

From the Editor

Year-End Thanks



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As the year as editor ends, I have many people to thank. No one of the type in this column, I cannot fully do so. Let me express my gratitude to some key individuals and

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As you read these words, various people thanked above will have long been working on issues of this publication for the year 2000. The new year will bring a new name, a new design, and other changes. I hope that you will continue reading and contributing—and that you will feel free to make suggestions. Thank you for your support this year. Happy holidays, and all the best in the new year. ☺

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