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1. What are the highlights of your life? What's working for you?
(Satisfactions, pleasures)

- Being married to the woman I love... and feeling her love.
- The involvements I have with Antioch and Glen Helen -- a series of challenges, the opportunity to work with splendid people, occasional glimpses of progress.
- The freedom retirement provides.
- Travel, including bicycle trips with my daughter and her husband.
- Tennis -- some days.

2. What are the challenges of your life? What's not working? (Issues, difficulties)

- Everything is wonderful, except that I delude myself a lot.
- Winning victories for humanity is a slow process with no end.

3. What would you like to have happen now? (Want to get done...hope others will do... wishes for self and others)

- I want to help the campaign for Antioch College go over the top.
- I want to improve my Rodney Dangerfield serve.





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Antioch – Vermont was an idyllic, but understandably provincial, setting for my childhood and youth. Antioch opened the world to me. Its study, work and community dynamic created a momentum of life-long learning and community activism that has never ended.

Partnership – Serendipitously, in the context of my final co-op job, I met my wife of 50 years, Joanne Dawson. Our relationship has been the highlight of my life. She is also life's highlight for our three kids and seven grandchildren. A nurse by profession, Joanne's primary vocation became homemaking beginning with the birth of our first child. As our nest emptied community service took over.

Politics – Ironically, my vocational highlight was a losing political race in 1978. Having served in both the Vermont House and Senate, the Democrats nominated me to take on the incumbent Republican governor. I was confident that I could win and make things better for my fellow Vermonters. I lost. But in that six-month campaign I got to shake a lot of hands and talk with a lot of folks about things that mattered. This experience sealed my belief in the basic good will and intent of the average citizen. Later, as Chairman of the Vermont Democratic Party, I served on the Democratic National Committee when Walter Mondale was our candidate for President. Now, I am involved, though marginally, in the Dean campaign. Democracy is imperfect, but it's the best we've got. It's best precisely because as citizens we're all imperfect in our efforts to make life better. In my thirty years of doing politics, I've lost as many election campaigns and legislative debates as I've won. Win or lose, in a democracy you are part of the continuing consensus that makes community possible. I am positive and passionate about our political system, imperfect though it may be.

Italy – As an honorary citizen (cittadino honorario) of my ancestral cit in Tuscany, Carrara, I am also passionate about my Italian heritage. In 1993, Howard Dean, while he was Governor, appointed me "Vermont Ambassador to Italy," a non-salaried volunteer position. Among other things I have twinned Barre, my birth city here in Vermont, with Carrara, arranged student exchanges, facilitated cultural and business relationships, and helped people with visa issues and work permits. I even had an extended private meeting in 1999 with the Italian President, Oscar Luigi Scalfaro, at the Presidential Palace in Rome. I find a reason to go to Italy at least once a year!



Earning a living – My life’s meal ticket has been a varied business career in both the corporate and self-employed world, the latter as a business owner. I still do some consulting. Currently I am on the speaking circuit in Vermont and I work at writing and publishing.

Some community service – Though not a bereaved parent, I organized a support group for our best friends when their son was killed in an automobile accident. It became a community group that I facilitated for ten years before transitioning it to the formation of a local Compassionate Friends chapter. Recently Joanne and I were part of a hospitality program for folks who are HIV positive. Currently I’m involved in a writing project with a convicted murderer in a nearby state prison.

Broadening horizons – We’ve seen and experienced in various ways a fair amount of North America and Europe over the years. Recently we’ve adopted the Elderhostel venue for travel and continuing education.

An issue – as elders, our ambient BIG issue is sustaining our living situation. We are deeply rooted in our neighborhood and community. Both of us are concerned about age segregation in retirement communities and elder care facilities. Accordingly, we continue to monitor and assess the quality and availability of in-home services.

The future – we intend to keep doing what we’re doing.

Personal assessment – I don’t know about Horace Mann’s dictum of “winning a victory for humanity,” but I hope I’ve made a difference here and there; if not for humanity, at least for my kids?

