

Att'n Oakridge Homeowners...

April 24, 2019

I'm movin' on ... 

We need **your** help. As of July 2019, I'm stepping down from my position as Oakridge Board Member and Bulletin Board Updater. We need someone to take over these responsibilities. Like, someone young and enthusiastic!! 

We have a **great** Board, and equally important, a competent management company – Property Management Professionals. I've been involved in various ways with the Homeowners Association for at least 15 years. I'd seen four management companies come and go before we hired PMP, which in the Board's view represents the gold standard. 

I'm currently Board president, I maintain the two bulletin boards, and I have created the www.oakridgenp.org website.

But it's time for me to relinquish these roles.

Please step forward and help!!

Two things are certain:

- (1) I'm not running for reelection; my Board term expires July 1.
- (2) After July 1, I'll not touch the two Bulletin Boards.

I'll continue to maintain the website, but will relinquish that responsibility as well on July 1, 2020, unless someone takes over that role sooner, or I move.

My Oakridge history

On my next birthday, I'll be **80 years old!** 😊 Mary and I moved to Oakridge Estates from England in September 1980, purchasing a Haverford (think 3-car garage) for \$167,270. It's quintupled in value and is now fully paid for.

We moved in with four children, aged 1 month to 11

years. Over the years they moved with ease through Cypress, then Sequoia, and finally Newbury Park High. Three graduated from UC universities, one from Northwestern Law School, and all now have very successful careers.

While the kids were being educated and moving into careers and families, Mary and I worked and traveled. But our home was our anchor and we never contemplated moving. In fact, Mary joked that she would be buried in our back yard.

Sadly, everything came to a halt last year, when Mary passed away from a recurrence of breast cancer. 📍

Since Mary's passing, I've reconnected with a lady friend I'd first met in 1976. She lives in Santa Maria. Consequently, I'm spending far less time here in Newbury Park, and a move is not out of the question.



**Christmas 1980:
Mary and I and Our Four Kids**

My personal history

I met Mary at UC Riverside and we married soon after we both graduated. 🧑🧑❤️ A year earlier, I had started programming computers, first at a bank in downtown Los Angeles.

I quickly realized I was born to program, and my skills took me north to Sacramento, east to New York, and then back to California. While at JPL, I applied for a job outside London, got it, and we moved there ✈️. I was on a team that developed an operating system for International Computers Limited. When not working, we traveled all over Europe.

Returning to the US in 1980 with a new dual-citizen son, we settled in Oakridge Estates. My programming work continued, primarily doing inertial navigation software with Litton Aero Products, who sent me to Germany twice to work for nine months. While the children grew, Mary taught 🧑🏫 at Royal High School in Simi, and at Cal State Northridge. In summers we traveled, and our country count exceeded 50.

But as we all know, we have limited control over our lives. Mary thought she had defeated breast cancer in 1997 but it returned, and won. She passed away on February 1, 2018.



September 1966: Mary and I

And now...

I've had a great life but my sunset years have arrived, and my interest in the three tasks I'm involved in has waned.

So help me and help Oakridge. Take over some of these responsibilities. This is a wonderful community. You'll become part of a caring group of people. Your life will be expanded. And you'll never regret it.

If you take over the website, you will need to make it secure (change from [http:](http://) to [https:](https://)) and mobilize it (make it mobile friendly). Of course, you are also free to redesign it. I will be more than happy to assist you.

To contact me...

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August 2017: Mary and I

😊 *Operators are now on duty!* 😊