

One, two, three, one, two, three.....

This past winter the Trust Company agreed to sponsor Waltz Night, a fundraiser for the Vermont Symphony Orchestra, and to send a fairly large contingent. Most of us needed basic training and, on the whole, we were appalling. There were one or two exceptions, most notably George and Pat von Trapp. To be sure, subtle elements of George's hockey skills lurked just below the surface, but for the most part he seemed right at home in contrast to the rest of us. Alas, he comes by it honestly.



Waltz Night

George von Trapp joined the Trust Company as a director when we incorporated in 1999. In 2005, he also became an employee/owner when he agreed to manage our Stowe facility. Just this month, he became our chief financial officer as well. So, the time is ripe to introduce George.



George was born in Hartford, Connecticut and grew up in Adamsville, Rhode Island. His father, Rupert, a physician, was the oldest child of Baron Georg von Trapp of "Sound of Music" fame. George tells the story of his father's response when asked which child was his counterpart in the movie.

His stock answer was "Liesl", the daughter who, under Hollywood artistic license, became the oldest child in the film production.

One of six children, his parents enrolled him in Collège Jean-de-Brébeuf, a French-speaking-only secondary Jesuit boarding school in Montreal, where he spent six years

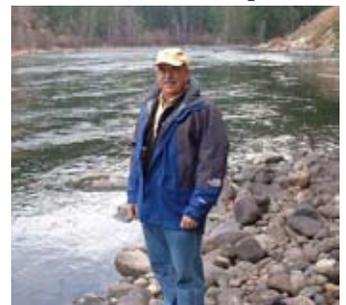


before attending Boston College. While at BC, George met his future wife Pat. After graduation in 1971, as an economics major, he chose Utah State for its Masters of Accounting program, which was designed for non-accounting graduates.



George was drawn to accounting because he liked mathematics. It was precise and orderly, requiring the bottom-line balance in which the debits match the credits. He also liked the dynamics of the accounting needs of small businesses. Paradoxically, as his skill level as a CPA increased, he was sought after by larger firms with more complex needs.

In 1980, George found the right balance when he moved to Stowe to work at the Trapp Family Lodge. An athletic family, the von Trapps with their three children found their niche in Stowe - "the Ski Capital of the East" and the noted destination of the Trapp family because it reminded them of their native Austria.



In 1994, George became the chief financial officer for Springer-Miller Systems, Inc., a Stowe-based company specializing in hospitality management systems, where he remained until 2001, when he and Pat purchased the Hunger Mountain Inn down the road in Waterbury Center.

In 2005, when we opened our Stowe office, we asked George to join us as a trust administrator and estate planner. We felt that he could integrate trust administration, inn management, and consulting.

He has the right stuff to tackle several disparate problems at once and make it look easy. Not unlike the elegant movements of the Waltz - one two three, one two three.....

