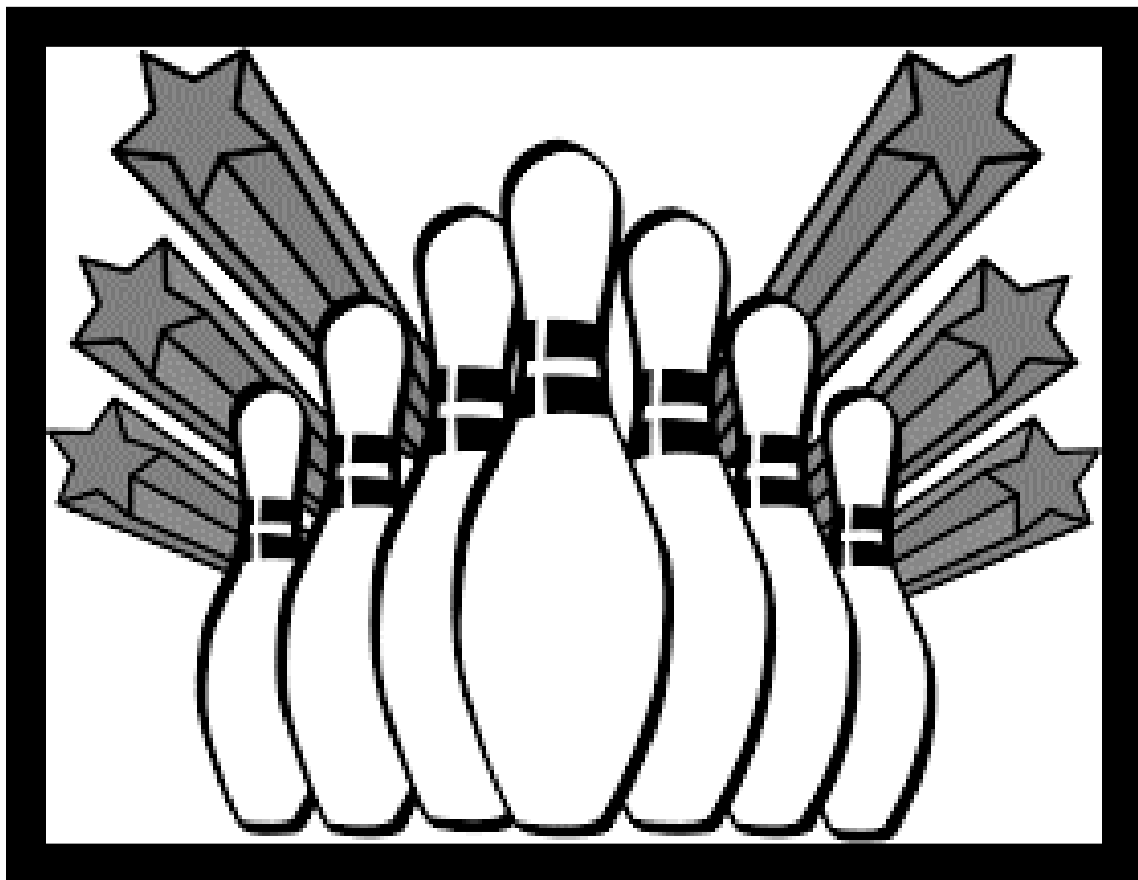


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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello and Happy New Year,

I'm happy to say the Mid-Year Meeting was a great success. We had a lot to discuss and plan. I want to thank the committees and all who participated in the Mid-Year Meeting. Even though we haven't met since November 2019, the committees have done a wonderful job keeping ABBA moving forward.

I hope to see a lot of you at the Chicago tournament in May. I'm looking forward to the Past President's breakfast. Please, keep yourselves safe and healthy.

Respectfully,
Joyce Mintz
ABBA President

ABBA SECRETARY/TREASURER

Please remember members who said good-bye to family, friends, and team members, all who are no longer with us especially those who COVID – 19 claimed. Please continue to remember those in the five states which the tornados traveled through, wiping out the town of Dawson Springs in western Kentucky, more than 100 people lost their lives. We are not aware of any bowlers or family members who may have lost a loved one, so we pray for all who might have been affected.

