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# Across The Table

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## 0-50 MP 2011 STERLING AWARD

- 45.36 Rose Kennedy**
- 41.74 Rosemary Campi
- 41.74 James Campi
- 39.77 Tim Michaels
- 22.93 Evelyn Thally
- 19.29 Alda Hamrick
- 15.93 Peggy Hoy
- 15.52 Charles Wagner, III
- 14.62 Patricia Johnson
- 13.88 Buck Martin
- 13.51 Ted Helms
- 13.41 Robert Weber
- 9.42 Richard Moore
- 8.92 Joan Reid
- 8.06 Mary Brown
- 7.71 Howard Bowers
- 7.60 Linda Roberts
- 6.89 Ginny Moyers
- 6.77 Barbara Peters
- 6.69 Doris Schroeder
- 6.58 Ruth Cagle
- 6.02 Ann Mowery
- 5.93 John Brady
- 5.72 Geri Denney
- 5.54 Joyce Morris
- 5.48 Gloria Nelson
- 5.08 Jean Szabat
- 4.90 Suzanne Newman
- 4.84 Mike Boyer
- 3.85 Terri Cox

## 50-300 MP 2011 STERLING AWARD

- 37.05 Donna Kraemer**
- 30.58 Tom Williams
- 30.58 Fran Williams
- 28.78 Jane Creed
- 27.78 Janice Threlkeld
- 27.60 Robin Turner
- 25.82 Morgan Defenderfer
- 25.27 Millicent Taylor
- 22.83 Brenda McSpadden
- 18.04 Lou Miller
- 17.93 Susan Williams
- 17.78 Lynn Smith
- 16.95 Ann Huie
- 16.61 Priscilla Siler
- 15.53 Lynn Vogel
- 15.22 Peggy Bologna
- 14.45 Carolyn Lee Jernigan
- 13.61 Phil Flint
- 13.51 Thomas Dickenson
- 13.30 Sallye Woodward
- 13.30 James Woodward
- 12.29 Timothy Luttrell
- 11.48 Bill Goldman
- 11.46 Jean Leonard Hester
- 10.94 James Mason
- 10.81 Jane Hartson
- 10.81 Genie Day
- 9.86 Joe Bologna
- 9.60 Katherine Sampson
- 9.52 Sylvia Waters

**Congratulations to Rose and Donna for winning free plays at Unit 165 Sectionals for 2012!**

## FOR CHESTER MORGAN'S NINETIETH BIRTHDAY

*by Helene Morgan*

We've gathered here with Chester for this very special time  
with cake and candles, friends and bridge, and corny words that rhyme.  
He's had a lot of birthdays. They defy enumeration.  
Just watch out for those candles, folks! That's quite a conflagration!  
Now, one could say that he's outlived his "BEST IF USED BY" date.  
You know he's really old when the candles cost more than the cake.  
But he just hardly needs his cane; his vision is quite acute;  
his reasoning and judgments are still wise and most astute.  
Now, Chester served in World War II. He got a PhD.  
He worked at ORNL, where his field was chemistry.  
As years went by, his golf game waned; he had to give up running.  
His stock club sort of fell apart with profits less than stunning.  
The church no longer needed him to teach, to work, or play.  
So bridge became a means of keeping Alzheimer's away.  
With cheerful folks, good cards, and food, he really has a blast.  
He makes me think I'm having fun when we come in dead last!  
With our scores lurking near the bottom day after day,  
we get creative with excuses for such dismal play.  
It wasn't my intention to forget Stayman.  
My preempt must have backfired and removed us from contention.  
The penalty when I reneged was really much too tough.  
Keith played his cards so slowly that I just forgot to ruff.  
There was really no defense against Larry's psychic pass,  
and I'd have kept that vital card if Jo hadn't played so fast.  
Now when we're in our coffin, cold, you'll hear no thumps or bumps,  
but a voice: I could have made it with a decent break in trumps.

## FOR LOIS SMITH'S NINETIETH BIRTHDAY

*by Helene Morgan*

Our Lois Smith has come to play  
On this, her ninetieth birthday.  
She's healthy, strong and stands erect.  
She's found the fountain of youth, I suspect.  
What's more, her memory's still intact,  
And card sense she has never lacked.  
She ranks among the highest tier  
Of people who play duplicate here.  
She knows how to squeeze and when to hold back.  
She knows how to duck and how to attack.  
Dispatching foes with sly finesse,  
They post their scores in great distress.  
If you are weak, she's bound to double  
Invariably, there's lots of trouble.  
We'd bribe the director if we were able  
To get a chance to skip her table.  
Happy Birthday to our friend!  
Many blessings without end!  
May all her slams be easily made,  
No matter how the opponents played.  
We hope her prowess never fades,  
Her Blackwoods get the reply, "Five spades!"  
May all her trumps break 2 to 3,  
Unless she's playing against me.