

retirement memos

Margaret Miller

Jet-setting takes good planning to save money

JOE AND I are turning into jet-setters this summer. One of our daughters said I guess she's right but the term applies strictly to the fact that we're leaving on jet planes. It has nothing to do with style and the dichotomy is leading to some interesting suitcase packing.

We decided I should explain, that we wanted to head out of our pretty warm retirement state for several excursions this summer. But we'd fly instead of driving; air fares are low and we'd like to go easy on our car and keep it a few more years.

Still, we wanted to travel the way we enjoy it — using cottages and cabins whenever possible, keeping the number of restaurant meals at a minimum, planning picnics and hikes in parks as well as exploring cities.

WHEN YOU CAN load the trunk of a car, that kind of travel is simple. You take our big cooler and buy food as you need it, finishing what you don't eat when you get home. You throw in a few extra blankets and towels, and you pile whatever clothing you might need for assorted occasions into as many suitcases as the car will hold.

But when you try to stick to what you can reasonably carry through airports, it's a different proposition. We're learning, though.

ON OUR RECENT trip to Maine, we managed some quite good preparation for Miller-style travel. Heading for Oregon and Washington this summer, we'll make a few changes but basically follow the same system.

We've used chamber of commerce listings to locate cottage-type accommodations that provide bedding and towels as well as kitchen sup-

plies. We had two fine places in Maine, and one in Washington has been reserved and will be waiting when we arrive, after renting a car at the airport.

Figuring such homes-away-from-home have adequate but minimum living and cooking supplies, we find room in suitcases for small items to make life more comfortable. Obviously the radio and tape-player must stay home, and so must the toaster, but we can take along a couple of good light bulbs for reading and a sharp knife and scrubbing pad to make kitchen chores easier.

We also pack the smallest-possible container of groceries we know we'll need: instant coffee, sugar, salt and pepper, bar soap and dishwasher soap, matches, mustard and an envelope or two of favorite gravy mix. They take little room and simplify life a lot.

A lot of our time on this trip will be in motels, so we'll have with us our miniature coffee-maker so we can have breakfast before hitting the road. And we'll invest in a small plastic cooler that will hold orange juice and rolls for breakfast and picnic supplies for lunches.

AND WE'RE telling ourselves one more time that on this trip we'll take less clothing. We always wind up with things that never get worn. This time we'll carry more travel supplies instead.

Jet-setting plebian style takes some careful arranging and planning. For us, at this juncture of retirement, it's well worth the effort. Margaret Miller was Suburban Life editor for Observer Newspapers for 16 years. She and her husband Joe have retired to Florida, where she writes Retirement Memos.

2 attend citizenship seminar

It's a time for learning

Two Farmington Hills teens were among those selected to participate in the Michigan Freedom Academy, a weeklong experience aimed at exploring citizenship and producing to-



Rock-Duelo

Mr. and Mrs. Donald L. Rock of Milford announce the engagement of their daughter, Patricia Lynn, to David Joseph Duelo, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank M. Duelo of Farmington.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Lakeland High School, in Milford, employed with Williams International. Her fiancé is a graduate of Farmington High School and Michigan State University, employed with Reagan's Reproduction.

An August wedding is planned in Faith Covenant Church, Farmington Hills.

tomorrow's leaders, sponsored by the Michigan Freedom Foundation. Ed Sudzina, 17, son of Callie and Ed Sudzina, and James Rhodes, 16, son of Margaret George, were two of 100 young student leaders who spent a week at Phelps Collins Air National Guard Base in Alcona.

Those selected to attend are between their junior and senior years of school. Sudzina attends Farmington High School where he hopes to earn a football-academic scholarship for college. He aspires to study law.

He was "very happy" with his selection to attend the academy, feeling the experience would assist him in a decision whether to attend a military academy after high school.

RHODES ATTENDS North Farmington High School and plans to study aviation or medicine after graduation.

In response to his selection as a delegate to the academy, he said, "I'm glad about a chance to learn more about the military life and to meet some people with similar interests."

Program activities consisted of discussion groups, workshops, field trips and presentations by prominent speakers, including Maj. Gen. Vernon J. Andrews, speaking on "Ameri-

can Freedom." Andrews also chairs Michigan's Freedom Foundation. He said the objective of the academy is to "instill, promote and sharpen an understanding of and an appreciation for freedom, as a part of our everyday life in America."

Other speakers included Sandra Gubin, wife of a Soviet immigrant, who spoke on the Soviet Union, Larry Glazer, legal advisor to the governor of Michigan, who spoke on gov-

ernment's responsibilities, and General Motors vice-president Alfred Warren, who spoke on freedom in industry.

STUDENT DELEGATES were encouraged to interact with members of the government and military and with civic leaders.

The Michigan Freedom Foundation is a nonprofit organization funded by private donations. The Freedom Academy is the major project of the Foundation.

Members of the Michigan National Guard are charged with planning and staffing the academy program and for inviting delegates.

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