

I have indeed been honored to have been selected for this award from among the many deserving AUTM members who have contributed to AUTM's mission, growth and success.

AUTM has established itself as a viable, professional and respected organization through the unselfish contributions of many of its members. It is amazing what can be accomplished if it doesn't matter who gets the credit.

Through sometimes tumultuous times, when even survival of the organization was at stake, members have stepped forward to meet the challenges and advance AUTM's mission and goals among which are:

1. To educate those who embark on a technology transfer career;
2. To share experiences with the many who carry the flag for technology transfer both inside and outside the university sector;
  - remember that a teacher affects eternity. He or she can never tell where their influence stops. Henry B. Adams
3. To both educate and convince those that have been and are adverse to the concepts which we all embrace that our collective efforts are beneficial in improving the human condition;
4. To actively engage in and promote the technology transfer effort;
  - Keep in mind that great Wisconsin philosopher, Vince Lombardi, who said: "the dictionary is the only place where success comes before work."
5. To speak out against the repeated efforts to discredit our function and purpose with a strong and single voice;
6. To protect the gains which have collectively been made in establishing, promoting and maintaining the professionalism of our chosen profession – one of the illusions of life is that the present hour is not the critical and decisive one. (Ralph Waldo Emerson)

And on a personal note, if you will indulge:

Given the fact that I am in my 90<sup>th</sup> year and because of other considerations, I must be pragmatic and recognize that this may very well be one of the last opportunities I may have to speak to this annual assemblage; to extol my views and the virtues of what AUTM has accomplished and to remember with fond affection those who have contributed so greatly to AUTM's founding, survival and growth, individually and collectively through their vision, dedication and leadership.

I would particularly recognize the contribution of my wife of almost 65 years – and counting – in managing family affairs during my absence on extensive travels on business, legislative and other advocacy matters as well as the forbearance and support of our children and other family members in maintaining a highly collaborative and cohesive family unit.

I will not say “goodbye” to activities on behalf of AUTM but rather “auf weidersehen” and close with a quotation from Albert Einstein.

“Learn from yesterday;

live for today;

hope for tomorrow.

The important thing is not to stop questioning.”

Again, thank you.