Unit 539 did it again! We raised \$11,145 for ACBL's Longest Day, making us the top fundraising team in San Diego for the second consecutive year. We cannot thank you enough.

Whether you participated in the Pro Auction, donated to our fundraising page, or played bridge in one of our TLD games, we are incredibly grateful for you. By raising funds and awareness for Alzheimer's care, support, and research, we're getting closer to a future without Alzheimer's.

Our San Diego Summer SECTIONAL is back. After three years, we will be holding our **San Diego Summer Sectional Aug 4-6** at Marina Village. Space will be limited, so we will be requesting preregistration to ensure a seat at the table. There will be silver points galore, including a 20 percent increase in the overall awards. Teams are on Thursday, and three sections of pairs (299er, 1499er, and Open) are on Friday and Saturday. We are excited to host you there: expect great bridge with a picturesque marina backdrop.

SAVE THE DATE: Esperanca/Ray Sachs Charity games are scheduled for Thursday, July 28^{th,} and Saturday, July 30th. Many of you know about our San Diego area once-per-year bridge fundraiser for Ray Sachs' medical missions. This year's games will be on BBO at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 28 (Open Game), and a limited game starting at 1:45 p.m.

The face-to-face game will be held on Saturday, July 30th at the San Diego Bridge Club: 3366 Adams Ave. It is in the Normal Heights Masonic Temple. Food in the form of pizza and homemade desserts will be available at noon. The game will start at 1:00 p.m. They are asking for a minimum donation of \$30 per person for this game. A Pro Auction is being set up, as well as a donation website for this noble cause. Stay tuned for more information.

Our Unit Board is a fun group—we enjoy providing direction for our area and we hope you have appreciated some of our contributions over the past few years. Interested in joining our team? We currently have an opening for Unit Treasurer, a key position on our board. All you need is basic accounting skills and a desire to serve our membership. If you're interested, contact Lamya Agelidis at lamya.agelidis@gmail.com.

The jury is still out regarding our long-term strategy for face-to-face vs. online bridge. We had a great turnout in mid-May. Our face-to-face games can only survive if they are well attended. Getting back to a table count in the 20s will be a challenge but we will get there as the desire for social interaction increases. We will go back to offering mini-lessons prior to the games if there is interest, and we will resume offering a full lunch spread in due time, but YOU are the ones that make this happen. Bring your partner and let's build up our infamous Sunday Unit games again. We will reevaluate the table count after the Sectional and make a decision based on your attendance. The Unit game schedule is posted on sandiegobridge.com.

The Unit welcomes new member Lauren Serwitz. In addition, Edward Matulis, John McCright, Michael Rodley, and Lynne Vallacher transferred into our Unit. Our Membership and Awards Chairperson Jane Petering will be in contact to offer a free play at any of our future Unit games.

Happy start of summer, everyone!

San Diego Club News:

At <u>Redwood Bridge Club</u>, there are multiple games every day except Sunday and lessons for players at all levels.

<u>San Diego Bridge Club</u> offers sanctioned games at 10:30 a.m. every Tuesday and Thursday at the Masonic Center at 3366 Adams Avenue. Call (619) 847-3001 for more information. Be sure to check the websites of all these clubs for updates to their game schedules.