

## 2023 District Goodwill Recipients from Unit 539

Two members from the San Diego Unit are the recipients this year of District 22's annual Goodwill Award. For a complete list of past inductees, please refer to [this document on the District 22 website](#). Congratulate them at the table; they deserve it!



### **BRIDGET POIZNER – UNIT 539**

Nominated by Lamya Agelidis

Bridget Poizner had a vision when she joined the unit board. A glimpse of the “good ole days” is what she was aiming for; more specifically - an increase in face to face attendance at unit games and sectionals. Undaunted, she took on this challenge, and led the effort to organize a Welcome Back to F2F event which resulted in a three-section 35-table game, an affair which will be remembered as one of the highlights of San Diego bridge in 2023. Not resting on her laurels, Bridget leveraged the energy that was felt at this reunion to rebuild our I/N Sunday game, and we now regularly have at least 6 tables of enthusiastic beginners. More importantly, Bridget has embodied all the tenets of goodwill in her relationship with players: she has reached out tirelessly to every intermediate/newcomer player in our unit and beyond, to the other four San Diego units, and forged a relationship with them, thereby easing their return to face to face, and fostering a community spirit among them. She always smiles at the table, is very courteous to her partners and opponents and is a great mentor to many a newcomer. Bridget is well deserving of the District Goodwill Award.



### **JANE PETERING – UNIT 539**

Nominated by Lamya Agelidis

An adjective that comes to mind when one mentions Jane Petering is graciousness. Jane is the understated giver, the agreeable partner, the congenial opponent, the committed board member. Always willing to help, Jane is an effective follower, she has a can-do attitude and comes forward freely when others can't. Her collaborative approach makes her an essential member of the unit board team, always offering suggestions for improvements and bringing a balanced perspective. She has served selflessly on the unit board for years, never shunning a new assignment. Nothing is too menial for her, nothing is too complex. But what makes her worthy of this award is not her length of service on the board or her board responsibilities.... It's her demeanor on and off the bridge table. She is the calming partner who brings objectivity to a “situation” at the table; she is the amicable opponent who takes both victory and defeat gracefully; she is the amiable unit official who treats all players with empathy; she is the smiling mentor who plays with beginners ungrudgingly. Thank You, Jane for being the epitome of a goodwill award recipient. You deserve it!