

Introduce Yourself

What's Your Story?

Hello, my name is Dave Rosenblum and I was born and grew up in Portland, Oregon. I have lived in Los Angeles since 1979, after going to college in Connecticut; to b-school in Philadelphia; and working after b-school for two years in Detroit.



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My family belonged to Congregation Beth Israel in Portland, which is a Reform congregation founded in 1858 and my brother and I went to religious school there. I often took my transistor radio with me to Friday night services so that I could step out and listen to Oregon State basketball games.

My parents met in college in Portland. My father was from Brooklyn but was taken to the Northwest by the Navy and he decided to stay there. My mother was from Spokane; her grandparents had moved there in 1914 after 10 years of attempting to be farmers outside Minot, North Dakota.

I wanted to go away to college and worked hard in high school. I lettered in track as a javelin specialist and was actually recruited by the track coach at Pomona College, but ended up going to Wesleyan, followed immediately by grad school at Wharton. To help pay for school, I worked a variety of jobs, including spending two summers working in a Sealy mattress factory, three summers as a tour guide in Alaska (I have driven the Alaska Highway seven times), and a summer in Amsterdam as a researcher for McKinsey.

I spent nearly 34 years as a management consultant with Deloitte Consulting, all in LA but often on an airplane. I served clients primarily in healthcare and financial services and had a variety of leadership roles. The most fun at Deloitte was the last couple of years, when my client was the firm and I was responsible for buying and integrating businesses—basically, I spent the tail end of my career shopping with my partners' money.

Sue and I met on a vacation in Mexico in 1984 and we were married in 1985, which meant her moving from Manhattan to LA. I think the vacation where we met involved a lot of tequila.

We have two wonderful adult children, Eric and Lauren, one daughter-in-law (Allie) and one granddaughter (Maya). We also now have an apartment in Manhattan so that we can readily spend time with Maya (and her parents).

I have been on a number of boards over the last twenty years. Currently, I am on the boards of Hanmi Financial Corporation, which is a Korean-American bank; the Library Foundation of Los Angeles; and the PSW Chapter of the National Association of Corporate Directors (which I chair). I do some advisory work for private equity firms and like to read and walk regularly. I still like going to the beach, which was one of the original attractions of LA.

Sue got me involved in ChaiVillageLA and somehow I ended up chairing the Development (Fundraising) Committee—I hope that doesn't mean that you will run the opposite direction next time you see me!

Did you enjoy Dave's story? If so, let him know at drosenblum75@gmail.com.

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