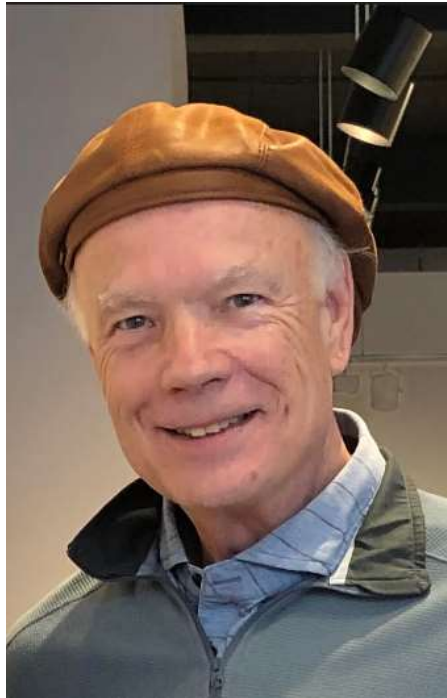


Sowing Seeds of Social Beauty

About the Author



Welcome to the Social Clinic---a time and space where all of us can serve as Social Clinicians and contribute to the examination and remedy of illness of society---the goal being to replace **“Mean Arrangement of Man”** and **Social Atrocity** with **Kind Social Arrangements** that will lead to greater **Social Beauty**.

I am a partly-retired pediatrician and pediatric rheumatologist who now lives in the state of Washington, USA.

I graduated from St. Olaf College (Minnesota) in 1968. In 1972 I received my MD degree from the University of California, San Diego (UCSD) at La Jolla School of Medicine. Sequentially, I have practiced pediatric rheumatology at Cincinnati Children’s Hospital/University of Cincinnati; Nationwide Children’s Hospital/Ohio State University; Alberta Children’s Hospital/University of Calgary; and Children’s Hospital/Cleveland Clinic. Early in my pediatric rheumatology career I had the honor of playing a major role in developing the specialty of Pediatric Rheumatology in the Peoples’ Republic of China.

During the last 16 years of my career, I focused on the international study and treatment of Susac Syndrome, a potentially devastating autoimmune disease that attacks the microvasculature in the brain, retina, and inner ear of young adults, causing ischemic brain injury, visual loss, and deafness.

In addition to Medicine, I have had a long-standing interest in social philosophy and geopolitical/economic analysis. To sum up my social philosophy: I imagine a world in which “Vast Fields of Public Activity” have been created, with each public activity emulating the altruistic spirit and behaviors that have been practiced for decades in Public Children’s Hospitals throughout the world.

Currently, I am a Visiting Professor at St. Petersburg State Pediatric Medical University in St. Petersburg, Russia, where I am working with dear pediatric colleagues who share my enthusiasm for the Children’s Hospital Public Economy Model (CHPEM), its preservation, and its advancement. Our mutual hope is to advance awareness and understanding of the CHPEM and to encourage consideration of the CHPEM as an alternative to the capitalist economic model---at least in healthcare. We hope that our collaborative work can serve as an example of how people in Russia and the USA can appreciate each other and work together to create a healthy, peaceful world for children. Our hope is that political leaders in the USA and Russia will do the same.

“Sowing Seeds of Social Beauty” and the “Notes From the Social Clinic” on my website (www.notesfromthesocialclinic.org) are dedicated to my three daughters and 9 grandchildren, in hopes that these writings will contribute to the creation of a better world---more Social Beauty, for all of Humanity to enjoy.

Please feel free to download and share any of the “Notes from the Social Clinic.” Also, please feel free to communicate with me by email. Indeed, a main purpose of the Notes is to stimulate and facilitate helpful dialogue.

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