

Career Highlights:

Managerial accountant and operations manager since 1982 in various economic sectors including: nonprofits, retail, finance, and real estate. Since 1993 I have been independent serving mainly commercial investment projects and nonprofits.

Current Volunteer Commitments:

Community Legal Services in East Palo Alto: accounting manager and board development. This non-profit offers free legal help and advice in housing, anti-predatory lending, foreclosure and immigration services to San Mateo and North Santa Clara County. As of year-end 2009 I receive a small stipend for my services and received The Wiley W. Manuel Award for Pro Bono Legal Services from The State Bar of California, 2009.

Palo Altans for Government Effectiveness: Treasurer and board member. PAGE is dedicated to community building and leadership activities for Palo Alto. I chaired a three-program series for the public in 2007 on leadership development.

Trustee, Mid-Peninsula High School: board treasurer and finance committee chair. This private school allows non-conforming and underachieving students a safe environment to finish high school.

Former Volunteer Commitments:

2000-2002 President, Palo Alto Council of PTA's: ran three group meetings a month, trained 16 Unit PTA presidents in non-profit tasks, and managed a 50 member board. Held conferences, attended state conferences, worked closely with superintendent and associate superintendents. Named Sally Segal award-winner 2007.

1999-2002 Board Member, Palo Alto Foundation for Education: championed fundraising efforts for Palo Alto public schools including Little Big Game at Stanford Stadium in 2001, galas, direct appeals, etc. Crafted district wide fundraising policy working closely with all stakeholders including school district superintendents, board members, PTAs, schools, community members, teachers, educational foundations, and parents.

Event Fundraiser Adolescent Counseling Services: more than doubled event fundraising in first year holding gala style event including live and silent auctions for 300+ people. ACS is a non-profit that provides substance abuse treatment and individual and family counseling to local teens. Named Volunteer of the Year 2006.

Other volunteer commitments: classroom volunteer for both Palo Alto and East Palo Alto schools, various political campaigns including parcel tax, bond measure, school board, city council, county board of supervisors, and Foothill/DeAnza trustee.

Education:

Leadership Mid-Peninsula graduate 1998
BA International Relations San Francisco State University 2008
Candidate, Masters of International Relations 2010

Personal Information:

Married for 35 years to local attorney Mark R. Shepherd of Crist, Schulz, Biorn & Shepherd. We have four grown children with one working as a teacher in PAUSD and a granddaughter in first grade at Walter Hays Elementary School. We have lived in Southgate since 1984 and are avid Giants fans.