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My Dear Friends,

I am writing to you on Dec 15th, 2015, from our home in Connecticut where it is 65 degrees outside. We might as well be in Florida or California.

Despite the weather, I am really looking forward to Christmas and the new year. This year has flown by, but I have at least had time to enjoy my family and friends, and I don't have to get up at 5 AM any more – what a pleasure.

I must say that it took me a year to get used to a new routine – having had the old one for 45 years. But I am comfortably settled into my new life at home. I have my hobbies and my chores and my cooking and my reading and whatever else I find to do. We now have three dogs, and two cats, and they keep me very busy. We have a Bearded Collie, Archie, an English Cocker Spaniel named Alfie, and my little Maltese, my best friend, Harry. And our two cats, Lucy and Emily. If I could get them all in one photo I would – but that's impossible.

It's kind of amazing – I get up in the morning, and suddenly it's 6 PM and time to make dinner. I don't even know where the days go. All I know is that I am enjoying myself. If work comes along, and it's good and interesting, I would probably be happy to do it, but so far, nothing interesting has shown up. So that's just fine by me.

I hope that all of you are well and keeping busy doing whatever makes you happy.

Even though there is not much to report in the way of work, updates will continue and also the occasional newsletter. I am very grateful to Walter and Kit and AJ, for all that they do to keep us all connected. We are entering the 44th year of our club. Walter and I met 45 years ago when we were both babies – and he has been so patient and kind and long suffering through all these years. I am really most grateful for his friendship.

I also want to thank everyone for the cards and letters that are still coming. It's really lovely to hear from folks and I thank you all for keeping in touch. And thank you all for your support over the years.

I wish you all a very Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays and a happy and healthy New Year.

With Love,

Erika