

Isaac (Jack) Jonathan
President and Founder of Melagrana Editions
Resumé- 1939 – 2017

Employment Resumé

- 2008 - 2011** **Stowers Institute for Medical Research**, Kansas City, Missouri. Consultant.
- Wrote a manuscript: *Creating Hope for Life: Jim and Virginia Stowers' Story*.
- 1988 - 2008** **Stowers Innovations, Inc.**, wholly owned subsidiary of American Century Investments, Kansas City, Missouri. Founder and President.
- Created a series of seven *Yes, You Can* books to help people create financial well-being and live a meaningful life. Two received book awards: *Yes, You Can... Achieve Financial Independence* and *Yes, You Can... Raise Financially Aware Kids* (3 awards).
 - 2002 Pioneer Award from Kansas City Direct Marketing Association.
- 1989-1998** **American Century Investments**, Kansas City, Missouri. Corporate Director, Marketing.
- Created *Yes, You Can... Achieve Financial Independence* (co-authored with Jim Stowers), published under Deer Publishing Company, 1992.
- 1983 - 1988** **Collection Coeur, SA**, a subsidiary of Daniel Swarovski of Austria. Founder and President. Created innovative product concepts in porcelain, wood and mixed media, to complement Swarovski's crystal products.
- 1954 - 1983** **Hallmark Cards**, Kansas City, Missouri.
- 1971, Corporate Director of New Product Development, an intrapreneurial group that integrated creative, production, and marketing functions.
 - Prior to 1970 managed the greeting card division: developed and introduced calendars, books, posters, albums, Miniature Gallery, and new card concepts.
- 1952 - 1954** **World Publishing**, Cleveland, Ohio. Assistant to President Benjamin Zevin. Worked on 1st edition of *Webster's New World Dictionary of the American Language*.
- 1943 - 1952** **American Embassy**, Cairo, Egypt.
- 1946 -1952, Director of Publications and Printing, USIA.
1943-1946, Manager, Printing Production, U.S. Office of War Information.
- 1939 - 1943** **John Dickinson and Co, Ltd.**, Cairo, Egypt. Sales representative for paper, printing, and machinery for graphic arts industry.

Writing, Photography, and Publishing Resumé

- 2017 - Melagrana Editions, Kansas City, Missouri. Founder**
- Photographic Exhibition, *Egypt, the Eternal Spirit of its People*. Willis Smith Gallery at Ringling College of Art and Design, Sarasota. Florida.
 - Children's picture book, *Benvenuto and Gelsomina: A Love Story*. With co-author Sheelagh Hope, and illustrator Lou Marak.
- 2012 - 2016 Jonathan and Associates, Kansas City, Missouri. Founder.**
- Photographic exhibition, *Egypt, the Eternal Spirit of its People*. Bibliotheca Alexandrina, Alexandria, Egypt.
 - Catalogue Raisonné, *Egypt, the Eternal Spirit of its People: Stories of an Exhibition*, with Sheelagh Hope and Steve Barr.
 - Photographic Exhibition, *Healing Images*, All Soul's Unitarian Church, Kansas City, Missouri.

Photographic Exhibitions

- 2017** *Egypt: The Eternal Spirit of Its People*. Willis Smith Gallery, Ringling College of Art and Design, Sarasota, Florida.
- 2016** *Egypt: The Eternal Spirit of Its People*. Bibliotheca Alexandrina, Alexandria, Egypt.
Healing Images. All Soul's Unitarian Church, Kansas City, Missouri.
- 2013** *Healing Images*. Permanent installation, Children's Mercy Hospital, Kansas City, Missouri
- 2004** *Light is the Eye of the Mind*. Kansas City, Missouri
- 1972** *Moments of Awareness*. Kansas City, Missouri
- 1952** *Scenes of Egypt*. Cairo and Alexandria, Egypt
- 1951** *Une Promenade au Caire*. Illustrations for an article by Gaston Wiet. *La Femme Nouvelle*, Issue *Art Arabe*. Cairo, Egypt. December 1951.

Writing and Publishing

- 2017 *Benvenuto and Gelsomina: A Love Story*. A children's picture book. Co-author Sheelagh Hope, illustrator Lou Marak.
- 2015 *Egypt, the Eternal Spirit of Its People: Stories of an Exhibition*. A catalogue raisonné. Co-author Sheelagh Hope, and Ink Jet Print Artist Steve Barr.
- 2011 *Hope for Life: The Story of Jim and Virginia Stowers*. Manuscript, with Sheelagh Hope
- 1998 –2008. *Yes, You Can* series. Stowers Innovations, Inc., Kansas City, Missouri.
- 2002 *YYC! Raise Financially Aware Kids* (winner of 3 awards)
- 2005 *YYC... Find More Meaning in Your Life*, co-author Sheelagh Manheim)
- 2007 *The Best is Yet To Be*, a unique autobiography of Jim Stowers.

- 2008 *YYC... Reach Your Goals and Achieve Your Dreams*, by Jim Stowers, Jack Jonathan and Sheelagh Manheim.
- 1992 *Yes, You, Can... Achieve Financial Independence* (5 editions) Co-author with Jim Stowers,
- 1953-1968 *The Second Christmas* by Louis Untermeyer; *Flowers of the Holy Land*; *The Little Miracle* a film project and book. Hallmark Cards, Kansas City, Missouri.
- 1952 *The Webster's New World Dictionary of the American Language*. World Publishing, Cleveland Ohio. I worked on the team that created this unique dictionary.
- 1947 An Arabic Primer for illiterate adults. The American Embassy, Cairo, Egypt. I helped Frank Laubach of *Each One, Teach One* create this unique primer.
- 1946 Produced and Published American literature and documents on democracy in Arabic. United States Information Service, Cairo, Egypt.
- 1935-39 I took writing seriously throughout my high school years. My first literary effort was an adventure story, *The History of a Jailbird*, that I read to an assembly of my fellow students at lunchtime. I created a "textbook" to teach Italian and Arabic to two Eritrean refugee students. At the Royal Italian Lyceum, I was a member of the school newspaper team.

Personal Information

- Born in Cairo, Egypt in 1921, a naturalized American citizen since 1955.
- Married with three children and three grandchildren.
- Fluent in English, French, and Italian, with working knowledge of Spanish and Arabic.
- Former Board Member: Village Shalom and Shepherd's Center in Kansas City Area.
- Former Member: Direct Marketing Association and US Marketing Association.
- Past President: Friends of the Library, University of Missouri, Kansas City, Missouri,