

Member Spotlight - Darnell Perkins

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This is the eighth in a series of member profiles based on discovery interview questions that were designed to help me fulfill the requirements of the Dublin Worthington Rotary Red Badge Program for new Rotarians and get an up close view of the traits and strengths of some of the members who provide leadership to this organization.

Membership Spotlight: Darnell Perkins Committed to the Community, Life Coach, Service to Others



1. Tell us about yourself. Give us three facts that include information about your family, your career and your pastimes

My wife and I have two sons, Damien and Justin. We have one grandchild, Emilia. Currently I work with clients through Lincoln Financial. Earlier in my career I was with City National Bank and Chase. My current pastime is technical reading.

2. How long have you belonged to Rotary? What's the best thing about membership?

I joined Rotary in October, 1993 at the recommendation of Steve Potter. I believe it is a commitment to the community and a way to give back through volunteerism.

3. As you look back on your life and your career, where and when did you have the biggest impact on others? Who was impacted and how?

The first thing I think of is the McConnell Arts Center. Nancy Goorey drove this project and I was part of the team beginning with the feasibility study through the opening. The MAC has certainly become an important part of our community.

4. As you look back, which of the opportunities you've had has been the most fulfilling to you personally? Why?

I think it is right now. I am a life coach for my clients. People are retired and living comfortably. I feel a great deal of satisfaction that I was, and still am, able to help them.

5. Describe the most challenging project you've ever worked on. What was your role? What was the result?

If you are a person who is willing to volunteer you always have people calling on you for help. My biggest challenge is learning how to sometimes say "no."

6. What are some things you are passionate about? What really excites you? What gets your adrenaline flowing? What makes your heart sing?

I like seeing things go from an idea to something concrete. It can be something small like service projects. I see myself as a service project kind of person.

7. What are you especially skilled at? What is something that others often tell you that they think makes you stand out?

I'm not sure if anyone has ever said that to me but I believe if they did, they would say, "Getting things done."

8. When you have a moment to sit back and think (dream) about your future, what do you think about?

Being semi-retired it seems the list of things I think about is getting longer. I want to spend more time with my grandchild. I've always wanted to play the saxophone. I want to stay healthy and have more "me" time.

9. If you could choose anyone (alive or deceased) to have lunch with, who would it be?
Why?

My father. He passed away in 2005. We have a lot to talk about.