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Entrepreneurial Management

R.B. Benson & Company, Inc., Westport, CT 1981 - present
President and owner. Over 34 years in real estate development & construction, specializing in residential homes & condominiums. Energy Star Certified Builder since 2005. Successful completion of numerous single family homes, major renovations, FEMA lifts, and subdivisions in Westport, Weston & Fairfield (ranging in price from \$300,000 to \$7,000,000), condominium projects in Westport, Milford, Trumbull & Greenwich.

Horizon Marine Enterprises, Rowayton, CT 1979 - 1981
V.P. for Finance & Administration, and Treasurer of the international franchisor of "Horizon Sails" sail making technology. Added 10 franchises & 2 operating divisions in two years.

Strategic Planning

Colonial Penn Group, Inc., Philadelphia, PA 1978
Corporate Planner. Designed & implemented the first strategic planning effort for the Corporate Group & Property-Casualty Insurance Company in ten years.

Corporate Planning & Finance

Scott Paper Company, Philadelphia, PA 1974 - 1978
Director of Operations Management and Planning for \$45 million Scott Graphics Division, Holyoke, MA. Conducted cost, business opportunity, joint venture and competitive analyses. Played a key role in the planning group that led to increased profitability and sale of division.
Corporate Financial Analyst. Reviewed and recommended \$250 million annual capital appropriation requests. Directed major analyses of venture opportunities, international and domestic capacity expansions, acquisitions and divestitures, real estate projects, and corporate objectives.

Lieutenant, Supply Corps, USNR

1970-1973
Supply Officer, USS Hamner (DD-718), San Diego, CA. Department Head of 45-man Supply Department. Vietnam combat veteran, 1972. **Logistics Advisor,** Taiwan & Japan, for Destroyer Squadron 37. (1973).
Sail Training Officer, Tall Ship Gazela of Philadelphia, 1974 - 1977; raced in OpSail 1976. Bermuda-Newport-NYC and the Bicentennial Tall Ships Parade in NYC.

Education

MBA - The Wharton School, U. of Penn, Corporate Finance and Real Estate, 1975
BS - Carnegie-Mellon University, Management Science and Industrial Engineering, 1970.
BA - Denison University, Economics, 1969
Diploma -Nichols School, Buffalo, NY 1965

Personal Profile

Trustee- Westport Weston Family YMCA; Justice of the Peace, Universal Life Minister, former Member, Republican Town Committee; Former Trustee- Saugatuck Congregational Church; Past President, Westport Rotary Club; Rotary District Governor (2008-09), Rotary District Foundation Chair (2013-17); former Scoutmaster, Boy Scout Troop 39; Former member, Westport Board of Finance (4 years), Westport Planning & Zoning Commission (5 years), Past Vice-Chairman, Westport Conservation Commission (4 yrs.); Chairman, Westport Special Olympics Host Town Committee; Westport/Weston United Way (25 yrs.), past Treasurer; Founder: Westport Rotary LobsterFest, Chair, Compo Beach Cannons Restoration Co-chairman; Compo Beach Playground Committee '88 and '06; Jessup Green Committee; V.P., Riverwalk Committee; volunteer associations with Teen Center Steering Committee, First Night, Project Return, YMCA Long Range Planning Committee. Hobbies include volunteering, wilderness adventures, fly fishing, yacht racing, skiing, travel, ; collecting antique American pewter & furniture. Age 68; Married 44 years; one son age 31, an Industrial Engineering Graduate from Lehigh University and Columbia University MBA, working for a commercial developer in NYC
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