



Rosalie Gimeno: Initiation by Fire Crafting a Critical Edition of Eight Spanish Plays First Published in 1496 Wednesday, October 28, 7:30 pm on Zoom

The movable type printing press and the literary use of vernacular language were in their infancy in late Medieval Spain when a child was born to a cobbler and his wife in a large city with a splendid university and a magnificent cathedral. Juan del Encina was to become the last great poet-musician of Spain and the father of Spanish theater. And he was in the right time and place, with the right skills, to tell what it was like for the royals, nobles, and commoners to experience one of Spain's finest and most devastating moments, the final decade of the fifteenth century.



Wellesley Neighbors member Rosalie Gimeno published her dissertation on his first eight plays and was asked to prepare a critical edition of these works. "Little did I know then what an adventure that would unleash!" she laughs. She will share it with us on October 28.

Rosalie grew up Kansas City, Missouri. She earned a BA from Drake University, an MA from Middlebury College, and a PhD from Case Western Reserve University, all with a focus on Spanish language, literature, and culture. After living in Des Moines, Mexico City, Middlebury, Madrid, Riverside, Cleveland, Santa Monica and Los Angeles, she and her husband moved here in 1999 to be near their son and his family. She has published studies about medieval and Golden Age Spanish literature and taught students from grade 7 to university undergraduates. For the last 25 years, she has divided her time between this country and Spain.

From the Health Support Committee: Cannabis as Medicine Dr. Jordan Tishler, Tuesday, October 6, 3-4:30 pm

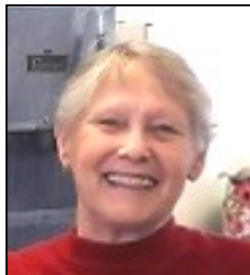
Dr. Jordan Tishler will discuss what is known about cannabis and how it can help with a variety of symptoms. "There's a lot of misinformation out there, so we'll address what is true and what is hype," he says. Dr. Tishler is a cannabis specialist. With training in internal medicine and years of practice as an ER doctor, he brings his knowledge, reason, and caring to patients at Inhale MD, with offices in Brookline and Cambridge.

A graduate of Harvard College and Harvard Medical School (HMS), he trained at the Brigham and Women's Hospital and teaches there and at HMS. While treating countless patients harmed by alcohol and drugs, he never saw a cannabis overdose, which led him to pursue the science of cannabis safety and treatment. Dr. Tishler heads the Association of Cannabis Specialists, which aims to educate clinicians, lawmakers, and the healthcare industry about best practices and needed tools for proper use of cannabis in patient care.

This Year's Annual Meeting: Tuesday, October 13, at 1 pm

An email went out to all members announcing the meeting and providing a Zoom link. Reminders will follow, also providing the link. If you did not receive the initial email, please call Joyce at 781 283-0417. Registration is not needed but a quorum is required for voting. We will all miss having lunch before this year's meeting, but everyone who attends will be treated to a \$5 gift card for Truly Yogurt in Wellesley!

From the President: Looking Toward Winter



After weathering nearly six months of extreme isolation--facing what needed facing and dealing with the lack of social interaction without feeling either depressed or anxious--I have found a change in attitude creeping up on me. Given the new scientific knowledge that being outdoors (socially distanced and as much as possible masked) is rather low risk, in-person meetings with friends have been possible, though guarded. Even lunches under the trees are possible, with six feet between chewing...and talking...mouths.

But looming in the background, even while we enjoy these new-found encounters, is winter. And that, I think, is the source of my trepidation. The relative safety of the out-of-doors finds no counterpart indoors.

So I am going to look for the beauty in the shapes of tree limbs bare of leaves, and count on the Wellesley Neighbors Zoom offerings to see me through. So far, they have been delightful! If you think a tea-party on Zoom sounds "different," I encourage you to check it out...It takes a little getting used to, but the "different," once experienced, translates to "lots of fun."

At the teas, we enjoy familiar faces and voices, and special treats...such as a delightful video of a Victorian tea party... in a lovely garden in Japan, no less. AND a visit from some Zoom-bombing (but invited) goats. At first, a Zoom session seems distant and strange, but "It turns out to be a warmer and more intimate experience that I would have thought it could be." (So says member Barbara Slavin in the new Zoom video on our website—have you checked it out?)

