



Bill Decker

The Hub | President

The Hub of Philadelphia operates meeting and event centers.

Besides operating three locations and 45,000 square feet of meeting space, the company also has a meeting software solution coming out in 2011.

where I'm supposed to say, "The Eagles last season," but I'm from San Diego so I'm not fussed. Seriously, words cannot describe my disappointment in the national bipartisan political circus that seems to be worsening every year in our country.

How you give back: I deliver emergency shelter to disaster zones with ShelterBox (www.shelterboxusa.org). I'm also chairman of the board, but that's not as meaningful as being on the ground. We responded to 25 disasters in 19 countries in 2010. I'm also in the Rotary Club of Philadelphia, and we do a ton of good projects locally, many of them around child literacy.

Little-known fact about you: I was a contestant

on "Wheel of Fortune." I got whipped by a first-grade teacher.

Your first job: "Professional Hand Work." Sounds sketchy, but it was basically gluing folders and brochures and stuffing them into envelopes for direct mail out of a garage in San Diego. I was 14.

The most fun you ever had: The year 2010. Business recovered from 2009 and The Hub expanded; Julie and I hung out with Camila at Clarence House in London; I threw out the opening pitch at the Yankees vs. Pirates game; went to Haiti twice for post-quake aid work with ShelterBox; got some skiing and surfing in with my friends/family; watched my children

blossom — an amazing year of living.

Your advice to the next generation: Do everything you can to make it better now and leave it better for those who will follow you.

Age: 38

Education: Thunderbird School of Global Management, MBA (2002); Georgetown University, School of Foreign Service, BS in international politics (1997).

Career history: Eli Lilly and Co., senior marketing associate, competitive management, Zyprexa global product team; PricewaterhouseCoopers (Dallas), senior associate, business advisory services; Triton Energy Corp. (Amerada-Hess), economic and political analyst.

Family: Married to Julie Decker with two sons: Liam, 4, and Bryce, 2.

Motto to live by: Do well and do good.

Your proudest professional moment: Hitting the first \$1 million mark early on with The Hub. It quelled any critics.

How you arrived at your job or field: John New, my business partner and longtime friend from Georgetown, and I decided that working for ourselves would accelerate the achievement of some life goals. We both had some pretty bad meeting experiences around the world. We decided there's a better way for people to meet and knew that companies were decreasing their real estate footprints, so we decided to build a business.

Your biggest break: Too many to count. When I went to Georgetown I had absolutely no way to pay for it. Quite unexpectedly, a physician for whom my mom had worked for several years as a secretary called me out of the blue and said he would back me with zero-interest loans to complete my education. This was a break that was a root cause of some good things that followed, not the least of which was befriending John New and then meeting my wife, Julie, in grad school, to which I had won a full ride scholarship. It all makes sense in the rearview mirror when I connect the dots.

What motivates you: My desire to live a useful life. To build things that generate well-being for my family and for those who suffer around the world. To love those around me and to be loved by them. Pretty simple.

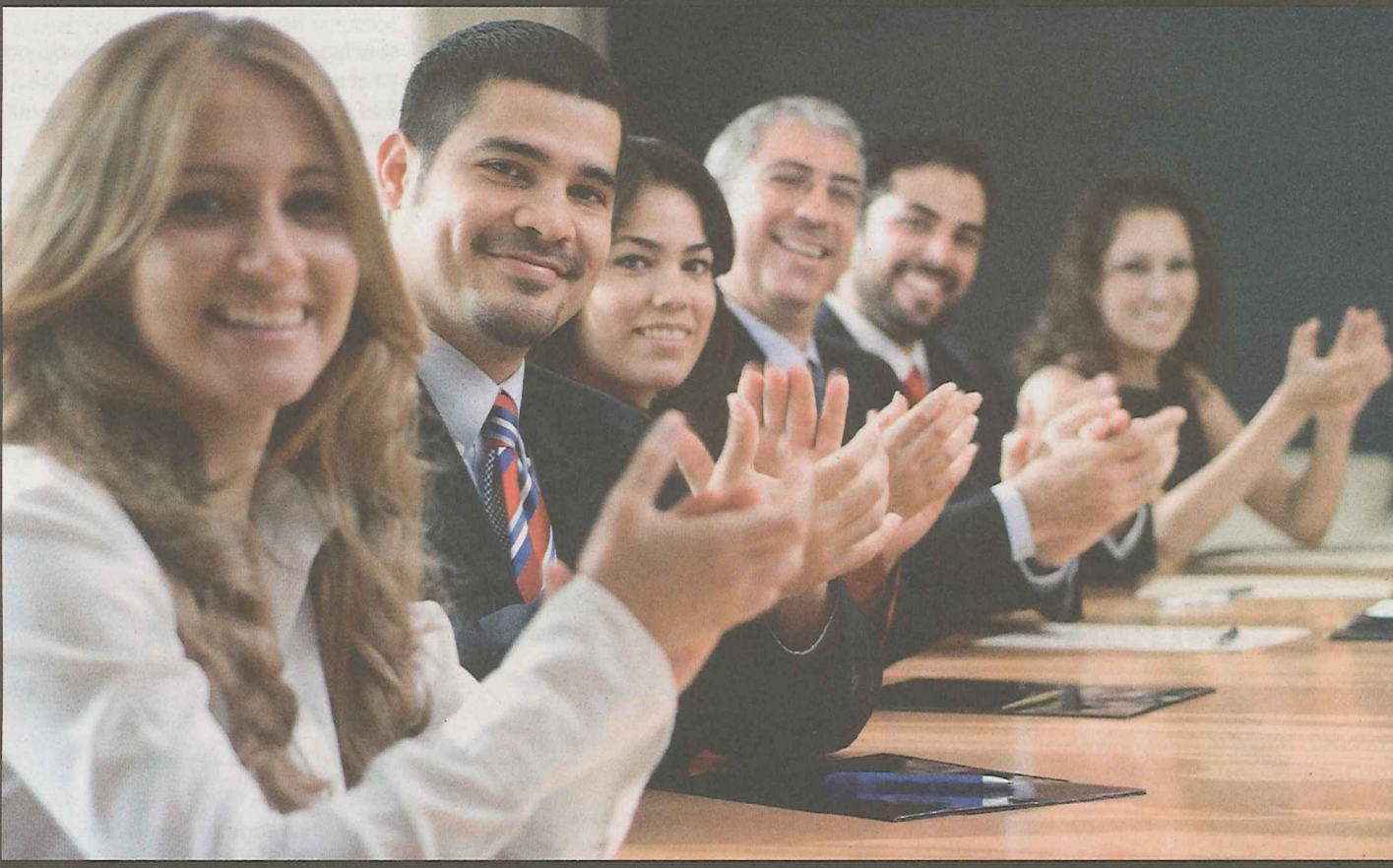
Best career advice you ever got: Nick De'Ath, my mentor in the oil and gas business after undergrad, taught me a lot about being excellent and keeping one's ego in check as the path to a successful career. He's an MBE (Member of the British Empire) and has a way about him of quiet confidence backed by ability and diplomatic polish.

Your greatest inspiration: Three people. My mom for her unwavering support, enthusiasm and ability to forgive people. My dad for his integrity and wisdom. I don't think he understands the positive impact he's had on me through the years. My wife for her gentle patience and commitment to this journey with me.

Your biggest challenge: Time and balance — family, business, philanthropy.

Your biggest disappointment: I think this is

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