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I was born in Tacoma, WA to a mother who worked for Eastman Kodak and a father who was an officer in the U.S. Army. I grew up in various states, cities, and towns across the U.S. as well as a few foreign countries. As a child I lived in Heidelberg, Germany for 2 ½ years and another 2 ½ years in Goose Bay, Labrador, Canada where the average annual snowfall was 23 feet. By the time I graduated from high school, I had moved 15 times. As an adult, I can somewhat appreciate the varied experiences that type of life offered, but as a shy child, it was quite challenging. Good thing I had four siblings with whom to share those experiences. Later on I graduated from Marymount University with a B.B.A in health care administration and an M.A. in management from Central Michigan University. Subsequently I went to work for consulting firms in the Washington, D.C. area pursuing a career in health services research for more than 20 years. I spent an additional 13 years of my career in health services research working for the federal government where I managed a research team that focused on medical error and patient safety. In that role, I was responsible for an annual research budget of \$35-50 million. Having retired in 2009, I became an independent consultant for another two years and finally decided it was time to call it quits. Over the course of my career, I edited several publications and published 23 articles focusing on healthcare-related topics reflecting my areas of expertise.

While I have been a member of this club for about four years, I just permanently moved to Florida in August - about four weeks prior to hurricane Irma which was a bit of an unnerving experience. I have three sons and five grandchildren ranging in age from 10 to 27 years. They live in Virginia and California.

After retiring, I was looking for a hobby, saw a photography course offered by a local university, and decided to take the course. I had a Sony point-and-shoot at that time. The course sparked an interest in photography, and the rest is history. I have been enjoying photography for about seven years. I still consider myself quite inexperienced with much to learn. It is that learning environment in the two camera clubs in which I have participated that continue to spur me to improve. I love seeing the images created by club members and learning the different software, aspects, and techniques of photography used by others to create memorable images. I currently use a Nikon D7100 and an iPhone 7+. I have been lucky enough to participate in a few photography exhibitions/competitions and have sold a few photographs. I originally preferred photographing wildlife but my interests have expanded to include nature, architecture, people, still life, and street scenes - it's difficult to choose a specific focus given the many opportunities that regularly present themselves. Through this club, I hope to continue with photography for the foreseeable future and to improve my photographic techniques and images.