

Hi again everyone,

We are still in Poland enjoying Alex's homeland. In the pictures that follow, you will see some shots of Warsaw: The Palace of Culture and Science. This was a gift from Joseph Stalin to the people of Poland and opened in 1955. 3500 workers from the Soviet Union were hired to construct this. From its inception, it was controversial and this feeling persists to this day. It was seen as a symbol of Soviet domination and the building destroyed the aesthetic balance of the city.

Our hotel was right next door and so was a beautiful mall, larger than the Eaton Centre!



Do click on this link for a fabulous glimpse of the phenomenal city of Warsaw and some of its history.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mzHafivmcjk&feature=youtu.be>

Warsaw was 95% destroyed in World War II, whereas Krakow was not destroyed at all. The old city of Warsaw has been rebuilt in its original image.

See picture to the left below.

The buildings in the Old Town square are beautiful pastel shades and many of them have lovely frescoes, carvings or gargoyles on the facades.



We visited the new POLIN museum in Warsaw (Hebrew word for Poland or "rest here"). Built in 2013, this is very well done. It gives the history of Jews in Poland starting shortly after the year 1000. It depicts the story of Jews who were traders who settled in Poland and shows all the restrictions placed on the Jewish down through the centuries by a succession of Polish kings. So much discrimination. Words fail. This museum is built on the site of the former Warsaw Ghetto, across from a monument to the heroes of the Warsaw Ghetto uprising. We also visited Schindler's

Factory, now a superb museum with pictures of the workers on the outside of the building. If you never saw that outstanding movie: Schindler's list, do get the DVD.

The last time we were here, we visited the Warsaw Uprising Museum. This was the best museum we have ever seen. In 1944, with Soviet troops massed across the river, the whole city of Warsaw rose up against the German occupation. They fought for 63 days and the Russians waited and failed to intervene. With little outside support from the rest of the Allies, the uprising was quashed. This was the biggest uprising in Europe during the entire World War II.

Krakow was our next stop; the former capital of Poland. Well-worth a visit; it is a magical city. Near to Auschwitz and Wieliczka (The Salt Mines); both are must-sees that we have visited 3 times escorting groups to Poland. The main square of the city is wonderful. In the picture below you will see St Mary's Church.



From the top of the tower on the left, a bugle fanfare

(Click here to listen)

<http://www.krakow-info.com/signal2.wav>

is played every hour on the hour four times, once in each direction, N, S, E and W. It ends on a broken note each time. It is called the hejnal (pronounced HEY-NOW). Legend has it that back in the 13th century, there was always a lookout on top of the tower who watched for invaders of the city. Mongols commonly invaded cities in Europe and pillaged, burned, looted and murdered, carrying people off as slaves. These were descendants of Genghis Khan and were known as Tartars or Tatars. If the lookout spotted danger, he would sound his bugle. One day, an army of Tartars was approaching and the watchman sounded his bugle over and over. The Polish people galvanized and manned the

battlements to shoot their arrows, fighting off the Mongols. The city was saved. They looked for the bugler who was nowhere to be seen. They found him in the tower where an arrow had pierced his throat. The bugle still in his hands, ready to blast out a final note. The hourly bugle call is played by a real person in honour of this bugler and to this day, the song ends abruptly on a high note in memory of the unfinished melody in 1240.

Krakow was wonderful. SO much green parkland. Coffee shops and lovely stores everywhere. Gone is the drabness of Eastern European Communist block, replaced by the young and vibrant wearing smart outfits, and almost everyone slim and trim. Here is Wawel Castle, pronounced Vavel as W's change into V's here.



Warsaw is Var-shava and just when I thought I was getting the hang of it, along comes doświadczenie (means an experience) which is pronounced do-schviad-chenn-ea. Accents on letters all over the place,

Lodz is pronounced Wudje. So now that you speak Polish, plan a visit and enjoy this amazing and beautiful country. Legend has it that a dragon always lived in a cave under the castle and stole sheep, cattle and virgins (Alex says for sure it's a legend cuz there are no virgins in Poland!).

There is now a statue of a dragon that breathes fire every few minutes and locals try to incite his wrath to bring on the fire. We are now off to Ciężkowice (pronounce chennne-shko-veet-say). I know 10 words and it may be my limit but the food is to die for.

Here we are at a footbridge that leads from Kazimierz (which was the Jewish district) across the river to the area that became the Jewish ghetto created by the Nazis.



