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Batchelor Has the Blueprint for a Fulfilling Retirement



Bob Batchelor is busy. Busy giving back.

If you are looking for the blueprint to successfully transition from full-time work to retirement, Batchelor may have it and it's not a complicated formula.

While there is a necessary level of preparation, the solution is to do what you love and pursue your passion.

You are likely to discover that these fundamentals

add up quite nicely.

After 45 years as a public accountant, Batchelor retired from his last position in 2001. During his career he was a partner at four firms, the last – Batchelor Frechette McCrory Michael & Co. – began in 1987 and is considered today as one of Rhode Island's leading CPA firms.

But his professional retirement didn't mean Batchelor stopped working. Batchelor currently serves on a pair of boards and volunteers at least two-and-a-half days each week for the [Episcopal Diocese of Rhode Island](#), where he also served as elected treasurer for the past two decades.

Ever since Batchelor's early career, the accounting work made sense. His father encouraged him, and he attended then– Bryant College. As time progressed, the idea of giving back took shape.

"I was driven by my true love for the profession and the need to give back as a part of my career success," said Batchelor. "Over the years I became involved in numerous not-for-profit relationships. The impetus is to give back to improve others' lives,"

Because volunteer work served a real part of his full-time career, the transition to retirement was largely seamless.

"Sometimes you need to think about where you are in life and then move towards the goals you have set for yourself," said Batchelor. "I prepared for my retirement with the help of my business partners and a well executed plan."

Proper planning has allowed Batchelor to focus on areas where he can make an impact. He is able to do so through financial planning lectures and serving on the audit and investment committees of [St. Elizabeth Community](#), as well as the investment and executive committees of [Preserve RI](#).

As Chair of the RISCPA's Ethics Committee, Batchelor continues to be involved in the CPA scene. He sees it as important work, a way to ensure the reputation and respected work of the CPA maintains its lofty status. He also views his support of the Episcopal Diocese as a special labor of love.

"It is personally rewarding as it allows me to be comfortable in my faith and enjoy fond memories of my parents who taught me much of what is my love of God today so I can continue to impart it to my three children and eight grandchildren," he said.

With no plans of slowing down, Batchelor and wife Ruth will continue to spend time traveling and visiting their ever growing family that is always close by.

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“Ruth and I are blessed,” he said. “We enjoy each other’s company and participating in the lives of our immediate family, our many friends, and a steady flow of travel opportunities”

Not a bad blueprint.



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