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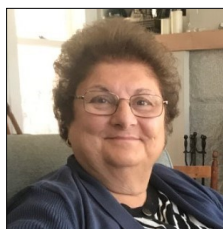


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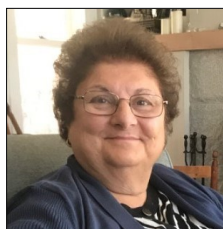


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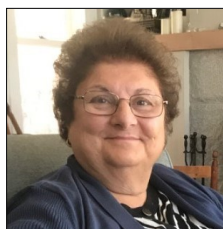


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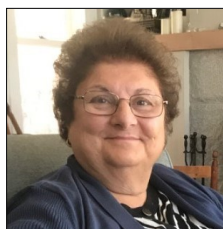


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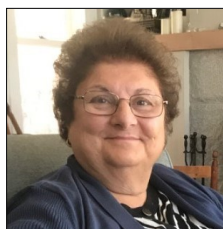


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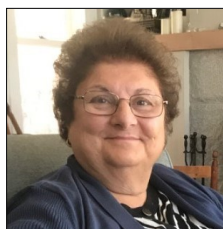


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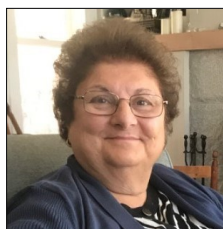


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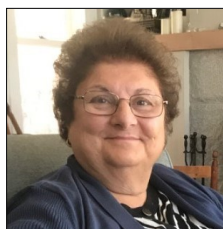


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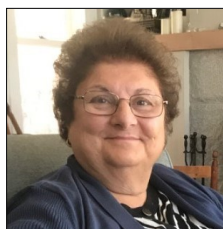


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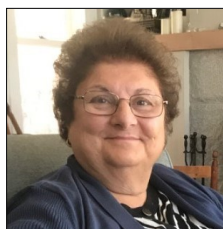


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How Working in the Archives Made Me a Movie Star

WN Member Jean Berry, 7:30 pm, Thursday, March 30 on Zoom

"Of the many types of archives, those in an academic setting offer more variety and exposure to many people and questions," says member Jean Berry, archivist at Wellesley College for 17 years. "The most interesting work involves answering reference requests—and we had many at Wellesley College." Her department responded to individuals writing books or dissertations and also to departments working on reaccreditation. Occasionally requests came from television or movie people. One such request came in 2001 from people who were preparing the way for a new film, *Mona Lisa Smile*, with Julia Roberts, to be filmed on



the Wellesley campus. They flooded the archives with requests for information about the college in the 1950s.

Jean's talk will describe the fascinating research involved—and her appearance in the film as an extra. Jean has lived in Wellesley for 50 years, serving on Wellesley's Historical Commission and the Historic District Commission. While at Wellesley College, she earned an MA in History, with a concentration in Archives, at UMass Boston. Since retiring, she has been archivist for The New England Unit of The Herb Society of America and TBB (Tau Beta Beta) Scholarships, a local women's group that has been providing financial aid to women for college and vocational school since 1908.

WN Co-sponsors Three Spring Lectures on Retirement

Working with the Wellesley Council on Aging and the Wellesley Free Library, WN will present three spring lectures on retirement planning. The series, spearheaded by WN member Hank Solomon, will take place 7-8 pm on three Wednesdays, April 12, April 19 and May 10—in the WFL Wakelin Room or on Zoom. They are free, but registration for each is required.*

April 12, Fred Mandell—Purpose and the Four Dimensions of Life Change: Fred draws on the wisdom, and life stories of great artists to show how change is a creative process that offers the chance to imprint our uniqueness on what comes next. He is a Fortune 100 senior executive turned visual artist, teacher, social entrepreneur, and author of *Becoming a Life Change Artist*. As founder of the Global Institute for the Arts and Leadership, he promotes the power of the arts to activate social change.

