



"If your goals are larger than your need to be liked, then you will reach your goals. If your need to be liked is larger than your goals, then your goal becomes the need to be liked."

- Jean MacNutt

Note from the editor:

As we launch this celebration of *THRIVING OUT LOUD* with the theme of ENJOYING the JOURNEY it occurs to me that there has never been a better time than now to create a fresh perspective, to see new possibilities in your life, your work, your relationships... in just about anything!

If you've been looking outside to the 'world at large' through the lens of mainstream media the picture may appear dismal. I imagine there are many, maybe even you, who feel stuck in situations that you can't do anything about – like staying in a job you don't like or living in a home you don't want – waiting for the 'time' and 'circumstances' to be 'right'.

It's our intention here at **The Magic Happens**, to invite you to adopt that fresh perspective by joining us and our contributors in a voyage of discovery that allows you to enjoy the journey regardless of circumstances! When the 'goal' is to stay aligned with Source Energy and Feel Good no matter what you will discover that when you choose to see things differently you can let go of the old ways and turn your challenges into something thrilling.

Though she leaves us with a cliff-hanger, read about how *Tracy Swartz* faces her most recent challenge in **In Like a Lamb, Out Like a Lion** and you'll discover how even when 'bad' things happen to 'good' people it doesn't have to get in the way of enjoying the journey.

We have several new contributors in this issue including *Audrey Louise* with a column called **Immerse Your Entire Being in It**. Allow yourself to be inspired by the insights shared by living life with a mind open to new possibilities like that of Audrey and *all* of our contributors... including the cats, Socrates and Whiskey! ;-)

