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There's a lot to do in Windsor

Kids at Heart

Nancy Polanis & Peggy Ristas – Windsor Discovery Center

They are the “Lee” sisters: Peggy Lee Ristas and Nancy Lee Polanis.

Nancy enjoys scuba diving, ski patrol, cycling, palates and rides a Harley (on the back seat)

Peggy rode a bike once!

Nancy has not made a decision as to what she wants to be when she grows up because she has loved her 30 years at Discovery Center so much she has not thought about it.

More than 22 years ago, Peggy was in need of daycare for her daughter Val and brought her to Discovery Center where she was placed in Nancy’s class. Peggy said, “When I met Nancy and saw her with the children I said to myself – this is what I want to do, and this is where I want to do it - at Windsor Discovery Center.”

“Nancy has inspired many others too,” Peggy says. “She is an incredible role model.”

Turns out they are both pretty special. Kids come back to visit their former teachers all the time – and they’re not kids anymore! They come back to volunteer, they come back to work in the summer or during their college breaks. Kids whose diapers Peggy and Nancy changed come back and they are adults!

Speaking of diapers, in her 22 years of service in the infant/toddler room, Peggy estimates there are 60 diaper changes a day – multiply that by five days a week, times 52 weeks in the year times 22 years... that’s 343,200 diaper changes and counting!

After 30 years Nancy is excited that she will be beginning a new program at the Discovery Center next fall. It’s a Transitional Montessori Class, a blend of traditional pre-school and Montessori materials designed for young three year olds. To learn more about this or any of the offerings at the Milo Peck Child Development Center, call 860-285-1400.

