

**PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE
DISTRICT 17 BRIDGE BUZZ
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ACBL is facing many challenges at the moment as most of you know. It seems to many of us that recent changes happened suddenly. Turmoil often follows change and it can take some time to adjust our attitudes and to give new ideas an opportunity to succeed. Many of those who have moved on from ACBL will be greatly missed.

D17 is fortunate. Our board is a strong working team and we are ready to meet new challenges in 2023. We also have amazing volunteers in all of our units. One of the biggest challenges is to find a way to grow our membership and to provide opportunities for online and face-to-face bridge to co-exist in complimentary ways. Many business entities have to manage multiple channels for their products and many have had great success. The challenge is not new, just different for the bridge community. Communication and creative thinking will be an important part of working towards good bridge solutions. Every member of D17 can participate and become an active member of our team. Please consider making a New Year's resolution to introduce a friend to bridge.

Check out what is happening in your District. Visit the website www.d17acbl.org -- Go to the "About" menu and you will find minutes and documents for our District by scrolling down to the bottom of that page. Look at the calendar and see when regionals and sectionals are scheduled. There is a STaC in January. Even if you don't need silver points, consider attending a local club game to help newer players achieve their bridge goals. Teamwork!

Our first face-to-face board meeting of 2023 will be held in Albuquerque, NM in January during the Land of Enchantment Regional. We hope that you will consider attending the regional, January 16-22, and introducing yourself to the board members when you meet them at the bridge table. We are interested to hear your perspective.

Wishing you a healthy and happy 2023!