

Extracurricular Activities

Volunteer Work

Threshold Services, Montgomery County

- 1) Mentored an adult having psychiatric problems and a severe illegal drug problem.
- 2) Co-led an “Independence Group” aimed at motivating and supporting capable individuals to leave Threshold Services’s community to join the community at large working and living independently. We succeeded in getting 1 woman into part-time employment as a first step and 3 men out entirely.
- 3) Provided deserts for 20 people for 2 Christmas dinners.
- 4) Earhart Seminar Training
 - Logistics – helped set up seminar rooms
 - Hunger Project – campus organizer, raised money against world hunger

Church

Unitarian Universalist Church of Rockville

- 1) Secretary of the Adult Religious Education Committee which provided education programs to adults about religious, family, psychological, and other topics.
- 2) Editor of the newspaper.

St. Francis de Sales Church in Lenni, PA

CCD school – age 11 & 12, 1973, 1974

Choir – age 30, 1992

Writing

Creative Writing

1) *Life Incorporated*, a screenplay about a biotechnology company and the creatures they create and the legal conundrum that creates. The screenplay has won Honorable Mention in one small national contest and placed in the top 10% of a huge one and the top 25% of another huge one. It is running again in several contests this year under this new title (the old one was Liphe Inc.).

2) *The Downside of Success*, a novella about a child prodigy who makes millions for his family in his youth only to find himself disowned and victimized in his early adulthood by those who would profit at his expense.

3) Several short stories.

Master of Business Administration Papers

1) Six Sigma

2) National Health Care Initiatives

3) SDLC Specifications for AutoSparks Inventory Management

4) Debunking the Economic Order Quantity Concept for automated purchasing

5) XEROX paper

6) Home Depot executive summary

7) The Artist and the Marketing of Creativity

8) Corporate Child Care

9) Stressed-Out Script for Management Class skit

10) Overview of Financial Statements Using the Dupont Analysis Approach

11) Special Written Assignment on Management

12) many journal article summaries and critiques

Family History

- 1) Writing a tribute to my father, though my feelings towards him are more ambivalent than the tribute suggests.
- 2) Editing and formatting my Aunt Olive's Memiors.
- 3) At the urging of some family members, writing the first part of a life story, the second part to follow some time later.

Inventions

Hill-Climbing Ratchet Wheel-Chair Wheels

This idea is open for anyone's use. I am presently trying to give it away to any wheel-chair manufacturer who will manufacturer it as part of their manual wheel-chairs. I have tried one local company and will try two other that I know about. The invention would increase the mobility of users.

Balanced Cookware

Formerly titled "Balanced Pots and Pans", this invention is patented but the patent period and protection has run out without it being picked up by a manufacturer. It always seemed like the goofiest one of my inventions. Anyone wishing to do anything with this idea can look it up on the Patent Office website and pursue marketing it.

An Energy-Saving Roofing Improvement

This I cannot divulge because it is still being developed and may yet be marketable.

Energy-Saving Window Blinds

I came up with this idea at the same time as those above, back in 1986. The idea is to have the slats colored or painted black on one side and white or silvered on the other. During cold times, one turns the black side outward, thus capturing the sun's heat and, during warm times, one turns the white or silvered side outward, thus reflecting the sunlight and keeping the rooms cooler and saving on air-conditioning.

While I never patented this "blinds" nor had any part in its production, apparently others had the same idea because these became available recently at Blinds To Go, where I purchased some and had them installed in my home. I recommend them to those who would like to save some money on their energy bills.

School Age Activities

Sports

Boys Club Basketball, age 11 - Center

Little League Baseball -

- Tigers, age 11– Pitcher, Catcher, Shortstop – pitched 2 shutouts
- Falcons, age 12 – 1st baseman – batted over .400 in second ½ of season - won the championship

Track and Field – 8th grade – fastest in the grade

- 50 yd. dash
- 440 relay, anchor leg
- Long jump

Football – 9th grade

- Cornerback – caught 2 interceptions – one of 2 fastest on the team

Clubs

Popcorn Man – kindergarten

Tin Man of the Wizard of Oz in the Media, PA Halloween parade, 5th grade

Cub Scouts – 6th grade, camped out, made my own Pinewood Derby car

Spelling Bee – 6th grade, placed 2nd

Webelos – 7th grade, learned CPR

Newspaper – 7th and 8th grade – Chief Student Editor

Chess Club – 9th grade – School Champion

Junior Achievement – 10th grade – Vice President of Sales

Archmere Academy Choir – 12th grade

Literary Magazine – 12th grade – contributed a poem, which they published

Other Employment

Odd Jobs

Painting the windows and shutters of Aunt Flo and Uncle Jack's house - 1977

Staining the front of our house on Olde House Lane – 1981

Putting the stones from the front of that house to the back per Helene – 1970

Short-term contracts and jobs

Scott Paper – 1991-2

Principal Health Care – mv programming and consulting - 1994-5

Youth Conservation Corps – 1977

BP Oil – Auditor of Union Labor – 1980

Delivering flowers over Christmas – 1984

Selling chocolate at Lindt Chocolates – 2006-7

Sound measuring w/ Rich Peppin – 2006-7

Physical inventory at TeleFlex w/ Robert Half temps – 2005

Tearing out walls of a school – 1983
Working at a school – 1983
Backing up computer files for Jon Olson - 1989

Jobs which didn't work out

Penn Supreme – 1977
Company in Wayne, PA, running MDS on Ultimate – mv programming - 1989
Stripping and painting bleachers at a golf course – 1981
American Nurses Association – mv programming - 1994
House cleaning with Joe Bonsera – 1984
Accepting and packing recycled cans – 1992
A/P data entry w/ Clark Construction through Robert Half temps - 2006
Selling books in Arkansas – 1983
Dbase job w/ Allen Alexander – 1989
Spreadsheet job w/ friend of Chris Ramsey - 1989