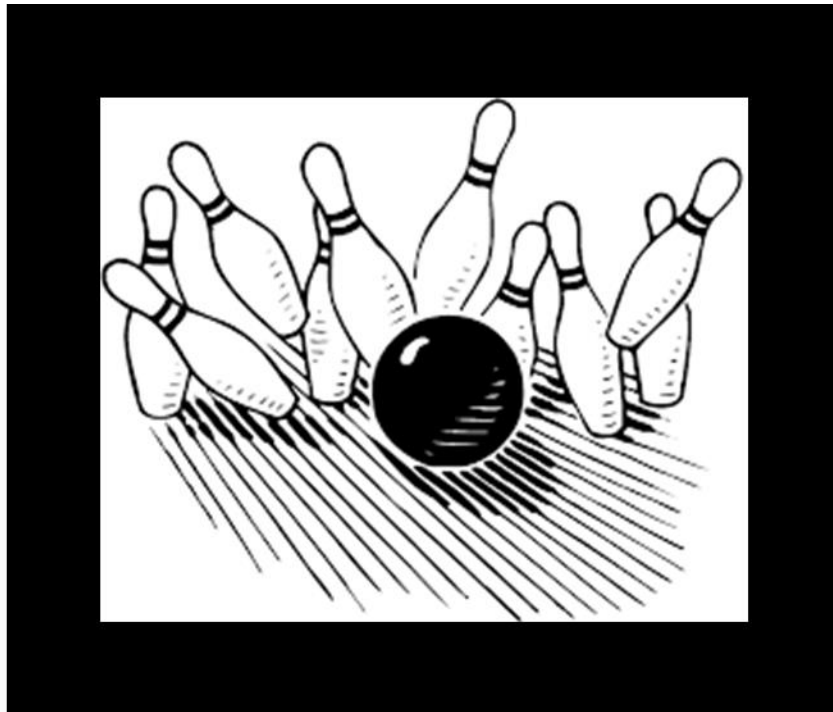


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CINCINNATI, OHIO / NORTHERN
KENTUCKY
May 20 – May 24, 2020**



**Everyone should be in the
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Editor's Welcome

Well, it's that time again, where many of us are wondering where our summer vacation from bowling has gone. Some bowlers are happy that the bowling season is starting up and many are just not ready for the season to start at all. Unfortunately, time waits for no one and here we are at the new bowling season. Time to have some fun and friendly competition in your bowling leagues and take it out on the pins.

This season we are heading back to Cincinnati, Ohio / Northern Kentucky for our 73rd Annual National Tournament. This will be an amazing and fun tournament for everyone. You will receive some information about the tournament in this issue of the Blind Bowler as well as some updates for different committees from the ABBA.

Happy reading and enjoy your bowling season.

~Mario Diming, Editor~

President's Letter

Dear ABBA Members,

Welcome everyone and greetings from the President's desk. First, I want to say thank you to everyone for your support and confidence in allowing me to serve as President for the next two years. I will do my best to keep the promises that were made during elections.

A new beginning, new faces – it's going to be an honor to serve you all as we embark on teaching our younger members the politics of ABBA.

Yes, committees have changed, however, you cannot continue to do the same thing and expect a different result. So, I look forward to implementing new ideas that will possibly increase our membership and ensure Fun to be had by all!!!

Participation by everyone is what is needed to keep our organization strong and growing. (Each one teaches one.) That is a strong motto that we should stand by as well, so every time you get the opportunity to teach someone about blind bowling, do it.

Looking forward to a wonderful season.

Thank you again.

~Joyce Spencer, President~

From the Desk of the Secretary Treasurer

**Welcome American Blind Bowlers to our new 2019-2020
BOWLING SEASON!!**

This is going to be another and better year. Although we still have those who feel they can kill folks at random, we refuse to stop shopping, having celebrations, attending places of worship and bowling. Some of us realize there is a Higher Power in Charge.

SPECIAL REQUEST: FOR ALL WHO KNOW THE POWER OF PRAYER, PLEASE CONTINUE TO KEEP OUR NATION, LEADERS, AND YOUTH IN YOUR PRAYERS. AND ALSO, ALL WHO ARE/HAVE BEEN IMPACTED BY THE WEATHER CONDITIONS: HURRICANES, TORNADOS, OR FLOODING.

