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Retired realtor closes family gap with move to Park Place *Move will bring "Sweet Adeline" closer to grandchildren*

ELMHURST — Any realtor, especially one retired after more than 20 years in the market, would agree that location is everything. But for Bev Tulio, her choice to move to Elmhurst demonstrates a powerful reason why they say in the real estate business - "location, location, location." Moving to Park Place of Elmhurst will bring Bev closer to the most important people in her life - her daughter, son-in-law and grandchildren.

Bev is among a growing number of retirees who are "closing the family gap" by choosing to move to where their adult children and grandchildren have settled. Whereas it once was the adult children who returned to the town where they grew up to be near their parents, the current trend is for retirement-aged parents to be the ones making the move, whether it's across town or across the country.

In Bev's case, closing the family gap means following her daughter's family to Elmhurst from her current home in Winfield. At Park Place of Elmhurst, she will live only one mile from her beloved grandchildren, close enough for her to possibly walk over for her frequent visits.

"My goal is to be able to

spend as much time as I can with my daughter and the grandchildren," said Bev. "It will be so handy being only one mile from them. If I ever get to the point that I can no longer drive, I'll be close enough for them to drop by, or I can get a ride to their place."

While Bev may be retired, she isn't slowing down.

"I'm not a typical grandma," said Bev, who spent much of her life traveling the globe with her husband and daughter and just returned from a week in New York City. "I don't crochet or knit. I love to travel and enjoy going to the kids' activities - soccer games and tee-ball."

Among Bev's other hobbies and interests, she is a 34-year veteran baritone for the Western Lights Chorus of Sweet Adelines. She will continue to attend weekly practices in Hinsdale and plans to compete at regionals in Michigan and attend the international convention in Hawaii this coming year. She also will continue her monthly lunches, going on for 17 years, with six other women she previously worked with in real estate.