

Shannon Davidson

Hometown/Other places I have lived: Chicago, Valparaiso, IN, Southern Illinois, Evansville, IN, Indianapolis, IN

Children/Grandchildren: Nate and Maria, Beau, Josh, Ari, Chloe and granddaughters Lilli and Annika. I'm lucky - they all live in Madison!

Education/Career Experiences: University of Evansville, Indiana University, Cardinal Stritch University. I have a business management degree and have worked as a financial advisor for 25 years. Prior to this, I studied human physiology and worked in various positions in the medical field.

Membership in other organizations/Volunteer work: I have been an Attic Angel for 13 years, serving as Treasurer and Chair. I currently chair the Planned and Major Gifts Committee at Attic Angels and coordinate bi-annual Shabbat services. For several years I was a board member with Kids Forward. We are members of Temple Beth El. In various ways, I enjoy contributing to and supporting the organizations that are meaningful to my children and husband. This includes the Dane County Humane Society, Special Olympics, Family Support and Resource Center (providing Dane County Autism services), mental health initiatives, and literacy initiatives.

Hobbies: Flower gardening, reading, writing, flower arranging, hosting, cooking, my husband/children/grandchildren/pets, spending time in Chicago (my previous home), framing pictures, enjoying friends, trying new restaurants, and finding ways to be kind to others.

Family members in P.E.O. (past and present): My Aunt Sue in Los Angeles has always told me about her involvement in PEO, often calling me for recipes or ideas when she is hosting. She continues to love PEO and has held many officer positions. She loves that I now am beginning to better understand her PEO related activities and loves telling me about everything her PEO is doing.

Officer positions held: None

"What P.E.O. means to me": As someone who worked full-time while going to school and paid for all of my secondary education, it is meaningful to me to be a part of helping others in this situation. I understand that knowing others believe you can obtain your educational goals and are willing to give you some support can be incredibly uplifting. I love the education portion of the meeting as it exposes me to such a variety of topics I might not ordinarily explore. I also love how kind everyone is to fellow sisters. I love being a part of a group that is so supportive and respectful of each other. I look forward to the friendships I will have with my PEO sisters.