

# Table Talk



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## Volunteer Profile



**Jenny Ernest**

Jenny Ernest has always loved numbers. She's lived in Long Beach for 55 years (albeit not continuously), been married for 52 years, worked in banking for more than 40 years, and has been the treasurer for several professional and community organizations over the years. So, it was Long Beach Bridge's good fortune when she found us and eventually became the treasurer of the Unit 557 board. At the same time, Jenny volunteered her formidable organizational and decluttering skills to support the club's operations.

Jenny was raised in Visalia, known as the "crown jewel" of the San Joaquin Valley. Her grandparents had moved to the valley from

## Events December 2020 Online Schedule Daily Games

ALLIANCE games are held at [www.bridgebase.com](http://www.bridgebase.com).

7:00 a.m.	\$7	0-299 Blue
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7:30 a.m.	\$7	0-499 Green
8:30 a.m.	\$8	0-1000 Pink
10:00 a.m.	\$8	0-299 Blue
10:00 a.m.	\$8	Open
10:15 a.m.	\$8	0-99 Red
11:30 a.m.	\$8	0-1000 Pink
12:30 p.m.	\$8	0-299 Blue
1:00 p.m.	\$8	Open
2:45 p.m.	\$8	0-499 Green

New Jersey and owned orange groves before she was born. Jenny remembered, "It was fun growing up in a small town where you knew everyone. I'm still close to my childhood friends. One of my favorite memories is going out to the foothills after a rain and picking buckets of mushrooms."

Jenny attended College of the Sequoias before transferring to CSULB in 1965 to major in sociology. She roomed with Diana, a childhood friend, in an upstairs apartment at 34 Nieto in Belmont Shore. Amazingly, Joyce Henderson and her roommate Wendy, newly

minted teachers, were their next-door neighbors. It was here that Jenny was reintroduced to the game of bridge.

Jenny had played at learning bridge in high school during slumber parties. Under Joyce's tutelage, however, she became more serious about the game. Jenny recalled, "We had marathon bridge weekends, sometimes just staying in our pajamas to play. One time we bet Joyce and Wendy that whoever won the weekend marathon would clean the others' apartment." Laughing she added, "We were

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crazy to bet them but, when we lost, we dressed up like maids and showed up to clean.”

Her downstairs neighbors were fraternity brothers of Roger’s, which is how Jenny met her husband. Roger lived only a few doors down, noticed her and where she lived, and arranged an introduction. Roger remembers that the song “Good Day Sunshine” was playing when he first saw Jenny walking by his apartment.

Also attending CSULB, Roger was in the theater arts program. He and Steven Spielberg, another fraternity brother, were busy making 16mm movies. They filmed *Encounters*, Spielberg’s first 16mm film, on the Long Beach docks. Later Spielberg was an usher at their wedding, and he filmed the reception, so Jenny and Roger own an original Spielberg movie! In 2017, they attended the premier of the HBO documentary about Spielberg because Roger was interviewed in it!

Married in 1968 during the Vietnam War, Roger was drafted, so he joined the Air Force instead. His first assignment was as a weather observer at Fort Ord in Monterey. They had great times exploring the area during their three years there. Jenny worked at the New Monterey branch of United California Bank, two blocks from Cannery Row. Roger’s next assignment stationed him for a year at a remote site in Alaska while Jenny moved back to Visalia and took classes at Fresno State. When Roger returned from Alaska, they moved back to Long Beach where they’ve been ever since.

Jenny continued working in the banking industry until she retired

in 2007. She held a variety of executive jobs including Regional Business Development Manager responsible for setting and monitoring goals for managers and customer service reps. She had to travel to 48 branches to do so! From there she took a job in the Marketing Department at the corporate headquarters in Los Angeles. Before she retired, Jenny was Vice President and Corporate Benefits Manager. This was the period when the banking industry was consolidating—banks acquiring banks and rebranding/renaming themselves. Jenny’s bank more than doubled in size in the three years prior to her retirement, increasing its employee population to 150,000. Working through two major mergers in a very short period of time was extremely challenging.

