



Meet Jyoti Boppa

The best description of Jyoti Boppa is that she loves to learn and take on new challenges. Whether it means traveling to Mexico to work on her Spanish, or carefully analyzing her score sheets from playing duplicate, Jyoti is an ardent student of anything she undertakes.

Born in Hyderabad, India, Jyoti graduated from the University of Delhi with a degree in mathematics. This was followed by a masters in Computer Science from IIT Delhi. When she moved to Ann Arbor, Michigan in 1981 she added yet another degree in computer and control engineering. For the next 40 years she worked in telecommunications in various capacities. It was during the telecom boom in 1990 that she moved to Plano.

After retiring in 2019 Jyoti decided to start learning bridge to keep her mind active. She attended classes at both the Plano recreation center and community college. One of her teachers encouraged her to start playing party bridge. For those of us who met her the first time she walked into the Plano Senior Center, it was quickly obvious she was serious about the game and eager to learn as much as possible as quickly as possible.

When the late Neal Burt offered instruction in 2 over 1, Jyoti was front and center ready to learn more bridge strategies. It was Neal who urged her to try duplicate at the McKinney Club. Jyoti enjoyed meeting the people and seeing how much they relished the game. She confesses that "I had no idea how addictive the game would become."

Soon Jyoti was playing bridge 4-5 times a week. Jyoti tackled the game as she had other areas of her studies. After every game she would study the hands, even loading them into Bridge Base to replay them and focus on how to improve. She states that she actually prefers playing defense over offense. With that mindset, her Swiss team won first place on two different days at the Dallas Labor Day Regional. She has quickly become a sectional master in less than two years and says her favorite thing is to play with bridge pros and learn as much as possible from them.

Jyoti still resides in Plano. She has been married to her husband Jay for 40 years, and they have 2 daughters. They enjoy being out in nature and are avid hikers. She and Jay have hiked on several continents and their favorite treks have occurred in the Himalayas.

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