

# Online Network

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**Current Grade:**

**Employment (if any):** retired Environmental Chemist

volunteer with Veins of Life, the Georgia Strait Alliance, the Gorge Tillicum Community Association, Greater Victoria Seniors' advocacy program, Science World's Scientists in the Schools program

**Responsibilities:** water sampling, intertidal organism studies, practical environmental projects, personal and systemic advocacy, teaching

? I am concerned about planet earth and the life which lives on it. As result of these concerns I do what I can where I am to use the skills which I have and to learn new skills which will help me address these concerns.

**Accomplishments in my life:** : I survived various minor childhood diseases and graduated from high school, and university undergraduate and graduate schools. I found a life partner and we had three children. I published a book of poetry entitled "Who Was I Yesterday". Judy and I, together with 2 other people, founded a school in Minneapolis, Minnesota called Second Foundation School which still operates. Judy and I and two of our sons build a log house in Grand Forks BC on 10 acres of forested land along the banks of Mc Carthy Creek. I founded The Environmental Studies program and The Peace and Conflict Studies program at Langara College in Vancouver, I was awarded the honor of being the Canadian College Teacher of the year in 1996 by the Association of Canadian Community Colleges. I was a student in my eldest son's Yoga class. I wrote a laboratory manual for Environmental Chemistry students and a laboratory manual for Environmental Analytical Chemistry students.

**Challenges in school/work/life:** On two important occasions I had to disappoint my father by making important decisions which he did not approve of. I had to face over time three critical family crises involving situations over which I had no control. With respect to school and work I have been extremely fortunate to have landed in communities and among people who were good hearted smart brained supportive individuals. What more can I say? I have always landed on my feet because I have always had superb parachutes made by others sometimes known to me and loved by me and other times by strangers never known.

**Interests:** Bicycling, hiking, reading, writing, talking, meeting new people, being with friends and family, going to new places, revisiting familiar places, visiting the sea shore, being alive and feeling it.

**Interesting Course or Subject I have taken:** An Introduction to Philosophy course once opened up my mind to all I could use my mind for.

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**If I had a month to do anything I wanted I would:** If I had a month to do anything I wanted I would: That is the situation I currently find myself in so I am doing what I want.

**What do I want to be doing 5 years from now:** If possible what I am doing now.

**Question 1:** Do humans have to be productive to lead a meaningful life?

**Question 2:** Why is war and violence such a part of human history?

**Question 3:** What happens to us after we die?

**Comments:** I am a 67 year old man who enjoys being alive in a time and place which is excitingly stimulating and delightfully supportive. I try to have no expectations but very high hopes.

Themes:

1. lots of hope, minimal expectation
2. resolving conflict
3. working and living with no strings attached
4. the love of science
5. helping change happen

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