

MEMBER MINUTE

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WHO ARE THE MEMBERS OF YOUR FAMILY?

My wife, Connie; sons, Isaac, age 9, and Zachary, age 7; and daughter, Lily May, age 2.

WHO STARTED STATESVILLE ROOFING & BUILDING RESTORATION?

Our company was started in 1938 by my grandfather C. David Pope.

WHEN AND HOW DID YOU CHOOSE THIS CAREER?

I was more or less born into the career. Even my earliest jobs were associated with roofing. I remember as a kid making gutter spike ferrels from copper on a machine in the shop while my dad was in the office for a while on Saturday. After college, I formally decided to join the company.

WHAT DID YOU WANT TO BE WHEN YOU WERE GROWING UP?

A professional motorcycle racer.

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE ITEM IN YOUR OFFICE? My computer. I remember sharing one with another coworker in the late '80s. It is a bit unbelievable we operated in such a fashion.

HOW HAS THE ROOFING PROFESSION CHANGED SINCE YOU'VE BEEN INVOLVED? The profession has definitely become more technical.

WHAT IS THE MOST UNUSUAL PROJECT YOUR COMPANY HAS COMPLETED? For many years, a project called Showplace, High Point, N.C., has been our most unusual project. The project was completed in 2000. The structure is a well-known architectural icon of the High Point area. Because of the sweeping curves of the structure, safety became a greater challenge than the roofing-system work itself.

WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE CHANGED TO MAKE THE ROOFING AND SHEET-METAL INDUSTRY BETTER? I would like to see a formal apprentice program that would develop new sheet-metal and roofing technicians for our industry for the future.



WHAT IS THE BEST ADVICE YOU'VE RECEIVED IN YOUR CAREER?

"Surround yourself with the best people you can possibly find in your business."

WHAT ADVICE WOULD YOU GIVE TO A BEGINNING ROOFING OR SHEET-METAL WORKER?

Research the company you plan to work for and ensure it is a top performer. Take advantage of all training opportunities.

WHO IS THE PERSON YOU MOST ADMIRE?

I admire my Grandfather Black who was a man with high morals and great leadership ability. I also greatly admire my father who has taught me many life lessons through his direct, non-sugar-coated approach to teaching.

WHAT DO YOU CONSIDER YOUR GREATEST ACHIEVEMENT?

It may sound cliché but my children and my great relationship with my wife.

WHAT IS ONE OF YOUR PET PEEVES?

Ignorance. It is out of style, according to David Pope, my father.

WHAT DO YOU DO FOR RELAXATION?

I am an avid mountain-bike rider. I also enjoy hiking.

WHAT WOULD PEOPLE BE SURPRISED TO KNOW ABOUT YOU?

I graduated from the University of North Carolina, Charlotte, with a degree in psychology and a degree in geology.

WHAT MOTIVATES YOU EVERY DAY?

My family. △



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