

Meet Angie Holmstrom

Introduction by John Steckler

There are many great perks to getting older, besides the obvious ones like senior discount day at Fred Meyer. No, I think one of the greatest perks is getting the opportunity to meet so many different people over the years, and just when you thought you had met them all, you meet someone unlike anyone you've met before. That happened to me when I met the person standing beside me right now. Her name is Angie Holmstrom and she is joining us today under the classification of Real Estate. Let me tell you more about her.



Angie was born in Canada, so yes, she is a Canuck! Of course, sensing the change in the political winds, Angie did get her US citizenship so she is now a US citizen and no longer has a fear of walls.

She went to school at the University of Calgary graduating with a degree in business management. After graduation she immediately went to work in investment banking.

In her spare time, Angie volunteered with children with disabilities. This led her to later work in fundraising at Easter Seals, where she met a nurse who inspired her to go back to school and get her nursing degree. On her first day as a nurse, Angie's very first patient died on her. Awakened to the fragility of life and the trauma of losing a loved one, Angie decided to become a hospice nurse. Now, if any of you have ever been exposed to a Hospice nurse, you are aware that they are the closest thing to a human angel. Angie provided the guidance, support and sensitivity to help families deal with the challenge of a loved ones passing.

After 12 years of nursing, Angie decided to make another career move into Real Estate as an agent for Windermere. This way she can partner with her husband, Brett, who builds new construction homes. In fact, Angie and Brett were in the middle of remodeling their Phinney Ridge home when their neighbor peaked over the fence and struck up a conversation. It was our own fellow Rotarian David Woodward, who is single-handedly trying to repopulate The Rotary Club of Seattle. It is inevitable that if David Woodward is your neighbor.....you are going to join Rotary. So thank you David for proposing Angie and thank you Suzanne Griffin for seconding her.

What would really surprise you about Angie is the fact that she is one heck of a billiards player. In fact, she was one of the youngest players to compete in the Canadian National Billiards Championship, where her team went on to Vegas. You have heard of Minnesota Fats? Well, meet Saskatchewan Skinny. She can clear a table faster than one or two of my inappropriate jokes.

Volunteering is a big part of Angie's life. Besides a number of children's charities, Angie has been actively involved with Bicycles for Humanity, a worldwide charity started by her mother and her father. They send bicycles to Africa to improve mobility and access to medical services. As of today, they have sent over 125,000 bicycles to small provinces across Africa, primarily Uganda. I would have to say, this is one heck of a great addition to our club.

Please join me in welcoming our newest member, Angie Holmstrom, classification: Real Estate.