

**Julie and Russel Patterson**

**Round Robin Letter**

**August 29, 2015**

No great news from the two of us. Considering our age, we're both in decent shape. Aging is an interesting process and what strikes me as the main components, leaving aside something cataclysmic, such as a heart attack, are progressive loss of vigor and drive combined with failing memory. Julie's drive and memory still seem fairly intact, but then she is almost two years younger than I am. Maybe every one of us should make a point of marrying a person who is several years younger.

We still call midtown Manhattan our home, but we go most weekends to Vermont, now by JetBlue rather than by Air Patterson, which we shut down when I hit 80. Travel is mostly to several neurosurgical meetings a year, where we encounter old friends and visit many interesting places. Paris is also a staple on our travel agenda because we both spent a substantial amount of time there in our youth and came to be very fond of the city, its way of life, and the people.

Other travel is to visit the children and grandchildren as well as to make our annual fishing trip to Iceland.

Should any of you come to NYC, give us a call and stop by for a drink or dinner. We also have a one bedroom guest apartment where we can put you up. In the meantime, see you in Heidelberg!