



As I watch my daughter prepare for her first year at college, I reflect on new beginnings and how excitement mixes with trepidation. The challenges can seem overwhelming, yet we know the rewards will be worth the effort.

That's how it's been preparing to launch this new group of magazines, *Suburban Life*—the brainchild of Doylestown resident and publisher, John Hirth, and Ed McCartney, Executive Publisher for Del Val Media, LLC, publishers of *South Jersey Magazine*. As we approached our first publication date—the beginning of a new era in magazines for this region—we experienced the same mixture of emotions.

Our goal is to connect the elements of the individual communities that compose Bucks and Montgomery counties, tapping into shared life experiences and providing you, our readers, with a mix of content we will localize to eight different zones to enhance our suburban lives.

Every month, you will find pages of events in our **Datebook**. Check out **Dining Out** to discover mouth-watering opportunities to tease your palate and quench your thirst, written by Brian Freedman, a well-respected local food and wine writer.

You will meet entrepreneurs who have built successful businesses here, and each issue will include a general interest feature/profile. Every month we will search out the best of the area...the best art, food, movies and plays, fashion, and more. We invite you to send us your ideas for inclusion in our monthly **FabFinds** page. Want to know where to take the family for a weekend getaway that won't break the bank? Beginning next month, you can check out **Travel on a Tank** to find out. Send us your favorite travel ideas. Please share your favorites with us by emailing editor@suburbanlifepg.com. We welcome your letters and comments.

As my daughter learns what fits into her new life and what doesn't, so will we. We look forward to having you as our roommates in this new *Suburban Life*.

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