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Have you gone on vacation lately?

Unfortunately, I have not gotten to take a vacation in quite a while, although the idea sounds very appealing. I've got a list as long as my arm of places I would love to visit someday. Mostly, right now, I use my personal days working on projects at my house. I just got the house last year and it keeps me hopping. This spring/summer I'm putting in a pretty large vegetable garden.

Do you have a spouse and/or kids?

My children are the four-legged variety. At least that way I don't have to worry about where they might be late at night and they don't ask for the car keys. I have three cats (Fannie, Buttercup, and Oreo), and a dog named Lucy. I also have several aquarium fish of different varieties.

What are some of your hobbies?

I love to try out new hobbies, but I tend to go overboard with them. This past year I started with one aquarium and now I'm up to SIX! After I started, I learned that ornamental goldfish can live 10 to 30 years. Who knew, they might outlive me? When I planned to have a garden with a few tomatoes, it has now expanded to being about 1/3 of the back yard. With the

new garden I am putting in this year, I hope to learn how to do old fashioned canning like Grandma used to do with the veggies. That should be a Kodak moment. I'm an avid reader of who-dun-it mysteries and I love to read historical antique books from 100 - 150 years back. They are so totally fascinating.

What has Staff Senate done for you?

A friend told me years ago how beneficial the Staff Senate was, but it wasn't until I was in Dentistry that I started coming to the meetings. The meetings are very informative and I feel compelled to share the information because it is so useful. I at first started coming to the Staff Senate to hear the latest on insurance from year to year, but I started staying for the full meetings and found them very interesting and decided to be a part of it.

What would you like to see for the future of the HSC Staff Senate?

I'd like to see more people come to the meetings and share the information across campus.

How long have you been employed at HSC?

I started with OUHSC in April of 1996 in the Occupational Medicine department of the Family Medicine building.

I've moved around a little bit, but have settled into the Oral Diagnosis and Radiology department in the College of Dentistry since November of 2000. I really love my people here.

What is one sentence that describes your philosophy of life?

**I try to follow the Golden Rule of
"do unto others as you would have others do unto you".**