Recently I received historical items containing information of ABBA from “1990 – 2000.” After scanning some of the events of “1990” I felt the need to share with those who might remember, some of the names and events. For others, this will allow you to read how it was years ago. Here are some interesting items which took place in Buffalo, New York:

- Alice M. Hoover was President and George Coorey was a member.
- The events took place in the Belvedere Room of the Buffalo Hilton Hotel.
- Louis Thurston was also present.
- At that time, there were 38 Board Members which included, Ruth Christmas, Walter Burmeister, Al Flowers, Ronnie Beverly (who was Secretary-Treasurer for the 1989-90 season).
- The next get-together would be held in Spokane Washington and after that in the Metropolitan Detroit Area.
- The organization had \$15,990 in the bank.
- At one point they had 2,226 members.
- Adrian Smith served as Tournament Director and had \$67,173.03 in the bank.
- Members Tony Pezzimenti, Doris Flowers, and Midge Corey were also present.
- The rate for a hotel room at that time was \$65.
- The tournament Director had three assistants – Penny Smith, Jim Murrell, and Mike Nicol. Registration for tournaments was \$48 for all events.
- Public Relations members were Katie Goode, Joyce Melton Smith, and Micki Wiggins. Robert Heisel Jr. was part of the Finance Committee.

- That year there was a proposal to limit the number of medals awarded and changing the minimum qualifying scores for high-game medals.
- The term auxiliary was replaced by the term sighted on award applications, and Edward Fitzpatrick let everyone know that the By-laws did not state that you had to be a sanctions member to serve on a committee.

Hopefully, some remember the event and others were impressed with the procedures followed “back in the day.”

THANK YOU, LETTER, FROM PITTSBURGH

For those who attended the tournament in Pittsburgh, a card was received from the hotel event coordinator Denise and I quote: Rozella, A.J., Mike and Staff. Thank you once again for allowing us to host your tournament attendees here at the Sheraton. It was such a pleasure getting to know you all, and I feel like you are all friends for life! I really enjoyed getting to know you & I do hope that our paths will cross again in the future.

Take care, I wish you all the best! Denise

Seemingly, we made a very good impression on those with whom we came in contact.

NOW FYI

Leagues, MBBA and SBBA Secretaries, Active Life members, Officers, and Tournament Directors received The Average Book August Packet, inclusive of information and forms needed for the new season. All who received the information were asked to contact the Secretary. Deletions, corrections or additions are included in this article. Please make the changes on the

document; there will be no changes after this issue. The August Packet was also sent to some wanting information on starting a league. We are still asking any league, or members with used rails they are willing to donate or sell, to please contact the Secretary (248-410-2411) as soon as possible.

➤ Reminders, especially new secretaries:

- ✓ Minutes should be maintained for all league meetings.
- ✓ The Sanction fee for ABBA members is still \$15.00.
- ✓ A prize list should be approved by the league at least the 5th week of the bowling season. It can be amended at a later date.
- ✓ The fiscal year for ABBA is August 1st through July 31st of the following year.
- ✓ Leagues should review and update their by-laws or constitution on an annual basis per ABBA bylaws Article IV, Sec. 3.
- ✓ Leagues under ABBA's 501(c)3 status must submit a brief Fund Raising Guideline explaining how the proceeds will be used. This information should be recorded in the meeting minutes. The league's fund-raising guideline should be sent to the ABBA Secretary-Treasurer if the league plans to raise more than \$1,000 in a year. That amount does not include prize money.
- ✓ League secretaries must file the 990 EZ form with the IRS each year. If not, the league is removed from the list of ABBA leagues covered by the nonprofit status. Leagues not covered under the 501(c)3 status do not have to follow this procedure.

