

In 1965, I went to University of Hawaii in Honolulu, graduated from the School of Hotel & Restaurant Management; and thus spent the first 12 years of my career in operating/opening restaurants that took me from Honolulu, to San Francisco, to Los Angeles, to Ghana, West Africa and back to US. All these ventures happened before 1980 as I decided to make a career change that year.

From 1980 on to 2009, I worked for Panasonic North America, with the first 17 years in Los Angeles, then later in 1997 transferred to New Jersey where it was headquartered. Through the years I was Vice-President in charge of various areas such as Accounting, Auditing, Logistics, and Procurement.

If there were any highlights of my career, it probably would be the Chinese Restaurant that I opened for the Ghanaian Government (joint venture with a Chinese Textile company) in Accra (capital of Ghana) in 1975 where we served such celebrities as Prince Charles of Great Britain, Shirley Temple Black (the movie star who was the US Ambassador to Ghana at that time), President Mobutu of Zaire, and other African dignitaries including a Revolutionist from South Africa.

Another highlight would be the US \$100 million that I managed to save for Panasonic during the 2000's when I was President of Panasonic Logistics Company. The savings came primarily from Transportation, Import Custom expenses and Warehouse costs.

Anyway, enough of 'blowing my own horn', I retired early 2009 and have been keeping busy by planning my week diligently between Golf, Ping-Pong, Mah-jong, Karaoke and Tennis.

I married my wife Karisa in 1973 but waited till 1988 to have our only daughter Diana-Lynne. She graduated from Columbia/Barnard College in 2010 and will be going to U of Maryland for her Law Degree later this year.

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