Letter from the *Editor*

Kate Chadwick introduces the issue

I am a writer at heart. Don't get me wrong; I do love editing and have a natural affinity for it, but writing is what I would do if putting a sign in front of my house that reads "Person writing a book lives here—please send checks" would work. As an editor, one's focus is so broad, one's hands on every feature and column, it's easy to lose track of one's own creative spark.

That's why, occasionally, a story pitch will land in my inbox that will make me say "WHY didn't I think of this??!" It's not unlike the sensation I experienced when my children were little and every single time I laid eyes on SpongeBob SquarePants, I became instantly furious that I didn't dream him up myself, but I digress.

So, when Annie Walsh pitched the Delco to Chesco story for this issue, it hit me in the feels. I was a regular at each of the original locations for Carlino's, Pica's, and Nick's Roast Beef. A *regular* regular. We lived in Upper Darby when I was a teenager — I even waitressed at Pica's for a brief spell. In my twenties, I spent an inordinate amount of time at the Red Eye Tavern in Springfield, and when Nick's took its place in 1998, it was easy for me to shift into cold-beer-and-best-roast-beef-sandwich-ever mode. I bought my first house within walking distance of the original Carlino's, and I shopped there once a week without fail.

Today, I need two hands *at least* to count the number of friends and family members who've made the move from Delco to Chesco. I think it's safe to say that we appreciate the fact some of our favorite and most iconic eating and drinking establishments have followed suit.

Speaking of following trends, we'd be remiss if we didn't mention pumpkins in our autumn taste issue. They are, after all, the ubiquitous harbinger of the (best) season. Lke Taylor Swift—love 'em or hate 'em—they're unavoidable. For those of you who just can't imagine the season without them, Kanan Gole provides a comprehensive guide on where to get your pumpkin-flavored (fill in your favorite food or beverage here) this autumn. This is a food issue, so we didn't even get into sourcing all the fab gourd décor or crafting options around town—you're on your own for that. But we've got you covered for all the creative ways some of your favorite places present their pumpkin fare for your eating and drinking pleasure.

In other exciting food news, we get a sneak preview of the impending arrival of 9 Prime, the new Italian steakhouse opening on High Street in December. This promises to be a truly impressive dining addition to downtown WC, and we are here for it.

And of course our recurring columnists cover your dining destinations for every meal of the day. We hope you savor this and every issue of Taste, and we thank you for reading. **—kate@tastewestchester.com**

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"When a man's stomach is full it makes no difference whether he is rich or poor." -Euripedes

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