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Although it doesn't seem that long ago, I retired in 2000 ending a very enjoyable and rewarding 25-year career at the University of Nebraska. Lincoln continues to be our home and I have been fairly active in University related activities and Kiwanis in retirement. Since our son and his family live in Kearney and our daughter and her family live in Overland Park, KS, we are sort of centrally located between our kids. We have four grandchildren and our Kansas City granddaughter graduated from UNL in 2013 with a major in Food Science and our Kearney granddaughter is currently a sophomore at UNL majoring in Business Management.

Although not heavily used, I still maintain an office on campus since Larry Berger has been kind enough to provide me with an office in Animal Science. I served as the Secretary of the Agriculture Builders of Nebraska until 2010 and continue to be involved in the Nebraska Hall of Agricultural Achievement, the Friends of Maxwell Arboretum, and the Nebraska Agribusiness Club. The UNL Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) has grown to over 1,000 members and I currently serve as a director on their Advisory Council. The UNL OLLI recently received a second \$2 million endowment grant from the Osher Foundation so this is an exciting time to be involved with this growing organization. I usually take at least one OLLI course each term, and Wanda and I also participate in a number of their travel and related activities each year. On the Kiwanis front, I served a term as Lt. Governor for the Nebraska/Iowa Kiwanis District and am currently a member of the NE/IA Kiwanis District Membership Growth Committee. These activities seem to keep my calendar fairly full.

Wanda and I have done considerable traveling since retiring and we have averaged about two rather major trips each year. This past February, we joined seven of my former UNL/IANR colleagues and their spouses on a 15-day cruise through the Panama Canal. This was our 15th cruise, but we still have a number of "to visit places" remaining on our travel priority list that we hope to accomplish while we are still able to do so. OLLI is sponsoring a 1965-75 decade of transition trip that includes the Tennessee/Louisiana/Texas areas this March so we will get to visit several historical sites that we have previously missed. Since we sold the house we built in 2005 this past summer and moved to the Grand Lodge at the Preserve retirement center, we are now free to travel without worrying about watering, lawn mowing or snow removal.

Except for spending a few days in hospitals resulting in my losing a foot of my digestive tract while traveling in Hawaii and encountering a bleeding ulcer while visiting in Wisconsin a few years ago, we have been blessed with good health. The bottom line is: *Life is Good!*

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