



## **John Watkins**

Wayne State University helped me decide not to become a teacher, but they trained me to become a world class fencer and I won the "Harmony International" the largest tournament in the western hemisphere.

General Motors Management Training Program also convinced me Sales was my forte. So I moved to Chicago and became a high tech Xerox salesman and up the ranks as Midwest Regional Manager for Lanier Business Products and other high tech manufacturers for 30 years.

Exceeding quotas sent my wife (the ultimate power shopper and decorator) and I to Hawaii, British and US Virgin Islands, Tahiti, Bora Bora and less exotic places. Just returned from a Mediterranean cruise to Italy, Croatia, Spain and France.

My sons Don and Mike have been my pride and joy. Don and his wife Heidi have been Captain and Chef for luxury yachts in the Caribbean resulting in spending wonderful times cruising the islands and diving together. Mike manages contractors as head construction manager in Scottsdale, AZ. His eagle eye keeps me from losing too many golf balls when we are out on the golf course.

Currently considering retiring or scaling back to do something that will not interfere with going out to play when I get restless. Just became a grandfather several months ago. It seems like my wife and I are supporting the airlines going to visit baby Dylan Austen Watkins, now that Don and Heidi have moved to North Carolina to start up Elegant Yacht Vacations, Inc.