



Celebrating the Big Band Era, Wellesley Neighbors Style ***7:30 pm, Saturday, April 4, 2020***

Get ready for a night of finger-snapping, toe-tapping enjoyment as you listen to Greg Hopkins' 17-piece Jazz Orchestra and vocalist Donna McElroy. The concert promises to be an electrifying event as the musicians pay tribute to the legendary big bands of the era, namely, Duke Ellington, Count Basie, Benny Goodman, Glenn Miller, Buddy Rich and others whose swinging music ignited American dancing. The music captured and defined the mood of a seminal period of Americana.

Wellesley Neighbors is proud to present an event with such esteemed musicians. The event committees are energized and making great strides. Volunteer! More good news: Our members have found numerous groups interested in the event, such as bands at local elementary, middle, and high schools; swing classes at dance studios, and music departments at local colleges. Our targeted audience has grown, and we plan an extensive publicity outreach via print, radio and social media.

Bring your families and friends!

Saturday, April 4, 2020, 7:30 pm at Wellesley Middle School, 50 Kingsbury St.

Buy your tickets now!

Tickets can be purchased online: <https://www.wellesleyneighbors.org>

Scroll to "Big Band Event," click on button "Buy Ticket Now," use credit card to purchase.

Or by phone: 781-283-0417 x3 Ticket Prices: \$25 advance sales, \$30 at the door, \$15 students

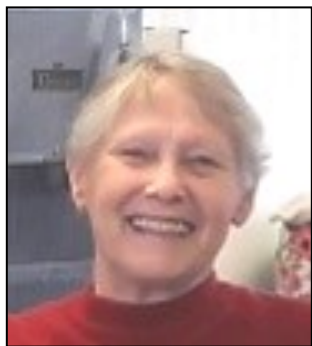
Quentin Prideaux, The Climate Crisis: ***What It Means for Massachusetts, and What We Can Do About It*** ***7:30 pm, Thursday, February 27, Wellesley College Club***



Quentin's talk covers the impacts and causes of climate change, the actions we need to take, and what it all means for Massachusetts and the Northeast. He will discuss why some have been confused about the science. Although the subject is serious, Quentin keeps it positive and lighthearted where possible. The talk will leave time for questions so attendees can focus on the areas that interest them the most. Quentin Prideaux is a Partner in the management consulting firm Alder Associates and lives in Wellesley with his wife and two children. He began learning about climate change in the 1990s and started to give talks on the subject in 2012. He is President of Sustainable Wellesley. Quentin has a degree in Physics from Bristol University, an MBA from Ashridge Management College, and is completing a Masters in Sustainability from Harvard University's Division of Continuing Education.

Refreshments at 7 pm will precede the lecture.

From the President: Our Big Band Event



I am flat-out excited. Celebrating the Big Band Era, our April 4 presentation (our first signature event fundraiser) is going to be a huge success. At first, I might not have been secure in making that unequivocal statement. In fact, I had some misgivings.

But at the first meeting of the co-chairs, on January 15, it was clear that this will be a great event. The plans of the committees are superb. Each committee is headed by co-chairs demonstrating thoroughness and foresight in planning their area, and each co-chair possesses an amazing breadth of experience, knowledge and contacts. AND, they have you to volunteer to help!

What I am asking of you now is that you think about all the people you could contact, and start collecting emails, lists of friends, contacts, organizations. I have been doing so for the last few days, and I find my list has many more contacts than I thought I could come up with. In this issue, each of you will receive a flyer about the event, which we hope you will share widely. ***Catherine***

From the Executive Director: WN at the Wellesley College Club



Since we opened in 2011 Wellesley Neighbors has had a special relationship with the Wellesley College Club. We hold many events there, including our monthly buffet lunches, our speaker events, the monthly Men's Lunch, the annual Spring Dinner and the fall Annual Meeting. In addition we have been active supporters of Thirsty Thursdays during the summer months.

The cost per person for the buffet lunch has been \$12. Management has informed us that a price increase is required. The new price per person is \$13 (includes choice of tea or coffee, tax, and gratuity). Lunch continues to be a bargain due to the array of appetizers, entrees and desserts available at each buffet. And, to those of you who, like me, enjoy more than one dessert, continue to "eat away." ***Joyce***



January Service and Support

Service Requests: 2 (massage resource, TV repair)

Support requests: 7 (5 rides, 2 technical)

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



How Can We Help? The Executive Committee recently discussed whether WN is doing enough for members having health problems. Since I'd just been one of them, I volunteered to share my very positive experience. In early December I had a serious reaction to a prescription drug and spent almost two weeks in hospitals, plus a week in bed at home, while my daughter took care of me. I received a get-well card from Joyce, who reaches out in cases like this. (When you know of someone who might need support, be sure Joyce is aware of it!) Several WN friends called and offered to do errands, and one lent me a walker and a shower chair. Their empathy reminded me that any of us can suddenly need help—and any of us can offer help, if it's only a trip to the mailbox.

