

This monthly article highlights one of our branch members. We hope that you enjoy knowing a little more about your fellow members and the interesting life they have had. If you have someone you would like to nominate or if you would like to help author an article, please email the editor, Ron Nakamoto, at ron.nakamoto@yahoo.com.

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Did you know that I am a Numismatist (*i.e., Coin Collector*)? I started my hobby collecting at age nine with Lincoln pennies and Buffalo nickels. I continued into my teen years collecting Jefferson nickels, Roosevelt dimes, Washington quarters, and Franklin half dollars. In 1965 the federal government stopped minting silver coins and started removing all silver coins from circulation. I immediately started purchasing silver coins from coin bid boards to complete my collection of every US mint (San Francisco, Denver, Philadelphia) penny, nickel, dime, quarter, and half dollar from 1934 to 1964. I still have these and hundreds more.

I was born and raised in Kansa City, Kansas, the youngest of five children and the only boy. I grew up telling everyone I had five mothers. I learned early to say yes ma'am and yes sir which came in handy when I joined the U.S. Air Force later as an enlisted Airman. Both my parents were born and raised on farms. After marriage, my father worked for Phillips Petroleum, and my mother managed the kids and home. My neighborhood was filled with mostly boys, so we were always outside playing whatever sport was in season. I spent many a cold winter day indoors, going through rolls of pennies and nickels looking to complete my initial coin collection. Needless to say, I was the first person in my Boy Scout Troop to earn the Coin Collecting Merit Badge. I attended Wyandotte High School and lettered in football and track and also had time to play intramural basketball. As a member of the "Strip Teasers" hot rod club, I spent many weekends at our local drag strip cheering on our club's '34 Ford Roadster. I graduated from the University of Kansas with a Bachelor of Science Degree with a double major in Business Administration and Accounting in 1964. As the first in my family to graduate from college my entire family showed up to celebrate with me.

My professional work history started when I was hired into a three-year Business Management Training Program at Western Electric Company (a manufacturing subsidiary of the AT&T Bell System) in Lee's Summit, MO. The interview required a degree in Business Administration or Accounting, and I had both. This job offer was important to me as it was only thirty miles from our family home. However, in 1966 I was classified 1A by the local draft board, but my Western Electric work sponsor convinced

me to join the Air Force Reserve for a six-month active duty and a five-year reserve commitment. I enlisted in the Air Force and was later trained as an E-8 (master sergeant in charge), Management Analysis Technician. My job was to track and report Pilot Flight Hours, plus compute Base Civilian Payroll. It was with payroll computation where I discovered computers. I found using the base computer to calculate and print weekly payroll details took minutes vs. hours of manual computations and once the program was verified it would always be correct. I was good at it and after returning to Western Electric, I requested a transfer to Computer Programming, where I spent several years converting manual manufacturing and accounting functions to computerized programs. Another huge time and money saving program revision was the purchase and inventory system conversion to an on-line entry and update system (a pioneering program advancement at the time). In 1976 I was 1 of 7 Western Electric programmers across the US chosen as one of the first Information Technology Auditors, reporting to AT&T Corporate. The select team was chosen to verify efficient and standardized computer system operations across the United States and my territory was the midwestern states. Our team's audits and advice resulted in standardized system operations across all AT&T Information Technology Operations.

I proved very good at this new auditing field, and was promoted and transferred to Sunnyvale, CA to head the Auditing Departments in the AT&T Western Region to include the Mountain Region in Denver, CO. This promotion allowed me the required free time to start managing and coaching my son's Little League (LL) Baseball team. My very first LL baseball player drafted was Jason Davis (son of Sir Jim Davis, my golfing partner). I coached LL for 8 years, and the Davis's and other team parents have remained lifelong friends. After eight years, my AT&T job was interrupted by the US Government's breakup of AT&T Bell System into seven separate Regional Holding Companies in 1984. Consolidation of regional workloads caused the eventual closure of the Sunnyvale Western Region in 1989. I chose to take a service pension with life-time health benefits rather than relocate my family to the Denver, CO Mountain Region. With large, multi-site computer operations experience it was not long before I was hired as a Senior Information Auditor for Lockheed Corporation in Sunnyvale, CA. My specialty at Lockheed was Data Center Security which involved regular travel to over 30 LM locations in various states and Canada. With my Top-Secret clearance, I had access to many highly classified programs. This second career was pretty interesting with one of my most memorable assignments involving an audit at the Naval Strategic Weapons Facility in Bangor, WA. The NSWF facility was a nuclear submarine refitting base where I got to physically fondle a nuclear missile.

