Linda Hengstler, publisher, editor, and friend, ends 14-year stint at *CCJM*

This issue marks the end of a chapter in the nearly 70-year history of the *Cleveland Clinic Journal of Medicine*. At the end of January, our longtime publisher, editor, and good friend, Linda Hengstler, left the Cleveland Clinic's nonprofit setting to take on a managerial and editorial position with the respected firm of Dowden Publishing. Under the guidance of Ms. Hengstler's sure hand for the past 14 years, about a fifth of its entire existence, the *Journal* has found and grown into its niche as an increasingly appreciated and widely read educational publication for the busy clinician.

Linda K. Hengstler

Ms. Hengstler's greatest legacy to the *Journal* has been the recognition that the reader is the only reason for its existence. One of her greatest successes has been her ability to identify and attract a stable of talented, collaborative individuals, each of whom brings unique skills to the editorial table. Having assembled these people, she focused their attention single-mindedly on the needs of the reader, occasionally to the consternation of a few of our authors, who may have been unaccustomed to the heaviness of the *Journal's* editorial hand. Most acknowledged eventually, however, that this approach, though at times painful, significantly improved the product, benefiting both reader and author alike.

We at the *Journal* are certainly going to miss her daily presence, her devotion to excellence, and her editorial skills. For some, she has been a hard taskmaster, but she drove no one harder than herself. She is passionate about the *Journal's* dedication to lifelong learning. Linda, with respect and fondness, we wish you well.

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