

Maria Leonhauser

Maria Leonhauser is thoroughly enjoying this next chapter in her life. The first two were pretty good as well. In chapter one she worked as a reporter, editorial writer or columnist for The Bulletin in Philadelphia, The Sacramento Bee, Time and People magazines.

In chapter two she turned to public relations where she was director of communications for Volkswagen and Audi in North America, and an equity partner and president of Franco in Detroit.

And now in chapter three she is writing a murder mystery, the first of a series. She is quick to note that editors and PR clients will not be victims. At least not in the first book or two.

Maria also serves on the boards of the Purple Rose Theatre in Chelsea and the Ann Arbor Art Center. She and her husband Peter Brown, retired publisher of Automotive News, are living life to its fullest. They travel extensively, escape Michigan winters with gusto and delight in visits with their four children and two granddaughters.

Maria is more than happy to take advantage of senior discounts, though she is proud that on occasion she gets carded.