

A Solera Story

Meet Dan Hill, an eleven year part time Solera resident in the process of becoming full time, cardboard boxes and all.

Born in 1952 in Yakima, WA, Dan entered the US Army reserve after high school in 1971 and served for six years. Dan's drive became clear when, having applied to Tektronix in Portland, OR, and receiving no reply, he drove four hours to ask in person for a job. And here the story of an interesting and productive life really begins.

This picture is from "then" but we don't know exactly when then was.



1972 was a big year for Dan. He got a job as a production worker and he got married. Still married to Linda today but not employed cleaning circuit boards any longer. In fact, Dan parlayed his \$9400/year opportunity into his position as Senior Vice President, Worldwide Operations for Tektronix. Not bad. Had Tektronix not been sold, they might be begging him to stay on still. And his high school teacher was surely proud.

As a component of a corporate VP's responsibilities, Dan traveled extensively in Europe and Asia. He says his favorite country to visit was the Netherlands.

While the author has seen the many awards and commendations that Dan has received over the course of his professional life, there are just too many to include here.

Dan remains healthy and active. Like many of us, he's had his health scares but he does not complain. When conversing with Dan, his innate optimism comes through.

With his proven executive achievements, Dan is also proud of his hands on capabilities. His neighbors know him as the guy to call when the shower valve seizes up or the water heater needs to be flushed. His generosity in sharing his "handiness" has been noted by those who know him. He might even remember how to run a wave solder machine if any have one in their garage.

Dan now, as opposed to "then"



When asked by the interviewer what his pet peeves were, his reply was, "Folks just need to treat each other a little better". Hard to argue with that.

Dan's hobbies include food. A self confessed "Foodie", he's happy to discuss the ins and outs of pairings and which spices match which expectations. Unlike many of us who just eat, Dan eats *and* studies.

I think we're all lucky to have Dan with us full time.