

So Long, Farewell

Has anyone out there NOT seen "The Sound of Music?" I introduced it to my older two children over the holidays and marveled at how this 30-year-old movie musical held their rapt attention. Near the end of the movie, the von Trapp family sings "So Long, Farewell" at the Salzburg Music Festival. It's the finale to their performance, a poignant moment and one I can relate to as I relinquish my role as editor of On Course.

This magazine has been part of my daily life for seven years. Serving as editor of *On Course* has been an honor, a pleasure and a huge source of professional pride. During my tenure, I worked with and for many dedicated, talented, compassionate people: directors on the MAGCS Board, superintendent and assistant superintendent members, commercial members, retired members. The *On Course* staff—graphic artist Mark Karczewski and contributing editor John Gurke—are highly creative individuals who made our 83-issue collaboration fun AND rewarding, as the magazine has won first-place honors in GCSAA's chapter publications contest for two consecutive years. These gentlemen, along with "Midwest Breezes" coordinator Brad Anderson and the Editorial Committee, will be working with your executive director Luke Cella to ensure the magazine's continued success.

This issue is MY finale, and I'd like to thank the Association for entrusting me with stewardship of its flagship publication. I'd like to thank my predecessor, Fred Opperman, for his vote of confidence in my ability to carry the torch for *On Course*. I'd like to thank those I worked with month-in, month-out—Mark, John and Kurt Paulson, our production person at Darwill Press—for their commitment to excellence and outstanding results. Last but not least, I'd like to thank my family for their support and the sacrifices they made during seven years adhering to the demands of a tight monthly production cycle.

So long, farewell, I wish you all the best. Please keep in touch.



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