We are in the mountains in Poland now, exploring Alex's old haunts. It is a whole new world. Back home July 6th.

## TEST YOUR PLAY

984

653

63

98762

532

76

Q104

J987

A1042

9875

QJ10

543

AKQJ10

AK2

KQJ

AK

S W N E

2C P 2D P

2S P 4S\* P

6S\*\*

\* 4S should show no Ace or King. If you had an Ace or a King, you would have bid 3S next which is stronger than 4S.

\*\* 6S: You KNOW that partner does not have D Ace but your hand is still good enough to bid 6S and pray.

West leads C Queen

South must stop to count his losers. One H loser and one D loser. He has what I call a lopsided suit: Diamonds. At Trick 2, S must play a D. West wins with D Ace and whatever he leads back, South will win. South can now play two rounds of trump and now his two high Diamonds, pitching a Heart from dummy, not a Club. (When you have the opportunity to make a discard, make sure it is a discard that will HELP you.) Now play H Ace and King and ruff a Heart in dummy. Now you return to your hand and draw the last trump. Note that if you were to first pull two rounds of trump that West, after winning D Ace, would now pull your last trump and you would have no trump left in dummy with which to trump your losing Heart.

Always stop at Trick One...take 1 1/2 minutes or even two...to count your losers and make a plan. That is in suit contracts. In NT contracts, count your winners.

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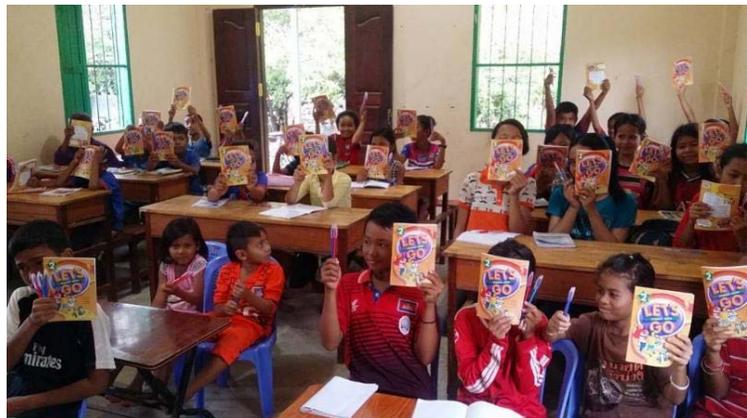
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**KNOW YOUR CONVENTIONS...& NOT JUST PAGE ONE!**

*The following is written by **David Bird**, probably the most prolific bridge writer of all time. He is my co-author also for many books. David is also a very accomplished player and commentates for International championships.*

**I was doing voice commentary on the France-Croatia team match when this deal arose:**

		AKQ108	
		74	
		982	
		AQ3	
3			---
J653			KQ8
KQ1075			A643
J94			K107652
		J976542	
		A1092	
		J	
		8	
W	N	E	S
P	1N	P	4D
DbI	P	5D	5H
P	P	DbI	P
P	P		

South's 4D showed spades. West doubled for a lead and we were surprised when North passed. We diagnosed that he was lying in wait, perhaps to get doubled in 5S over a possible 5D. In fact he had forgotten that 4D showed spades rather than hearts.

While East was considering his eventual 5D bid, North told him that he had given a mistaken explanation of hearts and that he now thought that 4D showed spades. When East bid 5D, South rather pointlessly showed his second suit.

North then thought again and concluded that 4D must have shown hearts after all.

East gave them another chance by doubling 5H but no-one shifted into spades and it cost 2000 for 7 down.

At the other table they made 5S and it was a swing of 21 IMPs!

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### **DEFENCE: THIRD HAND PLAY**

by **LARRY COHEN**

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In this instructional article on defense, our partner will be leading to the trick (either the opening lead at trick one, or any trick later in the hand).

It won't matter if it is a suit contract or notrump.

The old saying for defense is: "Second Hand Low, Third Hand High." In general, when playing third to the trick (on defense) play high. That covers more than half the battle, but unfortunately, there are exceptions and special situations. In this brief summary, I think it will be helpful to break it down into 4 situations as follows:

1) Dummy has low cards and partner has led a low card.

