

WILLIAM LEE BARAN, Ph.D.
BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH
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Born in Chicago, Illinois, Dr. Baran has a Ph.D. in Food Science and Human Nutrition from Michigan State University. He received an Associate of Arts degree from Wright Junior College, Bachelor of Science and Master of Science degrees in Food Technology from Iowa State University, Ames, Iowa. He spent 45 years in the food industry developing new foods. He is the father of the Chick-fil-A waffle fries. He served on active duty as a Health Service Officer for the US Public Health Service Commissioned Corps (USPHSCC). Dr. Baran, an Eagle Scout, is a Compatriot at the Palo Verde Chapter of Arizona SAR and has served as the AZSSAR State Secretary, President 2021-2022, Trustee 2022-2023.

He spends time with his Bernese Mountain Dogs. JB a performance champion earning the title Grand Master Draft Dog (18th in the World) and practicing herding of sheep. Buster has his Novice Draft Dog title and also working on his herding titles with a PT. Dr. Baran enjoys golf playing in a senior league and plays chess Internationally.

He is married to Lesley Ann (Mentch) Baran who is active in DAR serving as Organizational Secretary for the state of Arizona and past Regent of Gila Butte and Newnan Chapters

Dr Baran enjoys genealogy and has been working on this own and wife's families since the late 70's. His topics are a result of those studies.

Dr. Baran has published fourteen papers and holds one patent. He has been a member of the Institute of Food Technologists since 1965, served as IFT Scientific Lecturer (1983-1988). During his career he was an international speaker on food safety

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Availability: Retired so willing to go to any Chapter in the State.

Audio/Video needs: Will use computer with power point presentation.

Topics: 30 minutes in length.

- Topics: 1. Scot-Irish Conococheague Settlement PA 1750's
Black Boys Rebellion (John Wayne was there????)
2. Derry Settlement-Westmoreland Co. PA 1760's
Frontier Rangers and Ranging Companies
3. Fort Henry- Wheeling, VA Boggs Family
4. The Forgotten Veterans
The two uniformed services
US Public Health Service (USPHS)
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)