

## Guild names Campbell Volunteer of the Year

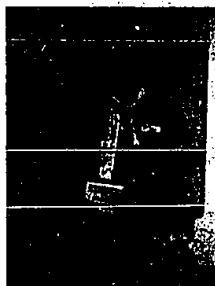
Bolsford General Hospital Guild's Volunteer of the Year is Evelyn Campbell, a Farmington Hills resident who has been a member of the guild since 1978.

She has served as recording secretary and has just been renominated vice president of the guild. She is a regular worker in the hospital's gift shop, schedules the workers for the gift shop, and gives new members of the guild their orientation.

She has taken on a variety of jobs in fund raising for the guild.

The mother of two sons and four daughters and grandmother to 17, she is a member of St. Alexander Catholic Church. She retired two years ago from her job with General Motors.

She was given her Volunteer of the Year honor during the group's 11th anniversary party.



Evelyn Campbell

## Better, worse and lunch

I used to read about women for whom a husband's retirement has all the trappings of a horror story.

Their days in the empty-nest years had become well settled into a pleasant routine, so the accounts read. They could keep house in leisurely style and they could enjoy social outings and shopping. Then the husbands retired and were around the house all the time, changing life completely.

"I married him for better or worse," would resound the cry. "But not for lunch."

I DIDN'T expect to echo that wall, since for my husband and me retirement was a joint venture. But I was sure the different rhythms of life were going to require some give and take. Our days were going to be much changed as our paths converged so

much more often than they separated, and our routines were going to bear some open-minded consideration.

Make changes we did. And instead of worrying at the outset about better or worse, we started with lunch. We quit eating it.

It took just a few days of bringing everything to a halt around the noon hour to decide that those sandwiches were not really necessary. By skipping the interruption lunch entailed, we saved time, money and calories, and we found we didn't miss the meal at all.

That move, we figured, would change another routine of long standing, eating a late dinner. Wrong we were on that one. The late afternoon beach is so pleasant and inviting that



## retirement memos.

**Margaret Miller**

usually we wind up eating late and never seem to suffer hunger pangs.

What did change with respect to dinner was the role of chief cook. My husband has for years been occasional cook, always officiating at the stove when it came to specialties like fish. But now he usually is the one to get dinner on the table, mainly because I'm the one who swims longer in the pool we visit after leaving the beach.

few cleaning chores, though. I usually do the kitchen, since I am best at solving the jigsaw puzzle presented by the dishwasher, and I still head the laundry detail.

Our division of work isn't unusual these days in our daughters' generation, but a limited amount of research among new acquaintances indicates it is in ours.

We think it makes for a lot more better than worse. Even if it doesn't include lunch.

Margaret Miller was Suburban Life editor for the Observer Newspaper for 18 years. She and her husband Joe have retired to Florida, where she continues to write her MM Memos.

AND WOMEN who bewail the underfoot aspects of retirement would be amazed at our other division of labor. Largely because I have a couple of mornings committed to volunteer projects, the man of our apartment is much more familiar than I with the vacuum cleaner and the dust cloth. I retain a

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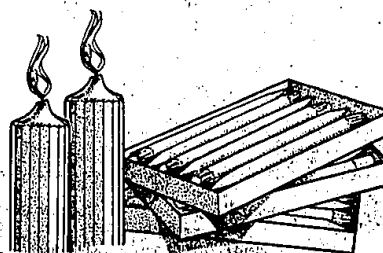
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