Or, put another way, you have a card higher than all the cards you've seen so far (your cards are all higher than dummy's cards and higher than the one partner led). In this case, play third hand high: For example:

Partner leads the S 3 and dummy has S 1042. Dummy plays low and you hold any of the following:

- A) S AJ7 PLAY THE ACE
- B) S K85 PLAY THE KING
- C) S AQ PLAY THE ACE
- D) S J765 PLAY THE JACK

If partner leads an honor, like a jack or queen, and dummy plays low, and you have the ACE, you will typically win it. For example:

- E) Partner leads the S Q and dummy has S 874 and plays low. Win your S Ace if you have it.
- F) Partner leads the S J and dummy has S 976 and plays low. Win your S Ace if you have it.

Now, a slight exception to rule #1:

2) If you have touching honors/cards, play 3rd hand "high," but with the cheapest in the sequence. For example, partner leads the H 4 and dummy has H 865.

- G) H AK7 Win the king -- not the ace.
- H) H KQ10 Play the queen -- not the king.
- I) H QJ109 Play the nine -- the cheapest in the sequence.

You will note that this is the opposite of the card you would play if you yourself were to lead the suit. Why? It has to do with helping your partner. It is a long answer, but trust me -- play the cheapest -- your partner will appreciate it.

If you are my partner, and you put up the king as 3rd hand, I will "know" you don't have the queen--and that will help me out.

3) If dummy has the king, queen or jack -- and you have a higher honor, usually, you will withhold your honor and try to insert a "medium" or "in-between" card (hopefully, you were dealt one). For example:

- J) Partner leads the D 4 and dummy has D Q87 and plays low. You should insert the Jack from D KJ3 or D AJ3.
- K) Partner leads the D 2 and dummy has D K105. You should play the D9 from AJ9x.

4) What if you don't have a card that might win the trick?

If 3rd hand can't beat dummy (let's say dummy's Ace wins the trick, or the opening leader leads a high honor), a signal should be given. If you can't win the trick, the size of the small spot card you play is meaningful. Though some players at certain times might signal count or suit-preference, the most important signal is ATTITUDE by far.

Here is a summary of how to signal attitude if you can't win the trick (and partner has led to the trick):

### **Attitude Signal**

This is by far the most important signal. It is used in two very important situations.

One is when you discard, but that isn't the subject of this article. The other is when partner leads to the trick--so you are playing third to the trick. That is the subject of this article. If partner or dummy is winning the trick, tell partner your attitude.

Play a high spot card if you like it, low if you don't. For example, partner leads a spade and dummy's ace takes the trick. Play the S 8 if you have

S KQ82. Play the S 3 if you have S 843. \*(Note -- see alternative methods in the footnote at the end).

Do not make attitude signals with cards above the 10. Don't signal with what potentially could be a trick. Of course, you won't always be dealt the right card to signal with.

\*Note: There are many possible variations to what is shown here. There are many methods I like (such as upside-down). This is just intended as a mainstream summary.

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Two fun hands that came up at the bridge clubs in Poland where we played.

Q10x  
AJx  
KQxxxx  
x

xx  
1098xxx  
xx  
Kxx

Axx  
KQxx  
xx  
Qxxx

KJ9xx  
---  
AJx  
Axxxx

S W N E  
1S P 2D P  
3D P 4N P  
5N\* P 6S P  
P P

South (opener) raised Diamonds on her rebid versus mentioning Clubs and thereby getting to the 3 level without even agreeing on a trump suit. North's hand improved after this raise and asked Blackwood (playing Key Card Blackwood).

South's response of 5NT showed two key cards (an ace or king of trump with diamonds being trumps)

North had every intention of going back to Spades and now knew that South's void was most likely to be in Hearts as if it was in Clubs, then the opponents had a 12 card fit in clubs??

Anyway, it was a bit of "on a wing and a prayer" but North now bid 6S hoping that S had quality in the S suit.

6D is actually a safer contract in case there was a Diamond ruff at trick one. But as the cards lay, it was a happy contract!

**And one more!**

	KQJ10xx		
	---		
	Qxxxx		
	xx		
xxx		Ax	
AQxxxxx		Kxxxx	
---		xxx	
10xx		QJx	
	9x		
	x		
	AKJxx		
	AKxxx		
N	E	S	W
2S	P	3D	4H
5D	5H	P	P
6D	P	P	P
			Opening lead: H Ace

What a fun hand this was! It was easy for NS to make 6D. EW would have been better off to bid 6H and to be down 2 in that contract versus allowing Alex and I to play in 6D...But hindsight is always 20-20!

