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Life brings many changes in ones life, some more that others! I seem to be one of those "SOME"! LOL!

I was scheduled to have my lengthy Breast Cancer Reconstruction Surgery in Chicago this week on June 8th, (tomorrow) however, it will need to be postponed.

About a month ago I was a victim of Identity Theft & lost \$5,800 from my checking account and if that's not enough my new Samsung Note 20 Android cellphone was stolen on May 21st. The funds lost from my bank account were earmarked to support me during my hospitalization and anticipated recovery, (approximately 2-3 months), so I am forced to make some serious life changes now.

I will soon be selling my house located in Old Town Carpentersville, (will be marketing it at \$220K For Sale By Owner), and moving to Bluffton, South Carolina.

Why Bluffton, South Carolina you wonder? Well, I have good friends, (Bob & Lisa Davis) that live on Hilton Head Island (and have a house in Phoenix too), who want to make an investment in a house in either Bluffton, South Carolina or Hilton Head Island making this new investment house an AIRBNB property. I would live in the house and manage it all at the same time if it all works out.

I would start my petsitting business all over again but without snow, ice, or the Polar Vortex COLD temperatures of the Chicagoland area....YAY!

Ideally, I would like to find an investor or any buyer to purchase my house in Carpentersville and do a rent back after closing for four months so I can have my Breast Reconstruction Surgery here in Chicago before moving to South Carolina.

The thought of starting all over again is a bit overwhelming at my age, however I don't have a lot of choices right now.

Current petsitting clients please don't worry we have a teammate, Rita Shory, all set up to take over my petsitting business of nearly 17 years! Rita is an experienced Petsitter, and has been busy meeting and visiting many of our clients over the past seven months. AND, I am not abandoning the business.....for the next five years I will STILL be performing the scheduling, booking, invoicing and banking remotely no worries tho - it'll be several months before all of this changes hands so please keep booking petsitting reservations!

Also, before I leave Illinois I will be throwing myself a "retirement gathering" to celebrate. Wish I could have all of you bring your pets to the gathering however I cannot think of any venue which would allow that & my current house is way too small...

I have equity built up IN my house that I have not been able to tap into b/c my petsitting business income was very limited during my breast cancer treatments over the past 24 months and of course the Pandemic didn't help. Yes.....you still have to qualify to pull equity out of your own home to pay for real estate taxes & homeowner's insurance.....who knew?

And my Social Security income doesn't quite cut it when the refinance companies work the numbers.

I will be very sad to leave Illinois but a part of me won't miss Illinois weather or real estate taxes in Illinois for sure!

That about wraps up this update, but I will for sure keep everyone apprised of my situation as the Summer progresses....

Many thanks to ALL of my Guardian Angels who have donated their funds, time, energy & prayers to me over the past 24 months. MY BILATERAL INVASIVE DUCTAL BREAST CANCER IS IN REMISSION and that is truly a blessing!

Once I am settled down the line, please consider visiting me anytime in South Carolina....you would be most welcome! I have had Airbnb rooms in my current home over the past few

years and my profile indicates I am a "Superhost"....would love to have visitors anytime!

BTW Bluffton, South Carolina is minutes to the Ocean.....it has always been my dream to live near an Ocean! Wish me luck & send prayers....I will need all the luck & prayers you are willing to send!

Love always...

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