Mid-Year Information

ABBA Fall Board Meeting

Start date: 11/14/19

End date: 11/17/19

Last day to book: 10/31/19

Mid-Year Information

- ✓ Thursday, November 14 – Sunday November 17, 2019, Hotel Marriott Cincinnati Airport, 2395 Progress Drive.
- ✓ National Tournament Wed. May 20 – Sun, May 24, 2019
- ✓ Mid-year & National Tournament hotel information is the same, (difference), cutoff date for the Midyear is (Oct. 31, 2019)
- ✓ Hotel – Marriott Cincinnati Airport. Each guest should contact the hotel at least (30) days prior to your arrival and identify yourself as part of ABBA. Provide your name, request type of room and request bed type – (king, double/double/Queen, twin or suite).
- ✓ Check in is at 3 pm and check out 12 noon. Anyone wishing special consideration for late checkout should inquire at the front desk on the day of departure. If a reservation must be cancelled, please notify the hotel by 3pm the day prior to arrival in order to avoid being billed for the first night's stay.
- ✓ Reservation Method: individual attendees will make reservation for the event directly with Marriott reservations at 1-800-696-0165 by requesting the "ABBA Fall Board Meeting" by the cut-off date of October 31, 2019. The hotel will require a deposit equal to the room rate and tax for the first night for each reservation. A deposit is refundable to you if the hotel receives notice of your cancellation at least 48 hours prior to scheduled arrival. Upon check-in, each guest will be required to present a valid credit card on which an amount of enough pre-authorization can be obtained to cover

the room and tax charges for the length of the guest's stay, plus the anticipated use of the hotel's services.

Mid-Year Schedule

All Meetings will be held in the same room, the Cincinnati Board Meeting Saturday will be held in the International V & VI
Friday @ 9 - 10:30am - Finance - Fred Nickl Chair
Friday @ 10:40 – 11:30 - Legislative – Tanya Wilson Chair
Friday @ 11:40 – 12:15pm – Meet and Greet – REIC-Charles Glassier Chair

Break for Lunch 12:30 – 2pm

Friday @ 2:15–3:45pm – Public Relations & Fund Raising – Tonia Koo Chair
Friday @ 4–5:45 pm – National Tournament – Veronica Brandon Chair
Saturday @ 3 – 5 pm – Board Meeting – Joyce Spencer President/Chair

Tournament Director Sandy McDaniel will announce visitation to the bowling alley.

MEMBERS WHO ARE NOT A PART OF A COMMITTEE, YOU ARE WELCOME TO SIT IN THE ROOM AND LISTEN TO THE COMMITTEE, BUT PLEASE REMEMBER YOU ARE A VISITOR. IF YOU HAVE ANY SUGGESTIONS, PLEASE GIVE THEM TO THE CHAIR AFTER THE MEETING. PLEASE DO NOT DISRUPT ANY COMMITTEE MEETING OR YOU WILL BE ASKED TO LEAVE. WATER WILL BE PROVIDED WITHIN THE ROOM.

You will be given a schedule for May as we get closer to that event. Hopefully, no one will contact the coordinator and add to our schedule before notifying the Secretary or President and in some cases bringing it before the Board.

Lunch – On Your Own? Have not heard if Midwest will be conducting their famous “invited guest only” luncheon. Check with Thomas Lester.

Mid-Year Meeting - REMINDERS

- ✓ Leagues are entitled to representatives (1 for every 4 blind & sighted members). Each league is also entitled to (1) Director who can vote at the Board meeting.
- ✓ Please return your credential sheet, stating the name of your Director and list your representatives.
- ✓ Checks – please do not ask for your stipend on Sunday. If time permits, I will try and have them completed and ready to pass out. If not, they will be mailed within 5 days. It will be the responsibility of all Chairpersons to present a list of those who qualify for a stipend with addresses, or I will send all checks to the Chair to be distributed to your members.

We have lost some leagues due to deaths or various things happening in the life of members, but on a more positive note, we have some new leagues forming. People across the country have asked to purchase rails, especially the VA facilities. Some wanted the procedure for ordering, so we are going to try and make sure this is on our website.

1 – State number of rails needed, include location, receiver, addresses & phone number.

2 – Will reply with total cost inclusive of shipping.

3 – Send a check or money order made out to ABBA, 2829 Tall Oaks Ct. Apt. 11, Auburn Hills, MI 48326 (we do not take credit cards or Pay Pal).

4 – Upon receipt of money, the rail manager will be contacted to ship rail/s. Turnover time is approximately 7 days. Prices of rails:

\$280.00 for a 12-foot rail with a 3-foot extension. Shipping not included but will be on the invoice.

