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David and I laugh as we tell friends that in 2019, we bought an Airstream to do a little camping and business travel. Now we own two Airstreams (2006 75th Anniversary 30' Classic Limited Slide Out and 1977 Argosy 20' Minuet), live in an Airstream-only active adult community, and travel every month for both business and fun. David served as President of the North Texas Airstream Club (NTxAC) in 2022 as the world woke up from its deep COVID hibernation, and it was a great joy to watch our club become revitalized. We had such fun with our first WBCCI International Rally in Lebanon, TN that we have led road trips to the 2022 and 2023 rallies and will be leading one to Sedalia beginning end September. I accepted the position of Region 9 Treasurer in 2022 and then stepped into the role of Second Vice-President in 2023. It has been an honor to be part of the remarkable Fitzgerald-Elkins Region 9 leadership team, which leaves big boots for me to step into in the years to come. I also assist on a Special Committee of the ACI International Board of Trustees (IBT), working on describing better the roles of IBT officers as well as exploring ways to improve our voting processes. David and I have been part of the volunteer team hosting the Streamin' On the Strand rally since its inaugural event in 2022, moving into hosting positions as it became a National Event Rally. Since the 2nd VP position has fewer actual tasks than the position of Treasurer, I've been able to spend additional time developing new Region 9 special events. I'm happy to say that this year Region 9 is partnering with the North Texas Airstream Community to host Stitchin' and Fishin' (April 19-23rd; a quilting retreat coupled with a striped bass fishing in Lake Whitney), Amateur HAM Radio Rally (May 9-12th; preparation for the HAM exam in Sedalia), and Wally's Workshop (September 13-15th; our second rally helping new and seasoned Airstreamers maintain and improve their rigs).

David and I have a blended family of five children and 12 grandchildren, the newest of whom are identical twin boys born in December (David is an identical twin so I guess it does skip a generation!). Most of our family members live in Texas and Oklahoma, solid Region 9 territory, although my oldest daughter and her family live in New Jersey. David owns a sales agency representing multiple fabric companies to quilt stores and small garment manufacturers over Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Louisiana, and Texas. Two of our children also work for the agency, allowing David to spend less time with business travel and more time Airstreaming (although we often combine the two).

After spending my early working years in sales, I began my college education in my 30's at a small community college in Dallas while I continued working full time. Southern Methodist University gave me a full scholarship to complete my education there—the scholarship came from the Cox School of Business but in those five free semesters I was able to complete a dual degree in Psychology and

Organizational Behavior. Falling in love with the discipline of psychology, David and the children supported my next four years in a doctoral program at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center (UTSW). My early academic career was spent doing clinical research, first at UTSW and later at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. After a decade of funding from the National Institute of Mental Health, I wearied of constant grant writing and publication expectations. Although we loved Chapel Hill, most of our children were back here in Texas and we missed those Sunday dinners Tracy mentions in her resume. I completed my projects and we returned to Texas in 2014, where I set up a private practice in Southlake. Although I continue to do a small amount of teaching and consulting, I retired the private practice in 2022.

I appreciate your consideration of my move to the office of 1st VP later this year. I am certainly receiving good training from Nancy and Tracy and aim to keep our momentum going in the years ahead. The WBCCI has gone through some immense organizational changes recently and these changes have impact upon regions, clubs, and members. One of our challenges in leadership is to examine what Airstreamers want and need now in 2024, and then find a way to employ necessary modifications in an acceptable and efficient manner. As Nancy has done and Tracy will do, I assure you that I will take the responsibility of representing our members in communications with the IBT seriously. And just as Nancy will be integral as our Past President moving forward, Tracy will be integral to my leadership of this region as well. Thank you for the time you spent reading this, and I welcome comments, questions, or feedback all along our way together.