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Dear Barbara and Robert,

I hope that this won't be too great of a shock - we'd love to hear from you so I thought that I'd better write and give you news from here in the hope that you will be inspired to write and let us know how you are and about your activities.

Big news - Doug is retiring this year!!!! Presently, we are shuffling lots of papers and doing lots of planning in preparation for his retirement. He has given his notice to retire the 31st of May. Isn't that exciting - we think so!! We hope to do some traveling. We'll either head for California or Michigan as soon as we get the paper work taken care of here. We are attempting to address the issue of how one gets his mail when away from home base for several months at a time. There seems to be a definite procedure to follow using our motor home club's mail forwarding system. From what friends tell us that have used this system, it is very efficient. We just continue using our address here at 2100 Kings Cross and have it forwarded once a week via the club's system. We will keep you informed of our whereabouts. We've been researching the nomad or snow bird life style. We plan to keep the house here in Florida for a while; since, our house in California is leased until 1997. We have a map with locations marked of the spots in California and Michigan where we can set up our motor home with full hookup for TV, microwave, computer, etc. Oh yes and where they have a swimming pool and hopefully a spa that is a part of the RV club system that we joined. We can stay in about eight or ten places within the club located at various spots in Florida and one in Michigan as well as several places located in the midwest US for 21 days at each location at no cost other than our yearly maintenance fee. Our membership entitled us to belong to associate clubs located across the US We can stay at these places for a nominal fee. We hope with this setup, to be able to travel across the US and be able to stay in interesting areas for a nice length of time at a minimal expense. We've always wanted to spend at

least a month in the Washing DC area and take our time to browse around the Smithsonian and various other places of interest in that area as an example.

Doug is making a lengthy list of items to be taken care of to ready the motor home for travel. He attached the large stained glass sailboat picture, that I made and gave to him , to the motor home wall giving the living room a bright color. He has the refrigerator all checked over - can't let an important item like that be out of repair. We put some additional shelves in the closet for better organization. Everything seems to be in excellent condition. We really don't have many miles on it so far - about 15,000 so it should be in great condition. We ordered a new car, to use as reliable tow car. We ordered the car last month so it should be here in a couple of weeks.

There will be lots of celebration in honor of Doug's retirement this month. His department put out a clever flyer inviting people to a Bon Voyage party at a place called the Lobster Shanty on Cocoa Beach. The flyer has a picture of a golfer and a picture of Doug and myself on our sailboat. They used a picture of us on the boat that he had on his desk; they scanned the picture into the computer to be incorporated into the flyer. In addition to the party, the next week, his boss is giving a dinner party for him at his home. Doug and I will take the people that work for him and their spouses to brunch and optional swim afterwards at the country club where we belong.

It promises to be a busy month. In addition to the above three occasions, we have two picnics, a dinner out with several couples from work, and a pot luck lunch happening this month. One picnic is one that I helped plan as a neighborhood picnic for the 91 families that live here and belong to the Sherwood Forest Homeowners Assn. We had a great time preparing flyers to announce the picnic and getting them distributed to everyone. This weekend we have to go to Orlando Cosco store and buy the meat for the picnic. I'm borrowing one of the neighbor's large outdoor grill for the occasion and we have another one of the men to do hot dog and hamburger grilling. The other picnic is one given by the Management Assn. at Lockheed. The pot luck lunch is at church given by our church choir for a couple that belong to the choir and are moving out of the area. We really hate to lose them; the man has written several arrangements for us to sing and he plays the organ for us. His wife is a member of the choir and very active member of the church.

We'll I'd best get busy and get some packages mailed. We have four birthdays in the family this month. Kevin and his wife, Melissa have birthdays and Renee's two youngest girls, Christina to be age 6 and Chelsea to be age 4. Next month, Kevin's oldest girl, Jennifer, will be graduating from high school to complicate next month.

We talked to Evelyn last month and she seemed to be in much better spirits after her trip. It sounded as though she's been having a pretty difficult time this past year. She seemed very happy that Warren had visited her.

Our other big news from here is that Donavon and Shellie are expecting our grandson in September. Everyone in our family is pretty excited over this.

We hope that your family is in good health and spirits and that you'll take the time to drop us a line when you have the time.

Ruth & Doug