

## **BIO ON TOM MEARS**

12/17/2014

**Current Position:** Chairman, The Holland, Inc.

**Age:** 73

**Family:** Married to Kathryn for 51 years  
Daughter Jennifer, age 47  
Son David, age 46  
Wife Julianna, age 45  
Son Jacob, age 18  
Son Daniel, age 16  
Son Justin, age 14

**Education:** Bachelor of Arts – Mathematics  
University of Washington, Seattle 1964

### **Work Experience:**

1964 – 1966 Computer Programmer (Mathematical)  
California Packing Corporation (Del Monte)  
San Francisco, CA

1966 – 1972 US Army Reserves, 104<sup>th</sup> Div. (SFC E-7)

1966 – present (48yrs)  
The Holland, Inc. dba:  
Burgerville USA

1966: Burgerville Management Trainee  
1967: Manager, first Burgerville in Portland, OR  
1971: Manager of two Burgerville restaurants in Oregon  
1973: Assistant Manager of The Holland Restaurant in Vancouver  
1974: Trained in our head office learning administrative details  
1975: Area Manager over Burgerville restaurants  
1978: Administrative Vice President  
1979: Executive Vice President  
1982: President / CEO  
2008: Chairman

## **Community Experience:**

- 1982-1993: Board of Directors, The Greater Vancouver Chamber of Commerce  
Chairman 1991-1993
- 1986-1989: President, The Vancouver/Clark County Visitors and Convention Bureau
- 1992-1995: Board of Directors, Washington State Restaurant Association
- 1993: Vice Chairman, campaign cabinet for Identity Clark County
- 1994-Present: Board of Directors, Identity Clark County
- 1994-2009: Board of Directors, Community Choices 2010
- 1995-1998: Chairman, Steering Committee, Community Choices 2010  
Board of Directors, Columbia River Economic Development Council
- 1997-2003: Board of Directors, Vancouver School District Foundation  
President 2001
- 1998-2009: Board of Directors, First Independent Bank
- 2009-Present: Board of Directors, Heritage University, Toppenish, WA.
- 2013: Chairman, Advancement Committee, Board of Directors Heritage University
- 2010-2012: Chairman, Advisory Board for Community Choices
- 2012: Participant in World Vision "Vision Trip" to Rwanda
- 2013: Chairman, Advisory Committee for new degree program at Warner-Pacific College on Christian based Entrepreneurship.

## **Interests:**

My interests are my wife and family, our beach house at Ocean Park, WA, church, spiritual practices, reading and, of course, the wonderful people in our company.

My purpose in life is to connect people to God's love. This is reflected in the Mission "Serve with Love" for my company. I am committed that every person who works for us will be a better person because of it.

I am committed to creating sustainable and thriving individuals, families, and communities.

My hobby is fast cars i.e. Corvettes and Mercedes, and we love to go on long driving trips across the country.

## **Awards and Recognition:**

- 1997: Bill Moore Volunteer Award, Greater Vancouver Chamber of Commerce
- 1998: East Vancouver Rotary Club Hall of Fame
- 1998: Public Health Award, Board of Health for Southwest Washington Health District
- 2002: Oregon Restaurant Association Hall of Fame
- 2007: Trendsetter Award - Foodservice Consultants Society International

**A "Me" Fact that changed/impacted my life:** I would have to say falling in love with Kathy when I was sixteen and knowing that this is the girl I wanted to marry.