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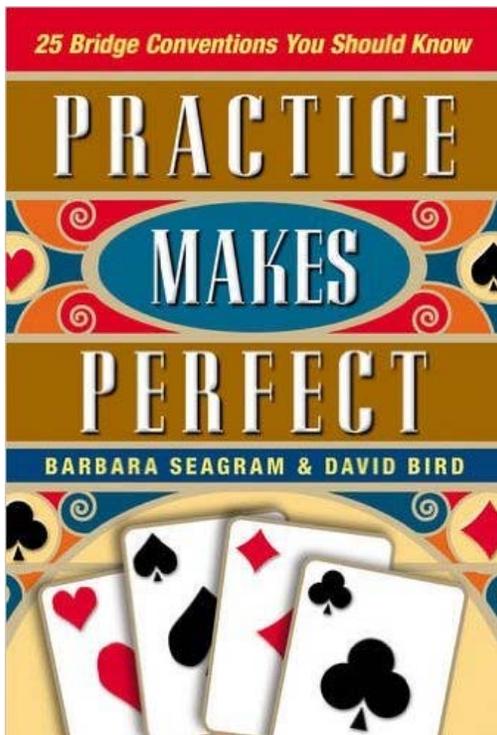
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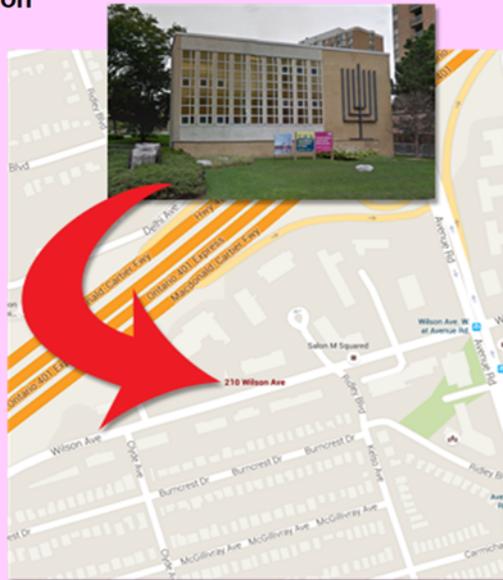
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## DEFENSIVE BIDDING AGAINST NO TRUMPS

Notes from a Club Player: DAR WEBB from St Petersburg Bridge Club

Wikipedia lists more than 65 different systems of defense against a no-trump bid. If you are an average club player (as am I), this is about 64 more systems than you need.

You'll find lots of lively debate in your bridge club about what the best system of defense is. Expert players use more than one system, tailoring their choice to position at the table (different systems in the direct and balancing seat) and to the point range that the opening 1NT bidder has shown (different systems for a weak no trump and a strong no trump) and to adjust for vulnerability, method of scoring, and aggressiveness of opponents.

For the typical club player, however, it's best to settle on one system that you and your partner can agree on and that you can use in all situations.

The two systems that seem to be most in favor these days are DONT (Disturb Opponents' No Trump) and Cappelletti. Both are great systems. DONT is very simple to learn and remember. Cappelletti is a bit more complicated, but it's also more flexible and can be used in most positions and against a wide range of no-trump bids.

At our club, many players favor a third alternative, Meckwell. Designed by world champions Jeff Meckstroth and Eric Rodwell, Meckwell is as easy to use as DONT and offers an advantage that other common systems don't have. Meckwell allows you to bid hearts or spades naturally to show a six-card suit. Being able to bid your long major suit naturally allows you to compete without getting in over your head.

Playing Meckwell, you have six choices for interfering with an opening one-no-trump bid:

1. DOUBLE promises a long minor suit (at least six cards) or both majors (usually five cards in each major suit).
2. 2C tells partner you have clubs and a major suit (at least four cards in one suit and 5 in the other suit).
3. 2D tells partner you have diamonds and a major suit (at least four cards in one suit and 5 in the other suit).
4. 2H is a natural bid, promising at least a six-card heart suit.
5. 2S is a natural bid, promising at least a six-card spade suit.
6. 2NT promises both minors (usually five cards in each minor), or a big hand.

Following your Double of one no trump (choice #1), your partner must bid two clubs (with a self-sustaining 6+ card suit, partner may alternatively bid his own suit). If clubs is your long minor suit, you will almost always pass. If your suit was diamonds, you will correct to diamonds and your partner will pass. If you have both majors, you will bid hearts and your partner will pass or correct to spades.

