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- Worked at the OSU Department of Internal Medicine for 34 years.
- After my retirement, I have served as a paid and unpaid consultant for the Nisonger Center, supporting bioinformatics activities.
- Served as the co-chair of the legacy committee, the Acorn Society, at the First Unitarian Universalist Church of Columbus with over a decade of service starting in 2000.
- Served as chair of the Stewardship Committee for 5 years starting in 1990
- Served on the Board of Kaleidoscope Youth Center for 2 years starting in 2012
- Served as President of the Clinfo System Managers twice in the late 1990's and early 2000's. (This group supported the mission of the National Institutes of Health Center (NIH), National Center for Research Resources (NCRR) to provide bioinformatics services and support to federally funded biomedical researchers at NIH funded medical center General Clinical Research Centers and Centers for Translational and Clinical Research.
- President of the Open Door Kindergarten in Augusta, Georgia in the late 1970's. (The Open Door Kindergarten was the first integrated kindergarten in Augusta.)

Personal Information

- Moved to Columbus in 1981
- Purchased my home at 81 Miami Ave in October 2006. Started a full restoration in 2007. Still working on the third floor.
- Raised two daughters
- I have 2 grandsons and 1 granddaughter living in the Denver Colorado area.
- I spend my time gardening, playing bridge and reading.

Issues that are important to me as community member of this neighborhood.

- Since my home was built in 1885, I believe it is important to preserve the historical buildings located in the Near East Side.
- I am particularly concerned about the availability of affordable housing on the Near East Side. While City Council has the ultimate responsibility to pass legislation to require larger apartment projects to set aside a percentage of affordable housing, NEAC certainly can encourage developers to provide affordable housing a part of their projects.
- Generally, I am opposed to creating silos of housing for any group. Diverse and interactive neighborhoods would my preference for the Near East Side.
- The 932 Gay Street project illustrates my efforts to provide appropriate new construction on the Near East Side. This lot is on a single block of Gay Street which ends at Miami and 17th Streets. Most of the houses facing Gay St. are small brick single family homes. The project proposed and built on this lot was a three story 28-unit sided building that towers over the surrounding homes does not fit the character and size of the homes on the block. These are market-rate