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NOTE FROM 1ST VICE PRESIDENT

Happy New Year to all ABBA members. I am excited about our upcoming tournament in Kentucky and I hope to see you there!

~Tanya Jones
1st Vice President

FROM THE ABBA SECRETARY/TREASURER

December/January 2022/23

Please remember our members who said good-bye to family, friends, and team members who are no longer with us. Especially those who COVID – 19 claimed. Please continue to remember those in the states which the tornados traveled through along with the hurricanes. At this time of the year, we must remember those being affected by the unusual winter storms.

Many tears have been shed this year and some smiles, it has not all been doom and gloom. Congratulations to our newly appointed Tournament Chair Roderick Wilson, who worked with past Directors. Congratulations Roderick!!!!!!!

Congratulations to our newest Committee Chairperson (Daniel Hope) Legislative Chair/2nd Vice President.

Hopefully everyone is looking forward to being at the May convention and enjoying the sites in Northern Cincinnati and KY, the hotel is fabulous and there are all the well-known

eating places within walking distance, or the hotel shuttle will get you there, Who Can Ask for anything more.

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.

Many are trying to start new leagues or need rails to be a part of the recreational programs.

Reasons to be happy!!!!!!

- We are happy to announce we have 26 leagues that have sanctioned thus far this year with a total of approximately 598 bowlers!!

Awards this period:

- Larry Smith -TM – average – 111 – bowled 171 – placing in the Bronze Division – from Philadelphia, Area
- Jack Shepper - SM – average 150 - bowled 254 – placing in the Bronze Division – Delaware Valley Blind Bowlers

Well folks I am sure those who attended the Midyear meeting in Florence KY, other than the cold cold temps, enjoyed seeing one another.

Some tidbits from the Mid-Year:

- For the first time in a long time our Past President Chair was a female Joyce Mintz. Congratulations Joyce, job well done!
- Past President Wilbert Turner gave one of his mini sermons encouraging everyone to shop for the holidays

at the candy store to support ABBA, every chance received You go Wilbert!

- 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 we will not have a Chinese Auction this year but a 50/50 to raise funds for ABBA.
- 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 Florence, KY and then preparing for Reno.

~Rozella Amerson Campbell
ABBA Secretary/Treasurer

FROM THE DESK OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Hello my Fellow Blind Bowling Friends,

Happy new yea! Hope you and your families have experienced a joyful time during the holiday period. Keeping in mind, not all of us celebrate holidays, but we can all wish each other good health and happiness, at all times.

Now that the pandemic has changed its' stage, thus allowing us to gather face to face once again. Blind bowling is slowly getting back in the swing. However, we took a membership hit which impacted our finances. However, the good news is we are able to meet our financial obligations currently, thus, we are not faced with immediate financial woes. But moving

forward, inflation is a part of our current operation and will continue to impact us as an organization moving forward.

We need a new rail supply. We need a new rail manager. We have contacted the rail manufacturer for an estimate cost so that we can know how many rails we can obtain.

We believe it is our duty to stay apprised of our current financial status by monitoring the income and expenses as well as making decisions that will continue to sustain us as a viable organization. We discussed and decided that due to inflation we need a dues increase. We are well aware that no one likes to pay more, including us. Effective August 2023 moving forward our annual dues will be \$20 each season. Although this is a substantial increase, we hope to not have to revisit this issue next year. We are also proud of the fact that even with this increase, our dues are at least \$5 lower than any other national bowling organization. We are also proud that you chose us to represent you and to ensure that we manage your organization on your behalf. Thanks for trusting us to serve in this capacity and we look forward to an exciting rest of this bowling season.

~Wilbert Turner
Chair of Finance Committee

FROM THE TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR

I want to wish everyone a Happy New Year. We have a great ABBA tournament coming up in 2023 in Northern Kentucky/Cincinnati and hope everyone will be able to attend.

We will be staying at the Cincinnati Airport Hilton, 7373 Turfway Road, Florence, KY 41042. Call the Hilton reservation line at 1-800-Hiltons and note that you would like to reserve a room in a group block at the Hilton Cincinnati Airport. Ask for the group rate for “ABBA 2023 Convention” or reference the group code “ABBA23”. The discounted room rate is \$109.00 per night. The cut-off date to make reservations in the block at the discounted rate is April 26, 2023. Any requests after this date are based upon availability and not guaranteed the group’s discounted rate. Guests are encouraged to make reservations as soon as possible to ensure availability. Please note a credit card will be required to secure the reservation, but will not be charged until you check-in. They do provide complimentary shuttle service from the airport. They also provide complimentary parking and basic Wi-Fi. There is an on-site restaurant and for breakfast and dinner with a menu full of Kentucky favorites, 15% discount in restaurant for attendees. Several local restaurants within walking distance of the hotel, Rafferty’s, Applebee’s, Cracker Barrel, O’Charley’s, Longhorn’s, Texas Roadhouse, Wendy’s, Steak ‘n Shake, Skyline Chili, and other nearby restaurants.

Here is a list of places that some of the members went to. Most of us used Uber which was very reasonable – about \$25 or less for 4 people to ride.

- **TURFWAY PARK RACING & GAMING: 7500 Turfway Rd., Florence, KY 41042, 859-371-0200.** Only a few minutes from the hotel. Live racing Wednesday – Friday at 5:55PM and on Saturday at 12:45PM. Enjoy free live music on the weekends at Churchill’s Bourbon & Brew. The restaurant serves everything from starters to burgers, sandwiches, and entrees. They also feature an

extensive bourbon selection in addition to a wide variety of beer, wines, and cocktails.

