

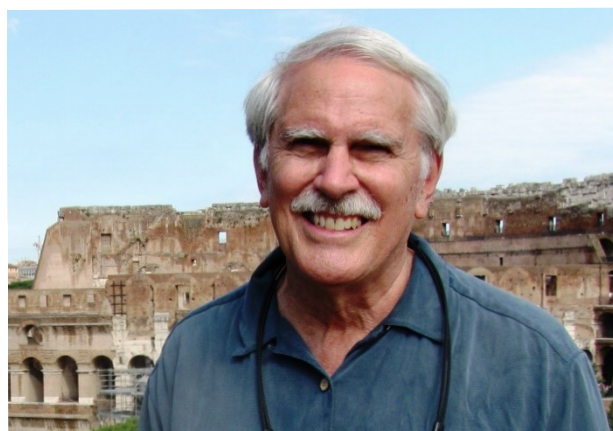


***Scrimshaw: The Whaleman's Art***  
***Curt Martin, Wednesday, May 22, Wellesley College Club***  
***Refreshments at 7 pm, Talk at 7:30 pm***

This presentation explores the art produced by American whalers, principally on 19<sup>th</sup> century whaling cruises, and investigates what motivated whalers to engage in this unique craft.

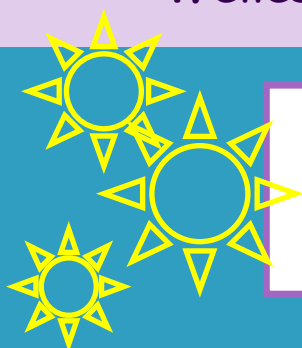
Scrimshaw is defined as practical and decorative items made by whaling crews from the materials at hand, mainly the teeth and bone of whales. Through Powerpoint Curt Martin will examine the raw materials used, the tools employed, and the techniques for producing scrimshaw. We'll view practical gift items such as boxes, baskets, kitchen utensils, canes, and sewing implements—and best-known of all, engraved sperm whale teeth.

A member of Wellesley Neighbors, Curt has been a Wellesley resident since 1979. He earned a BA at Harvard College and a PhD from the Tufts Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy and taught International Relations at Merrimack College from 1974 to 2012.



The author of two books, Curt has written numerous articles and case studies in international and foreign policy. He has had a lifelong interest in the history of American whaling and has given lectures on whaling around New England for various groups, including Wellesley Neighbors in 2016

## Wellesley Neighbors Spring Celebration



Have you signed up to attend our annual dinner?  
It's at the Wellesley College Club  
Friday, May 10, 6:30-9 pm, and we hope you'll come!  
**PLEASE REGISTER for this free event by MAY 7**

## *From the President: It Takes a Village...*



Wellesley Neighbors would not and could not be what it is without its volunteers. I think that we all know that, but do we know how much time they commit to their various jobs? We can only guess and will probably be way off, even if we think generously.

The variety of skills our members bring to this organization is remarkable. But that's not all. A number of them are willing to try their hands at things that require new skills, and they are willing to learn them! Take Ralph Adler. When he agreed to take on the job of treasurer, he did not know what was waiting for him, nor had he ever done anything like this.

Last but certainly not least: have you seen the new video clip on our website? If not, do! A beautiful and thoroughly professional job, done by non-professionals. According to Joyce, our video clip is rare in being done *solely by village members*. Other villages pay small fortunes to outside filmmakers. Beautifully filmed, several hours worth of interviews were cut down to seven minutes! Hours and hours and hours of work! To all who were involved in this project: Thank you for your commitment, notably Dan Kemp, Mickey Goldin and Lucy Phillips.

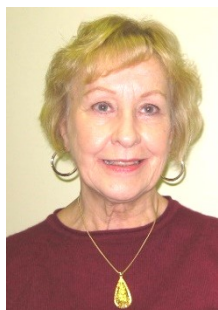
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Our busiest committees see to it that :

- we are offered many wonderful planned activities
- we get weekly updates about the activities
- we can sign up for them by pushing a few buttons
- we are just a call away from computer help
- we get a beautiful newsletter every month
- our finances are watched over and kept in order

I cannot go into all the details of the other committees, although they offer us members a large array of services.

## *From the Executive Director: Medical Bill Shock*



A recent University of Chicago survey indicates that 57% of American adults receive bills not covered by their insurance. The use of out-of-network medical professionals and hospitals is the leading cause of unexpected bills. Check to make sure that your doctors and preferred hospital are

in your insurance network. Understand that surprise bills can come from a radiologist, anesthesiologist or

other medical professional who works at your hospital but isn't part of your network. If you're going to a hospital for a procedure, treatment or surgery, verify beforehand with admissions or billing that all of your services will be by in-network providers.

If you receive a surprise invoice you can file an appeal with your insurance company. Your physician or surgeon may be able to help explain and justify why you went out of your network. Be vigilant and take action to avoid invoice shock.

*Joyce*

## *From the Health Support Committee: "Stay or Go" Panels*

**May 15: Aging in Place?** For those of us intent on remaining in our homes for the foreseeable future, what do we need to do to succeed? Among the topics for discussion are making our homes "elder-friendly," establishing monitoring systems, identifying qualified home and health assistance, and understanding the potential financial implications, especially compared with the costs of *not* staying at home.

**May 21: Moving to a Retirement Community?** If our plans are to move to one of the several different forms of senior living, what we need to consider includes knowing when to move; identifying our objectives in a move; understanding the varied services available and their rules; comparing the costs of each alternative.

Sessions will be 3—4:30 pm in Room 104, the "Cow Chair Room," Wang Center at Wellesley College.

## *A Proclamation for Hank Solomon*

Many Wellesley Neighbors attended the final show of the Highland Jazz series on Sunday afternoon, March 31, at Newton South High School. Besides enjoying the jazz, they wanted to show their gratitude for the series—a longtime staple of the WN events calendar—and for its guiding spirit, Hank Solomon.