CORRECTIONS

CORRECTIONS ARE LISTED UNDER THE LOCATION – AUGUST PACKET, AVERAGE BOOK & AWARDEES NOT INCLUDED IN THE LAST ISSUE OF THE 2018/19 SEASON.

AVERAGE BOOK

GOLD MEDAL – JEFF WATSON – MILWAUKEE BLIND BOWLERS/not Capital City
CHICAGO SPARE CHASERS: JIMMY CLEMONS SM – 84 – 183
JEREMY CLEMONS SM – 84 – 180
CHICAGO TAPPERS: ALEXANDER, KIM SF – 60 – 106
BRYANT, WILLIAM PM – 36 – 138
BYRD, PATRICIA TF – 90 – 55
DIMING, MARIO SM – 99 – 166

Minneapolis Blind Bowlers, Minneapolis, MN

PF	Adjei, Renita	21	89
TF	Anderson, Tara	74	47
PF	Bangsund, Kellie	66	103
TM	Bangsund, Shawn	69	80
PM	Bloomst, Paul	69	108
PF	Borman, Trisha	50	83
PM	Brown, Dean	65	108
PF	Capps, Lauren	24	68
SM	Carlson, Bob	57	154
SF	Chamberlin, Denise	78	111
TM	Cottrell, Bruce	71	64
TM	Danielson, Mike	35	67
SF	Dreissiger, Marci	78	117
PM	Elvidge, Joe	51	113
PM	Elvidge, Peter	75	100
TF	Erkill, Janice	27	89

SM	Gavenda, Will	60	129
SF	Giddings, Annie	69	132
SF	Giddings, Kari	69	136
TM	Hally, Mike	68	55
SF	Hoepner, Linda	57	139
TF	Kitagawa, Colleen	41	72
PM	Lee, Byron	54	59
SM	Lockwood, Bob	58	148
PM	Lura, Larry	78	72
SF	McClary, Linda	77	110
TM	Nickl, Fred	78	95
TF	Olson, Patty	26	50
SF	Quiel, Dee	74	97
SF	Reksten, Karin	77	127
TF	Ruffcorn, Diane	76	32
TF	Schlender, Nicky	57	48
SF	Vining, Elaine	81	156
PM	Vining, Mike	81	79
PM	Weidenhaft, Doug	78	128
SF	Weidenhaft, Kelli	75	110
PM	Wisocki, Peter	69	62

RALEIGH OUTLAWS: MANDI HOLLEY PF – 90 – 156

AUGUST PACKET

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July 2019

Dear League Secretaries,

I hope you all had a good summer.

The Midwest Blind Bowling Association and American Blind Bowling Associations would like to invite all its leagues back again for the 2019 -2020 season. We look forward to some great bowling, tournaments and awards this season.

Membership to the Midwest includes the Midwestern states, Ontario, Canada, Pittsburgh, PA., Kentucky, Colorado, and Tyler, TX. And invited guest. It is required that you be a member of ABBA if you are joining MBBA. Dues are \$5.00 for MBBA and \$15.00 for ABBA for a total of \$20.00. ABBA requires all Leagues paying membership dues to MBBA must have them sent to the association secretary/treasurer. CHECKS MUST BE MADE PAYABLE TO MBBA Not ABBA. Mail checks to Thomas Lester, MBBA secretary, 19146 Ardmere, Detroit, MI 48235, 313-587-6911 my cell, you may send your list via Email at tlester52@att.net.

I would like to thank the Windy City Blind Bowlers, chaired by Sharon Williams from the Chicago Tappers for hosting the 62nd Midwest Tournament. The group consisted of the Chicago Tappers and the Chicago Peace Breakers. I also thank the hotel and bowling center for their cooperation, they were fantastic. The event that stands out to me was the silent auction. It had a lot of items to buy and a great volunteer group to help. Once again, thanks to all.

Next year the 63rd tournament will be hosted by Greater Cleveland Blind Bowlers they have done it before, and I am sure this will be a great event again.

I will give more information later when it becomes available.

Thomas Lester
MBBA Sec/Trea.

