

# Saying Goodbye

By Wende Boddy

## The Oscars

**Y**es, that is what it felt like standing on the podium looking out at the audience gathered for TEC 2008. I love movies and make it a point not to miss the Oscars. I have often wondered (as the recipients accept their awards) how they can remember to thank all those people... Well I was in a similar situation when **Léo Lefebvre** stood on the stage, thanking me for 20 odd years of looking after TUG. I cannot remember what he said, nor what I said—I was so overwhelmed by the emotion I felt in the room.

How do I start to say thank you and goodbye to so many friends, acquaintances, colleagues, and buddies that I have made over the last 23 years of being involved with the Toronto Users Group? This dynamic

group has a long history that many of you reading this magazine already know about. Choosing to retire, or being lucky enough to retire, took a lot of consideration.

## Smell the Roses or Build a Nest Egg?

Well, I just love to garden and money is only for spending. Hubby is home. The trailer is gathering moss. We still have the inclination and good health to do things together, so even though I loved looking after the group, the decision was not too hard after all.

I feel very fortunate to have been around so many smart people over the years, who have been my mentors and teachers: **Ron Anderson** and **Neil Andrus** along with **Harry Hastilow** to name just a few from the VERY early days of TUG, and **Léo Lefebvre**, **Ken Sadler**, and **Vaughn Dragland** who are also still here from the early days. So many people...

This group had humble beginnings and has grown to be very well respected throughout North America, due not in part but because of dedicated hard working people that

amaze me by putting in so many volunteer hours—nights, days, and weekends—all for the love of the IBM i box that has once again changed its name, and is now known as Power Systems.

What a great name that is! ...and how good it looks tacked on to the Toronto Users Group for Power Systems. I know the group will continue to offer great meetings and good education to our members. The group has a great board of directors with **Stephen Bingham**, **Kumar Rajendra**, **Glenn Gundermann**, **Chili BoB..**, and all of the others (sorry if I missed an important name—you are all so special to me!) These are forward thinkers, so here's to you all guys and some really special gals (**Alena**, **Marly**, **Lucy**, **Anna**, **Elaine**) and a special thanks to **Inass** and **Loretta** for helping out at the registration desk for so many years. The office is being left in the capable hands of **Lindsay Sutherland** so I am confident that TUG will carry on OK.

Thank you all so very much! I may send you postcards from my travels.

Love, Wende

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Lindsay Sutherland with Wende Boddy at the TUG Meeting of Members March 19, 2008