

## Introducing New PBC Members, Edition I



Fran Duman (pronounced like human with a D) joined our club last August. She was born in Portsmouth, raised in Chesapeake and has resided in Suffolk for the last 40 years with her husband, Mike

Fran has an Elementary Education degree from ODU and taught kindergarten for 5 years before devoting full time to raising her two sons. She was raised by social bridge playing parents growing up, so bridge has been in her genes for a long time. When she was dating her husband, her father taught bridge to Mike and they have played social bridge ever since. In 2018, Fran started learning and playing duplicate in

Dick Hartman's club. She likes duplicate more because "social bridge depends upon the luck of the cards to a large extent but in duplicate, your skill is what determines the outcome" and she loves the challenge it has afforded her

Fran has a busy volunteer life. She was a volunteer for Suffolk's Meal on Wheels for 20 years and still works for Suffolk's Humane Society. She and her husband also train therapy dogs for BARKS (Books and Reading for Kids). The dogs go to schools and libraries allowing Fran and Mike to read to the children. These therapy dogs also visit Obici Hospital and participate in numerous other events.

Fran keeps busy with her four granddaughters, a large extended family and a home with large acreage. She spends lots of time with yard work and family outings. Needless to say, grasses do not grow under Fran's feet.



Hazel White with some of her friends from Suffolk joined our club in August, 2021. She is a lifelong resident of Suffolk and has taught school in the public school system and Nansemond- Suffolk Academy for 30 years after receiving her Bachelor's degree in Education from Radford College and her Master's degree in Supervision from William and Mary.

Hazel's introduction to bridge came in her senior year of high school when two ladies told her that if she was going to college, she must learn bridge. And she did and played bridge all during college and for about ten years before taking a sabbatical from the game. Hazel returned to the game after Dick Hartman started his games and has played for about six years. She says bridge is one of the most fun games but also one of the most frustrating. A lot of us probably concur with that sentiment. In addition to bridge, Hazel is into reading, knitting and has a green thumb for gardening.

Hazel has one daughter who lives in Wilmington, NC and a grandson in Nashville and a granddaughter nearby in Richmond.