

***Witnesses, Bystanders & Vultures: Ethical Questions in Photojournalism***  
***Rachel Gans-Boriskin***  
***Tuesday, April 25, 7:00 pm, Wellesley College Club***



From the Civil War to the Syrian Refugee Crisis, photographers have used their craft to portray suffering, loss, and the joy and frailty of the human condition. In this talk, Rachel Gans-Boriskin explores the role photojournalism plays in constructing cultural meaning

and the ethical issues this entails for both photojournalists and citizens. The physical presence of photojournalists in moments of danger and suffering often raises debates about the responsibility of witnesses to individuals in crisis. Drawing from the fields of journalism, philosophy, and collective memory studies, Gans-Boriskin offers a reframing of traditional arguments about photojournalism. Using Pulitzer Prize winning photographs as case studies, she explores the way that photojournalism—which sits at

the intersection of art, activism, journalism, and collective memory—can serve as an “object to think with” about the responsibilities individuals have to one another in an increasingly connected world.

Rachel Gans-Boriskin is a Lecturer in Communications at Simmons College, teaching communication theory, media culture, journalism, the sociology of news, public speaking, storytelling and health communication. Her research has focused on the changing conceptions of objectivity and authority in journalism, journalistic framing and presentation of political information, and political messages in prime-time fiction. She has been published in many learned journals and books. She has a B.A. from Brandeis University, an M.A. in Media Ecology from New York University, and an M.A. in Communications from the Annenberg School of Communications at the University of Pennsylvania.

***From the President: Wellesley Neighbors Needs You!***



This year’s Nominating Committee is being formed to find new Board members for terms starting in January 2018. We believe that our members have talents and ideas that can contribute to the ways in which Wellesley Neighbors accomplishes its goals. I have been writing that, as part of forming a community, members need to reach out to other members, both to help and be helped. Another way of being part of the development of this community is to serve on the Board.

While the founding members have been willing to serve on the Board (and some have served the maximum terms allowable), we are finding that other members are reluctant to step up. We need you—for your fresh ideas and perspectives.

No organization can grow and thrive unless new people are willing to take leadership roles. If you are concerned that you haven’t served on a board before, current members will be happy to mentor you. Board membership is fun, it increases the number of people you know, and it’s vital for the future of Wellesley Neighbors. Please let me or Joyce know if you are willing to serve on the Board, and I encourage you to say yes if you are asked.

***Nancy***

## From the Executive Director: Retirement Satisfaction

Since 1998 the University of Michigan's Health and Retirement Survey has reported how satisfied people are with their retirement. In 1998, 60.5 percent reported that retirement was "very satisfying." This was the case in the next two survey years, 2000 and 2002, but beginning in 2004, the levels of high satisfaction began to drop. In 2012, slightly less than half of retirees, 48.6 percent, said retirement was "very satisfying." During the same period, there was an increase in the number of respondents who found retirement "moderately satisfying," and in the number who found retirement "not at all satisfying." There is no significant difference in satisfaction levels between men and women.

As expected, major factors impacting the level of satisfaction are the retiree's level of wealth and health.

Other research indicates that wealth inequality in the U.S. is growing. With companies seeking to reduce retiree benefits and the administration proposing legislation that impacts taxes and health care, what kind of retirement can those of us who aren't wealthy and/or healthy expect? As older adults we represent a growing segment of the population, and we need to voice our concerns to our legislators.

*Joyce*



## The Health Support Committee: Helping with Members' Well-Being

The Wellesley Neighbors Health Support Committee has ten members this year: Jean Boyle, Lee Delph, Nancy Gans, Peter Goldberg, Sara-Jane Green, Nancy Kaplan, Mary Lefkowitz (chair), Phillip Michaelson, Joyce Wadlington, and Ralph Wagner. The committee collects information that will help our members deal with the health issues that older people encounter.

**Lectures/seminars:** We sponsor three or four lectures or presentations each year, including (last year) hearing issues, hospice care, planning for the end of life, and this year (so far) hearing issues from the patient's point of view, and home health care. A talk about Alzheimer's Disease is scheduled for September 12. If you have suggestions for discussion topics or possible speakers, please let me know.

**Documents:** We've also posted handouts about various health issues on the Wellesley Neighbors

website. These materials (some of which are written by our members) include A Guide to Hospital Visits, The Conversation Starter Kit (about discussing wishes for end-of-life care), Alzheimer's Disease Resources, Back Surgery, Hand Surgery, Medical Treatment Decision-Making, and the Senior Call Program. To read or download these materials, just click on the button "Health Support Information" on the upper right-hand corner of the website. If you'd like to write a practical handout on another topic, please let me know.