And of course there are Zoom meetings and cocktail hours (with games and cooking demos) and museum tours, etc. So if you have not yet joined us on Zoom, may I heartily encourage you: maybe set a goal of joining four activities before deciding whether it will work for you? And I will look forward to seeing you in a Zoom square.

Catherine

From the Executive Director: Covid-19 Symptoms in Older Adults

A *Kaiser Health News* article noted that older adults may have atypical COVID-19 symptoms. "With a lot of conditions, older adults don't present in a typical way, and we're seeing that with COVID-19 as well," said Dr. Camille Vaughan, section chief of geriatrics and gerontology at Emory University.

While most people experience a fever, ongoing cough and shortness of breath, the symptoms in older adults may include needing more sleep than usual, lethargy, not eating, being apathetic or confused, becoming weak and dehydrated, low blood pressure, feeling dizzy and falling, becoming nauseous and vomiting, and the loss of smell and taste. You may experience one or more of these symptoms and just be having a bad day. If you're not yourself for a few days, however, contact your doctor and request to be tested.



Joyce

September Service and Support



Service Requests: 3 (1 handyman, 2 tree/bush service)

Support Requests: 2 rides

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



Meet Deb Cogill



Deb Cogill was recruited into Wellesley Neighbors by Margot Lansing. They met as volunteers with Wellesley Friendly Aid, and Margot told her all about the WN benefits. Her first event was a lecture in October 2015, “Wellesley Then and Now,” by Kathleen Fahey, Curator of the Wellesley Historical Society. Deb

signed up the next day. She currently is on the WN Activities and Membership Committees.

Deb says she’s a “true Bostonian,” born and raised in Jamaica Plain, with ancestors including English arrivals on the Winthrop Fleet in 1630 and Irish arrivals around 1850. She’s always lived and worked around Boston, though she moved out to Wellesley about 35 years ago.

For her first job, Deb “walked into the Watertown Arsenal right out of high school—well actually, I worked at Sears before that” (the huge Sears that once loomed over the Longwood Area). “After futzing around awhile,” she earned her BA taking night courses at the Harvard Extension School.

Starting at the Arsenal, later called the Army Materiel and Research Center, Deb spent 43 years in various positions with the Federal Government, working mainly in human resources. Her last 25 years were spent at the

Volpe Center, which houses the Department of Transportation. She retired in 2008.

Deb has one son named Avinash, whose father was from India. Avi is now 35, and a partner at Sullivan and Worcester. He lives in the Seaport Area, and they see each other often. She’s researched family history, so they went to the UK and to find family sites. He’s a golfer, so they had to visit St. Andrews.

In retirement, Deb spends free time reading and is active in the Town of Wellesley. She thoroughly enjoys the House and Garden Club, which maintains several public gardens, but since 2014, her focus has been Wellesley Friendly Aid (WFA), where she’s President of the Board. Its motto is “Neighbors helping Neighbors.”

Founded in 1899, it seeks to meet the needs of Wellesley residents whose needs are not being met elsewhere. Its programs serve many groups: Friendship Circle (senior women); Wellesley Connects (HS juniors/seniors mentored by volunteers who help them into college); Housing Outreach (seniors in public housing); food cards to help families at Thanksgiving; financial aid (emergency fund need); Camp program (for needy children), and many more.

“WFA serves people from Barton Road to Dover Road,” Deb likes to say. WN members might like to know that WFA lends medical equipment to everyone. **L.P.**

Keeping in touch: WN members recently received a second small gift bag assembled by Margot Lansing and Joyce Wadlington (at left, L to R) and delivered by (right, L to R) Maureen Donlon, Marlies Stueart, Lee Delph, Ellen Hoshbjor, Janet Giele and Ann Swanson, plus others not shown. Thanks to all who helped!



