



### ***John E. Hughes: Getting Your Affairs in Order Tuesday, January 25, 2022, on Zoom***



John will discuss why you need an estate plan. He'll address estate planning and distribution techniques, dealing with disability, key elements of a last will, and revocable trusts. He'll review the challenges of estate conservation such as the estate, gift and generation-skipping taxes.

John E. Hughes is a partner at McLane Middleton Professional Association in Manchester, New Hampshire. He concentrates his practice on tax, business and estate planning with a focus on estate planning for family-owned businesses, the subject of several articles he has written. A long-time native of New Hampshire, John is the grandson of Irish immigrants who worked in the mills of

Manchester. He earned his bachelor's degree, with honors, in business administration from Saint Anselm College; his law degree, with honors, from Catholic University's Columbus School of Law, and his graduate law degree in taxation from Boston University School of Law. He is also a graduate of New Hampshire's premiere leadership training program, Leadership New Hampshire.

Formerly, John practiced in the Boston office of Arthur Andersen, LLP, where he was a senior member of the Research and Development Team. He is licensed to practice in Massachusetts, New Hampshire and Washington, D.C. He is a member of the Tax Sections of the New Hampshire Bar Association and the American Bar Association. John was chosen by *The Union Leader* as one New Hampshire's "40 Under 40," a roster of the state's 40 most influential people under the age of 40.

### ***Introducing Four New Board Members***

*Curt Martin recently spoke to the new board members and asked for their thoughts on Wellesley Neighbors...*

**Janet Giele:** "There are obvious challenges before Wellesley Neighbors in the year ahead – principally growing our membership and our financial resources. Less obvious, but perhaps more fundamental, is to



recover the pioneer spirit with which we began. Ten years ago, we didn't know whether we would succeed, but we had a vision and we were all in it together. Everyone pitched in. We had to rely on our own steam power. Now we have wonderful new members who have continued with that spirit, but we

need everyone to catch that fire, including old-timers like me who might be tempted to rest on our laurels."

Janet has lived in Wellesley since 1961. Active at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church and a member of Town

Meeting, she was the founding president of Wellesley Neighbors (then called Wellesley at Home) from 2009-2012. She is a retired professor of sociology who taught at Wellesley College in the 1960s and since 1976 at the Heller School for Social Policy and Management of Brandeis University. She is the author and editor of numerous articles and books on women's changing roles, aging and the life course, and family policy and the American safety net.

**Dan Kemp:** "Since joining Wellesley Neighbors, I've treasured time spent with new friends in my *New Yorker* group, on video, website, and other teams, and in attending virtual and in-person social events. I often see the same familiar and friendly faces but wonder about the many members I've never met. Are we doing enough to make sure *all* members can be included in projects, groups, and social events?"

Dan studied history in college and graduate school. After time in the Air Force, he built computer systems for large

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## ***From the President: Happy Renewal Year***



As we head into the heart of winter, I am nevertheless upbeat. This is a New Year, and a Renewal Year for Wellesley Neighbors. We have our challenges, to be sure, but we have demonstrated over the past two years that we are resourceful in meeting them. We continue to be so, coming together as much and as

safely as possible to enjoy each other's company.

We have zoomed our way through cocktail hours, *New Yorker* discussions, health topics, Board meetings, lunches, virtual and in-person museum visits, theater and theater discussion groups. We have added more interest groups and created On Your Own for informal exploring.

We've enjoyed the great outdoors with in-person outdoor dining and walking groups. We've added some new groups who meet in-person. Some lunches have now

moved indoors. We have expanded our tech support and continue to be informed with our great newsletter.

On a cosmic level, I am also upbeat. Minute by minute, we are gaining daylight time, as sunsets get just a bit later, sunrises a bit earlier. I recall one year ago, when most of us were unvaccinated against this pandemic scourge. Now, we're vaccinated and boosted. And there are more and better treatments. Now that's progress!

I'm also upbeat about our marvelous Wellesley Neighbors. I'm in awe of our founders, to have had the vision, wisdom, and generosity to create this wonderful organization. Caring, community, and connection—it's the heart of who we are.

As your new president, I promise to do my very best to continue our traditions, create new ones, and maintain Wellesley Neighbors as a vibrant, meaningful addition to our lives.

***Adele***

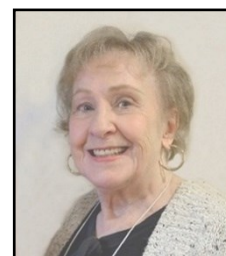
### ***Friends We Will Miss***

Lilian Armstrong, May 4, 1936, to November 26, 2021; obituary emailed December 6.

Charles Mark Furcolo, September 10, 1940, to December 16, 2021; obituary emailed December 20.

