

A Note on Retirement

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To fill the void created by retirement and not working ten hours a day six days a week, my wife and I bought a retirement home on a small lake surrounded by mountains in Western North Carolina. Now I know that buying, remodeling, furnishing and working on seemingly endless projects here constitutes a full-time job. A consolation prize is that my wife's cousin lives next door and owns a vineyard. Plus, the scenery is a bit different than the view of Houston from my office--- there is not a high rise building within 30 miles of our house.

My advice to those approaching retirement is that you should not assume you have your retirement game plan all worked out in advance.

When I reached full retirement, I was debt free, had never even considered a second home and swore I would never own a boat, but now I have two. All of that is beside the point because we have started and love the new chapter of our lives....which includes a strong magnet to get grandkids here for fun visits. And now you know why we have named our lake house Beside the Point.