

A friendly, active and open group.

There has not been much happening around here this month other than that our son and his family have moved to California, where he is now working for Apple. This is big news around here, but of no significance to the rest of you. The problem though, is that I produce this article each month, and with nothing else going on around here, it happens to be the only thing I have to write about.

Events like this leave some significant challenges for families to face. For instance; I am very pleased for our son, and fully support the move as it is a significant feather in his cap. On the other hand, I will not see any of them unless they return to Canada for a visit. Due to health reasons, I am unable to obtain health insurance to travel to the U.S.A. Indeed, several insurance companies have turned me down flat regarding health insurance coverage even when traveling in Canada. So much for universal health coverage in this country. The funny thing about this refusal to offer me coverage at any price, is that I am too healthy. I had by-pass surgery over 28 years ago, and am still ticking along. They tell me that anything over 12 years after by-pass surgery places me in a very high risk category, and they are unprepared to take that risk. Weird!

All that aside, I hope Bev will not miss the opportunity to visit them there and take advantage of the opportunity to explore California. I have always wanted to go to California, but I guess that will have to wait until I get another tune up on my ticker. Some of the other things they have had to deal with is that the vehicle safety requirements are different, so they gave us their vehicle as the cheaper option to bringing it up to California requirements. Now we have a 2010 Subaru Forester to sell. They are now living in a sparsely furnished home until their furniture arrives, They purchased a new vehicle there, but the child seats were needed here till the day they left, which meant packaging them up and shipping them to California as luggage on the plane, then unpacking them and installing them in the new vehicle before that could leave the airport. Apparently that was not so much fun, as it was a marathon, especially after a long flight with two adults, two young children, and the CAT! They arrived safely and in good health.

I could go on for some time relating all the niggling little things they ran into while preparing for this move, some of which were expected, but many were unfortunately unexpected. The good news is that they are there, they are in good spirits, and they are looking forward to this new adventure in their lives. Our best wishes are with them. The really good news for us is that we still have daily contact via Messenger, e-mail, and of course FaceTime. It is satisfying to actually see their faces while speaking with them. Technology, in this instance,

is a bonus in our lives thank goodness.

March was a good month for the Glen Alda Seniors. With so many of us otherwise engaged during the March break, our first meeting of the month was a little short on members to enjoy a great meal prepared by Bob and Winnie. That meant that more people than normal got to take home some of the leftovers to supplement their evening meal, or lunch the next day. Guy Sprung donated a small bottle of this year's maple syrup, which was drawn as a supplement to the usual 50/50. Bob, (the other BOB), won it. The second meal of the month was a repetition of the Meat Pie fest we last enjoyed when Norm Clavel was still President. As it turns out, our current President, Barry Rand, was home once again from his and Sally's second excursion this winter, so they were able to join us as well. To keep things light during a dull season we have been experimenting with telling jokes this winter. I think the response has been positive, I know I have had many a good laugh, and that is always good for the soul.

See you next month when this friendly, active, open group will be getting together once again for the enjoyment we all seem to get from being together with old friends. We meet twice monthly on Wednesdays - why not come on out to join us?



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