

Homecoming: *Titanic* musicians plaque returns to union headquarters



The *Titanic* musicians' plaque was unveiled and rededicated on December 2, 2016 at the American Federation of Musicians Local 802 headquarters in Manhattan. The AFM's attorney, Harvey Mars, purchased the plaque from Doug Turner who, as *Voyage* readers will recall, had rescued the plaque from a Florida scrapyard. After a thorough cleaning, Mars then donated the plaque to the union, whose predecessor, the Musicians' Mutual Protective Union, had commissioned it in 1912. (See *Voyage* 84 for the plaque's full remarkable story.) Union counsel Harvey Mars (at far left) holds the banner that covered the plaque, as union president Tino Gagliardi, financial vice president Tom Olcott and recording vice president Andy Schwartz look on. Photo by Walter Karling.

SEE YOU LATER – AND A HEARTFELT THANK YOU

It's time. Almost 20 years have flown by since I first began assisting with *Voyage*. Ultimately, the editor's torch passed to me and, as you all know, I've been officially in the driver's seat for many years. It's time for me to step back and let someone else shine. Craig Sanders, to whom Charlie introduces you in his President's Column on page 178, will undoubtedly do a wonderful job at the helm.

I'd be remiss if I didn't give credit to the one person in particular who's made my job easier, so here goes:

Charlie, you've been my mentor from day one, and my friend and confidant for just as long. You give me so much more credit than I deserve. I couldn't have done it without you. Yes, I've been "editor," but it's been your unending knowledge of *Titanic* and your expertise in those things at which I lack (those pesky headlines and captions, for instance) that have allowed me to continually improve *Voyage*. I don't know how to thank you for all you've done. I'm so proud of what we've accomplished.

And, to all the rest of you who have helped out over the years — there are too many to mention — thank you for your support, your contributions, your friendship and, most importantly, your unending faith in me. I truly hope I've lived up to your expectations.

Craig, you won't be alone in this endeavor. I know Charlie and everyone else will be right behind you, helping you along the way as they did for me. And, I'm not going anywhere. I'll be here as long as you need me for the transition; I'm 100% sure you'll do a stellar job captaining this ship and *Voyage* will only continue to improve.

This isn't goodbye. It's just, "See you later!" See you all in Halifax in '18!

— Barb Shuttle