April 19, Dori Mintzer—The Couple's Retirement Puzzle: If you're in a marriage or other relationship, your retirement will affect your partner and your entire family. Couples are not always on the same page when it comes to retirement planning. In this presentation, you

will learn some fundamentals of communication and compromise to achieve your individual and shared needs. Dr. Dorian Mintzer is a therapist and teacher who helps people develop a "realistic optimism" about "the second half of life."

May 10, Bruce Frankel—What Should I Do With the Rest Of My Life? True Stories Of Finding Success, Passion, and New Meaning in the Second Half Of Life: Bruce's talk has the same title as his prize-winning book. He shares stories of wise and inspiring people who in later life discovered a new calling or purpose. Formerly a senior editor for *USA Today* and *People Magazine*, he is president of The Life Planning Network and Chief Content Officer for Redstring, a community-building company.

**To register, go to wellesleyfreelibrary.org and click "program calendar," in righthand panel. On next page, scroll down to calendar and click forward arrow at left to reach April and May. Click on each lecture date for more information and scroll down to registration form.*

From the President: March Forth!



As I write this letter, it is 2 a.m. in Amman, Jordan, and we're waiting for a 3:40 a.m. flight to Frankfurt and then home. Fred and I are returning from an outstanding adventure in Egypt and Jordan. We've seen King Tut, temples and tombs, ridden camels (see evidence at right). We've hiked Petra down and back (all uphill) and devoted ourselves to the Mediterranean diet. We are looking forward to getting home and boring everyone with our travel tales.



But as it was with the seasonal flooding of the Nile, it's time for renewal and new growth in Wellesley and for Wellesley Neighbors. We are entering the month of March, with exciting dates like March 4th, sort of a command to go forth, and March 12, when we spring forward to that extra hour of daylight. And of course, the beginnings of Spring!

With another winter behind us, the beauty and promise of Spring can brighten up all of us. So see you all soon, as soon as I get over my jet lag. ***Adele***

From the Executive Director: Aging Population Keeps Growing

The U.S. Census Bureau projects that in 2050 the population of adults aged 65 and over will be 83.7 million, almost double the 2012 estimated population of 42.1 million. By 2030, as the last Baby Boomers turn 65, older adults are expected to reach 20 percent of the population.

In 2020 the UN General Assembly proclaimed 2021-2030 the Decade for Healthy Aging. Initiatives include changing how we think about age and aging, delivering responsive care and health services, and facilitating the ability of older people to contribute to their communities.



With governments, society and the private sector working together, "We will be able to not only add years to life, but also life to years," according to the Director-General of the World Health Organization. ***Joyce***

February Service and Support

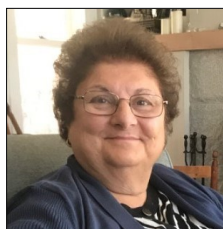


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Support requests - 1 technical



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



Welcome to Maryann Nessralla, who grew up in Brockton, worked as a travel agent, then graduated from Bridgewater State (now University). While raising a son, daughter and stepson, she helped with her husband's large nursery business and farmstand in Wareham. (She managed flowers and holiday arrangements and now keeps a small vegetable garden.) The family spent many years in Halifax, but Maryann now lives in Dover, as does her daughter, a senior legal advisor at MIT. Her son runs his own business and her stepson carries on with the nursery. Maryann enjoys walking, reading, and swimming—and her 7 grandchildren. For 15 years she volunteered at the Fuller Craft Museum.

Newsletter staff: Mickey Goldin, Marcia Goldsmith, Curt Martin, Lucy Phillips, Ann Swanson

WN Members Who Volunteer Beyond WN

Last month we featured members who volunteer for WN, and now we focus on those who volunteer elsewhere. Of course, some do both. In fact, we found so many people doing interesting things that we plan a sequel in April.

Please let us know what YOU are doing (508-934-6497 or lucyphi@outlook.com) and whether you know of places that NEED volunteers. You may spur other WN members to share their time and talent in the community.

