FROM THE EDITOR



I'M A WORKING MOM, as redundant a phrase as there ever was. By the time I was six, my own mom was one, too. Funny how there is no parallel terminology applied to men. The recent overturning of Roe v. Wade kicked up a lot of women-as-second class-citizens statistics, articles, tropes, and of course—memes. Most of us already knew that women were only given the right to vote in the last century or so, couldn't open bank accounts in their own names until the 1960s, or acquire a credit card until 1974.

My mother used to remark that she was routinely passed over for projects and promotions at her government job in favor of men—often fresh out of college. If you haven't seen it, google Oprah Winfrey talking about how, in 1980, she was told by her male boss (only after asking) that she was being paid less than half the salary of her male co-anchor because he was married and had children and she was single. They were doing the same job. She started her own show. You probably know the rest.

I used to think my mom was exaggerating, but the working world showed me otherwise, directly and by observation. Fortunately, that's not the case here at *Cape May Magazine*. Our publisher is a man, yes, but he's thoroughly outnumbered by the five women on staff. Our crew of contributors is about evenly divided in any given issue. And when our intern-slash-office assistant, Cassidy Jones, pitched me a story about female business owners here in town, my first thought was "There are so many, that could be a recurring column." I'm sure you'll agree that her first feature for us is a fun and enlightening read.

We also check in on the progress at the 1069 Michigan Avenue renovation—we're inside the house now! Two features in keeping with the fall season (my favorite, as I no doubt mention every year) are Danielle Davies' spooky MAC trolley tours tale and our captivating autumnal photo essay. Lastly, Pip Campbell gives us a rundown of a few of Cape May's most pivotal mayors. Maybe, sooner than later, it will be time for a Madame Mayor here.

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