Prayers went out to Life Members Keith Edgerton on the loss of his father and Thomas Lester who lost a daughter. Many tears have been shed this year and some smiles, it has not all been doom and gloom. Congratulations to our Tournament Chair Veronica who was married in Vegas during the summer.

CONTINUING TO ASK ANY LEAGUE, OR MEMBERS WITH USED GUIDERAILS THAT YOU ARE WILLING TO DONATE OR SELL, PLEASE CONTACT THE SECRETARY @ 248-410-2411 OR (rozellacampbell2826@gmail.com) ASAP.

Reasons to be happy!!!!!!

- We are happy to announce we have 32 leagues who have sanctioned thus far this year with a total of approximately 595 bowlers!!
- Awards this period:
- Matthew Turner PM – av. 78 - Greater Cleveland – 4 – 6 – 10 Split Conversion
- Robert Wright TM – av. 117 – Colorado Blind Bowling Assoc. – bowled 166, earned a Bronze
- Mark LoRusso TM – av. 13 – Colorado BB Assoc. – bowled 167, earned Bronze
- Jack Jacobsen TM – av. n/a – Daytona Beach BB – bowled 59, earned Triplicate Chevron
- Ron Neer SM – av. 224 – Colorado BB Assoc. – bowled 276, earned Silver
- Jeff Soantikow PM – av. 152 – Milwaukee Beer Barrels – bowled 244, earned Silver

- Paul Trujillo TM – av. 95 – Colorado BB Assoc. – bowled 179, earned Silver
- There were at least 10 others who received awards for games bowled last season, but information was not sent until August.

Well folks I am sure those who attended the Mid-Year Meeting in Chicago enjoyed themselves other than the high cost of food at the hotel. We had a great time seeing one another after a 2-year absence. Some tidbits from the Mid-Year:

- Past President Fred Nickl (1) won Janice's famous 50/50 and donated \$100 to ABBA along with his \$200 stipend. Thanks Fred.
- Past President Wilbert Turner gave one of his mini sermons encouraging everyone to shop for the holidays at the candy store to support ABBA.
- Members were encouraged to check out our website, web master Koo has provided a lot of information to the membership and others who may visit the site, many have contacted us wanting to purchase rails because of the information on the website.
- Hopefully you have heard tee shirts in May will be on display at the hotel in the same room as the Chinese Auction and registration.
- Our rail manager has asked that anyone who is willing to take over housing the rails and their upkeep, please contact our Tournament Director Sandy McDaniel.

- Now we look forward to another good time in May at the convention in Chicago and then preparing for Memphis. We are not going to allow Covid, or the other viruses, to keep us away from the alley. We are going to put on our mask and bowl like never before. Looking forward to a good time in Chicago in May 2022!!!!

~Rozella Amerson Campbell~
ABBA Secretary Treasurer

ABBA 2022 NATIONAL TOURNAMENT – **CHICAGO, IL**

I hope everyone is excited about coming to Chicago this year for the 73rd Annual ABBA Tournament. The dates of the Tournament are May 26th thru May 29th. We will be staying at the Marriott Chicago O'Hara Hotel, 8535 West Higgins Road, Chicago, IL 60631. Phone # 1-800-228-9290 or 773-693-4444. Room rates are \$105.00 per night plus taxes (17.40%). When making Reservations make sure you mention that you are with American Blind Bowlers to receive group rate. Reservations must be received on or before May 4, 2022, to receive the discounted rates. Complimentary transportation is provided by the hotel to/from O'Hara International Airport. Brickyard Grill and Bar is located in the hotel for Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner. You can purchase discounted Breakfast vouchers for \$15.00 per day for the restaurant breakfast buffet when making reservations. The Hotel has

accessibility to Chicago Downtown thru the Chicago “L” 24-hour public transportation station just outside the parking lot. There are offsite restaurants within a mile of the hotel. Grocery store and convenient store within walking distance. Complimentary access to health club with room key and indoor and outdoor “swim through” pools and a whirlpool.

