



Barbara Seagram hails from Barbados, West Indies. She was educated in Barbados and then graduated from the University of New Brunswick with her Bachelor of Nursing degree. Barbara used to teach nursing and now teaches bridge in Toronto, Canada, with her husband, Alex Kornel.

Barbara started working for the Kate Buckman Bridge Studio in 1975, doing administration and marketing. In 1990, she and her husband, Alex Kornel, bought the club which subsequently, under their ownership, became the largest bridge club in Canada and the fourth largest on the continent. In 2006, it was named by ACBL as the top Bridge Club in North America. The club ran every single possible event and held many charity events. They sold the club in 2006.

Barbara now owns and runs a School of Bridge in Toronto. They teach tens of thousands of students a year at all levels. Barbara and Alex also travel all over the world teaching bridge and have now visited 161 countries.

Seagram has been the recipient of a number of awards in bridge: The Kate Buckman Award, given to the person who has contributed most to others' enjoyment of the game and the most recent being the Audrey Grant Award for teaching. She is a Gold Life Master and a frequent speaker at NABC's. She was recently named # 40 on the list of the top 52 bridge personalities that have most influenced the game.

Seagram served on the Unit 166 Board of Directors for 16 years and was also on the District 1 board and the ACBL Board of Governors for many years. She was on the ACBL Future of Bridge Committee from 1996-1998. She was a cofounder (one of two) of the Zero Tolerance program.

Barbara is the co-author of 24 published bridge books; the most well-known being "25 Bridge Conventions You Should Know" which won Book of the Year award from A.B.T.A. (American Bridge Teachers' Association). This is now in its 14th printing and has been translated into French, German, Japanese and Danish.