

Table Talk



Volunteer Profile



Kay Tseng

One thing you may not know about Kay Tseng is that she's an accomplished ballroom dancer. She can dance all styles and has the costumes to match, but her favorite is the rumba. A slow and flirtatious dance of Afro-Cuban origin, the rumba is characterized by subtle side to side hip movements and a pattern of two quick side steps and one slow forward step. So, when you see Kay walking through the club, you can now appreciate her grace!

Kay moved to California from Wilmington, Delaware, in 1976. At first she was a stay-at-home mom until her children, Bryon and Emily, finished med school. Then, Kay pursued her second interest,

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tennis, and became an avid player! Additionally, she and her husband Stan took ballroom lessons at a dance studio in Garden Grove.

Unfortunately, fibromyalgia eventually restricted Kay's physical activities but, fortunately for us, she discovered bridge. Kay decided it would be a good activity to take up while her kids were in high school. Initially playing with a group in Huntington Beach that included Betti Harris and Pam Cron, Kay came to Long Beach Bridge over fifteen years ago. She and her husband attended the Wednesday night lessons taught by George Welsh and played in the game afterwards.

Kay got hooked and started playing at the club two or three times each day—11 sessions a week with different partners. At that time, the club served meals and she jokes that she played “breakfast-lunch-and-dinner” bridge.

Eventually John Melis became a regular partner, and they play together three or four times a week—Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and some Sundays. In fact, it was John who got Kay to return to bridge after her husband's unexpected death in 2009. During this time of social distancing, Kay said that they're playing even more often on BBO, adding Fridays and all Sundays to their partnership schedule.

Over time at the club, Kay noticed that Sharon could use some help so

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Special Events July 2020 Online Schedule Daily Games

ALLIANCE games are held at www.bridgebase.com.

Open Games

7:00 a.m.	\$7
10:00 a.m.	\$8
1:00 p.m.	\$8
4:00 p.m.	\$8

Limited Games

0-299	7:00 a.m.	\$7
0-499	8:00 a.m.	\$7
0-1000	8:30 a.m.	\$8
0-299	10:00 a.m.	\$8
0-99	10:30 a.m.	\$8
0-1000	11:30 a.m.	\$8
0-1000	3:00 p.m.	\$8
0-499	2:45 p.m.	\$8
0-1500	3:15 p.m.	\$8

Open HOUSE

Saturday, 18 July
1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Come see the updated bridge center
Properly worn masks required
10 people allowed in bridge center at a time
1 person/family in elevator at a time



New Member

Club Master

Sectional Master

Regional Master

May

Status Changes

Liz Musch

Linda Lane

Jan Van Lierop

Carolyn Byrnes

Judy Cook

Our
condolences
to the family
of Fran Every
who passed
away June
2020.

Who is this little darling boy?

Go to our Facebook page
- Long Beach Bridge for
the answer.

Were you a cute kid? Of
course you were! Be the next
little darling. Send photos to:
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Last month's
little darling:
Jenny Ernst



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she started volunteering by assisting with the kitchen duties. Sporting one of her many aprons, she puts out the food and snacks and cleans up afterwards.

Initially just decorating hers and John's table with holiday-oriented placemats and pencils, two years ago her skills extended into the entire club. Hopping on tables, she hung holiday-themed decorations from the ceiling and put them on the walls as well as the director's desk, side bookshelves, and the food tables. Now "retired" from table hopping, she enjoys decorating as it "makes the club a cheerful place away from home and makes everybody happy."

Kay's advice to newer players is the same advice that was given to her, "Count, count, and count. Pay attention and remember," which she is still working on. She added, "Bridge is a great game and a great place for meeting and making new friends." She also volunteers to be a

mentor player for Bridge Brigade's Silent Auctions.

Kay is a Gold Life Master, reaching that level in 2018. She finds tournaments "more competitive now" so she will only play in local ones "when asked to be on a team."

Kay misses the daily interactions and conversations with bridge friends and looks forward to coming back to the club. With a smile, she added that she especially misses her weekly Happy Hour with her bridge friends.

Kay's hard work to make the club our second home and her enthusiasm for bridge are inspiring. In our separate homes for now, we raise a glass and toast you, Kay, for all you do to make Long Beach Bridge a cheerful and welcoming place.

by Lillian Slater

