

Ken Long Interview, February 2017

J: June

K: Ken

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J: Hello.

K: Hello, is this June?

J: Hi, yes, this must be Ken.

K: This is Ken, yes. I'm sorry I missed you. I misunderstood apparently who was going to initiate the call.

J: Oh, got it, thank you.

K: So now here we are.

J: Very good, no problem. So how is your day going there so far?

K: It's going very slowly as usual. I don't rise even before the sun rises. I'm relaxing and retiring. In fact I had to check with her, she said something about a picture and I said, "Well, I'm really not in any shape to have a picture taken. I haven't even shaved yet."

J: I'm sure there's plenty of time for that. Well, the sun is coming up here in Arizona so the sky is beautiful.

K: Yeah, we had a nice one now.

J: Ok, before we get started Ken, I just wanted to go over a couple of things. First, is that we are recording the conversation so that we can produce an accurate transcript. You know we are going to be having a conversation and if you should happen to say something that you don't want to have appear in the transcript, you can just say so right then and there, we will strike it, ok?

K: Ok.

J: Just to kind of go over the purpose of the interview, and we do a lot of these interviews with residents all over the country, it's first of all just to get to know who you are and a little bit about your life up until this point. And then we go into more detail about how you made your decision to move to a retirement community and what your life is like there now. And then what we do is we share that information with folks out there who may be just beginning to think about their future and what they are going to do and maybe don't know where to start or how to begin to look. We find that by sharing our residents' experiences, it can make the journey a little bit easier for them

K: Right, ok. I think I understand.

J: Ok, good, so with that out of the way I'm going to let you do some of the talking now and just begin by introducing yourself and telling us a little bit about where you're from, where you grew up, maybe your occupation, your family, whatever you would like people to know. Then we'll get into more specifics.

K: Ok.

J: Ok, so go right ahead when you're ready.

K: You want to start with name and that kind of thing first?

J: Sure, why don't we do that?

K: Ok, hello, I'm Ken Long, actually some people call me Judge because I'm a retired local state court judge. And that came after 20 years of practice in law. Previous to that

of course I lived here in Kalamazoo. I was born and raised here in Kalamazoo, Michigan on the east side and that has something to do with the kind of life I've lived because it was a strictly middle-class neighborhood, nothing outstanding. Although, I was fully aware of the fact that Kalamazoo had some leading industry including the Upjohn Company and Stryker Corporation, and that kind of thing. So I was well aware of Kalamazoo being somewhat more national than ordinarily you would think of as far as living someplace. So that's the background I started. Of course I went to school locally here, I graduated from high school in 1946. The war having been over with and not too much chance of my going into service, I started college at Western Michigan College here in town; graduated in 1950. And in the meantime decided I wanted to go to law school. And I started in law school, the Navy of course had interested me because I had followed all the atmosphere from the war and decided I wanted to be a naval aviator and I enlisted, there was a program and it was rather complicated. You had to be way above average to even get involved in the program but you had to sign up for six years. So by the time that six years wasn't over with yet we had also been involved in a war in Korea. So being a member of the inactive reserve they decided I could become active even though they weren't going to put me inside the million-dollar airplane after I'd broken my back to drop out of the program. I won't complicate that any more than that but anyway that put me into the Navy on active duty. But because I had a year in law school and I had learned the language that came in handy when the National Security Agency, to which I had been assigned, was overseeing the fall of French Indochina, now known as Vietnam. So anyway that's where I spent another four years. Then went back to law school after that was over with using the G.I. Bill. I'm giving you all this because it kind of is a symbol of what happened to people my age at that time in their life and so on and so forth. Then I finish law school, came back to Kalamazoo, started practicing law with a state senator. And then found out he was more interested in continuing to run for politics and then decided that I'd try to find another association. I started having breakfast with a very good friend who said, "Do you know anybody who is looking for a change of position?" I said, "You're eating with one." From that point on I formed a relationship that lasted for 20 years and a long life. In 1980 I had been president of the Bar Association and I decided that maybe I should start looking to the future in a different way rather than just when I might want to retire. So I finally put my name in as a candidate for judicial office with the help of my partners who were perfectly satisfied to give me a chance and a shot at it and help with it. So I managed to come out highest in a four candidate preliminary. And then got boiled down to two of us and I ran into a buzz saw because the opponent was the attorney for two opposing labor unions here in town, one for members of the fire and police department and then he also represented a group of people and one of the areas where our new water treatment facility was being put in and then the effluent was then being placed in that township so he was representing the people in that township. And all that publicity and all that help kind of swamped me a little bit in the election. Fortunately, I had made relationships and so on and so forth and Governor Milliken at that point who along with, as we found out when he finally retired had appointed 400 different members of the judiciary, honored me with the appointment and from that point on I spent 16 years on the bench and retired in 1996 when I was 67 years old. So that gets me to the point where I start thinking about what my life is going to be from that point on. At that point I just retired,