ITEM # 10

FUNDS – Wayne Keeney \$3,772.00, not 13,772.00

ITEM #12B

MEMBER STATED UNDER, “2020 TOURNAMENT” SHOULD HAVE BEEN LISTED AS 2021

**AWARDS EARNED AFTER THE PRINTING OF THE APRIL
BLIND BOWLER**

Plus 60

Julian Hall	SM	77	138	Milwaukee Beer Barrels
Dan Miner	P	62	124	Colorado Blind Bowling Assoc.
Rhonda Lang	TF	50	114	Milwaukee Beer Barrels
Tiffany Green	TM	37	98	Baltimore Blind Bowlers

75 Over

Bob Hawk	PM	133	208	Philadelphia Area Blind Bowler
Chad Wolf	SM	155	234	Rock County Trailers
David Bragassa	?	128	225	Cincinnati Blind Bowling League
Dan Miner	P	62	124	Colorado Blind Bowling Assoc.
Gary Brewer	PM	110	184	Lansing 300
Howard Dehning	PM	145	225	Chicago Braille Center
Joni Jones	PF	101	179	Milwaukee Beer Barrels
Margaret Oliver	SF	99	174	Pin Splitter
Annie Giddings	SF	130	210	Minneapolis Blind Bowlers
Antonio Dobyne	PM	113	196	Greater Cleveland Blind Bowling
Kari Giddings	SF	131	213	Minneapolis Blind Bowlers
Doug Weidenhaft	PM	124	211	Minneapolis Blind Bowlers

100 over

Joe Froemming	SM	168	269	Milwaukee Beer Barrels
Brenda Lewis	SF	160	222	Milwaukee Beer Barrels
Jeremy Clemons	SM	180	255	Chicago Spare Chasers Silver
Carol Travers	PF	136	199	Colorado Blind Bowling Assoc.
Emmitt Neely	SM	182	255	Chicago Spare Chasers
Greg Gontaryk	TM	130	184	Philadelphia Area Blind Bowlers
Joe Froemming	SM	168	269	Milwaukee Beer Barrels
Jamie Clemons		182	277	Chicago Spare Chasers
Jimmy Clemons	SM	269	269	Chicago Spare Chasers
Russ Webster	SM	172	279	Tulsa Strikers
Mike Roderick	PM	138	4.6.7.	Rock County Rainers
Sue Konieczny	SF	123	4.6.7.	Milwaukee Beer Barrels

Triplicate Chevron

Khalil Stephens	SM	121	99	Chicago Spare Chasers
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THAT'S ALL FOLKS.

**~Rozella Amerson Campbell, Secretary Treasurer
September 2019~**

Midwest Blind Bowling Association

2020 Midwest Blind Bowlers Association Tournament

Tournament dates: March 20-22, 2020

Cleveland Tournament
Sheraton Cleveland Airport Hotel
5300 Riverside Drive
Cleveland, Ohio 44135
216-267-1500

<https://www.marriott.com/event-reservations/reservation-link.mi?id=1553115036585&key=GRP&app=resvlink>

Last Day to Book: Monday, March 9, 2020

Room Rate: \$99 +taxes based on single/double/triple/quad occupancy.

Club Level: \$129+taxes; *MUST CALL TO RESERVE*
The amenities for the upgrade to Club is breakfast buffet daily in restaurant and “1 hors d’oeuvre Sunday-Thursday.”

Cleveland is looking forward to hosting the 2020 Midwest Tournament. We have a full itinerary, so there is something to keep everyone entertained. On Thursday, we will open our silent/Chinese auction and liquor basket raffle. On Friday, Meet and Greet your fellow bowlers in hospitality, next you can sing karaoke, and before you lay down, enjoy music at our Pajama Jammy Jam (best male and female PJ’s contest). On Saturday our dance will begin at 8pm, so bring your dancing shoes. We will also pass out 20 \$20 bills during the dance; winner must be a registered bowler and present when name is called to collect.

Bowling Alley

RollHouse Entertainment Parma
12859 Brookpark Rd. Cleveland, Ohio 44130
216-267-2150

Conveniently located just off Interstates 71 & 480; 10 minutes from our hotel.

Cleveland has several attractions, like the House of Blues, Sporting events, Tower City, Casinos, Comedy Clubs and Great Eateries downtown. We hope you all come and join us in 2020!

Bowling Shirts and Towels

Please place your order for your 2020 Midwest Tournament shirts and towels. You have the option of the item to be shipped directly to your home or to the hospitality room for pickup during the tournament.