The show was bittersweet for Hank but began with a happy surprise. At the last minute, the Mayor of Newton asked to say a few words, and who could say no? She then presented a proclamation in honor of Hank's years of work with Highland Jazz, which he and his wife Jane display here [re: photo]. Jane has helped a lot with the series, as have sons Scott and Peter, their wives, Carol and Gretchen, their two grandchildren, Sadie and Eliza—and old friends like Alan and Judy Frommer.



WN newcomers may not know that the Solomons are founding members and that Hank served as the first Clerk on Executive Committee of Wellesley at Home (now Wellesley Neighbors) and the Board of Directors. He has been instrumental in forging our links with Wellesley College and establishing the very popular monthly men's lunch at the Wellesley College Club. He feels that Wellesley Neighbors is now a legacy to the Town of Wellesley.

Hank grew up in the Red Hook section of Brooklyn and majored in English at the University Heights Bronx campus of NYU, serving as sports editor and managing editor of its newspaper. He took ROTC and was commissioned as a lieutenant in the infantry (US Army) and then pursued an early career in journalism and sports writing. His first job was Assistant to the Publisher at *Amateur Athlete Magazine*, for which he

covered the first US/Russian international track meet in Philadelphia in July 1959. (Recently, he discovered that WN member Mickey Goldin attended the same meet as the University of Pennsylvania track manager.)

Hank gained some radio experience and had his own radio/TV placement service and talent agency in Boston, renting space from a law firm that represented BMI (Broadcast Music Incorporated). Urged by his legal friends, he started at Suffolk Law School but instead, by degrees, moved into the investment world, specifically the new field of financial planning. He established and managed his own investment firm, then worked for JMB Realty, American Express Financial Advisors, and Acadient Inc. He's been retired for about 20 years.

His wife Jane is co-leader of the WN Hills Cluster and has often hosted WN events in the Solomon home. A native of Greenfield, MA, she trained as a psychiatric social worker and practiced at many institutions when she wasn't at home with her children. A graduate of Wheaton College and Simmons College Graduate School of Social Work, she later studied at Northeastern Graduate School of Criminal Justice, inspired by her work at the Framingham Women's Prison.

The Solomons married in 1966. They have three children, Scott, Tracy and Peter and two grandchildren. In addition, Jane and Hank hosted BU students from Hong Kong, beginning in 1986, and one remains especially close. "He and his wife live in Needham with their two children, and they call us Nana and Grampy," Jane says.

*L.P.*

## Happenings

*Clockwise from left: WN at the ballet in Boston; learning about the Perkins School for the Blind in Newton, and having lunch there; posing at the new Wegman's in Natick after a guided tour.*

***For more WN pictures, log onto our Home Page and click Photo Albums. To contribute photos, email them to [bslavimb@gmail.com](mailto:bslavimb@gmail.com).***



## April Service and Support

**Service Requests:** 7—optician, lawn help, locksmith, helpers for move, home health aide, garage door repair, hardwood floor contractor

**Support requests:** 2 rides



**To request service or support, call Joyce at 781-283-0417, ext. 1.**



May 2019

## May Events Calendar

**Wed. May 1, 5:30 pm, Women's Night Out, CPK**

*California cooking with friendly company*

**Thur. May 2, 12:30 pm, Men's Lunch**

*A monthly favorite at Wellesley College Club (WCC)*

**Sun. May 5, 3 pm, Wellesley Symphony**

*Join us for the spectacular finale to the 70th Season*

**Tue. May 7, 12 noon, Sichuan Gourmet lunch**

*Enjoy authentic Sichuan specialties (spicy and not)*

**Thur. May 9, 10:30 am, Wicked Tulips Flower Farm, Johnston, RI**

*Tour and lunch; see the tulips and take some home*

**Fri. May 10, 6:30 pm, WN Spring Celebration Dinner, WCC**

*Celebrate Spring with other WN members at the College Club*

**Sun. May 12, 3 pm, Wellesley Chamber Players**

*A concert of chamber music at Dana Hall School*

**Wed. May 15, 3 pm, Health Support Committee: Aging in Place?**

*Wang Center, Rm. 104, Wellesley College*

**Thur. May 16, 12 noon, All Members Lunch, WCC**

*Lunch inside or on the terrace, weather permitting*

**Sat. May 18, 2 pm, Vokes Theater, Silent Sky, Wayland**

*A play by Lauren Gunderson*

**Tues. May 21, 3 pm, Health Support Committee: Moving to a Retirement Community?**

*Wang Center, Rm. 104, Wellesley College*

**Wed. May 22, 7 pm, Speaker Series, WCC**

*A talk on scrimshaw by our whaling expert, Curt Martin*

**Thur. May 23, 11 am, Davis Museum and lunch at Wang Center**

*A tour of the museum's Latin American art collection*

**Mon. May 27, 5:30 pm, Morse Tavern in Natick**

*Take advantage of the special cheeseburger plate!*

**Thur. 30, 12 noon, lunch Spiga Ristorante, Needham**

*Unusual Italian food in an elegant setting*

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## Early June Events

*Wed. June 5, 5:30 pm, Women's Night Out at CPK*

*Thur. June 6, 12:30 pm, Men's Lunch at WCC*

**Please register for events so planners can provide enough seating and refreshments.**

Register on our website OR email [events@wellesleyneighbors.com](mailto:events@wellesleyneighbors.com)

OR call 781 283-0417 (ext. 2)

Tell us if you need or can offer a ride.

**To cancel, please call or email if you find you cannot attend an event.**

**NOTE: Times and dates may change. Email notices will be sent before events.**

# May Newsletter

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