



They were at *The Louver Shop*, exploring options with Jerry and happened to mention that they were full time RV'ers. Jerry then mentioned how he had just installed shutters for the Smiths, also full time RV'ers causing Paul & Angie to realize he was talking about us!! What a coincidence!!

At the end of August, Bob & I will be in South Carolina for seven months and in our new home five months!!!! Time has flown by so quickly!! I took the above picture one morning with a light mist resting on calm waters.

Our neighbors say this is a hotter than average Summer and hot it has been. It also has been unusually wet, with some amount of rainfall almost every day. We are not complaining though, as we have a comfortable home and are not experiencing the high temperatures of the West with the horrible forest fires. Our hearts go out to those folks!

August can also be summarized by completing my eye surgeries; the installation of our plantation shutters; welcoming back Paul & Angie; and my formal invitation for residents to join me in T'ai Chi Chih. More on T'ai Chi on page two. Bob & I really enjoyed watching the Summer Olympics on television, which was a nice break from the brutal election politics being played out in this presidential race!

I can see again!!!! I will be wearing glasses, but not the thick ones I used to need. I truly am amazed at the difference the surgery has made. I am also impressed with the skill and thoroughness of Dr. Royal and staff. The most difficult part for me was the time in between the two surgeries, which I mentioned in the last newsletter. Now, I just have to curtail some activities such as swimming and any 'roller coaster rides' for a short time!!

On the upper right, Jerry Gore of *The Louver Shop*, is installing our plantation shutters. We are so pleased with the results as they have added so much to our home. Below is a picture of the finished product in the bedroom. He did a great job!! On the right is a picture of Paul & Angie having lunch with us at a favorite local Restaurant, *Longbeards*. Their new home is well under construction and they are clearly getting excited. They plan on having plantation shutters installed as the house is being built.

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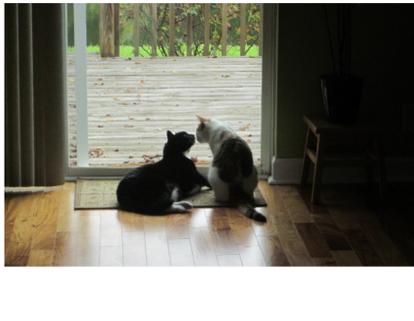
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While on the road I did not practice regularly as our schedule changed so much from day to day. Once I knew we were going to buy the house, I made a promise to myself to get back to it. There are many benefits to be gained from the practice, some of which I did experience. I decided to see if anyone at Lakeside was interested, to which there was an immediate positive response. The Lakeside facility had the perfect room for this activity. As soon as I finished with my eye surgeries, I set up a schedule. As of the time I am writing this Newsletter, nine people signed up. I am not an instructor but am using the official teaching DVD, which the Organization states can be used to learn this particular form of T'ai Chi. I have included a few pictures taken by Bob.

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