Towels: <https://www.customink.com/fundraising/visually-impaired-bowlers-towel>

Shirts: <https://www.customink.com/fundraising/visually-impaired-bowlers>

**~ Submitted by D'Peaches Dinkins, Event Specialist
from The Greater Cleveland Blind Bowlers~**

Legislative Committee

Hello Everyone,

I hope you are doing wonderful. I want to say a quick thank you for allowing me to serve as your 2nd Vice-President. I am excited

about this year's bowling season. The legislative committee encourages all ABBA members to look at the bylaws on the webpage and if you see items you feel need to be discussed, be sure to let us know. Please note all bylaws changes must be sent to Rozella and printed in the Blind Bowler for them to be voted on at the May convention.

I want to also say thank you to the legislative committee for their willingness to serve on this committee.

In addition, I want everyone to be aware that effective September 15th, my name changes from Tanya Wilson to Tanya Jones. I hope to see and hear from many of you soon.

Respectfully,

**~Submitted by Tanya Wilson- Jones, Legislative
Committee Chair~**

Public Relations Committee

Hello, League Members.

My name is Tonia Koo. I'm the present Public Relations Chair. I'm working with a few new committee members and a few veterans. I'm very excited to be involved with the PR Committee. Our mission is to plan and implement all publicity for the association, editing and publishing a newsletter three times a year to ABBA members, promote blind bowling in general, and plan and organize youth bowling activities.

This year, the PR Committee will be focusing on Social Media. We are in the process of re-vamping our website and Facebook page. And, with the upcoming 73rd Annual Tournament, I'm

excited to mention that it is in the Cincinnati Area (my hometown). So, there will be information everywhere about the upcoming tournament.

Remember, if you have any announcements you would like to share, you can visit Facebook and post them (search for ABBA1951 on Facebook). Also, you may contact me, and I will share them on the website and in the Blind Bowler newsletter.

I hope everyone has a successful season. Website and my e-mail are listed below.

TKoo@Cinci.rr.com
www.ABBA1951.org

~Submitted by Tonia Koo, Public Relations Chair~

Nominating Committee / ABBA Past President

As this year's past president and nomination committee chairperson, I would like to tell you all about some things that we will be working on. The first thing is, we would like to remind all the league secretaries that there is the Wayne Keeney fund that is available for one of your bowlers in your league that has never attended a national tournament. Also, there is an opportunity for another bowler who has never attended a national tournament to go. Past President Robert McDonald is willing to help sponsor a bowler to come to Cincinnati. So, please send in any recommendations to me using the Wayne Keeney fund form that is in the August packet. The deadline for this is December 1, 2019.

On the nomination front, we will be electing the Secretary / Treasurer and National Tournament Director in Cincinnati. If you are interested in these positions or would like to stay in those

positions, please contact me as well. The deadline for this is March 1. Thank you all very much and see you all in Cincinnati.

**~ A.J. Inglesby, Chairperson Nominating Committee /
ABBA Past President~**

Rail Management

Let me start by describing a bowling rail and how it is manufactured. The company must be able to cut aluminum tubing to its sectional length and bend the aluminum tubing and drill holes. Also, order in bolts and nuts and other hardware. Then, assemble the parts and package them for shipping.

When the bowling rail is assembled, you will have 8 pieces of tubing and have a 15-foot bowling rail in the box being shipped to you.

On 10-01-2018, ABBA ordered 50 bowling rails, and they arrived just a couple months ago on 8-1-2019. I have assembled and shipped 15 bowling rails to date and am completing the assembly, testing and packaging of remaining rails.

ABBA will need to order more bowling rails, and the word going around is that the new rails will cost more.

So, I suggest you tell your friends to put their order in with the secretary-treasurer before the price goes up.

Have a good bowling season.

~ John Mavis, Rail Manager~

ABBA Fundraising Committee

ABBA 2020 CASH RAFFLE

Hear Ye, Hear Ye – get your ABBA raffle tickets!

The Fundraising Committee is sponsoring a **CASH** raffle this year. We all love winning **CASH**, and these odds are much better than the lottery!

Raffle tickets will be sold for \$5.00 each or 5 tickets for \$20.00. Two-thirds of the money raised will go to the ABBA General Fund and one-third will be divided equally between 4 lucky winners! The more tickets that are sold, the higher the **CASH** prizes! The drawing will be held at the 2020 ABBA Tournament in Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky. Winners do not need to be present to win.

