Catalina Spa RV Park is almost full with the exception of the 20 sites that they leave open every night for members who show up unannounced without reservations. That was one of the features that initially attracted us to the park and why it made sense for us to purchase a membership here. This whole area, the Coachella Valley, is a hotspot for retirees and baby boomers with money to spend reaching retirement age. Next year, the park we stayed at for a week across the highway in Palm Desert is reducing their number of RV sites by 700, in order to make room for condos. Evidently there is more money to be made in mortar and bricks than renting to people enjoying the area on wheels.

Next year we will return here and based on the new sales that are being made, (possibly because of some site closures across the highway) we will be joined by many more new and younger faces. In case you have missed it, we love this lifestyle and we love this area. Our intention is to continue to travel in the spring, summer and fall as well as take in day trips and a few little winter getaways, but for the most part our winters will be in the sunny south. And why not? As long as it keeps us out of the cold and there are no floods and earthquakes, we might as well do it for as long as we can.

Since arriving here, Helen has been enjoying an abundance of “health foods”, however because she is here we have also been indulging in some “treats”. (It’s great having company!) We have discovered an array of healthy(?) cookies from Trader Joes and two days ago Rita (Max the parrot’s Mom) brought us a key lime pie which was very yummy. Tonight Helen treated us to dinner at Native Foods, our favourite little vegan restaurant, and she was pleasantly delighted by the fare. As usual the food was great and fortunately we ate enough that we had no room for dessert. It will be fasting time once again in April after all our visitors come to an end and we prepare to head north. I can just feel it!!!