

Ladies and gentlemen, family, and friends,  
Thank you for gathering here today. I promise to keep this brief so we can get back to the cake and celebrations!  
After many years of battling with my alarm clock and consuming enough coffee to fuel a small nation, I've decided it's time to retire. Yes, I'm officially trading my spreadsheets for more sheets... bed sheets that is, for a good nap!  
I've often joked that nothing could drag me away from this job... except maybe the promise of uninterrupted afternoons and the bliss of avoiding rush hour traffic. Well, the day has finally come.  
Thank you to everyone who supported, challenged, and laughed with me over the years. You've been my work family, and I'll miss your faces, if not the early meetings.  
As I retire, I look forward to finally tackling my "retirement list": becoming a world-class gardener, a fishing legend, and perhaps the next great novel writer--all while expertly dodging any calls for help with tech support!  
Thank you all again for being such an important part of my life journey. I promise to visit, but only if coffee and gossip are involved.  
Raise a glass with me, my friends, to new adventures and overdue sleep-ins!  
Cheers!