

Meet John Hojaboom

Introduction by Joe Phillips

It is my pleasure to introduce our newest member, John Hojaboom. John has been nominated by his wife of nearly 50 years, Carolyn Hojaboom, and our president, Cathy Gibson. Thanks to Carolyn's active membership in our club, John is well known to many of us, so for a number of you this is not an introduction, but instead a re-introduction.

John was born in Indiana, but since his father was in the Navy, the family moved around quite a bit. The most important thing to know, however, was that his high school years were spent in Long Beach, CA and that is where he met Carolyn and they became high school sweethearts -- and they will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary this April!

After high school, John spent three years in the military, and then took advantage of the GI Bill to earn a degree in engineering technology from Cal Poly Pomona. The first decade of his professional life was working in the telecom industry, including a year in Sweden when working for Erickson. That year in Sweden was a springboard for a love of travel that he and Carolyn share as it allowed them to tour throughout Europe.

Back in the US, he continued with work in telecom, medical devices, and software, which allowed him to work on interesting projects in ultrasound, data compression, and even designing the Razr phone with Motorola. A few years ago, he left the business world behind to apply the purchasing management skills he had acquired to the non-profit sector, working for Bloodworks until he retired last year.

John and Carolyn's daughter, Kim, lives in Boise, and they have one grandson of 19 who they no doubt have spoiled terribly over the years. Outside of family, John has acquired a passion for sailing, snorkeling, fine wines, and, of course, travel. To celebrate their 50th, they are planning a cruise to Alaska.

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