



**Jeannette DeSandis Clare Plunkett**

Jeannette became a member of the ABA in 1963 and remained active and local to the MBU until her health began to fail.

Jeannette was one of the most loyal persons in the ABA and she went to great lengths to do whatever she could to assist in MBU New York tournaments. She is best known as the chair of the Partnership Desk. She did this year after year. She supported every MBU club's games—rain, snow or sleet.

At one time, she was the circulation manager of the Eastern Section's newsletter, the Mashariki, and eventually became the editor. If Jeannette gave you her word, you could count on it. When I met her, she lived in Queens, New York but later moved to Englewood, NJ. She acquired a husband and three step-sons but that didn't deter her from her loyalty and devotion to the MBU.

During her early membership in the MBU, she was a member of Cosmopolitan DBC but when she re-located to New Jersey, she became a member of the Garden City DBC where she served as a director and as an instructor.

Jeannette and I were room-mates and travel companions for 50 years, on and off. I will miss her generosity toward me. Often she'd go out of her way to pick me up in Harlem and drive me wherever I needed to go. Paying the extra tolls didn't bother her.

A memorial for Jeannette will be held for bridge players on her upcoming birthday, March 21<sup>st</sup>. Please keep Jeannette's family in your prayers.