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### William and Shaun Win A Trip To NYC as Honorees of The LEAGUE's National Luncheon

William Johnson and Shaun Anderson, of Roche Carriere School in Ottawa, Canada, were two of the the student honorees at The LEAGUE National Awards & Recognition Luncheon held in NYC on June 11th, hosted by Queen Latifah. They received this recognition as a result of acheiving the top scores for each of the **School Bridge LEAGUE's** four tournaments in 2007-2008, with an average of 72.67. The two talented bridge players were awarded a trophy for their hard work and exemplary sportsmanship.

Will and Shaun are truly great examples of how **School Bridge LEAGUE** students do achieve through the game of bridge. We applaud them and good luck to each of you in next year's tournaments!

CONGRATULATIONS Will and Shaun!

### Bridge Tournament for The Gifted Students at Bear Lake Elementary School In Apopka, FL

Joyce Riemersma, a teacher at Bear Lake Elementary in Apopka, FL has extended the game of bridge to the families of her students. On Monday evenings in the media room of Bear Lake Elementary, families gather to play beginners bridge games. For 5 years Jill Lundberg and Bee Ronske have volunteered with

Joyce to teach bridge to the students at the school, which has now grown to a group of 30 students ranging from 1st to 4th graders. Of the 30 students that participate in the bridge games at the school, 5 students will be joining **School Bridge LEAGUE** in Atlanta in July for the Youth NABC.

In the fall, Joyce will be offering the beginner's course again to students and their families, and will also be open to staff members and their families too.

For more information about Joyce Riemersma bridge program at Bear Lake Elementary, please feel free to contact [paula@schoolbridgeleague.org](mailto:paula@schoolbridgeleague.org)

**Last Call....Teaching Critical Thinking Through Bridge Workshop in Atlanta, GA July 2nd- 4th 2008**

**School Bridge LEAGUE** will host a workshop "Teaching Critical Thinking Through Bridge" during the Youth NABC in Atlanta. This training session teaches teachers how to play the game of Bridge and introduce it to their students. The 3 day workshop will be conducted by Dr. Christopher Shaw, formerly of the American Contract Bridge League's Education Foundation; and is designed for non-bridge playing teachers (4th through 8th grades) to provide the fundamentals of bridge and the classroom techniques to teach young people (students) how to play the game of bridge. Learning how to play bridge and how to teach bridge to their students will help teachers to develop further their students math skills, critical thinking skills and social skills. Come and learn how we can assist you in bringing this to your classroom!

This workshop takes place July 2nd- 4th at the Hilton Atlanta Northeast Hotel, Norcross, GA in The Fulton Room. The fee for this 3-day workshop is \$150.00 and includes breakfast and lunch daily plus course materials.

Upon completion of the workshop all teachers will receive Professional Unit (Continuing Professional Development Units) as well as SBL Certification as a Bridge Coach.

For accomodation information at The Hilton, for this event, please contact Ashanti Smith at The Hilton Atlanta Northeast Hotel by email at [asmith@hiltonatlanta.com](mailto:asmith@hiltonatlanta.com). Please inform her that you are calling for the **School Bridge LEAGUE** rate for the Youth NABC

For more information on the workshop or assistance in

registering, please contact [paula@schoolbridgeleague.org](mailto:paula@schoolbridgeleague.org)

## School Bridge LEAGUE in Hawaii

**School Bridge LEAGUE** is very proud of the enormous effort from all of the teachers participating in the program. Through the hard work, volunteerism and passion for using the game of bridge to teach problem solving and critical thinking skills, the program continues to grow nationwide.

**School Bridge LEAGUE** received a letter from teacher, Busaba Williams of Moanalua Middle School in Honolulu, Hawaii, which highlights the growth of the **School Bridge LEAGUE** program in Hawaii and the benefits to our youth and their communities.

*June 17, 2008*

*Tomorrow morning will be my first bridge class for the summer school at Moanalua Middle School, in Hawaii, where I have been teaching bridge as an after school activity and during Math classes. Bridge is one of the elective classes for this summer along with Robotics, science, math, English and Orchestra. There will be 20 students per class and we have two, 2 hours classes per day from Monday to Friday, for 4 weeks. We will incorporate Geography, history (thru history of bridge and famous people) and Tribes training into our teaching into our lessons. We will have several hours of computer lab when students and practice playing of the hands by using Bridge Baron.*

*We are teaching 7th graders and 8th graders. The Educational Chair for District 20 has asked me to be a guest speaker on youth bridge during Regional Tournament at Seaside, Oregon in October 2008. I'll do what I can to stimulate interest.*

*A youth group at my church will be my next project!*

*Busaba*

Please share your **School Bridge LEAGUE** stories and pictures! Send to [paula@schoolbridgeleague.org](mailto:paula@schoolbridgeleague.org) (subject: Newsletter Story)

## School Bridge LEAGUE Administrator of The Year Award

Debra Owens, Superintendent of Effingham School District has been named the Administrator of The Year for **School Bridge LEAGUE** 2007-2008. Debra has supported and championed this program and has been instrumental in the growth of the game of bridge with young people in schools in

the Effingham area.

Through the works of Debra, the **School Bridge LEAGUE** program has increased in the Effingham School District and continues to spread from classroom to classroom.

We thank you Debra for your commitment and support!

### New School Bridge LEAGUE Tournament Schedule 2008-2009

We have increased the number of tournaments that we offer from 4 per year to 6 per year. Below, you will find the new tournament schedule for the 2008-2009 school year. We look forward to each of you playing in next year's tournaments!

#### **2008**

September 13th -22nd                      Fall Kickoff Tournament

October 25th- November 3rd            Halloween Tournament

November 29th- December 8th        Holiday Tournament

#### **2009**

January 17th- January 26th            King Day Tournament

February 28th- March 8th               Winter Tournament

April 18th- April 27th                   Earth Day Tournament

Note: Please remember to register your class for **School Bridge LEAGUE** tournaments and register your school at [www.schoolbridgeleague.org](http://www.schoolbridgeleague.org). In order to become eligible for awards you MUST register with The School Bridge LEAGUE.