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Occupation: Retired 11/97 from State of Ohio, Attorney General's Office

Horticultural Interests: Gardening, Beekeeping and Physical Fitness

Member, Horticultural Sub-Commission, City of Columbus Parks and Recreation DeOpartment - 1992 to present

Columbus Horticultural Society - Member since 1980, Lifetime member since 2007. Currently Vice President, Past President 8 years, Advisor, Trustee, have held all offices at various times over the years. Help maintain Herb Garden at Whetstone Park of Roses, and have participated in Rose Festival every year it has been held.

Master Gardener, Franklin County, 1995

Gardens at Gantz Farms, Grove City, Past President, Volunteer since 1992.

Organic Gardening Club of Central Ohio, Member since 1990, Secretary since 2000.

Involved with Inniswood Gardens Affair of the Hort - 6 years

Other Horticulture-related activities:

Volunteer, Whetstone Park of Roses, Rose Garden, 1988 to present.

Ohio Certified Beekeeper, 1990 to present.

Ohio State Beekeepers Association ~ Trustee 1994-2002, Member, 1992 to present.

Central Ohio Beekeepers Association - Member, 1990 to present, Lifetime member as of November, 2009, past Vice President, Trustee and Advisory Committees.

Kokosing Valley Beekeepers Association, Mt. Vernon, Ohio ~ Member since 1992, Secretary 1992 to 2008.

Certifications:

Certified by Arthritis Foundation, 2006 to present, to teach Exercise Programs and Aquatic Programs

Certified by Silver Sneakers Program, 2006 to present, to teach Muscle Strength and Range Of Movement classes, Cardio Circuit classes, Yoga Stretch classes, and Silver Splash Water Aerobic classes.

Volunteer at MOBILE (Mid-Ohio Board for an Independent Living Environment) providing programs and services for people with disabilities. Teach exercise programs adapted for those who are paraplegics, amputees, have MS, Parkinson's, and other disabling handicaps.

Community Gardens:

Started Community Garden, 2007, at St. Agnes Catholic Church for the benefit of 250 Headstart children, ages 3 to 5, to teach them how to plant seeds, nurture them from seedlings to mature plants, and later harvest and use the crops, including tomatoes, peas, corn, beans, potatoes, cucumbers, squash, pumpkins, herbs and a flower garden designed to attract birds and butterflies.

The Community Garden not only benefits those working in the garden but donations of produce are made to Holy Family Food Kitchen and Pantry on a regular basis during the harvest season.

Community Theatre:

Produce 3 plays a year for Act Five Players.

Member Theatre Roundtable of Central Ohio, serving on Awards Committee, Theatre Workshops Committee, Auditions Committee.