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Carol and I enjoying a libation!

It is so interesting to read about what everybody has done over the past **fifty** years. (Yikes!) Our class of '65 has certainly sampled life in a big way. Congratulations to all of you!

Unfortunately I won't be able to make the re-union but I hope some of my old High School pals will see my email as an opportunity to reconnect.

After graduation, I went to UVIC for one year and then to UBC for pre-architecture. Those were the halcyon years of student occupation of the faculty club (inspired by Jerry Rubin) and heaving all the drafting boards out into the street at the UBC School of Architecture, so we could 'find ourselves' and discover the meaning of life! Anybody caught reading a copy of the building code would be dealt with most severely. It was poetry, sketching and good vibes!

After 6 years in University I graduated in '72 after a one year hiatus to travel the world. I then started a design/build business in Deep Cove with two of my buddies from Architecture School. We called it '38 Mothers' (Don't ask), and we designed and built a number of gorgeous west coast homes in North and West Vancouver. I 'retired' in '75 to take another trip abroad in a red Westphalia with my first wife Cathy.

Upon our return from Europe, we moved back to Victoria. We built a house on the waterfront in Saxe Point and went into the development business. All went well until 1981 reared its ugly head and all our buyers headed for the exits. Picking up the pieces, my partner, Tom Moore and I dusted off the hammers and started doing design/build in Victoria.

In 1983 we started our Architectural firm, Campbell, Moore Group architects and over the years we did a number of notable projects including the Grand Pacific Hotel, Saanich Commonwealth Place and many golf club houses (including the 1993 restoration and renovation of Victoria Golf Club.) I was active on the bid committee to bring the Commonwealth Games to Victoria and sat on the Board of Governors. I was also Chairman of the Victoria Design Panel and sat on the Advisory Planning Commission for the City of Victoria. I sold my share of the practice in 1998 to my partner and went into the investment business for 5 years, which had been a long standing interest of mine.

After separating from my first wife I met Carol Johnson, the love of my life, on Saltspring Island and we have been happily together for 30 years.

Determined to have the obligatory 7 careers I then took the position in 2004 as one of the Project Architects for the 5,000 home Loreto Bay development on the Baja in Mexico. That necessitated relocating to Arizona (such a sacrifice!) where Carol and I lived for five years with our son Colin who went to golf school there. Our two delightful daughters Ainsley and Tanya had flown the coop by then and are now living in Vancouver. We have two grandkids: Chase 5 and Chelsea 2 at present.

We returned from Arizona in 2009 after the financial meltdown and after a couple of project management jobs in Victoria I founded a software company called Tictalking which is designed to connect people with Things in Common (Tics). People you didn't know you wanted to know'.

We are presently working on a contract with one of the largest providers of internet services in Africa, to be their social platform, and I recently went to Washington, DC, to meet with the Founder and CEO. One of the advantages of being in software is that all the team members are in their twenties and thirties. I'm definitely the 'old guy'. It keeps the brain flexible trying to stay somewhat close to them!!

Apart from trying to spend as much time as we can, in the winter, in Scottsdale and Loreto, we live at Shawnigan Lake, figuring that it was the only way we could get to see our kids in the summer time!

Sorry to miss you all at the reunion! My email is dougc@tictalking.com.