Mickey Goldin is a lifelong photographer, but now that he's retired from his dental practice, taking pictures has become his main job. Sometimes he's paid (e.g., by the Zamir Chorale), but he volunteers a lot, mainly for the Wellesley Symphony Orchestra and Babson's baseball and hockey teams. Each year he makes the annual hockey team photo, which is 4 x 6 feet and prominently displayed. "That's my best contribution!" he says. "Nobody else has the equipment and lights to do it."

Meanwhile Harriet Goldin runs the Goldin Foundation for Excellence in Education, which gives financial, marketing and other assistance to high school and college programs around the country. For example, she has encouraged a Babson program that teaches young people how to manage their money.

Dan and Susan Kemp are another active couple. She sings at St. Andrews Church and gives time at the Wellesley Food Pantry and TBB Scholarships, a source of college scholarships for young women from Wellesley, Newton and Brookline. Susan is a founder and board member of Singing Eagle Lodge (SEL), a girls' camp in Holderness, NH, near the Kemps' summer place. She's active in the Chocorua Island Association, a century-plus-old group that conducts summer services on an island in Squam Lake. A member of the Holderness Historical Society, she's also a docent in their museum.

Dan built and manages the website for TBB scholarships and SEL, and he's also the camp photographer. Among

many projects, he annually creates two slide shows, one for recruiting and one to show to the campers the following summer. He's involved in nature and conservation programs in New Hampshire, e.g., he monitors a conservation easement for the Squam Lakes Conservation Society (a land trust) and has given live animal talks at the Squam Lakes Natural Science Center.

Another WN volunteer at the Wellesley Food Pantry is Ann Swanson, who says maybe 200 people in Wellesley qualify as "food-insecure" and use the Pantry to extend their resources. Some are long-term clients, living in subsidized housing, while others are just "temporarily in the lurch." She likes meeting the people and the hands-

on kind of helping. The Pantry is open all day Tuesday at the fellowship hall of the Wellesley Hills Congregational Church (WHCC).

All kinds of nonperishable goods are arrayed in the main hall, but Ann is a receiver in the kitchen, where wholesalers bring fresh produce. Since Covid, clients come to a window, and volunteers bag their order. "They have to be masked and are encouraged to get vaccinated," Ann notes. Volunteers can apply online but sometimes need to wait for a slot. (Go to wellesleyfoodpantry.org and click "support us!")

Many members give time at the church or synagogue that they attend. Just to skim the surface, Nancy Gans has given legal advice to Temple Israel of Natick; Janet Giele, Sam and Cynthia Hunt and

Susan Kemp sing in the St. Andrews choir; and Marilyn Nutting sings at the WHCC. She also serves lunch once a week at the COA, where a \$6 lunch is provided on weekdays by the Wellesley Bakery and other eateries.

Curt Martin is one of several members who teaches ESL at the WFL. (Another is Margot Lansing.) He's done it for about six years and currently works with a man from Taiwan whom he's taught for three years and a woman from China whom he's taught for a year. "I'm very happy to have these young friends," he says. "They're both in their 40s, which seems young to me!" **L.P.**



Above, Mickey Goldin's shot of WSO trombones; below, R, Susan Kemp at camp registration.



The Bullet That Missed: A Thursday Murder Club Mystery

At the end of November's review of *The Secret Diary of Hendrik Gruen*, I suggested Richard Osman's English mysteries for further reading. Book three in his series, *The Bullet that Missed*, follows the adventures of intrepid septuagenarian residents of Cooper's Chase and their pals—the Thursday Murder Club—who spend much of their time solving cold cases that have baffled the local police. The first two are *The Thursday Murder Club* and *The Man Who Died Twice*.

Ten years before the third book opens, a young colleague of Ted Baxter-esque TV host Mike Waghorn had disappeared (off a cliff) under mysterious circumstances, just as she prepared to break a story about a big VAT fraud. Was it murder? Absent a body, the case went cold. Led by former MI-6 agent Elizabeth Best, Joyce and husband Stephen, Ron, Ibrahim and their muscular Polish man-Friday Bogdan, follow a convoluted and dangerous path involving Elizabeth's former KGB nemesis Viktor; a shadowy figure called the Viking who wants Viktor killed; an imprisoned drug dealer dreaming of avenging herself on the Thursday Murder Club whose evidence sent her up the river; a bent chief constable from Kent; a local crook who had directed the VAT fraud (see above) but escaped jail, and his money-laundering minion (who did not).

