

## Meet Lanie Constable



I was born and spent the first 50 years of my life in the tri-state area (NY/NJ/CT). I started college and then took a 14-year leave of absence. During that time, I travelled and met my husband at work.

When I got pregnant, we moved into our first home in Stamford, CT. Our neighbors informed us we could not live next door to them unless we played bridge! So, they proceeded to teach us (I am forever grateful).

After returning to college and getting my business degree and masters, I started working for the Port Authority of NY & NJ and was working in the World Trade Center in 1993 when the bomb went off. My team and I spent the next few months removing the tenants and preparing the building for tenants to return. With my help, my employees developed the first security system (using the new network technology) at the Trade Center.

My husband always wanted to live in Arizona since receiving Arizona Highways when he worked for the British Merchant Marines. When the Port Authority offered an early retirement

package, I took it and we were off to Tucson (unfortunately, we couldn't convince our son to come with us). We both continued to work and I was getting ready for work on Sept 11<sup>th</sup>, 2001 when I watched the 2<sup>nd</sup> plane hit the North Tower. Sadly, I lost many friends that day.

I had continued to play bridge about once a week while working in NY and played online with my east coast partners after I moved here in 1998 (and still do!). I decided not to start playing in the clubs until I retired early (for the 2<sup>nd</sup> time) in 2008.

Bridge has helped me through difficult times (and it still does). I love playing and I love the friends I've made in the clubs. I look forward to resuming travelling the world and to seeing everyone again when we return.

Stay safe everyone!

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