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After retiring from UVic, my home away from home, I was tired of putting band-aids on my old house in Oak Bay, so bought a new home in View Royal. There was no garden, so I had a blank canvas to play with. As the garden backs on to a forested park, I planted for the birds, butterflies and, unintentionally, the deer and rabbits. I love it!

My retirement also began with a trip to Chile and Peru where I marveled at the Peruvian people and countryside, as well as Machu Picchu and the floating islands of Lake Titicaca. Thus began a serious addiction to world travel. Just a few of the travel highlights are walking the beach at Copacabana, camel riding in the dunes of Morocco, elephant trekking in Thailand and Vietnam, doing a safari in South Africa, swimming with the dolphins in Mexico, boating on the Ganges at night listening to the chanting and watching the funeral fires burning, an outback barbeque in Australia, finding interesting jazz clubs in New York and Paris, and swimming in the tropical waters of the Caribbean, French Polynesia and Fiji. My motto is “do it while you can because you never know what’s coming down the pike”.

In 1996 I met my soul mate and am still living happily-ever-after. We golf a bit, enjoy Hermann’s Jazz Club and like to spend time socializing with friends, dining out, puttering in the garden, and spending time at home with our two cats and new kitten. Life is very good.

Unfortunately, I will not be able to attend the reunion as I will be away on a tour to see the grizzly bears. I wish you all good health and happiness, and if anyone wishes to get in touch my email is Lorjan@shaw.ca.