

WHAT I DO FOR FUN AND PLAY

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I have an early memory of my dad carrying armloads of large over-stuffed animals and his look of pleasure as I spread them over the kitchen floor and played with them.

My aunt presented me with a beautiful doll that was so perfect and dressed so magnificently that I believe I was intimidated by it and leery of actually playing with it and spoiling its garments. Another aunt brought me the book "The Secret Garden" by Louisa May Alcott and I was hooked. I discovered my lifelong passion for books.

Anyone who knows me knows that I am never without a book. As I go to an activity, I stop at every bench to rest and pull out my book to read a few pages as I do so.

When my children were older – one in college and two in high school – I decided to find a job that would fill my days other than my volunteering. I discovered Real Estate. I found that my training in Interior design helped me to find the exact best house, office, or property for my clients. My work became play and I was rewarded by years of being named Salesman of the Month and then of the year.

When we retired to Boca West Country Club in Florida, I found a huge playground with three 18-hole golf courses, 28 tennis courts, a large fitness center, many community meeting rooms etc.

I met the four pillars required for adult retirement – at least a modicum of proficiency in golf, tennis, bridge, and reading, and enjoyed over 21 years of full time play.

When injuries necessitated moving to Wind Crest for our second retirement, I found myriad opportunities for fun: Writers Club, Reader's Theater, bridge, Book Club, etc.

I can honestly say that I have never been bored and as long as the Highlands Ranch library continues to provide books, I never will!