NELL SCHNEIDER DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

It's a pleasure and honor to present the Distinguished Service Award to NELL SCHNEIDER

Nell has been serving Unit 143 since 1969:

- 1. Served 9 consecutive years on the Unit Board.
- 2. Since **1969**, Nell supported the **St. Louis Regionals** as a committee chair in almost every capacity, except for partnerships. Usually I say about the Service Award recipient he/she has served in most areas EXCEPT hospitality. If you have the chance to meet Nell, you will immediately see why hospitality is a natural for this lovely lady...always a smile and always makes you feel you are the only person she is interested in speaking to that moment. Hospitality chairs work hard but make it look easy; she has a real knack to solve problems while making the other person feel great.
- 3. For **9 years** on the Unit board, Nell **processed all membership dues** so the Unit could keep most of the money and only have to pay the ACBL a small fee. It took lots of time and careful work but it saved the Unit a good sum of money. FYI, the ACBL no longer allows this process.
- 4. With her **professional business experience**, Nell provided an invaluable business perspective and acumen to Unit operations and decision making.

But that's not all Nell has done for us:

For the last 3 St. Louis Nationals, Nell contributed as follows:

- 1. Served as VIP committee chair for the spouses of ACBL planners and National Board members. This included organizing all activities such as tours, transportation, and dinners; arranging for tour docents; leading the tours; and participating in all activities.
- 2. Worked with the National Chair/Co-Chairs, one of whom was our own Mike Carmen, to **raise funds and collect donations for the nationals** (just one example—obtaining \$300 in Shannon's Restaurant gift certificates to give as door prizes at the Nationals)

Nell willingly and selflessly contributed her **time and effort to promote St. Louis Bridge**. She volunteered not because she wanted recognition, but because of her love of the game and because bridge was very good to her. In fact, she met her husband, Jerry Schneider, through bridge.

Nell is fun loving, enjoys bridge, travel and the Baseball Cardinals. I recommend you introduce yourself to Nell and you will make a new, fun, caring friend who will be a wonderful bridge mentor to you.

In her own inimitable style, Nell has asked us to donate her honorarium to Emmaus House.

Please join me in congratulating Nell on her Distinguished Service Award.