While doing all this, Jenny earned her MBA from CSULB in 1988, an accomplishment of which she is very proud! She added, “It took me forever, taking one class each semester and summer. Because my undergraduate degree wasn’t in business, I had to take 57 units rather than the normal 33. My boss at time encouraged me to go for it. He told me he got his undergrad and two masters all while working full time He said the time will pass regardless, so you might as well have something to show for it.” This has remained a mantra for Jenny throughout her life, and she has much to show for it.

Jenny and her sister-in-law Robyn first came to Long Beach Bridge in response to an ad in the *Grunion Gazette*. Taking introductory lessons from Bob Mault, they met Joyce and Tom Shinnin these classes. Since everyone was still

## Who is this little darling?

Our darling is second from the right. 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: ardeauxl@gmail .com.



Last month’s little darling:  
Carol Herzlinger



working, they started playing social bridge together. Julie Deluccio, a friend of Joyce’s, joined the group, and later they took some private lessons from George Welsh. Jenny still has Bob’s yellow workbook from those first classes.

After retiring, Jenny became involved in genealogy research, successfully sleuthing to find family members for friends and relatives.

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# Unit 557 Masterpoint Races

As of November 6, 2020

## Mini-McKenney

Overall	Jackie Hess	177.52
	Lillian Slater	147.53
	John Melis	130.56
0-5	Darrel Manson	26.07
	Jane Manson	25.16
	Yvonne Kroneberger	20.07
5-20	Linda Lane	69.99
	Jan Van Lierop	29.95
	Rita Van Lierop	29.47
20-50	Melanie Smothers	100.56
	Rick Gonser	14.29
	Charlotte Roush	11.59
50-100	Ted Dowe	83.15
	Carolyn Byrnes	55.15
	Judith Cook	46.42
100-200	Ardis Laine	97.55
	Sandra Schlosser	81.10
	Barbara Wallace	60.12
200-300	Lillian Slater	147.53
	Kathleen Pecarovich	29.20
	Ellen Kice	17.66
300-500	Linda Dillon	27.48
	Joyce Roberts	25.47
	Timothy Cole	25.32
500-1000	Robert Bakovic	101.69
	John Galligher	88.69
	Colleen Gardner	64.23
1000-1500	Thomas Felice	68.60
	Dalia Hernandez	61.78
	Sharon Biederman	53.76
1500-2500	Paul Pettler	70.78
	Judith Jones	57.15
	John Hand	48.55
2500-3500	Cliff Goodrich	119.00
	Kay Tseng	104.06
	Jo Melis	80.08
2500-5000	Jackie Hess	177.52
	John Petrie	47.08
	Bill McClean	42.92
5000-7500	John Melis	130.56
	Mark Leonard	86.34
	Mark Tang	75.74

## Ace of Clubs

Overall	Jackie Hess	170.05
	Lillian Slater	129.72
	John Melis	118.70
0-5	Darrel Manson	26.07
	Jane Manson	25.16
	Yvonne Kroneberger	20.07
5-20	Linda Lane	57.68
	Jan Van Lierop	29.95
	Rita Van Lierop	29.47
20-50	Melanie Smothers	83.92
	Rick Gonser	14.29
	Charlotte Roush	11.59
50-100	Ted Dowe	80.40
	Carolyn Byrnes	44.23
	Judith Cook	42.63
100-200	Ardis Laine	82.82
	Barbara Wallace	59.59
	Sandra Schlosser	56.58
200-300	Lillian Slater	129.72
	Kathleen Pecarovich	29.20
	Ellen Kice	17.66
300-500	Linda Dillon	26.42
	Joyce Roberts	18.36
	Timothy Cole	17.23
500-1000	Robert Bakovic	86.17
	John Galligher	72.78
	Susan Bibby	56.45
1000-1500	Sharon Biederman	52.90
	Thomas Felice	51.64
	Dalia Hernandez	47.17
1500-2500	Paul Pettler	53.85
	John Hand	47.83
	Judith Jones	46.15
2500-3500	Cliff Goodrich	96.44
	Kay Tseng	92.63
	Jo Melis	73.71
2500-5000	Jackie Hess	170.05
	John Petrie	32.58
	Bill McClean	28.80
5000-7500	John Melis	118.70
	Mark Leonard	76.84
	Mark Tang	25.98



