

**President's Report**

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Contact Sigrid: d21sigrid@gmail.com**Face-To-Face Bridge is Back!**

Shorter days and seeing pumpkins on porches around my neighborhood signals that Fall is definitely on the way. For me, saying goodbye to Summer and welcoming the crisp days of October means more time for bridge and less time in the garden. It's great to be able to enjoy the company of good friends and the challenge of doing well at the bridge table while it's chilly and the weather is inclement. My unit now has live games available four days a week and although attendance is not nearly at pre-covid levels, it's not terrible either.

Your Board of Directors will be attending a special meeting on Thursday, November 18th at 6:30 (p.m., of course!) via Zoom and all D21 members are invited to attend and observe your board at work. Here's the Zoom link, please join us:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87636051666?pwd=bkt4Y3F6OE5aR205ZEF3ZXROSyt0Zz09>

My first live tournament was in Sacramento on Sept. 10th. Our local super-director Lynn Yokel did an excellent job getting us back to the tables. The Sacramento Unit had plenty of pre-wrapped treats for us and their Safety Coordinator/Tournament Manager, Bob Shiner, did a great job reminding people to keep those masks in place. I did not envy him, it's no fun asking a player to remember the safety protocols by which we must abide. Katherine Ewing, their newly elected Unit President, graciously invited me and my partner, Evelyn Holtz, to stay at her home Friday night. She is an amazing hostess and we were treated not only to a great dinner but plenty of "girl-talk" as well. There's nothing like amiable gossip to keep three women up way too late!

The Sacramento Unit was the first to host a sectional and I understand San Jose is preparing to run another October 23-24. If you are hankering for a live game, mark your calendars and plan to go. And if you are ready for regional competition, I just learned that the Las Vegas Regional scheduled November 8-14 has been approved by ACBL and they are eager to show competitors a really good time. And speaking of Regionals...Nancy Boyd has been busy working on our Monterey Regional, January 3-9, 2022, just a short three months away. January is beautiful in Monterey and what a great way to start the year; it's my favorite of all our regionals. Book early! Reservations are open until December 2nd. You don't want to be disappointed and lose the fabulous rate of \$125/night at a recently remodeled Hyatt Regency.

District 21's Board of Directors has various committees and individuals working hard on your behalf. The next time you see Susan Mazzei remember to thank her for her work on NAPs and Grant Vance also should be recognized and appreciated for putting together our GNT trials. Libby Longstreth has been diligently putting together a Policies and Procedures manual and Melanie Haddad with her committee are responsible for the publication of this DIR and other communications. Tom Pajak and his crew have their hands full putting together a budget and handling our financial matters. Headed by Ray Yuenger, your Bylaws Committee has struggled through sentence by sentence of our bylaws, working hard to get them to be accurate and conform to California statutes. There are so many incredible volunteers putting in time to make this district a success!

Jill Wallace and her team put together a Barbara Seagram educational program in Reno recently and had 109 (!!) in attendance with 30 tables of bridge following the lesson. What an amazing event she pulled together! Despite the pandemic she has been busy with online bridge lessons and is recruiting new players almost on a daily basis. I'm sure you'll read the full story in the Reno report.

Congratulations to Cornelia Gould who was recently elected President of Western Conference. Stu Goodgold, our District Director, will have valuable information for us about what's happening with the "mothership" (that's how I think of ACBL in Horn Lake).



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Sending my best wishes for a happy October and Halloween, hoping you are enjoying every day of our amazing California weather and gearing up to be in competition live in the near future!