

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I've had to wait 2 long years for this and it is finally here. My favorite unit and duplicate bridge experience each year is our November Unit game. Not only is it the best food of the year but it is our annual toy drive. It has been a long tradition for this unit to bring some holiday joy to those in North County whose holiday wouldn't be quite as joyful without our help. And Saturday is the culmination of our toy drive which started a couple of weeks ago when we set up our donation box at the North County Bridge Club.

Our next unit game is Saturday November 19th. It is our annual pot luck event where we provide the main dish and let you provide the rest of the fixin's. And the "we" this year is going to be our gourmet cook Sue Lichter, who will bring a little holiday joy to your palate.

So here is how it works. You bring an unwrapped toy and a dish to pass. We provide the main dish, some really good competition, a lot of friendly faces and a great afternoon of bridge. There are no free plays for this event and in lieu of the unwrapped toy you can make a tax deductible donation to Interfaith or the Bridge Club of North County. All the toys, donations and card fees collected that day will go to Interfaith of North County. And just to give you a little perspective, in 2019 we delivered about 150 toys and \$1,500 to Interfaith. So call your partner and make plans to join us on Saturday. You'll have a great afternoon and make someone's Holiday just a little brighter. They call that a twofer.

Saturday is also our annual unit meeting where we elect board members. We are looking for 2 people that would like to join the board and help us keep duplicate bridge viable and vibrant here in North County. It isn't a big time commitment, just 2 or 3 hours per month. So, if you're interested please let either Alan Turner or me know.

We weren't able to get any Saturday space for December so there will be no unit game. That means that January 28th will be our next unit game and our Holiday Party. And just in case you've forgotten, the unit provides everything for the Holiday Party and everyone gets a free play. So if you have vacation plans for the end of January there is still time to change them so you don't miss this party.

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