

# Publisher's Note



## Happy New Year!

With a New Year come some additions to *Washington Crossroads Magazine*. We are continuing to do our best to improve the magazine with new information we hope you will enjoy. We pride ourselves on listening to our readers and we appreciate your feedback, and with this issue we are trying to exceed the expectations of our readers with these improvements.

We are trying to make the magazine easier to read, and thus we will be focusing on fewer stories but going more in-depth. In this issue, we turn to development in Washington County, where business is definitely booming. Several new retail and business developments are underway in our region and this will no doubt be a benefit to all area residents.

For our senior readers, don't forget to look for the new "Senior Center" that we introduced in our last issue. This section will have a feature story of interest to seniors accompanied by the Canonsburg Senior events calendar. If you have events for our calendar, please let us know.

Another new department is our "Food on the Go," which spotlights food establishments that offer quick meals or munchies for eat-in or takeout. We welcome your suggestions on interesting food ideas to profile in future issues. Another new offering is our theater arts piece, "Phantom of the Footlights," a department about artistic happenings in the area. "Histories of Pittsburgh" is a historical column that profiles people, places and things from the past and their impact on the present.

Our focus this month, Women in Business, is one that takes on a personal meaning for me here at Community Magazine Publishing. As a woman in business, I can say that—with the possible exception of raising a family—nothing is more difficult or more rewarding than running your own business.

This issue offers us a chance to profile a very small number of very amazing women in our region who are making a difference in Washington County and beyond.

Oftentimes, women approach their businesses with goals that are different from your average male business owner. That said, success is the ultimate dream, and I'm very happy to be a part of a successful publishing business. Thus, I want to thank my loyal advertisers and the magazine's wonderful readership. I am always amazed by the incredible encouragement, amazing advice and moral support we get from you in an effort to make *Washington Crossroads* the best it can be.

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