

ACBL CHARITY COMMITTEE

2010 DISTRICT 10 APPOINTMENTS

By: Bill Cook District 10 Representative to the ACBL Board of Directors

An appointment to the ACBL Charity Committee is an honorary position. Each year the District Director may appoint two representatives from their district to serve on this committee. This is a standing committee and appointees serve for life. My appointments to this committee will be members from District 10 that have made outstanding contributions of their time and leadership on behalf of bridge at the club, unit, district and/or national levels of ACBL.

KRISTINA OLIVER, BIRMINGHAM, AL

Kris, a now retired Finance Controller and Vice-President of several major retailers, became in 2000 the first Easy Bridge presenter in the Birmingham area. Even though she says she is not a natural teacher her love for the game made teaching bridge easy. She has taught the Audrey Grant Series and the Better Bridge and Bridge for the 21st Century courses. She has been responsible for bringing many new people into playing bridge in Birmingham. Her teaching and support for new player development led her into becoming involved in bridge administration and she has served for several years on the Birmingham Club Board and as its President. Kris has also served for 8 years on the Unit 157 Board and as its president for two years. She likes to travel and is a bridge cruise director having been on more than 100 port to port cruises.

ALLAN SIEBERT, LITTLE ROCK, AR

You probably know Allan for his bridge skill and accomplishments at the table rather than his strong support for advancing the growth and development of duplicate bridge. But what you also probably don't know is that Little Rock now has its very own bridge center, The "Bridge House", thanks in large part to a gift of over \$96,000.00 from Allan, the fulfillment of his commitment to match 4 for 1 the gifts of those who attended a fundraising party held in his home. Allan chose to name the main playing room in the new club house for Peggy Jett to honor her for the many years she has been the solid rock of the Little Rock club. He said at the dedication of the new club house "way beyond winning at bridge what really matters in our bridge experience is the pleasure and satisfaction we derive from the mere challenge and the camaraderie that the game offers us."

Allan has been a strong advocate for the charity game program of ACBL, urging the Little Rock club to get more heavily involved in holding these games. Allan even offered to pay the additional fees required for the extra charity games if the members didn't want to do it. Another example of Allan's charity for bridge is he directed all fees for his lessons be paid to the Little Rock "Bridge House".