Transitions

Some decisions are not all that difficult. After a full and complex life at the University of Iowa, Marian and Ivan Schwabbauer have decided to retire. While at first glance that doesn't seem to impinge upon your life, a second glance at the masthead of Clinical Laboratory Science will bring a mixed reality home. The Schwabbauers have served first as Editor-in-Chief and then, most recently, as the Editorial Office. From improving turn around time to modernizing the process and making it electronically based, they have brought the journal process into the twenty-first century with style and graciousness. Often a person's effect on others is not known. So, here are just a few of the people they have helped and taught to be better editors, better reviewers, and better writers. Susan Leclair, Bunny Rodak, Kathy Doig, George Fritsma, Carol McCoy, Cheryl Caskey, and all of the guest editors. The list runs into the hundreds.

They have agreed to help the new editorial office staff adjust to their new responsibilities with the next issue of the journal and will be enjoying their new life by the end of this calendar year. While the editors are pleased that the Schwabbauers will be able to travel and enjoy their lives, we are intimately aware of our loss. Thank you Marian and Ivan for more than you know.

Susan Leclair, Clin Lab Sci Editor-in-chief

Thanks for the Memories

As William Bridges points out in his seminal book on transitions, there must be an ending before there can be a new beginning.[1] It is with a bittersweet mixture of sadness and anticipation that we have decided to completely retire as of this issue of *Clinical Laboratory Science.* Not only is this the last issue of Volume 18, it is our last issue as the Editorial Office. During the nine plus years that we have been responsible for *Clinical Laboratory Science,* we were privileged to have the opportunity to work with many dedicated and talented authors, reviewers, and editors. For the most part, those years have been very rewarding, and 'Big Fun'.[2] However, we are looking forward to having more time to spend with our family, more freedom to travel, and more energy to devote to our hobbies and volunteer activities, also rewarding and 'Big Fun'.

Margaret LeMay will assume *Clinical Laboratory Science* Editorial Office functions beginning with the first issue of Volume 19. We confident that *Clinical Laboratory Science* will continue to advance under Ms LeMay's capable guidance. We have already begun working with Ms LeMay to ensure a seamless transition. We trust that you will give her the same support and encouragement that you gave us when we took over the editorial office duties.

We wish *Clinical Laboratory Science* and its readers all the best in the future. It's been fun!

Ivan and Marian Schwabbauer
Clinical Laboratory Science Editorial Office

1. Bridges W. Transitions: making sense of life's changes. Reading MA: Addison-Wesley; 1980. 170 p.
2. Joan McCloskey defines 'Big Fun' "as the good feeling we get from being creative, making others feel good, and being good at what we do" in: Creating an environment for success with fun, hope and trouble. J Nurs Adm 1991;21:4:5-6.

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