

### **Jim Branscomb**

Jim was born in Japan in 1950, then lived in Formosa (now Taiwan) until 1957. Their family moved from Taiwan to El Paso, Texas where he attended school and college. He and his sister are the only two left in their family and Jim is currently unmarried with no children.

Jim graduated from the University of Texas at El Paso in 1972 with a degree in Business and Public Administration. Jim had five careers that caused him to move 14 times. During his earlier careers he lived in El Paso three times, Kansas City, Seattle, Colorado Springs twice, Austin, and Fort Worth. Because he had a strong background in technology and membership organizations, Jim was recruited by a group of Brokers to run the multiple listing service in El Paso and lead their real estate community into the "miracle of the internet". Then in 1999 George Gallegos (SIR member and Jim's sponsor) was Chairman of the MLS organization headquartered Santa Rosa. He played a critical role in hiring Jim and Jim's subsequent transfer to Sonoma County. Jim retired from the Bay Area Multiple Listing Service in 2015. He has spent most of his life volunteering frequently as needed. He has worked with a large number of nonprofit organizations as a staff person, consultant, and volunteer including being a Rotary member for 20 years in four different communities.

Thanks to the pandemic, Jim has spent the past three and a half years focused on things he has always wanted to do such as research, resting and "sticking swabs up my nose". Jim likes to research his family's illustrious history and also has a strong interest in the Eighteenth Dynasty of Egypt.