Getting Ready: Encore Here I Come!

(well....not quite yet)

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Background and Context...

- About 5 years from retiring from our world of city management after nearly
 40 years
- Discovering that I am going to have some time on my hands
- Spare time....a novel idea for me
- Pursuing a non-traditional encore

What does non-traditional encore mean? Something other than...



- Writing



- Teaching

- Traveling





My definition of non-traditional...

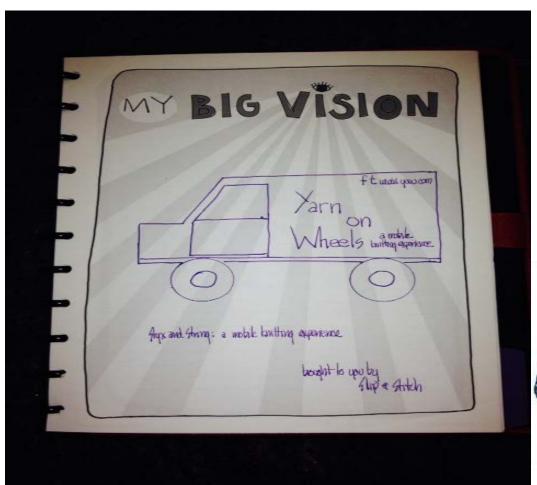


Planning now for Yarn on Wheels!

- Knitting and fiber bring me joy
- Totally different than local government management
- A mobile Yarn and Knitting Salon fits perfectly into our next chapter which includes traveling.
- Encore starts NOW!



Plans so far...



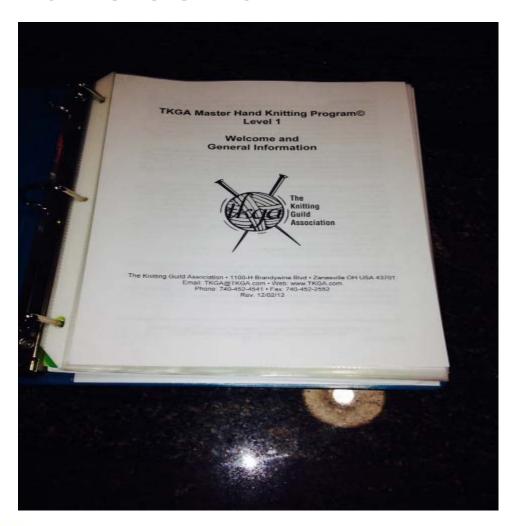


Plans so far... Mascots Acquired!



...introducing Slip and Stitch. (they will be tweeting where Yarn on Wheels will be!)

Plans so far...



...three year plan to complete The Knitting Guild Association Master Hand Knitting Program.

Plans so far...



...created a Mind Map as a foundation for a Business Plan for Yarn on Wheels.

In closing...

- consider turning what brings you joy outside of local government management into your Encore
- begin thinking 3-5 years before you make the leap to Encore about how you are going to be fulfilled
- use current connections/resources to help you (Fleet Manager, Parks and Recreation Director, Economic Development Director, etc.)

 HAVE A PLAN!

Finally, as Napoleon Hill has said,

"Create a definite plan for carrying out your desire and begin at once, whether you are ready or not, to put this plan into action."



Questions/Comments?

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