

Creating **Organization** out of **Chaos**

By Gell Gellman

*2001 was a year to remember for **Peggy Bishop**. She transitioned from her Intel career to the world of writing short stories, articles, fiction, and non-fiction. Her story will be an inspiration to anyone who is looking for more time to do what you'd like.*

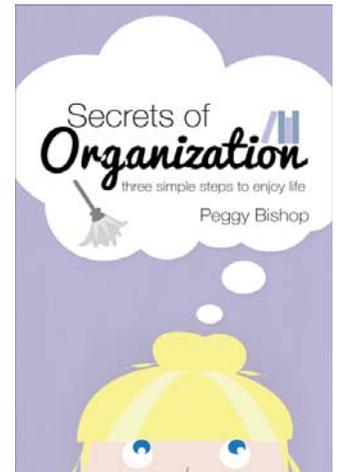


Peggy Bishop

Peggy retired in Chandler Arizona where she managed a group that reviewed customer specifications for microcontrollers. The things Peggy misses about Intel? She misses the camaraderie of teamwork, striving together each day to reach a goal, and that wonderful feeling of accomplishment after completing a project. "I loved working as a team, researching, and resolving customer issues."

Peggy's days are full as she spends her retired life traveling with her husband, writing, and playing cards, as well as finally having enough time to read as much as she wants! She finds enjoyment in attending movies, plays, and concerts, and socializing with friends and family. "I also love animals and have two Cavalier King Charles Spaniels who bring so much fun and pleasure into my life." And not to get too far away from the world of technology, Peggy has become addicted to some online games such as "Words With Friends", W.E.L.D.E.R, and others. "I love these games but sometimes they keep me from reading which is still my first love!!"

Peggy has accomplished what many daydream of doing: publishing a book. "After retiring I worked on several short stories and articles (some of which got published), but always seemed to let myself get sidetracked before completing any of my books. There were two in particular that I was writing simultaneously. One was fiction; the other was a self-help book. Since I was closer to finishing my non-fiction book, I chose to put all of my attention on "*Secrets of Organization*". Once I made myself concentrate on an ending, I was able to complete it within a couple of weeks and sent it out to several publishers. Much to my delight, I received a response from one of them within a few short weeks and was offered a contract. A year later my book was published!"



Many of us have innate abilities we take for granted. For Peggy it was sharing her organizational skills that led to creating *Secrets of Organization*. Just as playing the piano, painting a picture, or dancing doesn't come naturally to Peggy, others need assistance to know how to effectively schedule their appointments, organize their closets, or plan a trip with a minimum of frustration. As seen on her website, <http://peggybishop.tateauthor.com>, Peggy comments, "Although I possess the basic skills of organization, it still took me years to learn the most efficient ways to prioritize, organize, and simplify daily life. If this book shortens that learning curve for others, I've accomplished my goal!"



Secrets of Organization covers multiple subjects (Finances, Entertaining, Storage Solutions, Time Management and many others) and practices what it preaches as the format includes quick references. "In order to share some of the processes that worked for me, I put my suggestions and ideas into a format that touches on many aspects of daily life. *A Quick Reference Check* at the end of each chapter summarizes key points. This allows for easy recall of each of the topics without rereading the chapter. That's a timesaver right there!" Peggy feels that once prioritizing, organizing, and simplifying are incorporated into each day, people will have time to truly enjoy family, friends, and their lives. "Personally," Peggy says, "that's what I think living is all about!" She is gratified to have received very nice press about her book. "But I feel even more fulfilled knowing that I've finally accomplished something I've dreamed about my whole life!"



Peggy has had book signings in Mesa and Tucson and has appeared on a couple of local TV shows, "Sonoran Living" and "Good Morning! Arizona". "Both of the TV appearances were quite an honor, but definitely took me out of my comfort zone! However, it was lots of fun seeing an actual television studio and observing the people 'behind the scenes'."

Having been retired for over a decade, new retirees would be wise to take note of Peggy's advice. "Try to come up with new and fun goals each day. It can be hard to fill the time until you have a new routine."

Retirement is a whole other world where we can choose which aspects of Intel culture we embrace. After reading this article, who would be surprised to learn that Peggy holds ARs close to her heart? "I still make AR lists each day. It helps prioritize my day and I still love crossing items off my list!!"

Peggy Bishop's book, *Secrets of Organization*, is available online and at any bookstore. Find it at www.tatepublishing.com, www.amazon.com, and www.barnesandnoble.com. Don't forget she has her own website, <http://peggybishop.tateauthor.com>.

Peggy continues to write and has several short stories and novels under way. She hopes to have another manuscript, fiction this time, completed within the year.

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