

Dallas Unit 176 Nominates Five Candidates

The Dallas Bridge Association, ACBL Unit 176, announces its slate of candidates for the upcoming election of Unit Board Members.



Cheryl Clark

I was raised in the Houston area and moved to Dallas about 5 years ago. I have been playing duplicate bridge since 2005 and achieved Life Master status in March 2011, Silver Life Master in March 2014. When I'm not playing bridge, I have a small CPA practice and I volunteer with my Church as treasurer. I also volunteer as coordinator and cook for a meal for about 60 that my church sponsors once a month. I have been married to my husband Dave for 30 years. I truly enjoy bridge and enjoying serving the Dallas bridge community on the Unit Board. I served as the Unit 176 Treasurer for 2 years and am currently serving as president.



Randy Earle

I was born in Dallas, but grew up in Houston. After working a couple of years in the Tax department at Arthur Andersen, in Houston, as a CPA, I moved to Dallas to practice law. I practiced 30 years with the same firm, which was named Biggers, Beasley, Earle & Hightower when I retired from the firm. I got married to Kay Earle and we moved to Florida on our boat. We lived on a boat for 8 years, mainly in Florida, but with trips to Texas and the Bahamas. I got my Captain's license and started a new career as a boat captain driving other people's boats (the largest being 90') on the East coast and Gulf coast. We got a motorhome after we sold our boat and toured the US and Canada visiting all the 48 states and many of the National Parks. I played bridge with my family as a child, but started Duplicate Bridge in Florida in 2004. I finally got my Life Master this year with the help of some great partners and teammates. Birth of grandson caused my wife to move back to Dallas, and I came with her. We have a son, Kris, and daughter-in-law Kristin, with 2 grandsons Knox, 2 and Karson, 4, and Lacey, 3, a Portuguese Water Dog. I still practice law from my home primarily doing Wills and Probate. The rest of my time is spent playing or studying Bridge, training Lacey, playing with grandsons, and riding my motorcycle.



Vi Ganeles

I am originally from Glendale, NY and began my career in fashion there. I moved with my late husband Stan to Texas in 1953 and began playing bridge after that. I also continued in various positions in the fashion industry, retiring from Neiman's. I have three amazing daughters, and five grandchildren. I can now spend time in leisure pursuits such as reading and playing bridge. I hope you will consider me for the board. I would be happy to help out Unit 176.

The voting booth will be open 30 minutes before each session.



Eileen Smith

As a longtime player, I have decided to run for the Board to give back to the game that has given me so much. My kids like to say that I have been playing since the dinosaurs roamed the earth, but I think it is probably closer to the invention of the light bulb. I was born in Pennsylvania and graduated from Penn State. I taught high school English and then worked for IBM until my first child was born. I then worked for SCA and Bob Hamman (bridge lessons not included). I have three great kids and one perfect grandchild. Last year I retired and now have time to devote to my passions - the primary one of course being bridge.

Cast your vote for three of these five capable candidates.



Martha Young

I am a North Carolina native who moved to Dallas in 2001 after spending 6 years in Richmond Va. As some of us non-natives say, "I am not from TX but I got here as quick as I could!" Seriously, while I love Texas, it was a career move. I accepted an Information Technology executive position with the American Heart Association.

I've been playing duplicate bridge since 1991 and achieved Life Master status shortly after moving to Richmond, VA in 1994. Both my move to Richmond and my subsequent move to Dallas were eased due to the friends I quickly made in the "bridge world". I play bridge to relax, meet friends and the *friendly* competition. I travel to several tournaments a year and play regularly in the local clubs. My other hobbies include gardening, reading, following sports (especially UNC basketball) and my dogs. I served as a board member for the Richmond Bridge Association, and now I am interested and ready to serve the Dallas Bridge Association as a Unit Board member.



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