Following your 2C or 2D bid (choices #2 and #3), your partner can either pass, and let you play in the minor suit, or bid hearts. If hearts was your major suit, you will pass. Otherwise, correct to spades.

Following your natural 2H or 2S bid (choices #4 and #5), your partner can pass or, with support, compete.

Following your 2NT bid showing both minors or a big hand (choice #6), your partner should choose a minor and bid it. This is to play. If your 2NT bid was intended to show a big hand, simply bid your hand naturally and trust your partner to understand that you are strong.

Meckwell caught on quickly at the St. Petersburg Bridge Club, where I play. There are many bridge players in the area and two of them happen to be Jeff Meckstroth and Eric Rodwell. We are very fortunate to have them play occasionally at our club and share their bridge know-how with us. If Meckwell works for these guys, it will work for you!

Last year, our club published two Quick Reference Decks of index cards each illustrating key bridge concepts. One deck dealt with Basic Bridge and one with Intermediate Bridge. Below is the card from the intermediate deck that compares the two top systems of defense against no trump with Meckwell.

### CAPPELETTI, DONT & MECKWELL

*These three systems are in common use to interfere with your opponent's one no-trump bid.*

Bid	Cappelletti	DONT (Disturb Opponent's No Trump)	Meckwell
X	penalty or equal hand	one-suiter, usually 6+ cards ①	long minor or both majors (5/4+)
2♣	one-suiter ①	clubs + 2nd suit, 5/4 or better ③	clubs + major, 5/4 or better ③
2♦	both majors	diamonds + major, 5/4 or better ③	diamonds + major, 5/4 or better ③
2♥	hearts + minor ②	both majors, 5/4 or better	natural hearts, usually 6 cards
2♠	spades + minor ②	weak 6+ spades	natural spades, usually 6 cards
2NT	both minors, 5/5	both minors, 5/5, or big hand	both minors, 5/5, or big hand

① To find out what your partner's unbid suit is, bid one suit higher than your partner's bid.

② To find out what your partner's other suit is, bid 2NT.

③ To find out what your partner's other suit is, bid the next higher suit.

④ To get clarification of overcaller's bid, bid 2♣.

If making a two-suit bid, it's best if the longer suit is the lower-ranking suit. Also, establish partnership agreement in advance on length of suits required for bids showing more than one suit and whether to use these bids in balancing seat or in both direct and balancing seats.

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*Intermediate Bridge 3*

Meckwell is easy to add to your game. But even the best system of defense against no trump won't do you any good when you shouldn't have been bidding at all. Deciding whether to interfere or not is complicated and highly situational. Bear in mind that you are probably aiming for a part score or an acceptable sacrifice. Don't even think of interfering with a balanced hand. You need some shape if you're going to have any chance at all.

What is your vulnerability? If you are vulnerable, you're exposed to some real risk when you bid against a strong no trump opener. Down one, doubled and vulnerable, will result in a nasty -200 and down two doubled and vulnerable is an ugly -500.

What scoring system are you using? If you're playing for matchpoints, going down 500 points might be okay when the opponents have a guaranteed vulnerable game worth 600 points. If you're playing at IMPs, though, going down 500 could really hurt.

Are you in the balancing seat or the pass-out seat? You're much better off if the strong hand is on your right instead of your left. And if the partner of the no-trump opener has passed, your opponents might not be able to make the contract. At IMPs, you're probably better off defending. At matchpoints, you might want to grab a makeable part score.

Get The Quick Reference Decks by contacting Charlie Gill, Manager of the very excellent St Petersburg Bridge Club [cfgill@verizon.net](mailto:cfgill@verizon.net)

or by contacting [www.baronbarclay.com](http://www.baronbarclay.com)

About Dar Webb, aka The Club Player

I am an enthusiastic newcomer to the modern game of bridge. When I started playing several years ago, I realized I would have to learn the game I had loved as a teenager in the sixties all over again.

I started keeping index cards about every key concept. These cards have grown into the Quick Reference Deck series, published by my St. Petersburg Bridge Club. Each deck contains about 30 4" x 6" cards, loosely bound with a supplied ring binder. You can write on the cards, go over them with your partners, and rearrange them any way that works. There are now three Quick Reference Decks, Basic Bridge, Intermediate Bridge, and Doubles and Redoubles. We are working on a deck dealing with two over one and other game force bids (due September 2016).



