



Sandra Gaskill

I was born in Cohoes, NY and at the age of 1, my parents moved to West Virginia where my father was a research chemist with Union Carbide. His big accomplishment was discovering polyethylene. I think of him every time I bag my produce. My parents played social bridge and my father played duplicate also. I didn't play bridge until I started college and a game was always going on there at the sorority house.

When I graduated from the U. of Pittsburgh with a BS In Nursing, I was married and moved to Rome, NY with my fighter pilot husband. Since then, I have lived in Maine, Alabama, New Jersey, Texas, Iceland, and Virginia. Along the way I had 4 daughters and played social bridge at the Officers' Club. I planned to postpone starting my nursing career until my girls all started school, but I had an opportunity to work for the Girl Scouts in Williamsburg, VA and take my girls with me. My husband was in Thailand at the time. The girls were too young to be scouts so they stayed with me in the lodge. They had a great time.

We moved to Arizona in 1973 and I attended the U of A where I got my Masters in Psychiatric Nursing with a minor in Psychology. I worked in hospitals, taught at the University of Phoenix, and U of A, managed a Home Health Agency, was a Director of Nursing, and owned an Assisted Living Home specializing in patients with Dementia. It was a great career.

Luckily, I met Martie Mecum and she invited us to her home for monthly duplicate parties. She taught us how to score, use bidding boxes, etc. and I loved it. Eventually she invited me to play with her

at Adobe. We were both working so we played on Saturdays. I will be forever grateful for this experience.

Besides bridge I enjoy trading in the stock market, gardening, volunteering on the board of our HOA, and visits with family in Arizona and Colorado. I am looking forward to bridge in person again but have enjoyed the online play as well. I appreciate all the partners I have had and friends I have made through bridge.