

As I look back 43 years ago, when I was working in the Lighting Systems warehouse, I come to realize that I have spent the better part of my life in the industry. Little did I know, those years back, that I would gain a working education and climb my way up the ladder to eventually become an owner of the company.

I strongly believe our 53 years of success have been built on our incomparable knowledge of the lighting industry, our uncurable appetite to stay on the cutting edge of technology, and our commitment to relationships made along the way. I easily call many of our clients, manufacturers, and coworkers my good friends. Friends who have helped me to better understand the industry, the needs of those in the industry, and how to better serve those needs.

As I become an “old-timer,” I look around me at all the young faces in our office and feel a strong security in the future of Lighting Systems and the continued success of the company over the next 75 years. Our talented leadership staff comprised of my partners; Nazzi Nazeri, Brent Chaffee and Jim Boyd, with the support of a just as talented and diverse staff, have the desire to see Lighting System charge into the future, grow and prosper.

With this knowledge, I feel a deep sense of confidence as I choose the path of retirement. As I have mentored and shared my industry knowledge with my partners and staff, I feel the desire to follow some of my other passions; golf, photography, travel, and let the next generation of talent move Lighting Systems forward.

I know I will miss the day to day interaction with you all as well as the buzz of energy I feel every time I walk through our office doors. I have thoroughly enjoyed these last 43 years at Lighting Systems and look forward to watching its success from the sidelines – and the golf course!

I wish you all an exciting and successful 2020,  
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