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“Adieu Good Friends, Adieu”

by
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I would like to begin this column today by saying goodbye to a couple of friends who are leaving us... one for just a short time but the other will be gone permanently... barring in in-frequent visits back.

Steve B. and his wife Judy have headed back to Indiana for a few weeks or months but, hopefully, will be back in a couple of months after they determine just which Village Community they wish to live in and sign the deal on a house. By the way, they're looking for a really good deal for a house on a golf course so if anyone has suggestions drop me a line. Steve is a fairly new friend who has been renting in Winifred for a couple of months, a member of our weekly golfing gang and he is a super guy who keeps you laughing. He plays a pretty good game of golf as well. Judy, his wife, also plays golf more than adequately and makes an outing... social or golfing... a fun time as well. Hurry back you guys.

Bob K. and his wife Averill are leaving for the great Volunteer state of Tennessee where they will be closer to their family. They wanted some mountains to climb and more untamed golf courses to conquer. Bob was one of the first friends I made after moving here, both of us arriving around the same time, and he has remained a good friend in spite of his disparaging remarks about my golf game. As an aside, Bob also has the sweetest, most consistent golf swing of anyone I've seen and he gets "more better" each time he gets on the course.

Our Friday afternoon golf group threw Bob a surprise get together last week at The Waterfront Inn and gave him a few gifts to remember us by. He said he would miss us but would not promise that we could all come up and stay with him at the same time so his love for us is suspect. Bob and Averill we will miss you both and do plan on seeing us from time to time as a stopover on our way north. Take care and goodbye from me, Vinny, Dan, John, Manny, Tom M., Lacey, Steve, Don, Kent, Dennis, John B., Marvin, Ed, Ken, and Mike, and several others I can't think of right now. Keep the light on and a pot of beans on the stove.

Judy and I were attending a dinner/movie at our church the other evening and our friend Jean said something which I'm still trying to figure out... in a strange way it actually made sense. We were sitting at tables sat up in the sanctuary with 3 large screens in the front and another larger screen in the rear. When the movie was ready to go many turned their chairs around so they could watch the screens in the front but myself, Ron and another Tom said we were going to watch the screen in the rear.

"That's okay," Jean said, " but keep in mind, you'll be listening to the sound backwards." Huh?

A ladies group from our church invited Judy to go bowling with them on Saturday morning for a requisite three rounds prior to having breakfast at Panera's or other eatery. Judy couldn't because of a

standing Saturday morning breakfast date we have most every Saturday with Dick, Sue, Gary and Judy (another one.) But, we said we would come by the bowling alley after and cheer them on, which we did.

We went to Spanish Springs Lanes and saw a lot of blonde heads at one end of the building. We followed the trail of blonde hair and found our group. Six blondes bowling and one token brunette who wasn't bowling but they brought her to keep score. It was very interesting to watch six ladies bowling... Sue, Joan, Sally, Vickie, Shayla, and Darla and their scorer Sharon... just kidding... the alley has automated scoring... thankfully.

All in all they didn't do badly... it was obvious some have bowled before but others opted to spend their time in the two more narrow lanes running parallel to the main lane. The important thing is, they had a great time and plan on doing it on a more regular basis in the future. You would be interested in knowing they did have a 300 game bowled that day... well, that is if you count their cumulative scores.

Have a great week folks.

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