I was the first Sunnyvale Lockheed Corporation Information Technology Auditor to pass the CISA exam in August 1989. (*Editor's note: Certified Information Systems Auditor refers to a designation issued by the Information Systems Audit and Control Association.*) The designation is the global standard for professionals who have a career in information systems, in particular, auditing, control, and security. To receive a Certified Information Systems Auditor certification, candidates must pass a comprehensive exam and satisfy industry work experience requirements. I was also a

founding member of the Silicon Valley (SV) ISACA Chapter established in January 2000. The SV Chapter is today one of the largest ISACA Chapters in the world.

I retired from Lockheed Martin when I was eligible to collect Social Security. Along with my other two pensions and medical benefits I was comfortably set. Four of my regular poker buddies regularly talked about the fun they enjoyed with SIRs which piqued my interest after retirement. I was soon recruited by Roger Piazzzi into SIR Branch 35 and can say that I thoroughly enjoy the branch functions and its members.



I met my wife Carolyn at Western Electric in Lee's Summit, MO where I first noticed her as the cute blond in the mini dress working in the Engineering Department. Our first date was a movie (can't remember the title), but I was hooked. We dated for nine months and decided to get married and honeymooned in Hawaii. It was another great life decision as we have been married for some 51 years. We have 3 children and 8 Grandchildren. Our oldest daughter Angela has two boys, lives in Santa Cruz, CA and works for the Scotts Valley Chamber of Conference. Our son Jason has 2 boys and 2 daughters and lives in El Dorado Hills, CA. He is a Financial

Manager for Blue Cross of CA. Jason also acts as my Financial Advisor[?]. Our youngest daughter Elizabeth has 1 boy and 1 girl and lives in Los Gatos, CA. She is a Neonatal Nurse at Valley Med Hospital in Santa Clara, CA.

It was not long after I joined SIR that I was recruited to be the new Luncheon Host. The job was described as a simple task to telephone in the member attendance count for lunch. I soon discovered that my actual duties involved accurately estimating luncheon attendance from inaccurate member callings, which if just passed through could result in excess charges for the branch. Applying my computer and accounting skills, I have been able to develop and update calculations to closely predict attendance figures for each meeting month. After eleven years of service, I can proudly say that our branch has never been penalized for excess meals. As luncheon host, I typically arrive two hours early to check out all preparations to include reserving tables for VIP visitors and guests.

We had lived in our Sunnyvale home for some 34 years before deciding to move to The Villages, a retirement community in the San Jose foothills. My motivation was based on the continuous effort to keep up the general home maintenance, including the backyard swimming pool that was now seldom used. After seven years at The Villages, my wife

and I can attest to how wise a decision that was for us. The gated community affords us the security we need and the many facilities (swimming pools, a great library, golf courses, tennis courts, etc.) give us the opportunity for social interactions that we enjoy. For me, the provided exterior maintenance chores frees me up to do other things with my retirement time. We belong to several social clubs at The Villages (there are 60 to choose from) and my wife and I regularly enjoy dining at the Clubhouse, tending our large vegetable garden and enjoying the scenic rolling hills outside our windows. Our favorite travel passion is cruising, where you unpack only once. We have enjoyed over a dozen so far and still counting.

The Covid-19 virus has given me extra time to start selling my coin collection of 60+ years, as none of my kids or grandkids showed an interest in collecting. I set up an on-line EPSY selling account (*PaposCoinsHobby*) and have been slowly listing my collection of several hundreds of different coins. I have several years of US proof and uncirculated coin year sets in addition to multiple US coin collections, individual coin sets, and many Canadian Commemorative Silver Dollars for sale. My favorite coin is an 1898 Barber Silver Dollar (my father's birth year) which was passed down to me by my dad and mother. My grandfather Barnhart originally purchased the Birthday Barber Dollar when my dad was born.

I will conclude by stating that I enjoy my life, friends and am lucky to have all of my family living not far from me. I can still hit the golf ball (although I'm not always sure where it will go) and can move around with purpose as I wish. Now if I can only find someone interested in buying some of my thousands of 1980's and 1990's baseball card collection!