The St. Petersburg Bridge Club is a member-owned club, one of the largest in Florida. It has wonderful committed and involved members. The Quick Reference Decks are the product of club members. We all weigh in on ideas and debate the fine points of each concept. Our goal is to bring you working tools that are easy to use, that have been tested in club play, and that will help you improve your game and your partnership agreements.

All profits of sales of these decks go to St Petersburg Bridge Club.

<http://www.bridgewebs.com/stpetersburg/>

*Ed note: Barbara & Alex are members of this bridge club and recommend it to any of you travelling to that area of Florida.*

*We also recommend that you play MECKWELL, which is what we play.*

**BRIDGE LESSON WITH PATTI LEE**

**in SYRACUSE**

**(Another Fund Raiser for our Schools in Cambodia)**

**Monday, August 1, 2016, 10:00am - 1:00pm**

**Holiday Inn - Syracuse / Liverpool**

**441 Electronics Parkway Liverpool, NY**

**Syracuse Regional begins at 2:30pm on August 1st at this location**

**Details of the tournament are at [www.district4.info](http://www.district4.info)**

**Topic: RULES!! RULES!! RULES!!**

**The rules or guidelines will be quick and easy ways to decide how to defend or play a hand and also when to open and when to pass. We will include the following RULES:**

- \* Rule of 7 - Guideline for Declarer (in NT only)**
- \* Rule of 11 - Guideline for Play (as Defenders or Declarer)**
- \* Rule of 14 - Guideline for Defenders**
- \* Rule of 15 - Guideline for Opening the bidding in 4th seat**
- \* Rule of 20 - Guideline for Opening the bidding in 1st & 2nd seat**

**There will be lots of practice hands. Patti promises to make it fun and informative. Handouts will be provided. Bring your friends!**

**Registration at 9:30am.**

**Lesson: 10:00am - 1:00pm.**

**Cost is a suggested donation of \$25 (or more); please write the check to [A Mine Free World](#). A charitable donation tax receipt will be issued for the full amount.**

**Pre-Registration is requested in order to ensure there are sufficient handouts. To register for this lesson, please fill out the form below and send it with your check to:**

**Sally Hill, 1254 Old Farm Circle, Webster, NY 14580.**

**For more information, please contact Sally at (585) 872-1669 or [shill@rochester.rr.com](mailto:shill@rochester.rr.com)**

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More info under bridge lessons at [www.pattilee.ca](http://www.pattilee.ca)



## **NEW CIRCLES**

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**416-422-2591**

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**Clothing is just the beginning. We know to build strong and caring communities we must provide our clients with programs to help them integrate socially and economically into the community.**

**We offer volunteer programs, friendship circles, office and retail skills programs, and language tutoring classes. In addition, we have specialized programs for youth and seniors in the community, such as retail training for youth and the Seniors Mobile Mall.**

**Access to free, good quality clothing allows our clients to spend scarce resources on food, housing and other necessities. A family of four using our clothing service can save up to \$5,000 annually. (The families shop free of charge.)**

**New Circles Community Services was founded by Cindy Blakely, a former social worker with the Toronto District School Board who saw first-hand the importance of meeting basic needs, such as proper clothing, so that young people could concentrate on their education.**

## HOW YOU CAN HELP RIGHT NOW



New Circles is currently having a drive for clothing for kids going back to school in the fall.

Kids between ages 14-18.

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Please drop off gently worn teen clothing and shoes (for age 14-18) in good condition by August 22, 2016.

If drop off to above location is too difficult, Barbara will leave some clear plastic bins in her garage from July 7- August 22. Please feel free to leave clothing or shoes there (please make sure this is good quality). The garage is **always** unlocked. Just turn handle on garage and jiggle a bit. Turn and lift at same time. 220 Lawrence Ave East, between Bayview and Mt Pleasant on north side.

Other ways you can get involved:

Donate funds to purchase new socks, underwear and toiletries

Donate new backpacks and school supplies

<http://newcircles.ca/get-involved/events/back-school>

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**We are emailable at all times.**

**Please let us know if you have any questions or wish to register for anything.**

**Hope you are enjoying the wonderful summer weather!**

**HOPE TO SEE YOU SOON!**

**Barbara & Alex**

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