

Jock Rader

Just prior to World War One, all four of my grandparents immigrated from Central or Eastern Europe to Akron, Ohio. My younger sister and I first lived in Akron, then moved to Lorain County at age eleven. I was boarded at prep school for grades 10-12.

During my freshman year in college, I became a husband and father. In 1962 I graduated from Case Western Reserve with a BS in Physics. I moved to Los Angeles in 1962, to accept a work-study fellowship with Hughes Aircraft and to attend UCLA, where I did my post graduate work in mathematics. By 1965 I had two daughters and a son plus an MA degree; a PhD followed in 1971.

Career wise, in 1962 I started working as a software/systems engineer in the aerospace & defense industry in the Los Angeles area. This continued for 40+ years including over 35 years with Hughes. During 1965 and 1966 I Taught mathematics at Butler University in Indianapolis. In the 80s and 90s, as a private contractor, I presented several short courses overseas, mostly in Europe. I also was a visiting researcher at Carnegie Mellon in Pittsburgh in 1992.

I was often involved in activities with my kids. I coached girls' soccer for many years, also refereed and was involved in league administration. I was active with my son in Boy Scouts, especially enjoying some week-long canoe trips.

My wife Phyllis and I enjoy domestic and international travel, camping with family in the Sierras, live music and theater performances, and playing bridge. We often traveled to ACBL tournaments around the country seeking master points and became life masters. A younger me enjoyed backpacking, jogging and tennis. We both used to enjoy golf. Phyllis and I have been together for 20 years. We have six children, eight grandchildren and two great grandchildren. Two live in Australia and one in Japan. We moved to Windsor in 2008 and bought a house near Foothill Park. We were out of our house for about two months in 2019 because of smoke damage from the Kincadee fire. We moved to Brooks Creek in 2023 and now walk to the Senior Center. I was recruited into SIR by Mike Berry, and golfed with SIR for more than ten years. Served as Little/Big SIR in 2014/2015. Volunteer tax preparer with Tax Aide for 12 years; was local coordinator for 6 years.