## ***From the Executive Director: Don't Procrastinate***

Several weeks ago I used a post-it as a reminder to call two people. I looked at it daily on my desk and vowed to make the calls. Unfortunately I let other things take precedent. This week I learned that one of the people died suddenly. I had received a note from the deceased that he'd enjoy talking with me, and I'm very sad that I didn't connect with him before he died. An email from the other person informed me that she and her husband had just made a difficult move to an assisted living community. I've known the couple for almost 50 years, and had I been in touch, would have helped them make the transition.



The take away for me is that I need to stay in touch with my friends on a regular basis. When the years ahead are much fewer than the years behind, action and not procrastination is required.

***Joyce***

## ***December Service and Support***

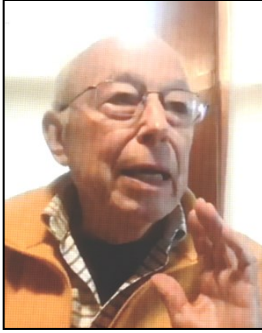
Service referrals: 5 (accountant, carpenter, snow plower, ophthalmologist, lawyer)

Support: 6 (rides)

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

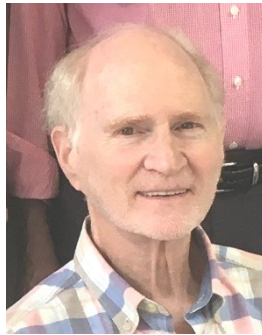


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businesses and, in the early 2000s, he helped to found a risk management software company. More recently he obtained a master's degree in environmental studies. He and his wife, Susan, spend summer and fall in New Hampshire, and have recently moved from Wellesley to Wayland.

**Jerry Gans:** "I think the major issues facing the Board in the next year are member recruitment and fund-raising. The status of the pandemic will determine whether we can have an outdoor fundraiser."



Jerry retired three years ago after 48 years of psychiatric practice. His second book, *Addressing Challenging Moments in Psychotherapy:*

*Clinical Wisdom for Working with Individuals, Groups and Couples*, was published in September. He lives in Wellesley and has been married for 57 years to Nancy; they have three daughters and five grandchildren. Nancy is a retired lawyer and often lends her legal

expertise to Wellesley Neighbors. She also leads the walking groups.

**Susan Taylor:** "The old camp song kept guiding my thinking as I wrote this paragraph: 'Make new friends but keep the old. One is silver, the other gold.' WN is important in making new friends and it really works. Getting information to our communities about the needs it serves has been effective in bringing in members. Covid has made this more challenging but also more widely needed. I hope that we can learn what other 'villages' are doing to get the word out, and to what extent their initiatives are producing the desired outcomes."



Susan lives in Natick and had a career in school administration. She's been active in Wellesley-Weston Lifetime Learning. "WN has been a real find in my life since retirement," she said. "I hope to encourage its further development and outreach. My involvement in teamwork to achieve goals affecting kids, families, and state and national provider organizations may be some small contribution to the WN community." **C.M.**

## Learn Something New Every Day...

**About Chanukah:** Soon after you received the December issue, with its note about latkes for Chanukah, the following paragraph coincidentally appeared in the winter issue of *Archaeology*:

"A Judean uprising led by the Maccabees...in 164 BC... heralded the revival of Jerusalem as the capital of an independent Judean kingdom for the first time since the Babylonian invasion...The Roman Senate was quick to recognize the new state, but a century later [installed] the Roman client king Herod the Great, who ruled from 37 to 4 BC...In the 30s AD, the Spanish-born Roman governor Pontius Pilate ordered construction [projects] that transformed Jerusalem from a provincial town into a major tourist and pilgrimage destination for both Jews and Roman citizens...Following four years of civil war, in AD 70 the Romans crushed the resistance and ransacked the city, much as the Babylonians had six centuries before."

**About Omicron:** The naming system for the Covid-19 virus was announced by the World Health Organization in May. It draws on the Greek alphabet, which roughly parallels our own. Variants Alpha, Beta and Gamma are not much discussed by name, but we've all heard of Delta. In fact, Covid variants run through Lambda and Mu, but not all are considered "variants of interest" or "variants of concern." Following Mu are Nu and Xi, which WHO skipped because Nu sounds like "new" and Xi is a common Chinese name. (Traditionally, viruses were named for people or places linked to their discovery, but this could cause stigma and is now avoided.) While English o has many sounds, Greek o has just two--short and long--represented by two separate letters. Omicron is literally "little o" while Omega is "big o," the end of the Greek alphabet. Let's hope Covid never gets that far... **L.P.**

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



## Welcome to New Members



Sue Brown grew up in Lexington and went to Stephens College in Missouri before graduating from U Mass in business management. She studied at Simmons College to become a registered nutritionist and worked as a nutritional counselor, mainly at MGH and a community clinic. Sue retired with her husband Chris, an artist and art teacher, to Kittery Point, Maine, where he died in 2012. She loved being near the ocean, but moving to Wellesley has brought her closer to her two sons, their wives and six grandchildren. Some of her hobbies are walking, hiking and knitting.



