



Ted Szatrowski grew up in New England and graduated from high school there. He enrolled at the University of Wisconsin, got his Electrical Engineering degree and had a 2-year naval stint thrown in during World War II. After Wisconsin, he attended the University of California, Berkeley, and received a Masters Degree in Business Administration.

He entered what he calls “the real working world” in a position with General Electric Co. in their Radar Division where he was immediately sent to Tokyo Japan for 4 years.

After his return to the States, he transferred to GE’s Computer Department and worked on a project to automate the check processing function for Bank of America. He received a promotion to Marketing and Sales and sold computers to banks. This, in turn, led to an opportunity to join one of these banks to run their Operations Department. Later the entrepreneur spirit called and Ted and his partner formed a computer company. They designed specialized software for the banking industry and installed it into their own assembled computer systems. Ted also founded and was Chairman of a commercial bank in the Puget Sound area.

When he finally retired, Ted took up golf and pickleball for physical exercise and bridge to “stimulate the brain cells!” During that time Lifetime Learning Center was at its Sand Point location and it was there that Ted took a number of classes from Bob Gerth, the bridge instructor. After Bob passed away several years ago, the Center was without a bridge instructor for a while and it was at that time that Ted stepped in and volunteered to carry on Bob’s work.

Ted's popular bridge class has now been divided into two classes, one for intermediate players and the other for those who may or may not have played bridge before but would like to learn. In both classes, the approach is to play bridge for fun and to downplay the competitive aspects. The class description emphasizes having a good time, making new friends and improving your memory.