

Joyce Grandison is Enjoying *her* Stress-Free Life!

Joyce Grandison cannot be found in morning traffic on the way to work.

During the Spring, Summer, and part of the Fall, however, she can be found basking in the sunshine on the shore of Christina Lake. She and her husband Reg built a new house there. It took only eight years to complete—ah, the joys of living in a stress-free atmosphere.

Summers are extremely busy at the lake. Beside the many parties and barbecues with the locals, the couple loves the company of relatives and many friends. On a quiet day, you'll find Joyce kayaking, boating, swimming, walking, biking, or reading a good book on the dock. It truly is a wonderful life and very relaxing.

In West Vancouver, mostly for Fall and Winter, Joyce skates at the local arena twice a week. There she has found a group of new friends who like to have coffee together after their skate. She also takes brisk walks and yoga lessons.

Joyce cannot be found worrying about real estate completions, contracts, or cash flow. Midnight oil and deadlines have all been left behind.

She has always enjoyed the association of colleagues and still values the friendships built over more than two decades in practice as a BC Notary.

Some of the lingering responsibilities of her practice include being a caregiver for an 85-year-old friend and for a 104-year-old client who has become a dear friend. This, together with the winding up of a few estates, makes Joyce feel she has not completely retired and helps smooth the transition to new kinds of days and various pastures.

Joyce was commissioned as a Notary Public in 1973. During her tenure, she was a sole practitioner and practised with the Associated Notaries and with Glory Ewen in a 20-year partnership. Joyce and Glory still maintain a special relationship. While in practice, Joyce would often be mistaken for Glory and Glory for Joyce, which caused frequent confusion with their clients. This remains the substance of good memories.

Joyce was a Director of The Society of Notaries Public of BC from 1985 to 1987 and also invested her energy in organizing Christmas parties and *bocce* tournaments. She and Reg now host an annual *bocce* tournament at their Summer home. A lot of their Italian friends love to attend, to laugh, tell stories, and raise a glass of wine to the days not so long ago—or it seems that way.

Reg is also retired. They play lamentable golf at the Christina Lake Golf Course and in the Fall, often travel to the Kootenays and the Okanagan and enjoy mini-golf, bowling, and other outings with their three grandchildren in Courtenay. Moving mountains and other great accomplishments and monumental adventures are currently not in their cards, but they are still moving small hills, caring for others, and finding adventure.

A former Provincial Court Judge, Reg had the honour and privilege, over the years, of swearing in many new Directors, Officers, and Presidents of The Society. Once in awhile, he's been cast into the role of Marriage Commissioner for friends and acquaintances. He now delights in managing Joyce's RRSP investments and she thinks he missed his calling.

They are enjoying retirement in their own way and so far things are going well for them. ▲



Joyce and Reg Grandison at the mini-golf course with grandsons (from left) Chad, Trevor, and Russell