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Dr. Paul Kronick, one of the stalwarts of our *JALCA* Editorial Board for many years, retired from the Editorial Board at the end of 2008.

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The American Leather Chemists Association and especially this Journal editor have greatly much valued his work. We want to thank Dr. Kronick for his years of dedicated service to the association.

Robert F. White  
Journal Editor  
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