Niels Lyster

1. What are the highlights of your life? What's working for you?

As a foreign student while at Antioch I was obliged to leave the country almost immediately after graduation, and it took some 6 years to be readmitted as an immigrant alien (I love these words — makes me feel as though I came from outer space and, as far as the INS is concerned, maybe I did).

Having had to start from scratch upon arrival, I would have to rate re-entering the U.S. as an immigrant very high on the list of satisfactions. All the other good and worthwhile things for me flowed from taking up permanent residence here —

Patricia and our stable family life, long term employment (I have only had two jobs!) and the security, friends, and a satisfying life being involved in community as well as professionally.

With retirement (since January 1995) I have found great satisfaction in doing volunteer work with various groups — taping books for the blind, serving on the board of a local Catholic high school, working with SCORE, counseling those who want to start their own businesses, six years on the Antioch College Alumni Board and now in my seventh year as a trustee of Antioch University.

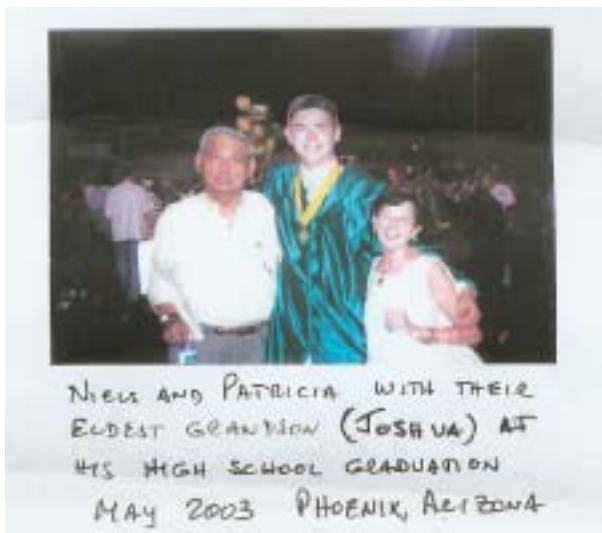


2. What are the challenges of your life? What's not working?

At the expense of sounding smug and self-satisfied, very little is not working for me. My challenges consist of situations, people and stuff that I can deal with relatively easily, with great support and comfort from Patricia, and we can move ahead with enjoying our life, daughter and three grandsons, and our friends.

3. What would you like to have happen now?

What I would want to have happen and what will probably happen are two different things and at the expense of sounding somewhat defeatist, I don't see that my hoping for something is going to make it happen. I can only affect my small world and working hard to try to better conditions of that small world is about all that I can do and still make an impact. I can only affect what others will do by being myself and hope that I can set a good example. Maybe this sounds Pollyannaish but this is what I feel. Sorry about that!



Judith (Judy) Spock

1. What are the highlights of your life? What's working for you? (satisfactions, pleasures)

Childhood travels with my family, many U.S. Moves. Satisfying achievement in schools and camps, in arts, books, good friendships. Discovering Antioch at age 11 and attending at age 17. Marriage, children, graduate school. Work as a developer, director of design, program director, organization consultant. Growing kids, granddaughter, Boards, travel, house and neighborhood, arts, seminars and workshops. Writing and the response to it.... Maine and NPR.

2. What are the challenges of your life? What's not working? (issues, difficulties)

Family health. Accepting losses. Finding a way to continue writing. Personal decisions about the future. Sadness about world troubles. Anger about U.S. (our) involvement in bad national and international policies. Fear for the future of democracy, survival of the planet. Still! For our whole life it seems.

3. What would you like to have happen now? (want to get done...hope others will do...wishes for self and others)

Get Organized! Schedule time for political and personal work. Adapt home for next several years. Continue supportive friendships, helpful classes and groups. Maintain health, exercise...don't forget to savor life. Support resistance to Bush's policies. As long as we can.



4. Anything else you'd like to share? Like to discuss? (suggest, recommend, plan...use space as you'd like...photos, a joke, a poem)

I'm impressed with the vitality and effectiveness of our generation and think with encouragement we'll continue to be strongly engaged with life for many years. To discuss...networking? helping Antioch? Setting new goals? Using our perspective and experience to learn from each other, to comfort each other....to enjoy each other.

