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## The JASAN spotlight is on...SHAWN O'HARA!



### *Did you know??*

Shawn was an Achiever at Judge Memorial High School and then Brighton High school (*switched schools because Judge wasn't very supportive of JA Conferences!*) from 1975-1979. She was a NAJAC Conference Officer 1978-79 and then Pink Fink and Conference Officer Aid until 1984 or so.

### *Shawn's JA career timeline...*

- Program Manager - JA Salt Lake City 1983
- University of Utah, Graduated 1984 Therapeutic and Industrial Recreation
- Executive Director - JA San Joaquin Valley 1984
- University of San Francisco, Graduated 1986 MBA
- Director of Development - JA Inc. - out of Atlanta Office 1987
- Vice President Development - JA Inc. - Colorado Springs 1990-1994
- President - JA of the Bay Area, San Francisco 1994
- Moved to Tokyo Japan 2003, then Singapore, then Paris, then Singapore, and now Los Angeles, CA.

## WE ASKED SHAWN A FEW QUESTIONS. HERE IS WHAT SHE SHARED...

### *What have you been up to??*

We (*husband Steve and kitties Ellie & Izzy - no kids*) are living in Lake Sherwood, a community in Thousand Oaks, a burb of LA. I am a "trying to retire" fundraising and governance consultant. Self-employed with a few contracts with other consulting firms who hire me when they need a specialist in Board governance or to help with major gifts. I have great clients- mostly in Asia, Saudi Arabia, Canada, and Puerto Rico. I have grown tired of the international travel from the US— and working nights servicing them by zoom...so I am trying to fade into oblivion!

### *Who is someone that made a big impact on your life and/or career??*

The most important role models for me in JA are pretty numerous! Karl Flemke, Don Floyd, Donna Buchanan, Gail Yates, Marty Lee, Frank McIntosh, Carolyn McDole, Frank LaRoche, Marilyn Gardner, Mike Proctor. The list goes on and on. I've been so very lucky to have brilliant JA friends and mentors most of which, if they are alive, are still friends and mentors!

***What is your favorite hobby??***

My favorite hobby is golf, snow shoeing, hiking, and drinking wine. If only I could do them all at once!

***What advice would you give to current JA staff across the country??***

I loved my JA career...all good memories and I am so grateful for the things I learned from JA and all the friends and volunteers I got to work with year after year. It really is a family. My advice would be to take it all in and take full advantage of all the opportunities that come with a JA career!

***What would be the “theme song” of your life right now??***

My life theme song right now would be “row, row your boat gently down the stream, merrily, merrily, merrily life is but a dream!” We are living large and having a great time! NO complaints!