- **SECOND SIGHTS SPIRITS DISTILLERY AND LOUNGE: 301 Elm Street, Ludlow, KY 41016 859-488-7866.**

Distillery Tour which is Friday, Saturday, and Sunday at 9AM – 5PM about 1 hour. You will go behind the curtain to see the entire process, and also receive samples. Those who went on this tour said they would go there again.

There are several Bourbon Distilleries in the area to visit.

- **TASTE OF CINCINNATI:** This event is held over Memorial Day Weekend (May 28th thru 30th, 2023) at Downtown Cincinnati Fifth Street. It's the city's showcase of Food and Music and the region's annual kickoff to summer. In addition to 36+ local restaurants and 18 food trucks, features entertainment and attractions throughout the weekend. See more information on the web site for additional information: www.tasteofCincinnati.com. Local Cincinnati league members recommends this event. Always a great time.
- **NEWPORT ON THE LEVEE: One Levee Way, Newport, Kentucky 41071.** On the banks of the Ohio River with several restaurants, bars, and other attractions to visit, here is a few we would recommend: www.newportonthelevee.com.
- **ROTOLO:** offers Bowling, Bocce, Eatery, and other entertainment. The bowling lanes are first class with couches and comfy chairs.
- **NEWPORT AQUARIUM:** Named one of the best Aquariums in the US. \$22.99 - \$39.99 for adults and \$14.99 - \$31.99 for children (3 to 12). Guest has the

opportunity to touch a shark, pet a penguin, touch a stingray, stroll across a suspension bridge inches above sharks, and amazing animals all designed to take you around the globe, visiting each continent and every ocean. 1-810-406-3474.

- **BB RIVERBOATS:** Experience Cincinnati and the Ohio River on a day or evening cruise aboard a Riverboat. Choose from a variety of signature cruises, all which include a fully stocked bar and food. Sightseeing cruises start at \$25. 1-800-261-8586. www.bbriverboats.com
- **NATIONAL UNDERGROUND RAILROAD FREEDOM CENTER: 50 East Freedom Way, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202. 513-333-7500.** Adults \$16.50 and children \$11.50 (3-12) Several ABBA Members went to this museum, and it was very educational. Their mission is to reveal stories of freedom heroes, from the era of the Underground Railroads to contemporary times, challenging and inspiring everyone to take courageous steps of freedom today. www.freedomcenter.org
- **CREATION MUSEUM AND ARK ENCOUNTER: 1 Ark Encounter Drive, Williamstown, Kentucky.** Prices varies from \$55 to \$100. Experience Bible history at the life size Noah's Ark. Meet Noah, his family, and the animals on the Ark. The family friendly Ark Encounter Theme Park near Cincinnati also features a zoo, zip lines, and several restaurants. www.arkencounter.com
- **HOLLYWOOD CASINO LAWRENCEBURG, INDIANA: 777 Hollywood Blvd., Lawrenceburg, IN 47025.** They provide Slots, Table Games, and Poker Room. Several restaurants, delicious entrees, sizzling steaks, an endless buffet or just a casual bite. Boogie Night Dance

Club on the weekends with ultimate 70s and 80s music.
www.hollywoodindiana.com.

There are also two other casinos in the area this is just the one that some of our members attended and recommended.

Also recommended by the Cincinnati league was a couple Chili Restaurants that they are known for, Gold Star Chili or Skyline Chili. They are rivals and both are slightly different and you usually like one or the other.

As you can see there will be plenty of things to do when you are not bowling.

The Tournament Committee is planning on having a Hospitality Room at the hotel on Friday and Saturday night. I will let you know more about this when I send out the information for the tournament or in the information letter. Looking forward to another great tournament and hope to see all of you there.

~Sandy McDaniel
ABBA Tournament Director

OMITED AVERAGES FROM OCT.'S BB

Rock County Railers	(CORRECTED)	Janesville, WI	
SM	Chad Wolf	48	153
TF	Joyce Wolf	48	75
PF	Nikki Wolf	48	124
SM	Tom Wolf	48	151
SM	Allan Yantormi	48	98

FROM THE DESK OF THE EDITOR

Hello again faithful readers,

Well, we've done it. The longest night of the year has passed, and the sunlight is making a comeback a little more each day. This means, for most of us, midseason has also come and gone. That means it's crunch time for those teams like mine, stuck in the middle of the pack, to make their final push for glory (or not).

I hope everyone had a joyful winter season with friends and family. I was thrilled to attend the mid-year meeting in Kentucky. We had a great time with everyone that attended. I found it amazing just how much work the officers and committees were able to pack in to such a short period of time. From my point of view, the meetings were long and grueling (not my cup of tea), and it just makes me appreciate the people who volunteer for us even more. Thank you all.

Please remember, if you have anything you want to submit for consideration or any corrections for the website, email them to me at The-Blind-Bowler@outlook.com. And secretaries don't forget, if your league is sanctioned for the year, fill out our Blind Bowler Survey to get your physical (large print or braille) copies of The Blind Bowler. The Surveys can be downloaded from the ABBA website at www.ABBA1951.com or request a copy from Rozella.

Faithfully yours,

~Patrick Koo

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