

## **Elizabeth Hudson (Non-member)**



Elizabeth Hudson is a traveling enthusiast residing in North York. She is an aged 63 divorced mother of two and a grandmother of five. Elizabeth's kids both live on the west coast of Canada, in Beautiful British Columbia, Vancouver. Her family originated from England, but she came to Canada to study at McGill University due to her passion for French Canadians. After graduating with a double degree in French and Business, she moved to Toronto after securing a job at CIBC.

Getting too caught up in work life instead of family life, the marriage she was once so content with ended in a divorce. Her husband of fifteen years got fed up and left her, but they both had shared custody of their two children. During the time of their divorce, Elizabeth was able to win most of the shared assets since she was the main financial support for the family. Her ex-husband blames his alcoholism on their divorce. After that, Elizabeth never re-married again, and just dug deeper in her work. After all the years of working at CIBC, she retired not too long ago, at the age of 60 and decided to spice up her life with travelling. She felt like she needed change in her life, so after her retirement Elizabeth moved from downtown Toronto to North York and decided to go on a spontaneous trip.

On one of her many trips, she had met a fellow Canadian, Sally, who also lived in North York, Ontario. They instantly hit it off, became best friends, and decided to go on more trips together. Sally would invite Elizabeth over for gatherings with her friends from NYSC when they were both home at the same time from their travels. Elizabeth had seen the close friendships that were formed from the senior centre and decided to give it a try. She had decided to take on a language course, Spanish, since her next trip would be to Barcelona. After taking her first class at NYSC, she immediately fell in love. She enjoyed meeting people, and learning a new language in a great environment. Elizabeth wanted to enroll into more classes, but they were all full, and her trip to Barcelona was quickly approaching.

Elizabeth's knowledge of technology is very advanced. She books all her trips and tickets online; keeping her eyes open for great savings so that she can save money and go on more trips. She also uses Skype regularly with her family in Vancouver and England. Elizabeth even has an iPad that she likes to carry around when she gets bored on planes, and uses it to take photos of the beautiful landscapes she visits.

Elizabeth doesn't like making commitments, which is her reasoning for not registering with NYSC (even though the membership classes are a lot cheaper). She has commitment issues. She feels like if she had a membership and tried a different class at a different centre, or if she didn't show up for a few weeks (due to her travels), it would be cheating. This may be from her experience with her ex-husband when she was addicted to her work, and felt like the reason he left her was that she cheated on him with work.

Having an online registration for classes at NYSC, will help Elizabeth sign up for classes while she is away on her travels. This will make sure that she doesn't miss out on registration while she is away, and it is easy for her to pay online.