

President's Post....

Our Unit is full of talented members and we are grateful for all who volunteer their time, talents and efforts for our Unit!!!!!!! I am certainly looking forward to serving as your President again for the next seven months!

The Board has lots to accomplish, but our main responsibility is to provide TOURNAMENTS that are successful. Successful has many meanings. A successful tournament by the Board's definition is one that provides:

- ~ a schedule that the majority prefers
- ~ a nice playing venue
- ~ quality speakers
- ~ a friendly atmosphere with Zero Tolerance enforced
- ~ good hospitality
- ~ good financial results
- ~ peak attendance all because of the items previously listed

Many of you provide lots of great input which helps us improve future tournaments, so please continue giving us your comments.

We are excited about the upcoming **Fall Extravaganza Sectional** October 27-29 at the Hilton Houston North, 12400 Greenspoint Dr, Houston!!! A lot of time was spent choosing the perfect location for our membership—please come and enjoy this new location—it is easy to get to from all locations in the Houston area. Guest speakers are Gary King and Daniel Jackson. There are regionally-rated events all day on Sunday—these award more points than sectionally-rated events!

This tournament has a new twist—we will have a Casino Party with cash prizes, starting at 6pm on Saturday night. Price for dinner and Casino Party is \$5—WOW!!! Huge thanks to Dianna Gittelman and David Henke for going the extra mile to make this tournament extra special and certainly lots of fun!

The **2018 Lone Star Regional** is just around the corner...January 29-February 4. We are lining up phenomenal speakers...a new and improved schedule...many free hospitality events...and many opportunities to earn those GOLD points!!!

We have lots planned, but one event you will not want to miss is Teacher Appreciation Day 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@yaoo.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! We have a great solution for getting out your frustrations from what has occurred in 2017...COME to the Lone Star Regional and earn lots of Masterpoints and prove that Harvey won’t keep us down—yes, we are #HoustonStrong!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

We welcome your comments. We are here to represent the membership & strive to make the best decisions for the members of Unit 174. If you have any questions/comments, please contact any board member—we are here to serve you!

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