

At the Habitat worksite he is known as “Builder Bob,” he signs the morning log as “BB,” nobody actually knows his last name, but a check of his driver’s license shows his parents named him Robert Schultz. He arrives at work in his Mustang convertible, usually with the top down, his T-shirt emblazoned with “and then God created Bob” full of enthusiasm for the day’s activities.

If you are looking for Bob you wait for his boisterous, window shattering, 60 decibel laugh to penetrate the airspace and then direct your gaze upward. He is most likely on the roof of a house. Bob is the official, certified roofer for Habitat, having mastered the intricacies of the 3 most popular roof styles, the old fashioned asphalt shingles, metal roofing, and his latest, concrete tiles. His crew consists of the orange clad female inmates from the Arizona Department of Corrections (ADC). His patience and tutoring skills working with an ever changing group of ladies has created many professional roofs on Habitat homes. With earlier experience as a Boy Scout leader and a little league coach, Bob is able to turn a group of novices into a well organized and functioning team. No homeowner has yet to report a leaking roof.

Bob’s benevolent nature makes him a perfect leader for the ADC ladies and has earned him their respect. An actual quote from them indicates a special bond, “Bob is a wonderful individual who provides us guidance, improves our learning capacity with his extensive knowledge, and his always present humor keeps us smiling when we are around him, giving us boundless amounts of encouragement.”

Bob has many other construction talents that he displays during the building of a Habitat house. With knowledge gained during his tenure with Kodak in Rochester, NY as an electrician and planner, he supervises the ADC ladies installing the electrical wiring in the house. He has also been called upon to be a crew leader during Habitat’s Building Freedom Day builds. With comparable talents of “Sniff” the mold sniffing dog, Bob’s eagle eye is useful in detecting minor discrepancies in the house that others have overlooked and need to be corrected before the inspector arrives.

Bob is a combination bibliophile and numismatist. No, Bob is not afflicted with a mystery medical malady; he is just a dedicated book and coin collector. His book collection is primarily boys’ adventure books published in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century and various works by Horatio Alger, Edgar Rice Burroughs, and Zane Grey. His numismatic collection includes coins and paper money from countries around the world. He also dabbles in stamps and baseball cards.

Bob’s wife, Ginny, is also a regular Habitat volunteer, working in the office as an expeditor, event planner, and all around multi tasker. In 2007, out of the 31 couples nominated, Bob and Ginny were honored as a “Dynamic Duo” along with six other couples in Tucson and Southern Arizona. Compass Health Care Inc. sponsors this annual event to acknowledge those who make outstanding contributions to the community. Bob and Ginny also presided as King and Queen at one of Habitat’s volunteer appreciation dinners. Unfortunately at midnight they reverted back to ordinary mortals.

They are ardent travelers, with preference given to visiting national parks. So far they have made treks to 21 and before they retire their RV they hope to tour many more. Maybe a junket to search for a sunken ship loaded with Spanish bullion for his coin collection. Bob has 3 children, 1 son and 2 daughters.

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