Of course, we must be ready to step back when someone declines assistance. We all have our own need for privacy. But most people are glad of help even if slow to ask for it—and helping feels good. Thanks again to Joyce and the others who made things easier for me! ***L.P.***

Meet Bob Meyer

Bob Meyer was born in St. Louis, Missouri and grew up in Buffalo, New York, and Teaneck, New Jersey. He attended Harvard University for both his B.A. and Ph.D. degrees, and subsequently was invited to join the Harvard Physics Department, where he remained for the next ten years.



In 1977 he carried out research in Göteborg, Sweden, as Nordic Institute of Theoretical Physics (Nordita) Visiting Professor at the Chalmers Institute of Technology. In 1978 he spent a year as Joliot Curie Professor at the École Supérieure de Physique et de Chimie Industrielle in Paris. When he returned from Europe, he joined the Physics Department at Brandeis, where he continued to teach and to do research for the next 35 years.

Though not especially fond of the routines involved in teaching lecture classes, Bob did enjoy teaching undergraduate and graduate labs, where students could engage in “hands on” physics. For most of his career he studied the effects of magnetic and electric fields on liquid crystals--the latter being the basis for all modern display devices.

Author of many scholarly papers, Bob has received four patents and was the recipient of numerous grants and awards, including the Benjamin Franklin Medal and the Joliot Curie Medal of the City of Paris. In 1985 he was elected a Fellow of the American Physical Society. In his last years at Brandeis his academic interest turned to ancient Roman engineering and technology, especially the physics of arches and domes. Before retiring, he was invited to teach a course at Wellesley College on the subject.

Bob and his wife Maureen have lived in Wellesley for more than 40 years. They have three daughters, including identical twins, two granddaughters and two grandsons, all of whom live close enough for them to enjoy regular visits. They have a summer house in Kennebunkport.

Bob has enjoyed DIY projects around both houses, and has even drafted the plans for remodeling the one in Wellesley. An avid reader, he especially likes mysteries and recommends Louise Penny's *Inspector Gamache* series.

A serendipitous encounter at the Wellesley Library with a former WN president, about five years ago, convinced the Meyers to join Wellesley Neighbors. **C.M.**

Welcome a New Member

Susan Case has lived in Wellesley for 40 years and is currently at Wellesley Green. She is a graduate of Miami University and did her graduate work in school psychology at Northeastern University. She has one daughter, Kristen, a poet and professor in Maine, and two grandchildren. Susie's work life was focused on helping high school students apply to college, both at Milton Academy and as a private consultant. She is enjoying a retired life of friends, travel, books, social service and athletic activities – pickleball and biking, especially. Susie enjoys music festivals and is an active member of two book groups.

Valentine's Day Gift Idea!
Give the gift of musical enjoyment and shared memories!

April 4, 2020 at 7:30pm
Wellesley Middle School, 50 Kingsbury St.

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Happenings



Above, the WN holiday lunch on January 9, at which several presidents (lower right) honored Ilse Sangree (holding pink ribbon) with a necklace made by Marian Sonnenfeld (in black). Below, four adventurous WN members went to Newton's Paint Bar on January 11 to try out their artistic skills in creating an acrylic painting of a morning sunlight scene. They were encouraged by an upbeat, microphoned instructor, guiding everyone through the process.



For more photos of these and other events, log onto our home page and click on "Photo Albums" under "Documents-Photos." Contribute your own photos to the albums by sending them to bslavinb@gmail.com.



February Events Calendar

Wed. Feb. 5, 5:30 pm, Women's Night Out at CPK
California cuisine in Wellesley with friends

Thu. Feb. 6, 12:30 pm, Men's Lunch
A monthly favorite, just for men

Sun. Feb. 9, 3:00 pm, Wellesley Chamber Players
At the home of Margot and Richard Lansing

Tue. Feb. 11, 12 noon, All Members Lunch
Don't forget to bring \$13 from now on!

Wed. Feb. 19, 12 noon, Lunch at Papa Razzi
Italian cuisine in Wellesley Hills

Sat. Feb. 22, 2 pm, "Ripcord"
A play at Vokes Theater in Wayland

Mon. Feb. 24, 11:30 am, Jack's Abbey Brewing
A sampling tour and lunch in Framingham

Wed. Feb. 26, 11 am, Worcester Art Museum and Lunch
World-class art and an elegant cafe

Thu. Feb. 27, 7:30 pm, Speaker Quentin Prideaux at WCC
As noted on page 1, the topic is climate change, with refreshments at 7 pm

Fri. Feb. 28, 12 noon, Lunch at Bocado in Wellesley
A colorful choice of Spanish tapas

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Early March Events

Wed. Mar. 4, 5:30 pm, Women's Night Out at CPK

Thu. Mar. 5, 12:30 pm, Men's Lunch at WCC

Please, always register for events so seating and refreshments can be planned. Register on our website OR email events@wellesleyneighbors.org OR call 781-283-0417. (Use same email or phone number to cancel.) NOTE: Times and dates may change—watch for email blasts.

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