started figuring out how to do that but my wife and I stayed in the same home that we built in 1969. So that kind of brings me up to the point where I start thinking about what the rest of my life is going to be.

J: So, gosh, you had a very busy career and you mentioned your wife, did you have kids along the way too?

K: We have three. In fact, everything seems to be in bunches you know. We had two girls. One was born while we were living in Arlington, Virginia while I was with the Navy. Then we moved back to Ann Arbor to go to law school, finish up law school and then we had another child the minute I finished law school. So the two girls, one was born, got married in 1953, the first one was born in 1955, the second was born in 1958. Well, that went along and that was good enough for us. All of a sudden we had the third one. He was 11 years younger than his next older sister. He wasn't born until '69 which is when we built the house that we lived in then for 40 some years.

J: Wow.

K: So we've got two girls and a boy. All three of them are married, have children of their own. We have seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

J: And do they all live in the Kalamazoo area?

K: No, only one lives here, the middle gal and she of course is my "caregiver" so to speak although both of the girls helped me with moving in here to The Fountains. One of them lives in the North Detroit area, Rochester Hills in fact. The son lives with his family down in Columbus, Ohio. They have two boys. The gal here in town has three sons, only one of whom is still right here in town. One is in college in Grand Rapids, the other one is in Chicago managing some kind of a warehouse or a manufacturing plant of some kind in Chicago. The two girls are from northern Detroit, Rochester Hills so to speak and one is in San Francisco married out there. The other one, the oldest girl, the oldest grandchild, she's a pediatrician. She joined the Air Force at the suggestion of her father who was an Air Force person and managed to get all through med school and she then became a pediatrician in the Air Force up in Alaska. Now, she has since retired and she's down in Dallas with her husband and two kids with the great-grandchildren.

J: Oh my gosh, you've got quite a few generations following you.

K: Oh you, well, when you get to be 87 years old that kind of thing catches up with you.

J: I guess so, ok so take me back. You were living in your home that you have built with your wife since 1969 and you retired from the bench. So then what happened?

K: Well, we just continued to live there and started our so called retirement life at the brand-new house that we built, we did some traveling. Of course we did quite a bit of traveling during that time. My wife's mother and father both emigrated from Sweden. And of course we continued some of that activity here; we belonged to a group called VASA which is a three country organization, Sweden, Canada and the United States to celebrate Swedish heritage and so on. So obviously we traveled back to Sweden several times because my wife had several, we got married in 1953 by the way, and we had several relatives over there so we made several trips over to Sweden. We also traveled and took a cruise with some friends. We have a place at Silver Lake which is near Hart, Michigan up on the Michigan shoreline. And my in-laws, including my brother-in-law, who had been injured in Okinawa and lost a leg and was given a car by the Marines so he could travel, he decided he wanted a Swedish log cabin built at Silver

Lake so he traveled all over. I don't how much you want all this background but anyway that's why we settled for a log cabin. He went all over Northern Michigan, Minnesota and Wisconsin to buy logs. They made a family thing of building a log cabin there at Silver Lake. We still have that although all my relatives have passed away since then.

