From the Editor

This spring marks the end of the 4th year of publication for Midwifery Matters. These first 8 issues have been chock-full of amazing research written mostly by midwifery students; research that would have been filed away and largely unread had this mouthpiece not been available to share this work. Midwives and other experts have also stepped up and offered their scholarship to us for publication. It has been a joy to watch each issue emerge and receive the grateful response from a growing readership. It seems Midwifery Matters has filled a need for current information relevant to midwives working outside the hospitals. Midwifery education programs have appreciated the evidence-based, timely and relevant research and information contained in the journal for use in their programs.

We hope to continue to publish Midwifery Matters and improve on what we have done thus far. We welcome feedback, suggestions, volunteers, writers, letters, and peer reviewers with enthusiasm. With so much going on in our burgeoning midwifery profession, we hope we can be a forum for the inspiring and difficult discussions that must take place. Come join us.

This issue contains a diverse collection of practical, political, inspirational, and scholarly articles for the practicing midwife, student midwife, and/or faculty member at an institution of higher education. Read it all at once or savor it over weeks. Pass articles along to clients, colleagues, or classmates. May it inspire you to put some words on paper yourself.

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