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Happy 2016, everyone!!! On behalf of the Board and all our members at the NACC, we wish you and yours a very healthy and profitable New Year.

So-o-o-o then, let's begin the year on a sad note, shall we?

Well, sad for us here, left behind at the GLVCC ... happy, for our wonderful Connections editor, Brandy Skorupsky, who's leaving the Chamber, moving onwards and upwards.

I don't usually write about one of our fine Chamber staffers leaving, however, in the most complimentary way, Brandy is not "the usual". I've come to know Brandy through my many years of providing newsletter articles for Connections ... mostly at the last minute. We've always had a great on-line business relationship, long before it was fashionable, given her busy schedule and deadlines.

Brandy has always been the consummate "behind the scenes" girl ... and that's also a large part of why I'm writing this. Few know she's the most kind, charming, dedicated ... and most importantly in my case, patient staffer. Truly, a *professional* in every sense of the word. Just look at the quality and content of the Connections over the years. That's her baby ... her creativity ... and a great source of pride for us as a regional Chamber that we have such a quality news piece.

This tribute could go on and on, but knowing she's typing this in and most likely blushing profusely, I'll just end it with a heartfelt "Brandy, good luck and best of everything in your new adventures ... and know, without a doubt, your creativity and great spirit will certainly be missed."

... and good luck to the incoming *three* people that are going to be needed to fill her shoes.