J: Wow.

K: That's of course the background of the travel too. And with that, then the people that we got to know, who were next-door that my wife's family had known, from Chicago, the four of us did a lot of traveling along with another kind of shirt tail relation who lived in Hart. The six of us did a lot of traveling together, especially the two from Chicago. We got together with my friend's 70th birthday. And they asked us to bring along some of the albums that I made on the trips we had been with them. We had 11 of them, including, now here's my problem, one of the things I have a problem with this trying to remember names of things. I don't have any dementia but I have a background; my dad had dementia. So I'm very well aware of the fact that sometimes your brain doesn't work fast. I've never figured out how to make my mainframe, main drive, work faster to come up with the names of things. I'm trying to think of it.

J: If you figure that out, please let me know.

K: What is it, what you do when you get on a boat and go traveling in the ocean?

J: Cruise.

K: Cruise, there, that's the word I want, see that's the problem I have. It's there I just can't find it right away. So anyway we had cruises, we've traveled to Mexico and other islands just by travel. We decided once we wanted to go see what Long Island looked like, even though it wasn't in New York it was down in the Caribbean. Things like that so we did quite a bit of traveling. In fact, we just got past, I just got through talking to my daughter here. They are talking about how they want to go to the Grand Canyon. What I did, my wife got me on my 70th birthday, she gave me a trip on that little railroad that runs just outside of Flagstaff up to the Grand Canyon. I don't know if you've ever been on that trip or heard about it before.

J: I've heard of it, I've not been on it.

K: That was quite a nice trip for me, then of course we stayed that weekend at the Grand Canyon. That's just an illustration of the kind of things we did by way of traveling vacations and so on.

J: And how long ago did you move to The Fountains at Bronson Place?

K: I moved in here on November 15, 2012, been here four years in November.

J: And what brought you to decide that was going to be the place for you?

K: Well, I'd had plenty of experience, of course, I lived here in town and practiced here in town, lived a professional life and became acquainted with many professional people and then of course, as we kept going we all got older, so many of the people that I had an association with moved in here. Of course Judd Napper, one of the guys involved in the first marketing here and establishment of Bronson Place, was a friend of mine from the Jaycees. So I heard a lot about it for one thing. Secondly, we had a group, what we called Senior Lawyers, here in town, just kind of an informal type thing that used to meet and as some of these people got older they decided to retire to a retirement home and they picked this. But because of physical problems either eyesight or otherwise, it was kind of handy to have somebody pick them up to take them to that meeting so I'd run across many of them who were living here, I knew them through that VASA

