

January, 2010 MESSAGE from our PRESIDENT

I'm happy to announce we now have 463 members in Unit 531. I have been reading last January's message and I want to say so many of the same things again! Thanks to my great Vice-President and Tournament Chairman, John McCaffrey. He and Judy do so many jobs, I can't begin to list them all. Herb Schaffer was a great Treasurer, he has "given" the checkbook to Ray Gogolewski who will now guard the money. Mary Fenton is great with keeping records. Don Cooper still designs the flyers and gives me computer advice. Thanks to Wootsie Stockton for feeding us so royally. Jeannette Proctor has now accepted the Hospitality role. Ed Koch is still teaching a group of middle schoolers beginning bridge. Ed also gets our news printed in the local papers. Terry Maloy is a wonderful board member. He is the Nominations Chairman and is working on getting a new directory for our unit members. Iris Allyn Kurzweil wrote the FORUM articles, Caryn Villalon has worked on several projects, Edel Simons has replaced Carole Webb. Jerry Jarvis puts "us" on the web, Louise Manganelli and George Berris help with our Unit Game lunches and Doris Reid and Ray Boehne help at our Ocean Hills Country Club Unit Games.

I have really enjoyed working with my board members and meeting as many Unit 531 members as possible. However, it has been a disappointment to me that I have not been able to encourage more of you to participate in our Unit Games and Sectional Tournaments. Let me remind you the board members volunteer their time and they work hard to provide these events. We are very lucky to have been given a large amount of money (this happened before I was ever involved in Unit business) and I wish this could be used for all Unit members to enjoy. However, so few of our members play in the Sectionals, I do not know what we should be doing to appeal to more of you. I would welcome suggestions! Please email me at rosebudz@roadrunner.com and give me your thoughts.

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