Along the way, two young constables (who are NOT bent) help out our intrepid gang while pursuing their own side adventures. In the end (after one more murder) Elizabeth et al. catch the bad guy through an ingenious and hilarious subterfuge. Elizabeth has her Perils of Pauline moments, but they are as funny as they are perilous. That's one of the great things about Richard Osman's writing: even the crooks have their light side. **C.M.**

Happenings

WN walkers (L to R) Judy Frommer, Nancy Gans and Adele Langevin tested the elegant new track that Wellesley College now lets us use on Wednesdays, 8:30 to 9:30 am. (At right, the pool area is sealed off for repairs.)



From L to R: Polly Conlon, Marcia Goldsmith, Adele Langevin and Fred Breimyer visited the Gardiner Museum where Polly, a former docent, gave them an insider's tour.



At the Natick Mall, a California Pizza Kitchen lunch was enjoyed by (L to R) Marcia Goldsmith, Ellen Hosbjor, Sharon Clark, Teri Lilly, Catherine Connor—and Lisa Tender, who took the photo. (Others this page by Fred Breimyer.)



MARCH Events/Interest Group Meetings

Notes: Those on Zoom are marked (Z)

Watch weekly blasts for new events!

Wed. March 1, 5:30 pm - Women's Night Out, Papa Razzi, Wellesley
Thu. March 2, 12:30 pm - Men's Lunch
Thu. March 2, 2 pm – New Yorker II Group, Nouvelle Conf. Rm., Natick
Fri. March 3, 1 pm – Play-reading Group
Fri. March 3, 3 pm - Afternoon Tea (Z)
Sat. March 4, 4 pm - Sudbury Savoyards, Gilbert & Sullivan, *The Grand Duke*
Tue. March 7, 5 pm - Dinner at Capt. Marden's, Wellesley
Wed. March 8, 2 pm – New Yorker I Group (Z)
Wed. March 15, 1 pm - Lunch at The Local, Wellesley
Thu. March 16, 1 pm – Short Story Group (Z)
Fri. March 17, 5 pm - Cocktail Hour (Z)
Sat. March 18, 2 pm - TCAN, Natick, *Carole King Concert*, Documentary
Thu. March 23, 12 noon - Armenian Museum, Watertown, Genocide Exhibition, minimum of 8, \$8.50 each
Tue. March 28, 12:45 pm - Lunch at Eli's, Natick
Wed. March 29, 4 pm - David Gullette, poetry reading, Mimi Ferrell's home (limited number of guests)
Thu. March 30, 7:30 pm - Speaker Series, Jean Berry, archivist (Z), see page 1

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Truly's of Wellesley has moved next door, to 39 Grove Street, and loyal customer Judy Frommer took this photo of Maureen Donlon with managers Jimmy Winterman and Carly McIntosh. It still opens at noon but has added tea, Peet's Coffee and pastries to frozen treats. (During the epidemic, WN gave Truly's gift cards to all who attended the annual meetings on Zoom.)

Early April Events/Interest Group Meetings

Wed. April 5, 5:30 pm - Women's Night Out, Papa Razzi, Wellesley
Thu. April 6, 12:30 pm - Men's Lunch
Thu. April 6, 2 pm – New Yorker II Group
Fri. April 7, 3 pm - Afternoon Tea (Z)

TECH TIP: Have you tried our member directory at wellesleyneighbors.org? If not, go to the website and LOG IN to reach the member home page. In the menu bar across the top, click "member directory" and find the search bar (lower L). Place the cursor in the bar and hit "enter" or "search" to see ALL members! Or enter a first or last name and click to see a small, individual listing. In either case, click member photo to reach the page for that person. More than half have a bio, but many are missing. A future tip will tell how to add or edit the bio on your own page.

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