organization I told you about before. There was a fellow here in town who worked for Upjohn's who had done their initial sales force in Europe and specialized in Sweden because that's where his family had come from. I came out here many times to see he and his wife and spend time with them so I had gotten acquainted with it that way. Then of course one of the first cases I ever handled was representing a lady who was interested in going into Friendship Village and I'm sure you're acquainted with what Friendship Village is here in Kalamazoo. So I had reasons then to look into that during that time not with what is going to happen to me in the future but this is how people live within this new thing, this new kind of thing. Then, of course one of the very good friends of mine had a terrible stroke; he is still in the nursing home at Heritage Wyndham Hall which you may probably have heard about at one time or another too but that's over on the east side of town. Those are the three primarily retirement homes that I'm acquainted with and you are uppermost in my mind. There are other people here too at Bronson Place. The other thing is, of course, just where they are located and so on. And I didn't really start even thinking about that retirement home until after my wife died in 2006. We, of course, had the house there, the kids were all gone but the house had been arranged, my wife had several physical problems and the house was all arranged so it was on one level and so on and so forth. There was no reason to really worry about having to move someplace, neither one of us required any kind of regular caregiving. Although, my wife was in and out of the hospital several times. But when she died in 2006, I just stayed there at the house. Now, you've got to start thinking about, by this time, all the landscaping needed taken care of, of course I'd already hired somebody to do the lawn and that kind of thing, but still we had gardens and all that sort of thing, just trying to keep up with all that and take care of it. You knew you were going to have repainting done and that sort of thing. And I decided that maybe there ought to be some way out of this. I started thinking about it. So then my daughter here in town and I started visiting the other places and again going where we knew other people had gone. My partner and his wife had moved into Friendship Village when he got to the point where he couldn't drive and she couldn't drive either. They had tried condo living to not have to worry about the house but that wasn't working out either. Then, of course my partner died and so his widow had to find a place so she moved into Friendship. So I got to know what their assisted living situation was and so on and so forth. Life then started to descend. I knew something was going to have to change. My brother and dad both had gone to nursing homes. I haven't gone into that with you before but so I've had experience with nursing homes. Which are a completely different thing than retirement homes. You were in a bedroom, that's where you went. You didn't go to an apartment or a rooming house or anything else. You went to a place with a bed in it and that's all there was. And my dad of course had dementia so he was in a wheelchair strapped in a wheelchair most of the time. I wasn't anxious to be in that kind of a situation. I wasn't going to wait until it got to that point. Then I started thinking about what should I do here? Because I knew I had to start working on repairs and upkeep and so on and so forth. That's when I decided I better start thinking about moving into someplace and, of course, the only one I was really interested in was the one where I had spent so much time, knew so many people and knew they were still there so this would be a good place for me to get together with these people that I was having lunch with in town and so on and so forth. And of course I had experience with Friendship. I knew several other

people that were at Friendship too. And so my daughter and I started visiting. One thing I always noticed about Friendship Village was when I walked in the front door it was a very formal place. You were getting inside of an institution. It's been expressed by so many people, it's not the lobby of the hotel, it's an institution that you are checking into and then you walk down the hallway and here's a whole bunch of doors you don't know whether you're in the Holiday Inn or whether you're in a hospital. And of course as you probably know, I don't know how often you have been here but we each have our own little entryway, we have our own individual location and so on. The word community always sticks out. So finally that's what we decided. So we put the house on sale and started making plans for moving in with the help here, had a real nice time with the move-in coordinators and so on.

J: Well, good.

K: That's how we got started, decided to move in. It took us about six months and of course, we moved in before the house was actually sold but, of course had to downsize all that, so it was a busy time but everybody was so helpful, here was so helpful. It went without too much trouble.

J: Well, good.

K: And I love looking around at this beautiful place that I live in right now, talking to you and still grateful that I managed to do it.

J: Good, tell me about your apartment.

K: Well, it's a two-bedroom. Now, I have a very good friend that I've met since I've been here and I spent a lot of time in her apartment because we watch a lot of television together and so on, she has two bedrooms but they are both just kind of side rooms whereas I have a completely separate, one separate bedroom. And then as I quite often tell people, you know, a retired judge and lawyer isn't going to go anywhere and not have a separate office. So the second bedroom is my office, which serves two purposes: one, I can hide all the trash that I can't keep out in the open apartment or the bedroom, and the other thing, of course, is it serves as a place where I do my emailing and all that kind of thing. And I have, it's a good size, I have a full kitchen. Now, I don't know how this fits into what we're talking about here on this phone call but I have a full operating kitchen. It's not a little alcove or anything like that. It's a fully operable stove and refrigerator and for six years before I moved in here, I did all my own cooking and so on and so forth. My mother had three boys but I was the youngest and I was the one who was taught how to take care of myself in the kitchen, so I had no problems doing my own thing. I'm on what they call the classic plan here. I just take whatever meals I choose to take and work that out with the kitchen staff, the food staff and so on. That's the kitchen and the food thing. I have a little separate dining nook out here in the living room. It's kind of a combination with a full room here with a lounge chair, two sofas, let's see what else. And then I have a turret type thing sitting with a lounge in there. That's where I have a bunch of plants and so on and so forth. I have a big full double window in the living room and in the tower room I have a round thing with windows all around.

