

How to Plan Your Retirement Lifestyle

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Many of us think retirement starts when one stops working. The government may classify you as “over the hill” at age 65. Don’t you believe it. You do not suddenly reach the edge of a cliff when you turn 65. Your lifestyle may become even better as you grow older. It depends on you.

Successful retirement planning can put real sparkle in your golden years. You should start planning right now for the lifestyle activities that will interest you then. I say “right now,” because of the importance of these later years to you. Remember, you are planning every day of the rest of your life. Waiting until your career activities are ending is a mistake.

At over age 65, I am presently involved in writing commentary, lecturing on how to start your own business, coaching young sailors, strengthening the United Nations, designing aeronautics, and promoting nonpartisan discourse on socioeconomic reform. Except for

the last two, all are different from my activities during the younger part of my life.

Retirement can come in many forms. Your post-career activities might include:

- Part-time work in the same job
- Changing your field of interest
- Changing your associates
- A different lifestyle
- Working for others
- Learning a new specialty
- Volunteer work
- Working with a different age group
- Teaching
- Any or all of the above

When should you begin planning for this very important part of your life? You should make career and retirement choices concurrently, giving each equal priority and emphasis. It is never too soon to prepare for what could be the best years of your life.

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