

October 2020 Client Corner: Moving in a Pandemic

Craig and Joann Schaum have moved about a dozen times in their almost forty-two years of marriage thanks to their involvement in the military and work with Northrop Grumman. The advisors at Kemp Financial have been there along the way with many of those moves, but this last move was different for many reasons, as it turned out. First, they were moving to a home in a brand new community: Reata Glen. Picking out everything was a thrill and they were very excited to make this new place feel like home. Second, they were moving to a continued care community. Craig and Joann were looking forward to the new environment and amenities that Reata Glen was going to be providing. Finally, and surprisingly, this all happened in the midst of a global pandemic!!



Huntington Beach House

The Schaums sold their Huntington Beach home of twenty-four years in December. With this move came the reality of “downsizing”, moving from their family home to one with much less space. One of the most difficult items for Joann to “downsize” in this process was her grand piano. Joann has taught voice lessons in her communities and is a very accomplished musician. The grand piano has been a significant part of her life and fortunately she found a buyer that met the criteria for Joann to comfortably say “good-bye” knowing the piano was going to a good home.

In February of this year they made the move south to Rancho Mission Viejo. A couple weeks after moving in, they took a trip to Hawaii, just in time in retrospect. After enjoying their vacation they returned to their

new home, ready to settle in and make it their own. Just a couple weeks in, everything changed. Lock-down hit, they were in a new place and they hadn't even had all of their furniture delivered yet.



Reata Glen

Deliveries stopped, everything closed and their dinner was now being dropped off at their door. The many amenities that they were so looking forward to were now off limits. No getting to know their new neighbors or exploring South County. I think we can all agree that moving is hard, and I know we can all agree that this pandemic has been difficult. Put those two things together and they've had a very challenging past six months.

Thankfully things are opening again. When I called to chat with Joann, I caught her in the middle of a virtual yoga class! While dining is all still outside and not everything is available, the Schaums are finally getting to enjoy their new home and everything it has to offer.

It's a new chapter for Craig and Joann and we are happy they are able to enjoy their new community, even with the challenges presented in 2020. Thanks for sharing your experience Craig and Joann.