Letter from the *Editor*

Kate Chadwick introduces the issue

I feel like I talk about my late mom a lot in this column, but here we are. I'd be remiss in not mentioning her, since she was not only one of my favorite cooks, but also one of my favorite tea drinkers, and I had the pleasure of tracking down teas around town for this issue.

While she loved the smell of coffee, my mom never developed a taste for it. But we had Tetley tea in the house at. all. times. She started and ended her day with it.

Now my son drinks a morning Tetley tea, although he's also a coffee aficionado. I'll down half a pot of hazelnut coffee by 11am, but switch to herbal tea by afternoon—for my safety and the safety of those around me. My friends make fun of my "tea cabinet," which looks like I'm awaiting Armageddon, stacked top-to-bottom with my favorite elixirs.

There's Tetley, of course—decaf and regular—along with an extensive assortment by Celestial Seasonings, Stash, and Bigelow. Some faves are Tension Tamer (sometimes works, depending on just how tense I am) my favorite making-dinner tea, Honey Vanilla Chamomile, and, until I finished it recently, two beautiful Christmas teas by Bellocq Tea Atelier in Brooklyn, a luxurious gift from a friend who gets me.

America may "run on Dunkin" but tea is slowly and steadily gaining ground, particularly among millennials. I've found that even if it's not listed on the menu in many restaurants, if I ask, "Do you have any herbal tea?" in response to a server's "How about coffee or dessert?" inquiry, the answer is increasingly "We do, actually!" I'll sip to that.

Speaking of sipping, take it outside, would ya? Coffee, tea, or Chablis, it's the time of year when food and drink spills out into the streets (hopefully not literally), and we're here for it. Check out our photo essay of the best places for dining al fresco in the borough.

While you're out and about, make sure to visit the latest establishments featured in New in Town, Taste edition. Oh, and we've got you covered for breakfast, lunch, dinner, and date night, too—with or without kids—as we do in every issue. Pizza, too!

Basically, this is your guide to eating your way around the borough, all summer long. So, pour yourself some iced tea (more Americans drink iced tea than hot, FYI) and enjoy, whether you're catching up with us in print or online.

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-Erma Bombeck

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