J: Wow, that sounds cool.

K: The separate bedroom and that's a complete separate bedroom with a complete bath. It's a shower, stool, sink and then I have a full window in that with a lovely view and this all looks out on this greenway so it's on the east side so I see the sun coming up in the morning and the moon at night. Then, also I have just around to the left and

now there's a full size closet here. Then, in the office area there is a full-size closet. Then, I have a walk-in closet in the separate bedroom. Here just around the corner from the full-size closet I have a separate bathroom with a shower, stool and sink. It's very small but it's fully capable of doing anything anyone wants to do in a bathroom. It's quite extensive and I figure it's well worth the price.

J: Wow, it sounds lovely.

K: (Inaudible) It's well furnished as far as I'm concerned.

J: Good, so about the cooking that you do, do you get yourself to the grocery store or how do you get your supplies?

K: Well, number one occasionally I buy things here at the market as well as planning a meal, I can do that through the market here somewhat. I drive, I have a car. That's the other thing of course that I'm crazy about because we use the garage parking. Back to why you make the decision, that of course is one of the things I had to be sure of. I had an eye problem that started back in, I think this must have been 2004 or something like that. I won't go into detail but it doesn't keep me from driving but it begins to give me problems when I'm driving so I'm keeping my car. But again that's one of the reasons I moved into The Fountains because I would rather not have to drive at night and so on and so forth. So I'm very happy with the fact that I've got the garage and somehow or another you probably ought to blend that into whatever you do here because that's an important part. Anybody you talk to around here the ones that have garages say that's one of the reasons I'm here and that's why it's so much better than any of the rest of them even though they have garages, they have to walk through the snow and that kind of thing.

J: And yours is underground, right, you just take an elevator up?

K: Correct, correct, or stairway. I can still climb up and down stairs if I want to but it's very handy. I can go across the street, that's the other thing. Of course now, even if I wasn't driving, they will take you to the store here. We have a bus trip twice a week and that kind of thing. We are right around the corner from a shopping mall, a strip mall. And then of course there's another strip mall across the street with a store there. There's a Target that has a food supply place in it and then up the street a little bit, here I can't think of the name again. Well, anyway, it's a chain grocery store you know a Midwest chain. Of course the bus will take us there too if we want to go so that's all available. I don't use it very much because I can drive as far as I want to go and then I can go anytime I want to go, too. But I don't eat that much for one thing, so I don't have to make too many trips, frankly.

J: Yeah, ok, well, tell me about a typical day there then.

K: Basically we got the activities here with our schedule of all the community activities. I've gotten involved in the council a little bit. I'm also involved in the Watermark University courses. I took over, finally after about a year, I took over the current events group that goes once a month and so on, so I get up in the morning and I used to volunteer at a local group here that loaned out things for rehab, you know, shower chairs, transport benches, walkers and all that kind of thing. Then, I would get up every Wednesday in the morning and I would drive clear on the other side of town. I started that, in fact, long before I came here. Then when I came here I just continued and went on. It's over by the airport. But I gave that up about a year ago now because it got to be hard work. What we were loaning out was bariatric equipment and there were a lot of

