

Ladies and gentlemen,

As I stand here today, the overwhelming feeling of nostalgia sweeps through me. It's hard to believe that after so many years, it's time to say goodbye to a place that has been my second home.

I remember my first day like it was yesterday. Walking through those doors filled with anticipation and hope, not knowing the adventures that lay ahead. Does anyone remember the coffee machine fiasco of '98? Or the unforgettable company picnics where Jim's 'famous' potato salad made an appearance every year? And who could forget the time we all stayed up late, racing against deadlines, and ended up building friendships that would last a lifetime?

We've shared laughter, celebrated milestones, and supported each other through tough times. Those team meetings that somehow always turned into spirited debates about the best pizza toppings will be cherished.

As I look back, I realize my career has been shaped by these moments and, more importantly, by all of you. Each one of you is a piece of the tapestry that is my professional journey, and for that, I am eternally grateful.

As I step into retirement, I take with me countless memories and a heart full of gratitude. Thank you for being a part of my journey. I will miss our daily interactions, but I promise to stay in touch.

Let's raise a glass to the old memories and the new adventures that await us all.

Thank you.