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Life has been Great! And, since my 2014 retirement after 29 years, it continues to get even better. After high school I went to the Fashion Institute of Technology in New York City to pursue being a retail buyer. Like so many, I transferred back to OSU at which time I met a great guy, Mike Kobold, who became my husband in February of 1970. We just celebrated our 46th wedding anniversary in Lake Tahoe. I followed my new OSU graduate husband to Columbus, Mississippi where he was in pilot training with the Air Force. I transferred my credits again to finally graduate from a women's college with a major in Communications in the same timeframe my husband graduated from flight school. Then as an Air Force wife, I had to put my career on hold as I was off to Japan to be stationed at Yokota AFB where my husband flew C-130's back and forth to Vietnam. As the war was winding down, we moved to California in 1972 with a baby "made in Japan". Moving to California was pretty exciting and we decided then that we would like to spend the rest of our lives here. Except for a 3-year assignment to Scott AFB, Illinois we spent the majority of the time in CA with a total of 21 years in the Air Force. For the next 16 years my husband flew as a pilot with American Airlines. After the kids were in school full time, my volunteer career was set aside and my real career began in Marketing and Public Relations for a multi-state medical group, while we were still in the Air Force. From this experience I decided to start my own business as an Employee Benefits Insurance Broker. After selling my business to an international based insurance agency I continued to work for them and recently retired as VP of HUB International Insurance Services. By all means I have an entrepreneurial spirit and loved owning my own business. Even prior to this, I was always consulting on the side as well as holding down a full time job including dabbling in physician recruiting and providing marketing consulting to various industries. I had a lot of energy and still do. I spent 25 years in Rotary in Redlands, CA and served on their board as well as served in the Redlands community on the Symphony board, United Way board, YWCA board and numerous other organizations.

We have a son and his family who live and work in San Diego, CA, and a daughter and family who live and work in Westwood, MA outside of Boston. Between our two children they have produced three beautiful grandchildren for us to focus on during this time in our lives. We are fortunate enough to have airline benefits to travel regularly for leisure and to see our daughter and family in the Boston area as often as possible. We retired to Dana Point, CA a beach town north of San Diego and south of Laguna Beach, CA. We sail regularly out of Newport Beach and have chartered catamarans to almost every island in the Caribbean as well as Tahiti and Greece over the past 24 years. We have a passion for sailing along with bicycling, swimming, tennis and walking to and from the beach...and of course reading a good book. My husband and I enjoy paddle tennis too.

I'm anxious to get back to Upper Arlington and be a part of the festivities, and hopefully we will recognize each other...that's the million-dollar question.