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**Annual Bridge Benefit Raises \$1,394 for Education Programs at
Eisenhower Presidential Library**



Abilene ACBL member David Mills presents the traveling trophy to winners Ardy Alexander of Hutchinson, Kansas, and Beverly Gochis, of Wichita, Kansas.

On Saturday, July 30th, the Abilene American Contract Bridge League Club and the Eisenhower Foundation partnered to organize the 3rd Annual Dwight D. Eisenhower Bridge Benefit. The game and additional donations raised \$1,394 to benefit IKEducation, the Foundation's K-12 program that provides programs free of charge at the Eisenhower Presidential Library, Museum,

and Boyhood Home. In addition, proceeds from the event will be used to develop a new initiative — teaching bridge at after school programs.

A record 86 people played in the beautiful Eisenhower Presidential Library Courtyard and partners Ardy Alexander, of Hutchinson, Kansas, and Beverly Gochis, of Wichita, Kansas, were awarded the traveling trophy for winning the overall game with a score of 66.22%.

The Eisenhower Bridge Benefit was created to pique people's interest in the incredibly challenging and rewarding game of duplicate bridge, while promoting the extraordinary legacy of Dwight D. Eisenhower, who earned the unofficial nicknames of *Bridge Player in Chief* and *The Patron President of Bridge Players* over the 56 years he played the game. The Abilene ACBL and the Eisenhower Foundation are thrilled this has become a tradition and look forward to awarding the Dwight D. Eisenhower Bridge Benefit traveling trophy to the winning team next summer. Next year's event will be held on Saturday, July 29, 2017, at 1:00 p.m. in the Eisenhower Presidential Library Courtyard.

For more information about the Dwight D. Eisenhower Bridge Benefit or other Eisenhower Foundation programs, please contact our office at 785-263-6771 or info@eisenhowerfoundation.net.

About the Eisenhower Foundation

The mission of the non-profit, public Eisenhower Foundation is to honor and champion the relevance today of the life and leadership of Dwight D. Eisenhower through compelling programs and events that celebrate his legacy.