

Election of Officers: Congratulations to: Burt O'Dell, President; Richard Streeter, Vice President; Nancy Whitmire, Secretary; Mark Franzoni, Treasurer.

Thank you, Michele Raeuber for your service to the Board. Keith White replaces her.

Our Thoughts and Prayers are with George Masters, whose brother passed away in December. Our Thoughts and Prayers are with Robert Malone, whose mother passed away in December.

Medical Emergencies: The Board of Directors recently approved the purchase of an automated external defibrillator (AED) machine, which delivers electric shocks to a person in cardiac arrest. Hopefully it will never have to be used at our club, but it is a comfort to know it is available if needed. It is mounted on the wall behind the Directors' desk. Upon its arrival, an EMT provided training to a group of our members. During the discussion of emergency procedures, it was noted that few people know each other well enough to provide emergency information to an EMT. It would be safer for our members if the rescue team had vital information such as medical conditions, pertinent medications and allergies. With that in mind, it was suggested our club create an emergency file box in which members can deposit, on a voluntary basis, vital medical information and an emergency contact, to be given to an EMT. The information will be shared only with emergency personnel. Information cards will be available to fill out on the table opposite the front door. Please use an ink pen and then give the card to the Director who will place it in the file box. If you have any questions, ask Monica Heseman, 904-538-9399, mheseman@hotmail.com

JSOB Website: Be sure you have updated your computer's bookmarks or favorites to point to JSOB's new (as of almost a year ago) website, www.bridgewebs.com/jacksonvilleschool.



**On February 17**, JSOB will celebrate the second annual **Achievement Day**, recognizing our members who have reached a goal of Junior Life Master or higher as well those on the Mini-McKenney and Ace of Club lists and JSOB Master Point Race winners. Come join the fun at 11:30 AM and eat some cake.

**ALERT!!** With the winter season comes a new round of allergies and the start of cold and flu season. PLEASE, PLEASE have some consideration for your fellow players: keep cards away from your face, keep hands away from your nose and mouth, remember to wash your hands before leaving the bathroom, and make liberal use of the hand sanitizer that is located in several places around the club. Please cough and sneeze into the crook of your elbow. These simple yet effective practices will go a long way to minimizing the spread of those nasty bugs.

**Duval County School System Bridge Lessons at JSOB:** In Fall 2016 **Rich Streeter** and **Burt O'Dell** started holding beginning bridge classes on Tuesday evenings, and they are continuing with these students. **Rich Streeter** and **Nancy Stein** have added a class on Thursday evenings. Many of these students are also coming to Chat Bridge and joining JSOB. Welcome to the exciting game of bridge and our club!

FYI: When a director asks you to move, it is to balance the field. Please cooperate!

## The Bridge of Life By Liz Gelwicks

A word of encouragement A smile or two, Let's do something For me and you. Hold back the criticism hold back the looks help us concentrate To make our books.

And when we meet
we will compete
hoping you are the one
We get to beat.

A place to play
Nice things to say
That's what we need
To make our day.

We are all friends should never be foes so let's pull together that we may grow.

## **Upcoming Events:**

Feb 3-5	JSOB Sectional
Feb 6-11	STAC Week
Sat Feb 11	199 & Open STAC game*
Sat Feb 18	Chat Bridge
Tue Feb 21	Tacos & Teams
Sat Feb 25	Chat Bridge
Sat Mar 4	Chat Bridge
Sat Mar 11	Chat Bridge
Sat Mar 18	Chat Bridge
Tue Mar 21	Tacos & Teams
Sat Mar 25	Chat Bridge

<sup>\*</sup> Sign up at the club so we know we have enough players! No lunch break during the game.

Thank you, **Judy Miller**, for proofreading this issue.