

Adios, Au Revoir, Auf Wiedersehen - Good Night!

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For those of you old enough to remember Lawrence Welk, the title of this brief column are the final words from his show's closing song. I am still a loyal fan of his reruns today. November marked the publication of my 99th consecutive column in Pumps & Systems. It was also my last consecutive column, however, I do plan on contributing several more on an occasional basis. The reason I am scaling back is that I turn seventy next month and decided that it is time to think about retirement and spending more time with family and friends.

Writing for Pumps & Systems the last eight years has been a wonderful journey. I have learned a lot and hopefully our readers have also. My intent was to provide technical information in an understandable way. When writing about a particular topic I not only used my knowledge but also did research to make sure that the information I provided was as accurate as possible. It took at least two and sometimes three weekends to produce a finished draft. I appreciate the continuous feedback of our readers who provide complements, corrections and other points of view. I would especially like to thank readers Lee Ruiz and Robert Perez for their many constructive comments and suggestions over the years. Pumps & Systems authors, including Lev Nelik and Terry Henshaw, have also been extremely helpful.

Finally I would like to thank the previous and current staff at Pumps & Systems for allowing me to contribute to their magazine. Michell, Lori and Michael have been great to work with and publish an excellent magazine. Although I was offered an opportunity to write for other publications, I chose P&S because of its focus on content. Although advertising is key to the success of any magazine, it is the readership that attracts those advertisers. And, it is content that attracts the readership. Pumps & Systems provides content that benefits engineers, operators and maintenance personnel throughout the pumping industry. No other publication can match the amount of information that is available in every issue. Please keep up the great work.

To all of our Pumps & Systems readers, staff and authors I extend to you "good wishes, good health and good night".

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