It is with great sadness that I report the passing of Jane Segal following a long and difficult illness.

Jane’s accomplishments as a bridge player are well documented, but her contributions to our game

are immense. Jane was the quintessential ambassador for bridge. She served as unit 141 president,

District 4 president, member of the goodwill committee and supervised hospitality for all the

sectional and regional tournaments in our area.

But I will remember her for the decades of running the largest and strongest club game in the

Philadelphia area; for hosting dinner and bridge every Saturday night at her home; for the once

a month “invitational” game at her home featuring the area’s finest players; for helping bridge

players down on their luck.

Perhaps Jane’s greatest contribution was as a teacher. For more than five decades she funneled

countless hundreds of new bridge players into club and tournament bridge, a function vital to our

very existence. She was the most sought after and respected teacher in Philadelphia and its

suburbs.

Until just a few weeks ago, she could still be seen at our club, still winning games with far less

experienced players even though she could no longer use a bid box or turn the cards. Jane was a

generous and wonderful friend who I will miss greatly, as will the entire bridge community.