

Accomplishing my goal of becoming a LM was a significant achievement for me. My story:

At the age of 80, I fully retired from a number of professional activities that kept me fully occupied. For 25 years I was a district and appellate judge. During this period and thereafter I was an Adjunct Law professor at Tulane law school for 30 years, Harvard Law school for 32 years and 10 years at the University of New Orleans. During retirement I was also a legal mediator for 12 years.

It became apparent, after retirement that I had to discover some other interest or I would become physically and mentally debilitated. In September of 2016 a friend suggested that I learn bridge. I was reluctant because I, not only did I not play card games, I had never played bridge before. Convinced that I should try it, I attended a beginner bridge class at the Louisiana Bridge club in Metairie, Louisiana. From the start it appealed to me, the logic, the memory requirement and the interest in learning something new. Not to mention the social aspect of the game. I played regularly, attended some group classes and started to play in beginners tournaments. When COVID started, all that ended, but I continued to play online. After COVID, I was I played in regional and sectional tournaments. Three days after my 87th birthday, I achieved the rank of Life Master. I now need only 25 master points to become a Bronze Life Master.

If my health continues, it is my intention to continue to play as long as possible.