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A Funny Retirement Speech

You're probably all bracing yourselves for some profound retirement speech. If that's the case, I have one question for you: have you met me?

I'm too happy to be profound, too relieved to make it to retirement to bestow any life advice upon you, and too old and tired to stand here for long, making a speech thanking all of you. So please just consider yourselves thanked.

Let's be real here; next week while you're in the staff meeting, I'll be on the golf course. Or maybe I'll be in a coffee shop, sipping coffee and watching people walk by. But no matter where I am or what I'm doing, I will not be at work. That's what retirement is, people.

But hey, enjoy that staff meeting.

Thanks for all the fun over the years. Work isn't supposed to be fun, but somehow we managed, didn't we? Was it so much fun that I fear retirement? No. There's "work fun" and then there's "retirement fun." Since I'm standing here giving my retirement speech, it's pretty obvious which fun I chose.

Honestly, it's hard to stand up here and not just say, "I don't have to go to work tomorrow, next week, or ever."

But if my last work task has to be giving a retirement speech, then here it is: I don't have to go to work tomorrow, next week, or ever.