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**Cover Photo:** "The Boy With the Boot," in Liberty Square, Village of Ellenville, Town of Wawarsing, Ulster County, New York, USA.  
For an in-depth history of the several statues in our area, and the mysterious origins of this local icon, see the feature story on page 18.  
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## From the President

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Dear Friends,

*It is with great honor that I present to you our first monthly edition of **Wawarsing.Net**. Several months ago, we as a Chamber recognized there was a need in the community to have a publication where positive articles, a calendar of events, and general good news could be published.*

*After many meetings and long discussions, we came up with **Wawarsing.Net**, a monthly, magazine-based publication. This publication is also reproduced on the Internet. The Internet portion of the calendar of events gives the flexibility of updating it continuously, even daily. We encourage all organizations and groups to contact the Chamber with event dates; send items as far in advance as possible to us at [dates@Wawarsing.Net](mailto:dates@Wawarsing.Net), or to the above address, so we can add them to the calendar as soon as we get them.*

*This is a very exciting time for business and growth in our area. As the months go on we look forward to bringing you information about many new and ongoing projects and events happening in our community.*

*We at the Chamber welcome your comments and look forward to hearing from you; send your email to [mail@Wawarsing.Net](mailto:mail@Wawarsing.Net). We hope you will read, enjoy, and support our publication for years to come.*

*Happy Holidays and I wish you all a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year!*

Sincerely,

Karen Osterhoudt  
President

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