

2013 Outstanding Citizen
Bill Dobos

Our honoree was born in 1959, in Southern California and lived in the same house until college.

He never won any citizenship awards during his school years. In fact, I doubt any of his teachers would ever have expected him to be here tonight being honored for citizenship.

He was kicked out of parochial school in first grade for punching a girl in the mouth.

List his elementary school on fire – twice!

Played all kinds of pranks with fireworks.’

Didn’t do so well academically in high school; though you’d never guess that now.

He taught himself to play guitar and spent hours in his room perfecting his licks.

He was really shy in high school.

He loved to swim and surf in the warm Southern California ocean. He still loves to surf even in the cold Oregon ocean waters

His preferred sport was gymnastics’ high bar in particular.

He also did a lot of weightlifting and could press more than his own weight.

He wanted to be a herpetologist; one who studies snakes and reptiles. He still loves to chase snakes.

He went to college in the San Francisco Bay Area where he met and married his wife 33 years ago.

His early jobs included: Gas attendant, floral delivery, laundry hamper production, after school childcare program, semiconductor wafer cutter, and house painter. His first job after graduation was in downtown San Francisco.

He moved to Weston in 1988, with his wife and three kids, just before their oldest child was about to enter kindergarten. They wanted their kids to grow up in a safe community with good schools and be with the same friends through the years. All four of their kids graduated here. They have five grandchildren.

They found out about the job in Weston through Bonnie (Tucker) and Roger Sloan who attended church with them in San Jose.

Since moving to Weston, they’ve added one daughter to their family.

Besides his paying job, the honoree has done a number of other tasks through the years:

- Too many weddings to remember.
- Too many funerals to count.
- He’s baled hay, helped move cattle, built fences, painted houses, built porches and ramps, repaired roofs, built and repaired computer, and worked on cars (changed brakes, towed stranded drivers).
- He has given guitar lessons, done individual counseling, counseled with Reactive Attachment Kids and families; helped local school counselors with kids in need; has lead grief groups. He led a cancer support group for a number of years, has assisted law enforcement in suicide situations, and offered moral and spiritual support to local first responders.
- Bill helps with the local food bank and services on the Library Board. He spends countless hours outside surgery rooms, in the ER and the ICU, often doing nursing duties, praying, encouraging, and even holding people as they take their last breath.

Bill likes to hike in the mountains, bicycling, spending time outdoors, and runs marathons.