlers		
Walter Almquist	P	M	631	--	\$25.00	Livonia Metro		
						Blind Bowlers		
Cheryl Dassow	S	F	452	158	\$25.00	Milwaukee		
						Beer Barrels		
Dennis Wry	S	M	518	161	\$25.00	Milwaukee		
						Beer Barrels		
Joel Harris	S	M	613	--	Plaque	St Louis		
						Pin Splitters	Mike Staab	P M
647	--				\$25.00	Pittsburgh Top		
						Cat Blind		
						Bowlers		

~Submitted by Thomas Lester, ABBA Secy. Treas.~

UPDATES FROM THE LOST ANGELS BLIND BOWLERS

I hope everyone had a great summer! I am proud to be serving as President of the Lost Angels Blind Bowlers for the ninth time. It is truly an honor to be an officer again. This season we have a great team of officers. I, Kylie Sykes am President as stated above, Laura Russell is Vice President, Linda Keeney is Secretary/Treasurer and John Mavis is Tournament Director.

This season, like past seasons, we have lost some bowlers, but gained some new ones which are good. We like seeing new people join. Our league has been in existence for over forty years. A few members have sadly passed away, but we still have a few of the founders of the league bowling to this day. We are all looking forward to going to the National Bowling Tournament in Las Vegas, Nevada this year!!

I hope everyone continues to have a great season. I wish everyone the best of luck this coming season. This will be a great one!!!

~Respectfully submitted by Kylie Sykes~

The Lost Angels Blind Bowlers are about to begin their 47th year as an ABBA league.

Linda Keeney and John Mavis finished at the Phoenix Tournament by winning some prize money in the Doubles category, even though both are eighty-year-olds.

This summer, our league worked on their guide rails. We replaced the rubber footings on the bottom of the ball platforms, cleaned the rails and put them in bags. The rails are placed in our storage cabinet that we can lock up when we are not bowling.

Then Leslie, Richard Moore, Kylie, Linda, plus John, had a pizza party.

We are looking forward to our 47th year as a league, and attending the ABBA Bowling Tournament in Las Vegas, NV.

~Submitted by John Mavis~

CLOSING WORDS FROM EDITOR

I really hope that everyone found the information shared in this issue very informative. If you have any questions or concerns about the information shared or the layout of the Blind Bowler, please contact me so we can have discussions about this. The deadline for articles for the January edition will be December 15th. You can email your articles to me at

Mario 902010@sbcglobal.net or mail them to me at 1333 W. 59th Street Chicago, IL 60636. I can also be reached at 773-474-8027

- Mario Diming Blind Bowler Editor~