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I think my life statement should be "I have plans but God has better ones!" I have lived in only a few places but traveled to many. I was born in MD, raised in VA until 15 and spent my high school years in Naples, Italy. I bummed around Europe after graduating from high school and always thought I would be a world traveling vagabond so I chose to go to college in DC so I could continue to live in an international community. I chose my degree, mechanical engineering, so I would be marketable overseas. God had other plans, the first of which was to grab hold of my life for Him. Then I planned to be a single missionary overseas but God had other plans, at least about the single part! I met my husband Brian and we have been married for 20 years and have 4 children. We still thought we would go overseas but God hasn't included that in His plans yet. Instead He has planted us in a great church here in the states and given us a small farm with two horses, chickens, barn cats and a beagle. My parents live with us, in their RV, for whatever part of the year they are in VA. I am amazed at how God often takes my plans, replaces them with different hopes and dreams and then fulfills them beyond my imaginings. It is an incredible journey to serve Him!

We have been on this homeschooling journey for 13 years, all with SL. As of this year, we have used every level. We school year round and I took a very laid back approach in early elementary with each of my children. So three of the four didn't read until between ages 8 and 9. One of our reasons for homeschooling was to give our children the opportunity to explore and grow in their giftings. This has led to our family incorporating 4H and Civil Air Patrol in our homeschooling. This year my oldest two are in community college and I only have one class with them. Katy is a senior and hopes to go to Virginia Tech to study animal science. Daniel is a junior and loves planes. Suzanne is 12 and loves horses and friends. Jonathan is 10 and loves sports. One of my weaknesses is staying on track so I like to do co-ops. I have been involved in co-ops for Core 200 and 300, Science 5, 6, Chem and Phys. I have also included other students in SM NEM levels to help hold me accountable. I continually strive to improve in organization and discipline and look forward to getting tips from all of you! As I approach my first graduation, I am pleased with the education she has gained and grateful to SL for the terrific program, the books and the forums! I have learned as much as my children and now love history almost as much as math. Almost!

I have been an SCC for about 8 years, I would have to go back and count to be sure. (Part of that organizational challenge is remembering things!) I do two very large events, VA and NC, and one moderate size event. Kelley Richman has been a great blessing the past couple of years by assisting at my events. She brings the style to the booth while I gladly lug the books. It is a gift from God and more of His incredible plan for my life that I get to be paid for doing something I love, talking about SL and homeschooling!