



The Wellesley Dentist Who Discovered Anesthesia

Dr. Marc Kaufman, Wednesday, June 26, Wellesley College Club

Refreshments at 7 pm, Talk at 7:30 pm

William T.G. Morton, who lived in Wellesley (then West Needham) from March 1846 until he died in 1868, is widely credited with discovering anesthesia. His first public demonstration of ether anesthesia took place on October 16, 1846, during a surgical procedure at the Massachusetts General Hospital.



Morton was a dentist, prize-winning farmer, entrepreneur, opportunist, and serial swindler—a fascinating character who left an indelible mark on medicine and on those who knew or did business with him. This program describes key events, places, and relationships in Morton's life, including those related to the discovery of anesthesia, some of which occurred at his parents' home. Originally sited near the intersection of Washington Street and Route 135 (across the street from the main branch of today's Wellesley Free Library), this house is now located at 33 Cottage Street.

Marc Kaufman is an Associate Professor of Psychiatry at Harvard Medical School and is based at McLean Hospital in Belmont, Massachusetts. He received his BA degree from Wesleyan University in Middletown, Connecticut, and his PhD from Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, Maryland. He did his postdoctoral training at the New England Primate Research Center in Southborough, Massachusetts, and at McLean. He has co-authored more than 80 peer-reviewed scientific publications.

Marc is a co-inventor on a patent covering the use of xenon gas to treat post-traumatic stress disorder, which catalyzed his interest in studying William Morton and the history of anesthesia. He mentors young investigators and co-directs an NIH postdoctoral training program at McLean.

In 2010, he received both the Jack H. Mendelson Memorial Research Award (for contributions to research into substance abuse) and a NARSAD Independent Investigator Award. The following year he was honored with the Michael J. Fox Foundation Rapid Response Innovation Award.

From the President: Things Are Looking Up



Finally we can safely say that winter is behind us, and the weather (which behaved for the longest time as if it were a never-ending April) has become user-friendly.

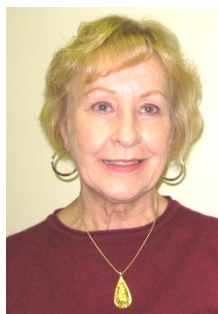
Walter and I have already enjoyed a few lunches outside on our deck and trust that there will be more to come.

One thing to which I am especially looking forward is: Thirsty Thursdays at the Wellesley College Club—and they will be starting soon! What better way to catch up with Wellesley Neighbors friends at the spur of a moment?

WN registration is not necessary; just show up and enjoy the company and the lovely setting. See you there!

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From the Executive Director: Reward Good Service



Prior to our village becoming operational in November 2011, some of the founders began collecting referrals from members for vendors and other service providers. Their idea was that members could call or email the office to make requests for referrals and receive a number of references

vouched for by other members. The member requesting the referrals could then contact the member(s) who made the referral if she or he had questions. Over the

last seven plus years our service referral database has grown to include approximately 500 service providers. Many members have commented on the ease with which they can obtain referrals and their satisfaction in knowing that other members have used the services with positive results.

Please reward good service and email me contact information for vendors and professionals that you recommend.

Joyce

May Service and Support

Service Requests: 8—lawyer, pest control (2), carpenter, gutter repair, neurologist, plant sitting, person to do weeding/planting



Support requests: 8 rides

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



Short Takes

IF YOU SHOP AT AMAZON, please be sure to visit [Smile.Amazon.com](https://www.smile.amazon.com). A donation of 0.5 percent of the cost of your eligible purchases will be donated to Wellesley Neighbors, if you designate WN as the charity of your choice. To date we have received close to \$100 from this program.

A HIGHLY RECOMMENDED BIOGRAPHY is Walter Isaacson's *Leonardo Da Vinci*. It is more than a chronicle of the events of his life as a painter, scientist and engineer. It explores how he saw the world, his thought processes, and how intense curiosity led him to profound insights into the natural world. The detailed analyses of works such as *The Last Supper* and *The Mona Lisa* and of his painting technique are of great interest.

Welcome to New Members

Mary (Polly) Conlon grew up in Massachusetts and lived in Washington DC before moving to Wellesley 18 years ago. A retired librarian, she is busy volunteering, mainly as a museum teacher at the Gardner Museum and a tour guide at Symphony Hall. Polly "loves theater and classical music" and sings in a chorus.

Arnold Sacks grew up in Boston and has lived in Dover for 20 years. An accountant with the Massachusetts State Lottery before retirement, he enjoys working out and participating in other fitness programs. The father of two daughters, he enjoys being with his three grandchildren. Arnold also likes studying history and attending the theater.

Patricia (Pat) Shapiro moved from Seattle to live part-time in Wellesley near a daughter's family. She also returns to Seattle to be with her other daughter's family. She was an economist for many years and is now retired. Pat enjoys reading and travel, as well as her current hobby of studying Italian.

