

Ron Donigan
Resume

During my first 25+ years after graduating from university I worked in three small companies in different types of business. My responsibilities covered a number of business areas including logistics, planning, manufacturing and sales. Responsibilities always included managing/leading a team. Whether the position was Merchandising Dept. Head, Material Control Manager, Traffic Manager, V. P. of Manufacturing or V.P. of Sales, my leadership delivered results that enabled me to continually grow the business and broaden my professional expertise.

The third company in the trio referenced above was where I met the most wonderful person ever to enter my life! My beautiful wife, Donna, was working in that company and we were married on December 14, 1991 – the gift I could never have imagined and still do not deserve! Our marriage made the rest of our lives so much better than we could ever have expected without each other!

After our first six years together we entered the most challenging, rewarding, exciting and satisfying professional opportunity we could ever have expected. Beginning in the Purchasing Department I joined Nestle USA as “Director” of Purchasing/Flexible Packaging (glorified title for “category manager”). After delivering significant savings to the category the professional opportunity of a lifetime arrived. I was named to lead a team in the largest ERP (Enterprise Resource Planning) software conversion in the history of the company (at that time Nestle **USA**). My performance in that effort promoted me to a V.P. position.

That performance also led to the opportunity to work in Nestle’s **global** ERP conversion (in Vevey, Switzerland) as leader of the purchasing team in February of 2001, followed a year later by promotion to the leader of all areas of the business – approximately 1,200 people from more than 50 countries.

After 3.5 years on the project we returned to the U.S. where my next assignment was the successful creation of a regional procurement organization in Latin America. Four years later I became part of the global effort to create a truly global procurement effort – an effort still underway when I retired in 2015.

When Donna and I moved to Hilton Head we expected to enjoy a great new lifestyle. We did not expect to find HHISC. The Hilton Head Island Shag Club has given us a wonderful group of friends. With the support of the board and club members (and my beautiful wife!) I believe I can help us continue to “promote and preserve the heritage of beach music and Shag dancing” and have a lot of fun doing it!