

## Bill Bruner

### **Business Background**

Bill Bruner has had an interesting life with many different jobs over his 45 years of working. Bill began his career in banking working for a large California bank and a major Midwest bank where he ran an \$80 million loan department. Bill spent nearly 10 years in banking & finance.

After time in banking Bill decided to pursue his first love, acting. Bill was a professional actor for nearly 15 years working in several theatres throughout the Midwest. Bill also worked in radio, did print ads, voice-over work, local and regional TV commercials and many industrial training films.

Bill then stumbled into doing taxes and for the past 23 years that's what he's done. Bill worked for Ernst & Young, LLP for 9 of those 23 years and came to Colorado for a job in Denver doing taxes for a major REIT (real estate investment trust).

After 23 years of working long stressful hours doing taxes, Bill decided to change his life. The life-changing decision was to open his own travel agency. For years Bill had been planning trips for himself and family members, so he believed this was a great natural fit, so Bill started Cruise Planners – Heart and Soul Excursions in Feb. 2015.

In 2019 Bill opened the Bailey Theatre Company which is still going strong with 2024 being the theatre's fifth season.

### **Volunteer work**

Bill has been involved with volunteer organizations for pretty much his whole life. Bill started in the Cub Scouts, moved to Webelos, and onto Boy Scouts where he finished as a Star scout. Bill was in Explorer's and then joined the Jaycees. Bill was on the board of directors of two different Jaycee chapters and won Jaycee of the year. In addition, he raised over \$100k to build a park in the town he was in.

Bill was on the board of a humane society for 3 years; Bill volunteered for the Republican party and wrote some handouts for the same. Bill in the last 10 years has been the co-chair of the 285 Tourism committee that helped promote Bailey and Conifer. Bill was treasurer of the Platte Canyon Chamber and on the finance board for the Conifer chamber.

Bill set up a committee to address highway safety issues on 285 8 years ago and still meets once a quarter with government officials to continue to get projects done on 285. In the "Bailey" project Bill was instrumental in getting a \$4M project done in downtown Bailey.

Bill was on the board of the Venue Theatre and is currently president and managing director of the Bailey Theatre Company.

Bill's proven leadership is what this HOA needs. Please vote for Bill Bruner.