



LESLIE PARROTT

Leslie grew up in Knoxville Tennessee where her parents and brother live today. Her mother was an elementary school principal and her father a United Methodist clergyman. She and her brother learned “kitchen table bridge” from her maternal grandfather, a very good player. Her mother also played bridge and after her retirement, began playing duplicate. She is now a Life Master.

Leslie attended the University of Tennessee in Knoxville and graduated with a degree in Liberal Arts, focusing on Microbiology. Her next step was to move to New Orleans and receive her MD from Tulane University School of Medicine in 1989.

She did her residence training in Pediatrics in Chicago , then worked as a Pediatrician in a private practice setting in the suburbs of Chicago. After 11 years, she retired.

A new phase of her life began when she moved to the California Central Coast area for its beautiful weather and more relaxed life style. She married and bought a home in Santa Maria where she currently lives.

Over the years, her mother had been encouraging her to try duplicate bridge and finally in January 2013 she went to her first game. Since then, she has played all over the Central Coast with her regular partner, Cathy Johnson, and plays daily with her mother on Bridge Base Online. They play about 12 hands a day as her mother mentors her on the phone.

Another love of Leslie’s is the piano. She recently began playing again after giving it up as an act of teenage rebellion. She has a grand piano and is taking lessons and practicing daily. She also has a fledgling YouTube channel called “Leslie’s Piano” where she has a few recordings of her music.

Her goals for the future include playing bridge 2-3 times a week and eventually achieving Life Master like her mother. She also wants to become fluent in Spanish and continue playing the piano and developing her YouTube channel.