A New Look for the WN Website

In March, a new video appeared on the WN home page, and since then the website has seen a subtle but thorough makeover. The video and other changes are the work of an ad hoc committee including Nancy Gans, Mickey Goldin, Dorothy Howells, Dan Kemp, and Lucy Phillips (chair). It also includes Joyce Wadlington, whose subcommittee is updating the WN brochure.

Finally, Peter Offenhartz of the Technology Committee joined the group to help implement website changes, with Dan's able assistance. When really tough problems arose, they turned to founding webmaster Stan Treitman for the solution.

In April and May, the committee met weekly at Dan's house, taking advantage of his large computer screen. The group could discuss changes that Dan and Peter would enact then or later. The goal was to accomplish as much as possible before summer, when Peter and Dan will be mostly out of town.

"Our main objective was to make the site more attractive to non-members who are looking for information about Wellesley Neighbors," Dan says. "We also made changes to what members see when they sign in. Whenever possible we made the text larger and easier to read."

Peter adds, "It's finished for now but may be revisited in the fall." He and Dan discovered that they could work easily with Club Express (CE), the website manager for WN and other villages. Moreover, they could make changes without interfering with anyone using the website.

Next time you visit, notice that they have:

- Added a background color (turquoise, in tune with the WN logo) to flank the home page and others, making the entire experience of using the website more colorful.



- Put text on the bottom of all pages that gives the WN name, address, telephone number and email.
- Formatted blocks of text to be easier to read (except for pages representing "built-in functions" from CE, which we cannot change).

- Added boxes on text pages to provide standardized page headers and sub-headings. Boxes are WN lavender with white letters and match our menu tabs.

Many small changes were made to menus and tabs, but the main focus was the home page. Among other things, they have:

- Made the layout more simple and symmetrical.
- Put a concise statement of who we are in the most visible place: the top left.
- Added a visual link to our video, which when clicked goes to the start of the video.
- Moved the event list to righthand side of the page.
- Added a slide show at bottom right for increased visual interest. The slides can be easily changed to keep them current.

Last but not least: next time you access our site on your cellphone, you'll see that it's been reformatted to be more easily readable on a mobile or tablet device.

The video and website may yet need fine-tuning—and user feedback is welcome. But the ad hoc committee will turn next to the WN brochure, on which work is already under way.

For now, everyone is ready for a summer break!

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Happenings



Above and at left, scenes from the well attended and delicious spring celebration dinner, including everybody's favorite dessert. Below, left and right, a recent pot luck supper and a contingent of enthusiastic museum goers.



For more WN pictures, log onto our home page and click Photo Albums. To contribute photos, email them to bslavnb@gmail.com—thanks!



June Events Calendar

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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9 ●	10	11	12	13 ●	14	15
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Tue. June 4, 12 noon, Lunch at Maugus Restaurant

Menu includes Greek specialties

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

California cooking with friendly company

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

A monthly favorite at Wellesley College Club (WCC)

Sun. June 9, 2 pm, "This Girl Laughs..."

A play at Jones Theater at Wellesley College

Thur. June 13, 12 noon, Lunch at Seasons 52

Discover this Chestnut Hill restaurant

Wed. June 19, 10 am Wellesley College Landscape Tour

A guided tour with lunch afterward at WCC

Wed. June 19, 12 noon, All Members Lunch

On the WCC terrace if weather permits!

Thur. June 20, 5 pm, Thirsty Thursday at WCC

The first of a refreshing summer series!

Wed. June 26, 12 noon, Lunch at Lemon Thai Cuisine

Asian cuisine in Wellesley

Wed. June 26, 7 pm, Speaker Series at WCC

Dr. Marc Kaufman—see page 1

Sat. June 29, 6 pm, Pot Luck Supper

Good food and conversation in a member's home

Early July Events

Wed. July 3, 5:30 pm, Women's Night Out, CPK

Fri. July 5, 12 noon, Lunch at Singh's in Wellesley

Anyone for a Walk? This is a reminder that Wellesley Neighbors has two active walking groups! Details on each are available as "click-throughs" on the website home page. Each welcomes fast and slow walkers and splits itself to accommodate those present on a given day.

The Tuesday group meets from 10 am to 11 am at the indoor track at the Keohane Sports Center at Wellesley College, moving outside in summer. In inclement weather, they walk at the Natick Mall. If interested in joining this group, contact tuesdaywalkers@wellesleyneighbors.org or call the office at 781-283-0417.

The Thursday group meets at the rear entrance to the main library at 10 am and walks outside, usually along the Brook Path, until 11 am. In inclement weather, they walk at the Natick Mall. For more information, email thursdaywalkers@wellesleyneighbors.org or call 781-283-0417.

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

Register on our website OR email 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.

June Newsletter

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