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Vicki Donlan Author *Biography*

Vicki Donlan is the author of *HER TURN: Why It's Time For Women To Lead in America* (Praeger Publishing 2007). Most recently she is the founder and former publisher of Women's Business Boston, a 25,000 controlled-circulation newspaper devoted to women in business in the Massachusetts, New Hampshire and Rhode Island region. She is a regular guest discussing women's business issues on New England Cable News' Business Day.

Ms. Donlan was the first Executive Director of The Commonwealth Institute, a nonprofit organization founded by twelve prominent Boston women CEOs to assist women entrepreneurs in the growth of their businesses.

As co-founder and first Executive Director of the South Shore Women's Business Network and founder of The Alliance of Women's Business and Professional Organizations, Ms. Donlan has been instrumental in the growth of networking for women entrepreneurs and corporate leaders. She was honored by the U.S. Small Business Administration as the Massachusetts and New England Women Business Advocate for 1994 for her efforts in working with women in small to medium businesses. In 1997, she was honored with the South Shore Women's Business Network's Women Mean Business Award for her continuing efforts to help women achieve business success. The Boston YWCA inducted her into their Women of Achievement Class of 1999 and she was honored, June 2000, with the Massachusetts Women's Political Caucus' Abigail Adams Award as an outstanding Massachusetts woman. Pine Manor College recognized her at its 2001 graduation with a honorary Doctors of Letters degree as its most distinguished alumnae. Patriots' Trail Girl Scout Council recognized her as a 2002 Leading Woman. The Greater Boston Chamber of Commerce honored her with its Achievement in Business at the 2002 Pinnacle Awards. In 2004 the Big Sister Association of Greater Boston honored her with their Achievement Award. Bryant University recognized her in 2005 as New England Businesswoman of the Year.

At the community level, Ms. Donlan is the former president of the Patriots Trail Girl Scout Council, serves on the Campaign Cabinet of the United Way of Mass Bay and the Advisory Board of Key Bank.

Ms. Donlan fulfilled a dream launching a newspaper giving ego to women and continues this passion by sharing her vision for women's leadership in America.