

Cards in Hand, Confidence in Play: Honoring our Dedicated Learners

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On Monday, July 28, 2025, a special ceremony will take place at the Community Bridge Home beginning at 6 PM to celebrate a milestone in learning and leadership. Seventeen new players, each demonstrating a strong commitment to mastering the game, will be honored with Certificates of Completion. These certificates bear the signature of Gloria Christler, President of the American Bridge Association, to acknowledge their achievement.

This proud moment is made possible by two extraordinary instructors: Lynda Straker, Vice President of the Eastern Section, and Annetta Wallace, certified director and teacher. Both envisioned bringing the joy of bridge to those whose schedules didn't allow for daytime play—and they delivered.

Annetta has led ongoing Wednesday evening classes at the Community Bridge Home for over a year and a half, along with Thursday sessions for more experienced players. Meanwhile, Lynda began Sunday afternoon beginner classes at the Lutheran Church of the Epiphany this past spring. To deepen her students' experience, she also hosted sanctioned games at her home on Tuesday evenings.

Now, as the fruits of their dedication come to light, the community is invited to gather in celebration. Come enjoy good company, refreshments, and a night of play—festivities begin at 6 PM, and the game kicks off at 7 PM with a \$6 playing fee.