COVID-19 Precautions at Nearby Colleges: *Some WN members have expressed understandable concern as to the potential spread of Coronavirus when college students returned for Fall term. This led WN Vice-President Adele Langevin to examine the websites of five local colleges to see what safeguards are being employed, as she reports below. NOTE: As a measure against a larger population, the 7-day weighted average of positive molecular test rate as of 9/20/20 was 0.8%. The actual positive test rate for those tested is 2/.0%.*

Through testing and safety protocols—most notably wearing masks—local colleges are making a significant effort. **Wellesley College** has allowed only freshmen and sophomores on campus for the Fall term, in single rooms. Quarantining was generally required before students arrived, and they all had Coronavirus testing. Asymptomatic tests are continuing for students and for designated faculty and staff. Results are updated each weekday. Over the most recent seven-day period, there were 3,650 tests with no detected cases. Notably, the Massachusetts Higher Education Testing Group is chaired by President Paula Johnson, MD, of Wellesley College.

Babson College has instituted robust testing and quarantining, partnering with the Broad Institute of MIT and Harvard to obtain rapid test results. There are daily health checks using an electronic device and scoreboard. New data are published each Wednesday and Sunday. From 9/8-14, 2,648 tests were conducted, and 0.11% tested positive.

Framingham State University has conducted 2,764 total tests. Since 8/21/2020, there were 15 positive tests; within the last seven days, there were zero.

Olin College of Engineering is testing students twice per week and, like Babson, is using the Broad Institute for rapid results. Faculty and staff are tested based on how frequently they visit the campus. New arrivals on campus were required to quarantine for two weeks unless they could show testing within 72 hours with a negative result.

Mass Bay Community College is mostly remote/virtual, so its students are unlikely to spread infection in town.

Of course, while robust testing is critical, so is student behavior. To date, WN is pleased with the testing and results, and we applaud our institutions of higher learning for their proactive efforts to ensure safety on campus and in our communities. As a high-risk community of seniors, we are grateful, and urge our neighboring institutions to continue their good work for all our sakes. Special thanks to Dr. Paula A. Johnson, Wellesley College President; Dr. Stephen Spinelli, Jr., Babson College President; Dr. F. Javier Cevallos, Framingham State University President, and Dr. Gilda Barabino, Olin College President, for their leadership at this challenging time.

A. L.



Far left, some of the WG cluster attending their second lawn party 9/15, with Marcia Goldsmith and Liz von Kessler in the foreground. Near left, WN President Catherine Connor bumps elbows with Bob Ferrell, whose wife Mimi planned the party.



October Zoom Events

Thu. Oct. 1, 12:30 pm—Men’s Lunch

Fri. Oct. 2, 5 pm—Cocktail Hour

Tue. Oct. 6, 3-4:30 pm—Talk by Dr. Jordan Tischler (see page 1)

Wed. Oct. 7, 5:30 pm—Women’s Night Out (In)

Thu. Oct. 8, 1 pm—Papa Razzi (patio lunch with heaters)

Fri. Oct. 9, 3 pm—Afternoon Tea

Tue. Oct. 13, 1 pm—Annual Meeting (see page 1)

Thu. Oct. 15, 3:30 pm—“Sand Beasts” by sculptor Theo Jansen

Fri. Oct. 16, 5 pm—Cocktail Hour

Fri. Oct. 23, 3 pm—Afternoon Tea

Tue. Oct. 27, 4 pm—Ballet Excerpts

Wed. Oct. 28, 7:30 pm—Talk by Rosalie Gimeno (see page 1)

Fri. Oct. 30, 5 pm—Cocktail Hour

Early November Zoom Events

Wed. Nov. 4, 5:30 pm—Women’s Night Out (In)

Thu. Nov. 5, 12:30 pm—Men’s Lunch

Fri. Nov. 6, 3 pm—Afternoon Tea



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Ever heard of paraprosdokians? Neither had Lee Delph, until her sister sent these in an email. They are figures of speech in which the latter part is unexpected and frequently humorous. (Winston Churchill loved them.)

- Where there's a will, I want to be in it.
- Since light travels faster than sound, some people appear bright until you hear them speak.
- If I agreed with you, we'd both be wrong.
- War does not determine who is right, only who is left.
- To steal ideas from one person is plagiarism. To steal from many is research.
- I didn't say it was your fault, I said I was blaming you.
- You do not need a parachute to skydive. You only need a parachute to skydive twice.
- You're never too old to learn something stupid.
- To be sure of hitting the target, shoot first and call whatever you hit the target.
- I'm supposed to respect my elders, but it's harder and harder to find one now.

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