Dennis Sullivan was born in Brighton, lived in Jamaica Plain and went to Boston Latin, then moved to Needham and completed high school. He went to Middlebury College and then Suffolk University, where he earned degrees in accounting and law. He played hockey in school and still skates. Since 1994 he's headed Dennis Sullivan and Associates (next to our WN office), a firm focused on estate planning and elder law. He's now entering "a new stage in my life" with a focus on Project Perseverance, a private foundation that helps to strengthen families. He enjoys skiing and sailing, often with his three children.

## Happenings



*A Christmas tour of Elm Bank ranged from sparkly trees and a model of Boston with Fenway Park...*



*...to toasted marshmallows for (above, L to R) Maureen Donlon, Polly Conlon and Catherine Connor. Then Maureen and Catherine had lunch at Eli's in Natick with (clockwise) Ellen Hosbjor, Marcia Goldsmith, Anne Coursey and Ann Swanson.*



*Above center, Bob Ferrell sings a Calypso carol (note bongo player) in a Saengerfest concert at Regis College for an audience including (seated, L to R) Mimi Ferrell, Catherine Connor, Lucy Phillips, Sue Brown, and Maureen Meyer.*



## January Events/Group Meetings

### NOTE: Those on Zoom are labeled (Z)

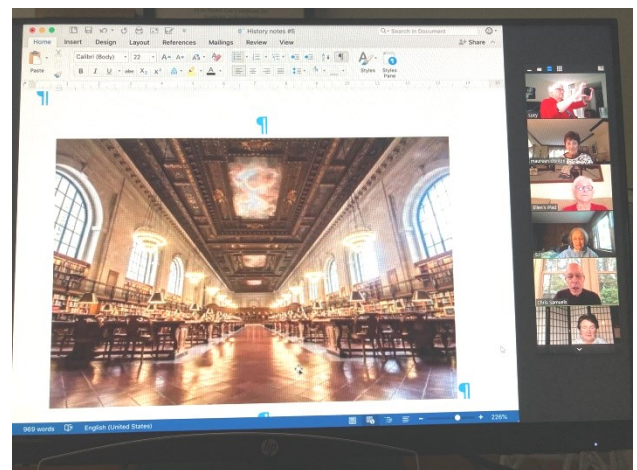
Wed. Jan. 5, 5:30 pm--Women' Night Out, CPK, Wellesley  
 Thu. Jan. 6, 12:30 pm--Men's Lunch (Z)  
 Thu. Jan. 6, 3 pm--*New Yorker* Group II (Z)  
 Thu. Jan. 6, 7:00 pm--Mass. Audubon Society, *The Nature of Winter* (Z)  
 Fri. Jan. 7, 5 pm--Cocktail Hour (Z)  
 Tue. Jan. 11, 12 noon--Lunch at The Cottage, Wellesley  
 Wed. Jan. 12, 3 pm--*New Yorker* Group I (Z)  
 Thu. Jan. 13, 4 pm--Discussion of Mint Theatre's *Hindle Wakes* (Z)  
 Tue. Jan 18, 3:30 pm--TED Talk, Nigerian Novelist Chimamanda Adichie (Z)  
 Wed. Jan. 19, 10:30 am--Wellesley Free Library (WFL) Tour, limited to 4-6 people (see also January 24)  
 Wed. Jan. 19, 12 noon--Lunch at Maugus Restaurant, Wellesley  
 Thu. Jan. 20, 4 pm--Short Story Group (Z)  
 Fri. Jan. 21, 5 pm--Cocktail Hour (Z)  
 Mon. Jan. 24, 10:30 am--WFL tour, limited to 4-6 people  
 Tue. Jan. 25, 7:30 pm--Speaker Series: Getting Your Affairs in Order, see page 1 (Z)  
 Wed. Jan. 26, 4 pm--Wilfredo Lam in Marseille: Davis Art Museum, Wellesley College, virtual exhibition (Z)  
 Thu. Jan. 27, 5 pm--Dinner at Captain Marden's

## January 2022

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## Early February Events

Wed. Feb. 2, 5:30 pm--Women's Night Out, CPK  
 Thu. Feb. 3, 12:30 pm--Men's Lunch (Z)  
 Thu. Feb. 3, 3 pm--*New Yorker* Group II (Z)  
 Fri. Feb. 4, 5 pm--Cocktail Hour (Z)



**Every other Friday, Maureen Donlon hosts a Zoom cocktail hour and sometimes invites a WN member or guest to give a talk. Above, a guest reminisced about going to the great NY public library as a boy. Curt Martin has talked about scrimshaw and Joel Slocum has shared poetry. Everyone is welcome to join the regulars, and cocktails are optional...Next party is January 7 at 5 pm.**

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