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A Boomer's Guide to Life After 50

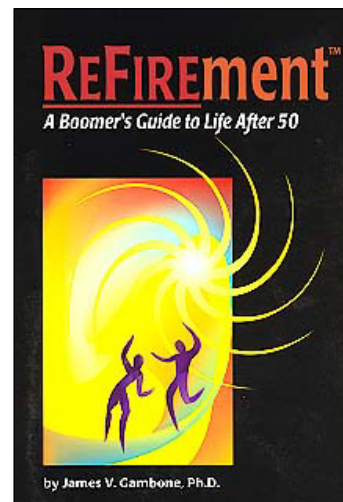
by James V. Gambone

**One Baby Boomer turns fifty-five every eight seconds
and the pace will continue for the next ten years.
These 76 million men and women
will have a dramatic impact
on every political, cultural, and social aspect
of American life for the next thirty years.**

Today, the average person can expect to live three decades longer than did folks in 1900. All that extra time begs for a retirement plan that goes beyond “travel more, play golf and see the grandkids.” The author, James Gambone, challenges the baby boomers to ReFire, not retire—to take an inventory of their special gifts and dreams and to plan a retirement based on their personal values.

Retirement implies withdrawing from life—being less engaged and therefore less valuable. Instead Gambone suggests ReFiring: a positive, optimistic vision of how to live a meaningful life.

Redefining retirement requires intentional planning. Only by looking at the big picture can you chart a meaningful course for your later years.



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Following the completion of an M.A. in Inter-American Diplomatic History, service as a Peace Corps volunteer in Colombia, S.A. and a Ph.D. in bilingual/bicultural education at the University of New Mexico, Jim worked as a Drop-Out Prevention Specialist on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation and as a Resource Training Director with the Minneapolis Public Schools. In these positions, he was responsible for developing and delivering a variety of curriculum and training programs. Since that time, Jim has worked as a writer, producer and director, telecommunications and marketing consultant, statewide media campaign coordinator in the State of Minnesota, workshop leader, public speaker, and lecturer.



Jim is recognized as a national and international resource in the area of training and intergenerational relationships. His Intergenerational Dialogue Tool™, is being used in all sectors of society including corporations, churches, government, nonprofit institutions, and community-based organizations. The Intergenerational Dialogue Tool has been applied to such issues as: child abuse prevention programs; disaster relief; family and community violence prevention; aging corporations; homeland security; and deficit reduction.

Jim's major keynote speeches include: The National Council On Family Relations; The National Association of Lutheran Health Care Agencies for the Aging; The British Columbia Council on the Family; The Minnesota Gerontological Society; The United Nations International Year of the Family Intergenerational Conference; as well as conducting trainings and numerous customized organizational presentations.

Jim has also been an award-winning film and television writer, producer, and director for over 30 years.

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What Others Are Saying

Bravo for Jim Gambone's call for a ReFirement movement. If everyone heeds his call to action, we can revolutionize our cultural conceptions about growing old in America. This book offers a vision for elevating elderhood to its rightful place of respect, compassion, and celebration. What a legacy that would be for our children and future generations.

Norma Schuh, Coach and Founder of Midlife Celebrations

Dr. Gambone—as he has done many times before—leads us to see life through a new lens. ReFirement helps all of us re-imagine our futures as gift and possibility. This book is engaging, practical, leading edge, and life-transforming. I recommend it highly.

Dr. Peter L. Benso, President, Search Institute

Dr. Gambone offers a compelling challenge to our generation: End the retirement system and age discrimination in our lifetimes. The stakes for meeting the ReFirement challenge could not be higher.

Paul Stolts, Ph.d.,
author of *Adversity Quotient* and *Turning Obstacles into Opportunities*.

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