

# January survey results: “What does your dream retirement look like?”



“Retirement means doing what you have fun doing,” according to actor Dick Van Dyke. Comedian George Burns said “Retirement at sixty-five is ridiculous. When I was sixty-five I still had pimples.”<sup>1</sup>

In our January poll, we asked you, our members, to describe retirement — or more specifically — your dream retirement. Believe it or not, no one mentioned winning the lottery! But we did get many fun, interesting and thoughtful responses.

There were too many answers to print them all, but read on for a good sampling. Thank you, as always, to those who took the time to share their thoughts.

The question was: What does your “dream retirement” look like?

1. I want to retire at 62, and travel this great country with my husband. From sea to shining sea and from border to border. There is plenty to see and do.
2. Retire to a “fun” part time job which allows time off as wanted for travel, work at a golf course and do motorcycle traveling around the country.
3. To be financially set to travel, to be able to spoil and spend time with the grandchildren and have only living expenses to worry about paying.
4. My dream retirement would be to find a career I could pursue for the rest of my life that encompasses my passion for holistic health and gardening and lifelong learning without consideration of money.
5. My dream retirement is to wake up in a different country every month. I would love to just travel internationally as much as I could.
6. At 55 I would like to retire and move to San Antonio where I would continue to volunteer my time helping youth, not just locally but traveling across the globe spreading my knowledge and experiences.
7. I’d like to retire at normal retirement age. Travel to visit family with no money worries, volunteer at an elementary school, do some beading and painting. Just relax with no stressors! Sigh!!!!
8. My target age for retirement is 62. We want to buy an RV to travel the country visiting all MLB (editor: Major League Baseball) parks along the way; well except maybe NYY :- ) (editor: New York Yankees). We’d like to summer in Alaska and winter in Oregon; travel; read; bike; hike; play and volunteer at food kitchens.
9. I would like to retire at age 65. I would like to live in an area of low population and surrounded by nature...
10. I would love to open up a Bed-n-Breakfast. It would be in a breathtaking, beautiful scenic area. I would love to make a wonderful place for people/families to come and just relax and feel pampered at an affordable rate. During my vacations I would go and do missionary work in Africa, helping the sick, feeding and building living spaces for the poor.
11. Have a small condo on the beach and sufficient funds to be able to travel a different country every year and most important to have good health.

<sup>1</sup>Both quotes from [www.brainyquotes.com](http://www.brainyquotes.com)



12. I would like to retire at 62. My dream is to volunteer and travel. Don't know about the rest. Really will take one day at a time.
13. I will retire at 40. I will work for myself in flipping homes, fish and ride horses, and do something for the kids in my community.
14. Travel and meditation time; family time; reading many excellent novels; teaching, writing, and creating art (without the need to create a livelihood from these passions) and much love.
15. Good health for at least ten years for me and my spouse. We would sail our boat for one month intervals from time to time.
16. I would travel with my wife, doing photography of places and people - for the joy of it.
17. Spending time with my family. Also, time studying things I have not mastered: Cosmology, quantum physics, literature, art, higher mathematics, philosophy, the cello and economics.
18. I hope to retire within the next year or two. After retirement, I hope to travel in the south for a month or so in winter. I hope to volunteer in my community and church. I may also teach a couple of semesters each year through a college on-line teaching program.
19. I would buy a huge cabin on 10 or more acres in Alaska. I would enjoy my retirement by snowmobiling, salmon fishing, and reading books by the fire.
20. I have been working since I was 12. I will retire from the school system when I am 67. The thought of retiring is very unsettling to me. I currently have a second job which I will keep, but I need more than that. I thought of buying an ice cream truck. EEEEEEEK!