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At the age of 1-1/2, I traveled halfway around the world to meet my father for the first time. By fifth grade, I had resided on three different continents. Fast forward to 1966, a notable year in my life: On the positive side, I invited a young man named John Kosiewicz to be my date to a Sadie Hawkins Dance. Sadly, 1966 also marked the necessity of my voluntarily leaving that college and the newly budding romance to return home to assist my family because mother was seriously ill.

After 5 decades of marriage and busy individual careers, my husband and I left the Roman Catholic Church, not because of theological issues, but because of the church's stand on social issues.

I have been very active at St. Peter's since joining two years ago: I attend weekly bible study classes, make Eucharistic Visits to two homebound parishioners each month, am in my second year as publicity co-chair for The Market at 3 West Ridge, participate in the annual Family Promise meal program, purchase and wrap gifts for the Angel Tree, donate to food drives, and have spoken in support of the church's stewardship efforts. In addition to the activities my husband and I do jointly, he is also a lector at the 8:00 service.

At my previous churches, I taught Sunday School to first graders and much more recently, spent 7 years at the Social Apostolate, a social service agency in downtown Savannah assisting the homeless and working poor. I worked there in various direct client contact jobs.

Professionally, I have a Ph. D. and was part of a team which studied a new learning technique to assist learning disabled students focus their attention-to-task skills. I authored 8 research articles in juried professional journals, one teacher's guide that was a companion to a best-selling textbook on exceptional children, and created a coloring book which fostered a positive self-image in young children. Past jobs have included Associate Dean of Admission of the University of Virginia, Director of Special Education & Student Services in an inner-city school system, and a school psychologist working with students ages 2 – 22.

In addition to my more professional occupations, I've worked as a model, a secretary, and served in the role of a "seeing eyed dog" for a blind runner. I've had a long-term love affair with classical piano music, I am a Wordle addict, and I eagerly await making my fifth "Hole in One." (My husband and I are currently tied at 4 apiece.)