We will be bowling at Arlington Lanes, 3435 Kennicott Ave., Arlington Heights, IL 60004. Arlington Lanes will allow us to use our screw down rails this will be the last time we will be using the screw down rails as other bowling lanes do not allow us to use these rails. The lanes are providing food and drink specials for our group. While visiting the lanes we ate at the lounge and the food was great and prices were very reasonable.

The tournament packets will be e-mailed to the league secretaries on January 15th. The earlier you send the information in for the tournament I will be able to place you at the times you prefer to bowl. This will be based on how I receive the check and forms in the mail.

Sincerely,
Sandy McDaniel
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CHINESE AUCTION

Please start thinking about what you will donate to the Chinese Auction in Chicago! Janice Erkilla is anxious to hear from you so she can plan our next auction. Call her at 612-722-3041 or email at ggeezlouse@yahoo.com – the sooner the better!

Your donations will help to once again make the auction a huge success. We hope to have approximately 25-30 items on display for you to try and win. Thank you in advance for your support!

TOURNAMENT SHIRTS IN CHICAGO

Tournament shirts will again be available in Chicago. We will be working with a new shirt company this year – Shirts On Site Inc. You will once again have your choice of several colors and styles of shirts, and you will be able to personalize each one to your liking.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

The Legislative Committee is reviewing all proposed bylaws changes. We look forward to hearing any other suggestions membership provide.

I appreciate the hard work and dedication of the Legislative Committee.

~Tanya Jones~

FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

From the Fundraising Committee to our bowling friends,

We hope you-all had a wonderful holiday. ABBA is still alive and well. We missed seeing you in person during our last Mid-Year Meeting held in Chicago. Many of our leagues are back, but we are still waiting on others. Of course, like all businesses and organizations, we are striving to grow and improve. Yes, we still need you to support our ongoing fundraising effort by purchasing snacks, candy, nuts, and/or gift items from our online fundraising store. It is simple, go online to: www.americanblindbowling.terrylynncares.com and set up your own personal account that is safe and secure and place your order and it will be shipped directly to you. You can also order as a group. If you have any questions, call or email me.

~Wilbert Turner~

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See you in St. Louis in March or in Chicago in May.

FROM THE DESK OF THE MIDWEST

Hello all members,

I hope everyone is having a good bowling season and staying safe.

My condolences to all of you who have lost someone this year and may their memories be a blessing.

This year we have 14 leagues sanctioned and 412 members. I am looking forward to getting back to having the high 3 games series, so secretaries keep track of the scores.

The Midwest will be having its elections at the tournament / convention in 2022 for all officers. Nominations can be made from the floor.

My thanks to Robert McDonald Vice President for spearheading the site for the 2022 tournament in St Louis MO. The leagues in St Louis have also stepped up in helping, so thanks to St Louis Pin Splitters and Railroolers for their help. Information about the upcoming tournament is shown below. I will send any new information when it becomes available.

The 2022 Midwest Tournament will be held in St Louis MO March 18th through 20th.

The hotel will be the Hilton St Louis Airport 314-426-5000. Room rates are as follows, king \$90.00 per night, \$100.00 for double bed per night. The bowling center will be Santa Tropicana Lanes, 7960 Clayton Rd, Richmond Heights MO 63117, 314-781-0282.

~Thomas Lester~
MBBA SEC/TRE

NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

Hello loyal reader and Happy New Year. We, at The Blind Bowler, are excited and encouraged that this bowling season is progressing normally (or as close to normal as we can get these days.) As always, we encourage you in the ABBA community to submit articles for consideration. You can send them to The-Blind-Bowler@outlook.com. Also, please take the time to check out ABBA's website ABBA1951.com. It contains a lot of useful information including back issues of The Blind Bowler. If you have any corrections or suggestions for the website, you can also submit them to the email address above.

Appreciatively,
Patrick Koo
The Blind Bowler Editor

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