

Jim Tubb Bio

I was born in Anchorage Alaska in 1947 but at 6 months old we moved to the Bay Area, when Pan Am transferred my father to San Francisco. I grew up in Redwood City where I lived in million dollar homes (present value).

I graduated from San Carlos High School and then UC Davis with a degree in history, which indirectly led to my first career. When I was a student, I worked in the cafeteria and when I graduated there weren't a lot of jobs for liberal arts majors. I had married my first wife with whom I had two sons, so I got a full-time job as a cook in an off campus formitory cafeteria. I had a boss who thought I had potential, so he mentored me and trained me for management. I went on to work at St. Mary's college, UC Riverside and finally as the Food Service Director at the University of San Diego where I met my 2nd wife. She was working in food service at Stanford, and we met at a conference. We began a longish distance relationship by phone and frequent air travel. Two months later, in early December, I asked her to marry me and she said yes. I didn't want to tell anyone because I assumed we would get "You just met!" A month later my mother asked if we were getting married and was pleased when I confirmed it. On New Year's she called hermom to tell her. Her mother's response was "I was so disappointed at Christmas. I thought you would say something then."

In 1982 we returned to the Bay Area where I went to work for a corporate food service company, Guckenheimer Enterprises. I worked as a manager at GE Nuclear Business Operations in San Jose and a year later I was promoted to district manager. This led me to my second career. I was doing a great deal of repetitive work that I decided could be done better with a computer. I began to learn about them and what could be done with them. The office had an original IBM PC which was sitting unused because no one knew how to use it, so I taught myself DOS v. 1.1 and Lotus 123 to create and manage 16 budgets. This saved me hours of work and I was the only DM whose budgets got updated as our clients' circumstances changed because I could revise a budget in just a few minutes.

Everyone in the food business dreams of having their own restaurant. In 1985 my wife and I relocated to Healdsburg where we opened the Plaza Grill. We successfully operated that until 1991, when burnout caught up with us. When we closed the restaurant, it was the beginning of the computer revolution and there was no one in Healdsburg providing support to users in the area so I started Delta Computing, serving businesses and individuals in Northern Sonoma County. I retired from that in 2016.

We moved to Windsor in 1994 when we bought our house here.

I am now head of the Windsor Senior Computer Users Group which provides free assistance to seniors with their tech. I also maintain the website WSCUG.org and handle notifications to our members. I also drove for Windsor Wheels, a volunteer organization which provides free transportation for Seniors who can no longer drive, doing over 300 rides since 2019. In 2023 I joined SIRS for fellowship and activities where I have made many new friends. Later that year I took over the SIRS Windsor website where I try to provide our members with information about the group and our activities.

I am a widower, and I have two sons, one in Virginia and one in Arizona. Collectively I have 8 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren. My wife passed away in 2017 after 38 years of marriage.

My hobbies include reading, gardening, travel and food and wine.