



**Melina Carnicelli** spent her professional career as a public school teacher and administrator, retiring from that service in 2008. In 1990 while on hiatus from the field of education, Melina followed her entrepreneurial dream and founded *Treble Associates*, a workplace consulting firm that specializes in leadership and organizational development, and in 1993, she co-created *Room Full of Sisters*, an enterprising event of Treble Associates now produced and convened annually in Auburn, New York by Auburn Public Theater; it's a celebration of all women and girls.

Melina has held many volunteer community positions over the years and was instrumental in creating TomatoFest of CNY, the Harriet Tubman Freedom Park in Auburn, and Leadership Cayuga County. In March 2012, she was appointed to a six-year term on the Board of Trustees of Cayuga Community College by New York Governor, Andrew Cuomo. Melina is a member of Zonta International Club of Skaneateles, Democratic Women of Cayuga County, and Women March in Seneca Falls. She is a past recipient of the Central New York NOW Unsung Heroine Award, Catholic Charities of the Finger Lakes Sharing the Light Award for her local social justice work, and was named a "Woman of Distinction" by the New York State Senate. Melina became the first recipient of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Drum Major Award for founding the Mayor's Social Justice Task Force in Auburn.

In 1995, Melina was elected to the Auburn City Council, and in 1999 was elected to a four-year term as mayor. She was the first, and she says, "UNFORTUNATELY," the only woman thus far to be nominated for and elected to the office of mayor in Auburn. After her years of public service, Melina founded Metatron Travel and now organizes and leads intimate travel groups to sacred sites and energy vortexes in North America and Europe.

In December 2016, along with other women's rights activists, Melina led the development and implementation of the women's march in Seneca Falls on January 20, 2017 and each January since. She is currently working on plans for Women March in Seneca Falls 2019, as well as heading-up a civic engagement initiative for high school girls called *1<sup>st</sup> Amendment-1<sup>st</sup> Vote*, and, a localized campaign leadership program for adult women called *WomenElect*.

When not traveling, Melina enjoys creating delicious eats for family and friends and has begun a memoir entitled, "*My Melina*," a love story between a Sicilian, blue-eyed, immigrant grandmother and the granddaughter who bears her name! Melina loves to travel, play tennis, and celebrate life!