

President's Post....

My fellow board members and I are still thinking of those who were impacted by Harvey and are keeping them in our thoughts and prayers. September especially was a difficult month for everyone but October was at the other end of the spectrum with the Astros in the World Series. We are #HoustonStrong!!! Since this is posted early in the day on November 1, I am hoping that we will be celebrating a win by the Astros this evening--Go Astros!!!

We finished October with the Fall Sectional and had 430.5 tables. We appreciate the committed effort and hard work of the chairs, Dianna Gittelman and David Henke, and all of the volunteers!!! The Hilton Greenspoint was a beautiful venue with all sorts of food options. Those who attended the Casino Party on Saturday night had a great time—we would like to thank the underwriters of the party, Anthony Bianchi, Chuck Gillis and Gary King!

GNT (Grand National Teams) qualifying games will begin this month. The first game will be at Westside Bridge Academy on Sunday, November 5 at 6pm; next game will be at Clear Lake on November 29 at 1pm (Flights B and C only). Each of the full-service clubs will hold two or three qualifying games between now and February 28. We will post all the dates when we receive them from BCoH, Clear Lake and WBA.

The 2018 Lone Star Regional is just around the corner...January 29-February 4. We have incredible speakers, a great schedule and many free hospitality events planned. There will be many opportunities to earn those GOLD points!!! Also, we will be announcing the Unit Goodwill recipient—date TBA. Next month I will be giving the highlights of the BIG Texan pairs event with ramped up points and a cash prize.

Teacher Appreciation Day will be on Friday, Feb 2. Hot dogs and cake will be served as we announce the District 16 Teacher of the Year.

A Director's course will be offered from Jan 27-29—please let Bill Riley (ichibanbill@yahoo.com) know if you are interested. Registration fee is \$50.

Our Houston Regional is the “Star” in the District—we typically have over 3,000 tables and we are hoping that 2018 will break all records...but, we need YOU to accomplish that!!!

If you have any questions/comments, please contact any board member—we are here to serve you!

Hope you all have a Happy Thanksgiving!

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