

Roger O. Parent

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Resume

1.2006 – Present: President, World Dignity Inc. (WDI), an international nonprofit organization founded by Rolande Parent and me in 2006. WDI operates educational programs in South Bend, Thailand and India.

1.2009 – Present: Trustee, South Bend Community School Corporation, and its President since January, 2011.

6.1994 – 12.2003: Director of Development, Priests of Holy Cross, South Bend, Indiana. Established the first Development Office and raised more than 27 million dollars.

Local Government Elected Positions, 1.1972 to 1.1988

1.1072 – 1.1980: South Bend City Councilman, two four-year terms and President five years.

1.1980 – 1.1988: South Bend Mayor, two four-year terms. As Mayor, I led and administered a multi-million-dollar municipal corporation and provided leadership to the citizenry. I promoted the City as a vital place to live and for business. Let me try to convey a sense of my approach.

Management/Leadership Style. Listened to the people, communicated with all segments of the community and worked hard to achieve a consensus among many competing constituencies.

Fairness and Diversity. Appointed the first woman City Attorney, the first African American Fire Chief and the first woman Director of Code Enforcement in South Bend's history.

Bricks and Mortar. Built the Coveleski Stadium and the East Race -- the only manmade white water rapid in this hemisphere -- in downtown South Bend.

Community Leadership. Established the Task Force on Literacy, Councils on Minority Affairs and Older Adults, a Commission on Energy Conservation and the Business Development Corporation.

Peace Corps Experience

Volunteer, Thailand I, 10.1961 to 10.1963: Taught carpentry at the Udorn Trade School and ESL at a Girls' Handicraft School.
Volunteer Field Leader

Coordinator, Technical Training & Cultural Teacher, 10.1963 to 9.1964: U. Of Hawaii Peace Corps Training Center, for Volunteers going to Thailand, Phillipines, other Southeast Asia Countries.

Country Director, Haiti and Eastern Caribbean, 1.1988 to 6.1990: In Haiti, supervised suspending and restarting operations. Reorganized Eastern Caribbean projects, improved training and morale, while directing Haiti operations.

Crisis Corps Volunteer, Thailand, 5.2005 to 11.2005: Deputy Director, Tsunami Volunteer Center. Assisted victims of the December 2004 Tsunami.

Professional Credentials

Bachelors Degree in Economics, Magna Cum Laude, May 1961, St. Francis Xavier University, Antigonish, Nova Scotia, Canada.

Peace Corps Training Certificate: University of Michigan, December, 1961

Masters Degree in Education, (Concentration in Secondary Education and Counseling) May, 1966, University of Notre Dame, Indiana.

Seminars and workshops on neighborhood organization, community revitalization, economic development, communications, management and fund raising.

Languages: Fluent in French and English; good knowledge of Thai and Haitian Creole.

Teaching and Publications

Adjunct Lecturer, 1990 -- 1993: Indiana University and Indiana/Purdue Universities. (Courses: Decision-Making and Policy-Making in Government and Non-profit Organizations)

Parent, Roger, Book Review in DIMENSIONS, July/Aug, 1998, NCDC. Kelly, Kathleen S., *Effective Fund-Raising Management*, 1998.

Parent, Roger, “La Petite Boucanne Bleu” ECHOES: Rediscovering Community, The Northern Maine Journal of Rural Culture, No. 39, Jan. - March, 1998.

Parent, Roger, *From Maine to Thailand: The Making of a Peace Corps Volunteer, 2005, Unpublished.*

Volunteer Service, and Honors

Social Work Advisory Board, St. Mary’s College, Notre Dame, IN.
(Current)

Retired Indiana Public Retirement Association (RIPEA), Indianapolis
(Current)

Trustee and President, South Bend Community Schools Corporation
(Current)

Saint Frances Academy Board of Directors, Baltimore, MD (Past)

Advisory Committee, Coady International Institute, St. Francis Xavier University, Antigonish, Nova Scotia, Canada. (Past)

REAL Services Board of Directors (Older Adult Services) South Bend, Indiana. (Past)

Selected for a Mayor's exchange program to Hungary in 1982 and **chosen** for the 1984 International Mayors Conference in Jerusalem, Israel.

Received Indiana State award for Leadership in Literacy and the Junior Achievement award for leadership in Economic Development, and many others

Additional Management and Leadership Positions

Executive Director, Neighborhood Study Help Program (student tutoring program); and

Executive Director, Neighborhood Development Centers, South Bend, 1967 – 1970.

Executive Director, South Bend Office of Catholic Charities, 1971 – 1979.

Personal

Hobby: Carpentry

Married: Rolande Parent and I have four children and six grandchildren