

## MEET LOIS JAMESON



I am originally from the Cincinnati area. That sounds much more cosmopolitan than saying I am from a small town in Kentucky just across the river from Cincinnati.

I graduated from Thomas More University with a degree in accounting. This is back in the era when there only two females majoring in accounting and the professor would have been happier had there been none. My taking an elective art course provoked the professor to inquire during class if I was going to take pretty pictures of the balance sheet. Imagine that today.

While I loved accounting and economics, my first love was being a cheerleader for the basketball team. That and tap dancing. I took up tap dancing again in my fifties – I was a member of the “Hot Flash” dance group here in Tucson.

My career at the Internal Revenue Service was short lived. I married and wow – five children before I knew it. Busy mom – but lucky mom. Also lucky to have a wonderful mother-in-law who played bridge. If she was missing a fourth, I filled in.

It wasn't long before I was always the fourth – then bridge marathons through church groups and a smattering of bridge lessons. Eventually, after a chance game at a duplicate club in a neighboring city, I was hooked. I never heard the work “alert” in a bridge context until that bridge game. To me “alert” meant we needed to get out of the building. Seared in my mind was the recent Beverly Hills Night Club fire in our city – 360 people died in that blaze because the exit doors were locked. When I stood to leave, everyone else remained seated... and looked at me.

IBM brought my husband and me to Tucson. As the children grew older, bridge occupied a larger portion of my life. I love bridge, love the Adobe Bridge Club and I have been a board member several times. How about a big “shout out” to our current board members who scurried about to get Adobe connected with the Duncan Barrington group!

Covid-19 has changed all our lives in ways we could never have imagined. We have lost friends, heard of many others' suffering and are doing our best to stay safe, healthy and mentally sound. Having BBO surely helps keep our bridge addiction in check and brain cells working. Having an “Adobe Family” is a real plus. Thanks to all of you who have enriched my life.