people that were pretty happy to do all of the computer assist with the inventories and so on that had to be kept but I volunteered to do the cleaning and sanitizing and all that kind of thing which meant I had to handle that stuff. It was too much for me so I finally, the other thing was the drive out there every morning was into the sun. That was beginning to bother me a little bit so I gave that up. That had been keeping me up, getting me up early in the morning. Now, there are people around here that will get up at 6:00 or 6:30 or even 7:00 and gather in the lobby downstairs for chatting and so on but that's not my aim when I retired is to make sure that I got up to see the sun come up every morning. Just like today I stayed in bed until 8:00, that's when I finally got started with the day. Then, I fix my breakfast and so on, take my medications, kind of peruse the paper from the night before and so on, try to catch up on my reading a little bit. Now, that's become a little difficult, something has happened to my eyes lately so I have a little trouble with that. Anyway, I just take it easy for the day. Then of course, there are programs that go on here daily, one thing or another and then of course it's time to think about lunch at noon of some kind. You know you visit people outside, have our own happy hour up here on the second floor as well as the main one down, every week downstairs in the lobby. So Monday afternoon there is a happy hour, Wednesday afternoon there is a happy hour. Without getting into any detail there's programs going on every day and so I gather with those. And of course in the evening I still maintain my memberships with things here in town such as the symphony, the shows. There is theater just down the street. We can drive down there. My latest was to see Hidden Figures, you may remember the show about three African-American women that helped put (inaudible).

J: Right, right.

K: So, you know, we do that once in a while too. And we're still active in town. I do involve myself in luncheons downtown with people. Then of course I go visit my family and they come here and visit me. Then the kids from out of town stop in here every so often. Of course in the summertime, myself and my friend here have gone up to the lake for a period of time, from time to time. Her relatives come from out of town and so we spend some time with them. Right now, her daughter and granddaughter are with her down here. And then I got started playing cards with one group. Then I found other things that got in the way of that. It's just there are so many activities going on. I've just got something going all the time but I'm also retired so I try to relax a little bit once in a while and just read, you know, that kind of thing.

J: Well, sounds like the best of both worlds.

K: Yes it is, no doubt about it. I don't have to worry about upkeep, people do my cleaning. Of course they did that when I was living by myself after my wife died. I don't have to worry about it anyway so it's taken care of.

J: So how would you compare your life today to when you were living alone in your big house?

K: I don't find it that much different because we had a good neighborhood. In fact, the first time I was here, we had a progressive dinner in the neighborhood even after my wife died and I shared in that neighborhood, again, speaking about taking care of myself, I participated in the progressive dinner, you know. So when I moved here we thought what are we going to do about New Year's Eve? We had always done that with the progressive dinner and then stayed right on through watching the ball drop so I said,

"I bet I can do that here." So sure enough I invited all my friends and we came here and had dinner. I've had that going on, a lot of people that I've known of course have come here for market things, dinner, parties and so on and so forth. I've just kept up a lot of that kind of thing too. Of course a lot of the people that I told you that I knew are still here. Most of them are survivors. They moved here as a couple but mostly it is the widow that is here so I know those people anyway. It's not much different than knowing the people in the neighborhood. I know people that used to be in the town, does that make sense to you at all?

J: Yeah, it sure does.

K: It really hasn't changed anything that much you know.

J: Continuum, right? Yeah, well, good, now that you've been there for four or so years, do you have any advice to share with people who may be just starting to think about what they are going to do in their future?

K: Basically, start thinking, not in terms of "what am I going to do when I can't take care of myself," but instead "how do I want to get ready for that kind of thing and how do I start a life that isn't going to have to be interrupted by worrying about what is going to happen when I get sick or that kind of thing?" Which is, again, why you think about a place like this in searches when thinking about a condo, where you don't have to take care of anything but you still have the responsibility of taking care of. This way if something goes wrong, somebody else is going to take care of it for you. You don't have to worry about that part of it. My daughter here in town, for instance, she and her husband have a family place down in Sarasota that they've got to look after. They've got to worry about that thing. I don't worry about what happens to the stove or something here. That's taken care of for me. Whether I'm able to do anything, I don't have to worry about that. I can live my life the way I want to but I know that I don't have to take care of my life. Just like I had a little problem, I had a cut in my arm and I couldn't stop it; I've got people around here that I can go to and get that kind of thing taken care of. I don't have to worry about that kind of thing so. There is help, you know, and there's comfort and I don't know what all else to say about it. You're in a community that everybody has similar problems so we all understand one another for one thing. We don't have to worry about our family going out of their way to try to solve our problems. We've got help here to help solve it whether it's loneliness or whether it's eating or whatever it is... There's a person that can help you with it if you need it.

