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My Mission

My personal mission is to serve as co-creator of a new paradigm for sustainable, harmonious living, one which promotes human unity, right livelihood, appropriate technologies, ecological sanity, and equitable distribution of wealth. I believe that people have the intelligence, creativity, and power to build healthy, happy, and wholesome communities, which will lead to peace, justice, and harmony in the world.

Professional Goals

My primary goal is to share what I have learned in ways that help all people to enhance their quality of life and improve the health and vitality of their communities through voluntary cooperative efforts. I serve as catalyst, guide, and facilitator in the process of economic, political, and social restructuring. A primary approach is to create better forms of money and exchange and more equitable financial relationships.

Skills

I possess highly developed interpersonal, communication (written and verbal), quantitative, analytical, and teaching skills. I am expert in the use of computer and communication technologies. I am emotionally mature, open-minded, tolerant, resourceful, self-motivated, and self-directed, committed to advancing the ideals of peace, social justice, equity, human unity, personal freedom and responsibility, and cooperative community.

Areas of expertise

Sustainable economics, monetary theory and innovative exchange processes, community currency design, survey and opinion research, statistical analysis, information processing and management, instructional technology, intentional communities, community land trusts, and appropriate technologies

Employment History and Work Experience

1979 - Present

Self-employed consultant, community economist, educator, author, publisher, organizer, entrepreneur, networker.

Founder/Director of the Community Information Resource Center, a project of NEST, Inc. (non-profit, tax-exempt), Tucson, Arizona (founded 1992).

Former President/Trustee of the School of Living.

1965 - 1979

Educator. Assistant Professor (tenured), Rochester Institute of Technology, College of Business, Rochester, NY. Taught various courses including Statistics, Finance, Entrepreneurship, Economics, and Forecasting. Developed many innovative teaching methods, including video lectures, personalized programmed instruction (PPI), simulation, and case method approaches. Emphasized broad educational objectives of helping students to become more responsible, self-directed, cooperative, independent, and active learners. Adjunct faculty and lecturer assignments at St. John Fisher College, SUNY-Geneseo, and Syracuse University.

1958 - 1963

Engineer. Rocket test, preliminary design. Bell Aerosystems Co., Buffalo, New York.

Engineer. Heat transfer analysis, design. Douglas Aircraft Co., El Segundo, California.

Additionally, at various times throughout my life I have gained valuable experience in a variety of other work situations. My first jobs were at age 14 when I worked as a golf caddy and packer for a produce company. Later on I worked as a retail clerk, meat packer, machinist, surveyor, rough carpenter, and painting contractor. I also taught mathematics in a program to train disadvantaged youth to be medical assistants.

Education

MBA, University of Rochester, 1966. Business Administration & Finance.

B.Ch.E., Villanova University, 1958. Chemical Engineering.

Doctoral studies at Syracuse University, 1973-74, in Management, Instructional technology, and Quantitative Methods.

Rochester Institute of Technology, Statistics department: various graduate courses in Statistics and Research Design.

Published Works

Books: *Money: Understanding and Creating Alternatives to Legal Tender* (Chelsea Green, 2001); *New Money for Healthy Communities* (1994); *Money and Debt: A Solution to the Global Crisis* (1990); *The Freelance Directory* (1981).

Articles: Numerous articles on a variety of subjects, mostly relating to improvement in economics, money, and finance. Published in such periodicals as *The Whole Earth Review*, *World Business Academy Perspectives*, *At Work*, *Earth Island Journal*, *The Catholic Worker*, *The Permaculture Activist*, *Permaculture Drylands Journal*, *Educational Technology*, and *Green Revolution*.

Inventions: *Numerian Population Simulator and Workbook*; *Money Monopoly* game.

Achievements

Organized the *Fourth World Assembly and New Economics Symposium* held in San Francisco in 1987. Keynote speaker at the conference on *Sustainability: From Vision to Practice*, held at Sirius Community in 1998. Forum Leader for the *Radical Consultation Forum on Globalization, Money & Trade* held in Swindon, UK in 2001.

Have traveled widely in Europe, South America, and Asia, lecturing, networking, and teaching. In September of 2005 I taught English to first year graduate students in a 3 week intensive program at Huazhong University of Science and Technology (HUST) in Wuhan, China.

In 2006, I was a presenter at the conference on *Knowledge, Business and Consciousness* held at the international community of Auroville, India. I was the keynote speaker at the 2006 annual convention of the International Reciprocal Trade Association (IRTA), the trade association for the commercial "barter" industry. I was honored to be a resident in October 2006 of the Mesa Refuge writer's retreat in Point Reyes, CA where I continued work on my next book.

In 2007, I have given presentations on complementary exchange at the BALLE pre-conference on *Money for Local Living Economies* in Berkeley California, to the Beijing Academy of Social Sciences in Beijing, to the China National Association of Social Work forum in Hang Zhou, China, and to The International Conference On Dinar Economy in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

I am currently guiding a project aimed at promoting sustainable regional economic development, based on credit clearing, in Auroville, India.

Organizational Involvements -- Past and/or Present

NEST, Inc., Director
Community Information Resource Center,
Founder/Director
School of Living, President and Trustee
Yoga Society of Rochester, Resident/Trustee
Rochester Peace and Justice Education
Center
Action Linkage
Tucson Council on Economic Conversion,
Advisory Board
Tucson Business Coalition
The Fourth World
E. F. Schumacher Society
Pima County Green Party

LETSonora, local trading system, core group
Tucson Traders, mutual credit system, core
group, co-founder.
Sustainable Tucson
Tucson Computer Society
Town of Riga (NY) Zoning Board of Appeals
R.I.T. Faculty Council
Assn. for Humanistic Psychology
American Finance Association
American Inst. for Decision Sciences
American Assn. of University Professors
The Institute of Mgt. Sciences
Drug and Alcohol Council (Rochester)

From 1996 thru 2000, I participated in *Peace Building for the 21st Century*, an inquiry process involving a series of semi-annual symposia co-sponsored by the Fetzer Institute, Institute of Noetic Sciences, World Business Academy, and Pathways to Peace.

Personal Growth Experience

I have, over the years, availed myself of various personal growth opportunities including Gestalt workshops, Transactional analysis, Reevaluation counseling (also called co-counseling), Yoga, meditation, Massage, body-work, breath work, Movement and dance therapy, psychodrama, and dream work. I have lived in a variety of settings, including a nuclear family household with a wife and two children, in cooperative households and intentional communities. I presently live alone.

Personal Information, Interests, and Avocations

Born in 1936. Divorced, father of two, grandfather of three. I enjoy travel, hiking, camping, gardening, reading, history, metaphysics, films, food, cooking, friends, and nature.

Websites and Blogs

<http://Reinventingmoney.com>

<http://circ2.home.mindspring.com>

Beyond Money: <http://beyondmoney.blogspot.com>;

Tom's News and Views: <http://tomazgreco.wordpress.com>

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