

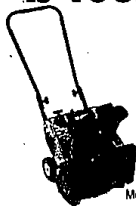
Annual Boo Ball Spooktacular is benefit for Children's Leukemia Foundation

On Saturday, Oct. 27 from 6-10 p.m., the 3rd annual Boo Ball Spooktacular, a giant Halloween gala benefiting Children's Leukemia Foundation of Michigan, returns to Oakland University's Showell-Gustafson pavilion in Rochester for four hours of family fun.

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That's why she's hoping the Saturday afternoon reception in her honor will draw a lot of alumni.

"I look at a name on the alumni list, and a face pops into my head," she said.

"The biggest joy I had was being able to make a difference in a child's life. This is a positive time in their lives. They come in wanting to learn. They're like sponges. We make their first school experience loving and positive."

Over the years, she doesn't think children have changed much.

"The schools demand and expect more today and kids are ready to learn more. Parents are doing a wonderful job, in my experience," she said.

What will she miss the most about her job?

Kids and co-workers

"The children - and my co-workers," she added. "The real joy is the children. They are so loving and so honest. The children give so much joy. On this level, if kids are having problems, we can catch it early and get them the help they need."

She explained what prompted her retirement.

"The kids have a 'special person' bucket. It's like show and tell. In it, they put things that relate to what they enjoy doing. I brought my bucket in and taking things out, I realized I hadn't done those things I enjoy doing in a long time."

That includes cooking, baking, playing golf, painting watercolor, weaving baskets.

"My husband, Byron, is still working," she added. "When he retires, we hope to do some traveling."

She's also considering volunteering in the Farmington Schools through a program run by the Farmington Hills Senior Adult division.

Visiting Nardin nursery school teacher Susan Morell's enrichment class one day last week, Turnquist lit up as she went around the room talking to each child. Busy making puzzles or coloring, each child felt at ease with her, eager to make small talk.

"(Judy) is my mentor, my confident and friend," said Morell, who has been teaching at Nardin Park preschool 15 years. "Everything I know, I learned from her. She's the reason this is such a good program."

Turnquist hired and kept teachers, all degreed, who enjoy what they're doing and stayed because of it, added Morell. There are four teachers in the program.

Judy Turnquist's retirement party is 2-4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 27 at Nardin Park, 29887 W. 11 Mile. Alumni especially are being sought and asked to contribute to a memory album featuring photos from the program. Call Judy Martin at (248) 653-3076 or Mary Lou White at (248) 653-4567.



Chatting: Judy Turnquist talks with pre-schoolers Michael Orsini and Alan Wilson in Susan Morell's enrichment class for 4 year olds.

Veterans Day program Nov. 2

The City of Farmington Hills Senior Division's annual Veterans Day celebration "Stars and Stripes Forever," will be 11 a.m. Friday, Nov. 2 at the Senior Center located within the Costick Activities Center.

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