J: And why do you suppose that some people refuse to consider a community setting like that and they feel like they have to tough it out at their house? Do you know people like that?

K: Oh yes, and in fact I have associated with many of them. In fact, I just went to a funeral within the last month of somebody who just refused to ever move out of that house. And of course they died there under terrible conditions. It was terrible, the poor husband had to live with that all the time. She just would not leave that house, that's all there was to it. And there's a lot of that goes on. Part of it is a fear of being alone or something. I don't know. I guess I can't really understand it and it's a job. That change is a job, what to keep, what to get rid of, how to get rid of it, who to give it to, who to sell it to, on and on. So rather than face that they just live with what they've got and suffer with what they've got, too.

J: Well, it sounds like you made the better choice, as far as I'm concerned.

K: I'm certainly happy. My kids are very happy with it. The other thing of course, too, is there is room here, you know, there's provisions here like when the kids come from up in the Detroit area, they stay here overnight. Sometimes, they stay with me but sometimes they stay in one of the apartments here that they can rent for a day or so. It depends on how many of them come and that kind of thing, but I've got enough room here that they can stay right in my place. I haven't changed anything that way either. They don't have to rent a hotel somewhere across town to come and visit.

J: Yeah, you've painted a great picture of the community and the lifestyle.

K: I'm not trying to paint a picture. I'm just giving you a documentary, that's all. I'm not trying to paint a picture, no, I'm not doing that.

J: Yeah, well, it's great and I think you've touched on all of the important things that people should be thinking about. And I really appreciate it. Do you have anything else that we haven't talked about that you'd like for people to know?

K: In my case, of course, it's all familiar but all I can tell you is, it's like moving into another town so to speak for people that come from out of town. This would be the new neighbors. Try to put it in terms of, if you were going to try to find a second home either a lake home or a winter escape, that kind of thing, what would you be looking for you, and you'd want to know what the surroundings are, what's available to you and those things are all available here. In other words, there are recreational facilities outside of the premises. Many of the people here go over to the local health fitness place and so on. Those things are all available. They have made provisions so people can do their swimming over there and it's just a short trip across the road practically. Of course Lake Michigan is nearby. I'm talking about people who are coming from out of town now. We've got all kinds of facilities around here for recreation and so on. We've got a local baseball team, Broncos, I don't know how well acquainted you are with what happened, the Broncos in the Mid-American conference this last year. It's been exciting. We are part of that and the campus provisions around here are full of activities, the town itself. I'm talking about people who are coming from Chicago possibly or someplace like that who have relatives here around this area that would kind of draw them to this area. Kalamazoo is just a lovely community. Bronson Place and The Fountains can add to that. So from that standpoint, I think people ought to know about that, too. It's a lovely grounds, it's nice to live in, it's a good location. And the community itself is just outstanding. If they are out of town they can move in and still have plenty of ability to live a life outside of the house, you know that kind of thing.

J: Good, well, Ken, I appreciate all the time you spent with me this morning. I think on that note we will call it in an interview, how about that?

K: Sounds good to me. I hope it's been good for you because I'm anxious to tell people about the place. I'm happy with it.

J: Good, good.

K: And my family's happy with it. I can tell you, too. They think we've done the right thing. We did it together and we think we've done the right thing.

J: Good well, that's great. Thank you again, Ken. I'm going to sign off now and let you get on with reading your paper and whatever else you're going to do today.

K: Ok.

J: Have a lovely day there in Kalamazoo.

K: I'll even get shaven here shortly.

J: Ok, well, it's been a pleasure speaking with you. Thank you so much.

K: Ok, goodbye now.

J: Alright, bye.