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Born 1958 in the New York City borough of the South Bronx. I am of Asian descent. My father is from the Province of Canton, China and so he is Chinese, more correctly he is Cantonese. My mother is of Irish and English descent and so I claim the "luck of the Irish" and I proudly wear green on St Patty's Day

In 1962 we moved to a government assisted high rise community affectionately known as "The Jackson Projects". It was a wonderful place to live for several years. Sadly after a few years "the projects" began to decline as the quality of it's tenants declined and by the early 70's, the projects were no longer a safe and wholesome place to live. So in 1972 my parents decided to change their environment and move to Florida.

My parents sold EVERYTHING they had, took all of their hard earned savings and cashed in their life insurance policies. My dad moved to FL to find a job as a bookkeeper, but all he could find was a job as a cook at a Chinese restaurant in "Canova Beach" which is a township near Satellite Beach. My dad found a place for us to live in Cape Canaveral and plopped down first and last month rent. My parents then took all of the money they had left and bought 5 more plane tickets to FL. We arrived in Orlando in August of 1972 and headed to our new apartment in Cape Canaveral with \$64.00 left to the family name. With this move to Florida our lives changed drastically for the better. It's amazing the changes you can make in your life by just forcing yourself to change your environment.

I graduated from Cocoa Beach High in 1976. At that time my family had no funds for college and I had no idea what I wanted to do with my life so I just went to work. My first job out of high school was as a fast food worker at the Burger Chef in Cocoa Beach. I moved up quickly and eventually became the store manager. One day February day in 1980 I met a beautiful young lady named Jackie Faville who lived in an apartment right behind our store. We dated, fell in love and were married 17 months later on July 12, 1981. We moved to an apt in Cocoa Beach. My wife Jackie became pregnant in Jan 1982, Jan 1st to be exact. This meant we had to move because children were not allowed at our place of residence. We moved to the fine City of Rockledge in early 1982 where we raised our daughter Jennifer who currently resides in Key West FL.

From 1982 to 1987 I was a milkman for Borden's Dairy, an insurance agent for Liberty National Life Insurance an ordinary agent with Franklin Life, a debt collector for Associated Credit and Collections Bureau and I had a paper route. In 1986 I answered an ad for Orkin and became an "Orkin Man", a sales inspector to be exact. I was fired from that job about 6 months later and took a job as a pest technician for Slug-A-Bug in 1987.

In 1987 Slug-A-Bug was 5 years old and had 5 employees. Over the years I worked and studied my way up through the ranks eventually buying into the company and I now serve as President and part owner of Slug-A-Bug. I am blessed and privileged to be able to serve our community and I am extremely grateful for God's blessings in my life. I am a follower of Christ and I see myself as a servant leader. I believe life is what you make it and we can always make it better. I espouse to the teachings of the great philosopher Zig Ziglar used to say - "If you help enough people get what they want then you will get what you want". I also believe that it is in giving that we receive and that relationships work best when we consistently seek to esteem others needs above our own.

That's Steve Lum in a nutshell.