# October Status Changes

<b>Junior Master</b>	<b>Nancy J. Imbery</b>
<b>Club Master</b>	<b>Deeann Huddleston</b>
<b>Silver Life Master</b>	<b>Rosemary Ford</b>
<b>Ruby Life Master</b>	<b>Alan P. Olschwang</b>

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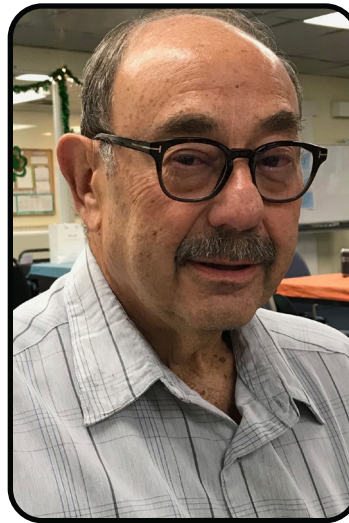
Eventually, she returned to Long Beach Bridge for more classes and then started playing in its duplicate games. Jenny added, “I always like to help with anything in which I’m involved,” so she volunteered to assist Sharon. Additionally, Jenny worked with Katharine Seibert and their army of recruits to organize, clean, and help operate Long Beach Bridge. Jenny has also served as the liaison to the CSULB OLLI program ever since Bridge Brigade partnered with it to extend outreach to recruit new bridge players.

Bridge is another way Jenny has kept herself always learning and mentally stimulated. She explained, “I like being competitive. Bridge suits me because it is structured and I enjoy black-and-white challenges. Additionally, I enjoy the camaraderie. I have met a lot of great people here and formed friendships that will last.” Jenny also credits Dalia Hernandez for being the teacher who has helped her bridge game the most.

One thing people may not know about Jenny is that her niece is Tiffani Thiessen, an actress especially known for her role as Kelly on *Saved by the Bell* and more recently in the *White Collar* TV series from 2009-2014. Tiffani also had a cooking show, *Dinner at Tiffani’s*. In addition to family time with Tiffani, her husband and their two children, Jenny, Roger, and Robyn support Roger’s 95-year-old mother (and her dog) staying in her home in Palos Verdes.

Jenny brings “good day sunshine” to all she undertakes. We are fortunate that she decided to shine at Long Beach Bridge. Thank you, Jenny, for all you have done and continue to do for our club and unit! See you at the virtual bridge table or back at the club when it reopens!

by Lillian Slater



Alan Olschwang  
Ruby Life Master



Rosemary Ford  
Silver Life Master



## December Bridge Classes

### Continuation of Counting:

Monday, December 28th, 9:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.  
Instructor: Sharon Biederman

### Supervised Play with Hank and Fern

Monday and Tuesdays, 9:30 -11:30 a.m.  
Hank will open the zoom link about 9:15.  
Mondays Link: <https://zoom.us/j/92537408434>  
Tuesdays Link: <https://zoom.us/j/98965668861>  
In BBO, click on “Competitive,” then click on “ACBL Virtual Clubs.” Make sure you’re on “Pending” and not on “Running” or “Complete.” Scroll down till you see Hank and Fern. Click on that line.  
\*Do not click on anything that says “robots.”

### District 21/22/23 California 99ers Nite Club

6:30PM PT Monday-Thursday! Normally play 12 boards(18 during Silver week) at a leisurely pace and expect to be finished shortly after 8:00 p.m. Following the game, you can hop onto our post game Zoom and chat with our experts about the boards you’ve just played.  
Between 4:30PM and 6:15 PM PT, log into BridgeBase.com and under “Play or Watch Bridge” click on “Competitive”. Then select “ACBL Virtual Clubs”. Look for VACB905265 “Calif 99ers Nite Club” to register.