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COMMENTS TO EDITOR:: The reviewers and I both valued this perspective on a physician's life after retirement, and how he found meaning and purpose in part-time precepting. It is simply and clearly written. It clearly shows both his initial struggle, and then his finding a "new adventure" and meaning. The main criticism is that it takes a while to get to the central story illustrating the author's main points. If the author can shorten the introductory section just a bit this will make an unusual and thought-provoking contribution to the journal.

COMMENTS TO AUTHOR: Thank you for this essay, which describes a perspective that is insufficiently acknowledged - life "after" medicine and how to imbue it with meaning. Reviewers and editors liked your story very much and think it would make a valuable contribution to the journal. The main suggestion is to move through the initial sections a bit more quickly. The heart of your story is in the encounter with the resident and her 95 yo patient. Here, you might consider fleshing out the narrative just a bit - for example, you might say something more about the resident and how she seemed to be feeling. What was her struggle? Set up the dilemma more clearly so we can appreciate your satisfaction in resolving it.

COMMENTS TO EDITOR: This essay addresses a neglected but important issue - life after medicine. The author tells a satisfying story of finding first frustration but ultimately fulfillment as a volunteer resident preceptor. He has edited the essay to shorten the introductory section so that the essay moves more quickly to the heart of the story - his encounter with an empathetic but busy resident and her 95 yo old patient. The essay highlights not only what the resident learned, but what the narrator learned. I recommend accepting this interesting piece.

COMMENTS TO AUTHOR: Thank you for these minor revisions, which move the essay more quickly to the heart of the story - your encounter with an empathetic but busy resident and her 95 yo patient. The essay highlights not only what the resident learned, but what the narrator learned in a very satisfying manner. We appreciate your reflections on this important but neglected topic.