

Diagnostics Mechanical

An open letter from Dan



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Ladies and Gentlemen of TRIUMF:

Now that I am into my second month of retirement I can reflect on my past at TRIUMF as well as on Rolanne's and my future.

I came to TRIUMF in 1984 and was only going to stay for a couple of years. However the technology, the science and mainly the people captured me and made my work experience excellent. Whenever I was asked what I do for a living I would respond that I was a hobbyist who had been given a licence to tinker. The projects I was given made me proud of my accomplishments. The people in the Probes group never once made me regret staying at TRIUMF for 28 years. I know I leave the group in good hands.

As for the future, Rolanne and I have purchased a house on Vancouver Island at Honeymoon bay and we will be moving there probably before year's end. Yes, it does have a large workshop. After we settle we plan to build a small wooden sail boat, some furniture, and what ever else suits our fancy. This of course will be interrupted by walks along the lake, trips in the canoe, vegetable gardening and in

general just goofing off. I hope some of you may visit us; you will find a roof over your head as well as a glass of wine or a cool pint of the best. Oh by the way, parking is free.

During my retirement celebrations I was given several gifts, thank you all. Among them was the "candy store" gift card, it will be spent wisely. The clock I was given by the Probes group has already created a debate in the Gray household. Rolanne thinks it should be displayed in our new living room or dining room, I want it proudly displayed in our workshop so when I glance at the time I will be reminded of my great friends that fashioned it.

In closing, I thank you all and wish the greatest success to TRIUMF. It is my hope that you all will experience the great satisfaction I have received in Diagnostics. It is also my hope that the down time is short, the shutdowns are simple, the dose is low, the funding is high, the science is good and above all the camaraderie amongst the staff is unchanged.

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