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As someone who deals in words and terms on a daily basis in writing, editing, teaching, and researching, I am often struck by phrases and terms that are incongruous and "fond farewell" is one such phrase. There is nothing fond in having an editorial assistant as capable and talented as Yolanda leave. But this is a fond wish for a happy ever after in her move "home" to San Antonio. Yolanda and her husband are retiring and moving to sunny San Antonio, and while the staff of Reading Horizons wishes nothing but a "fond farewell," we are only fond of Yolanda, not her leaving. She has been the backbone, voice of reason, task-master, friendly voice to harried authors and clients involved with Reading Horizons. So this phrase "fond farewell," albeit an oxymoron, is wished for Yolanda Mihalko, the world's greatest editorial assistant.

She will be missed!

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