Leagues may send in names & addresses of those wanting to participate, along with a check made payable to ABBA, to

Janice Erkill
5253 – 42nd Ave So
Minneapolis MN 55417

Call Janice with any questions at 612-722-3041.

Chances will also be sold at the mid-year meeting in November and at the Tournament in May.

Remember – you determine the amount of the **CASH** prizes - the more you buy, the higher the prize!

~ ABBA Fundraising Committee~

Lost Angeles Blind Bowlers

Welcome back to all! It is hard to believe that this is the 50th year that the Lost Angeles Blind Bowlers have been in existence. This would not have been possible without our founders Wayne Keeney, John Mavis, James Osmond and Frank Tucker.

After exploring several activities in 1969, including a failed stint at roller skating, the group ultimately decided to give bowling a try. The rest is history! They never imagined that 50 years later this league would still be going strong.

I myself have been in this league for several years and I am loving my position as president, of which I have been since 2011. It is great to be a part of a league that has so much history and fellowship within its members. I really enjoy the camaraderie of our league and being able to serve the many wonderful members of this community. We are looking forward to a great 50th season and to many more seasons together!

~ Kylie Sykes, President of Lost Angeles Blind Bowlers~

Fundraising Ideas

To All Leagues: Here is a great way to get together and raise money for your league.

Go to www.groupraise.com

In the search box, type in your zip code and press the Search button below the edit field.

Fontana restaurants are giving back to local groups this fall and American Blind Bowling Association is invited to host a fundraiser to benefit your group.

Restaurants like El Pollo Loco and Denny's are some locations donating back in Fontana.

To book a fundraiser for your league all you need to do is select a restaurant and a date. On the day of your fundraiser enjoy a meal with friends and league supporters, and 10-20% of sales will be donated back to your league!

~Submitted by Tonia Koo, Fundraiser Chair~

Remembering Sandy Gryskiewicz

With a heavy heart, we announce that Sandy Gryskiewicz, who is the wife of Life member, Art Tyson, was called forward by our heavenly Father on September 18th from complications of cancer.

Sandy was born July 20, 1954. She was 65 years old. She and Art were married for close to 35 years. Sandy worked for the IRS for 30 years until her retirement in 2009. She has dedicated her time volunteering for the VAWB (Virginia Association of Workers for the Blind), which operates a lodge especially designed for visitors who are blind and visually impaired. She also loaned her services to Lutheran Blind Ministries of Virginia. Although Sandy did not bowl with ABBA, she was always a big supporter of blind bowling around the country and always supported Art in his many endeavors with the organization as well as the Richmond Blind Bowlers.

Sandy will evermore be known for her love of ducks. She maintained a huge collection of them. She even rooted for the Oregon Ducks. One of her goals was to visit the town of Duck, NC.

Sandy will be missed tremendously, but we know God knows what is best. We wish to extend our deepest condolences to Art and the family, who have been huge supporters during Sandy's illness and continue to do so now.

A memorial is being planned for October 22nd. Details are currently pending.

~Submitted by Sharon Benton~

Helpful Information Setting up Bowling Rails

Many times, we find ourselves at some bowling alleys with a ball return that is not always conducive with the rails we use. It tends to have the back of the rail a little more into the lane while the front of the rail is in line with the gutter. This, of course, has the blind bowler angling slightly left. Well here in Denver, Colorado, we have found a solution. We don't attach the curved leg that is attached to the trombone, and the base and balls slide right under the ball return. Now the rail is completely straight. Try it if you are running into this problem at your favorite bowling center.

~Submitted by Robert Doc Wright~

CLOSING WORDS FROM EDITOR

I really hope that everyone found the information shared in this issue very informative. If you have any questions or concerns about the information shared or the layout of the Blind Bowler, please contact me so we can have discussions about this. The deadline for articles for the January edition will be December 15th. Please try and meet this deadline date for articles so it will not be any delays for the January issue. You can email your articles to me at Mario902010@sbcglobal.net or mail them to me at 1333 W. 59th Street Chicago, IL 60636. I can also be reached at 773-474-8027

~ Mario Diming Blind Bowler Editor~