**Specific practical advice:** Joyce Wadlington has a list of WN members who can give other members practical advice about what to expect when they are having a specific type of surgery (e.g., cataracts) or are dealing with a new health challenge. If you need advice or would be willing to give it based on your own experience, please let Joyce (not me) know.

*Mary Lefkowitz*



## March Service and Support

**Service Requests:** Lawyer, Plumber

**Support requests:** 2 Computer, 2 rides

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



## SHORT TAKES

**A NEW CREDIT CARD SCAM** is moving across the country. Do not give anyone who calls you the three PIN numbers on the back of your credit card. Those numbers should only be given when you initiate the call, proving that you hold the actual card. No matter how much information a scammer has about you and/or your card, do not give out the PIN numbers – and hang up.

**SIGNING UP ONLINE FOR EVENTS** is described for you on the enclosed insert. Keep it by your computer and follow the instructions step by step, and you'll see how easy it is to register online. Why not try it the next time you decide to make a reservation?

**WN AND THE MORSE INSTITUTE LIBRARY OF NATICK** will co-sponsor a talk by Stephen Whitfield, one of WN's Speaker Series presenters, on Wednesday, April 19, at the library. His topic will be "National Security versus Freedom of the Press." We will staff a table at the entrance with information about WN. You are invited to attend the lecture.

**ONCE AGAIN THIS YEAR, THE BOSTON GLOBE** invites subscribers to participate in its Grant Program (*Globe* Readers And Nonprofits Together). As a subscriber, you can name WN as your preferred nonprofit to receive free ad space in the *Globe*. For more information, go to [BostonGlobe.com/GRANT](http://BostonGlobe.com/GRANT). The deadline for participating is April 30, 2017.

**WN'S CENTER CLUSTER HAS BEEN SPLIT INTO TWO CLUSTERS:** the Center Cluster and the Wellesley Green Cluster. Both have had recent gatherings. The photo (top right below) shows Center Cluster members from Dover, Needham and Wellesley.

*J.B.*

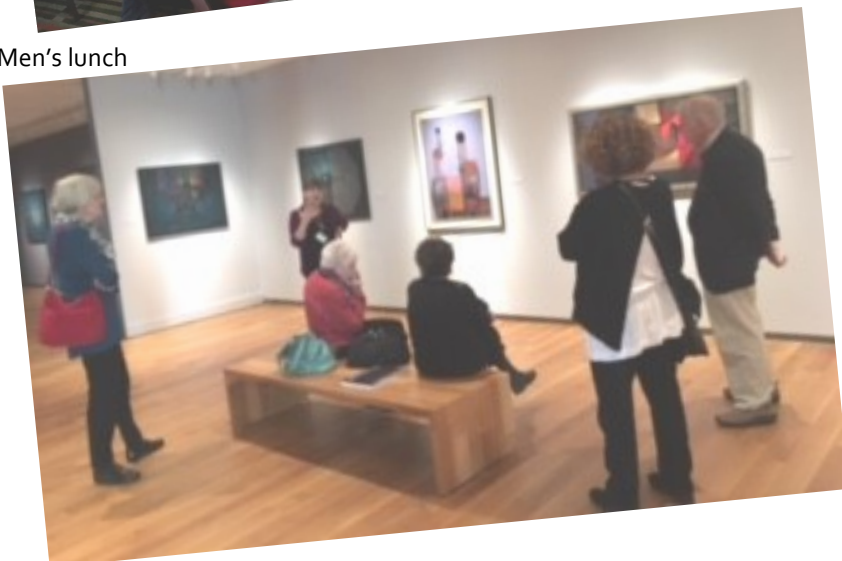
## HAPPENINGS



Men's lunch



Center cluster



McMullen Museum



Hills Library talk on jewelry by Ruth Treitman



## IT'S WHAT I DO: BOB MEYER

Bob joined the physics department at Brandeis in 1978. He researched the physics of liquid crystals, taught a variety of physics courses, and before retiring in 2013, was asked to teach a course in ancient Roman technology.



In the first and second centuries CE, Rome was a city of a million people. Providing food and water to the city was a huge project. A half million tons of wheat a year were needed. Romans designed and built a fleet of huge grain ships, each able to import over 1,000 tons of wheat from Egypt.

Rome required 200 gallons of water per person per day for domestic use and for the city baths and fountains. Water was brought to Rome by aqueducts from as far as 40 miles away. By the third century CE, 11 aqueducts supplied the water-extravagant city with 300 million gallons a day. Parts of the aqueduct system built throughout Europe are still used today. The remains of multi-tiered, arched spans that carried water across valleys and over rivers dot Spain, Italy, France and England.

Roman water technology was largely gravity-driven.

One ten-mile long aqueduct used the gravity in a vertical drop of only 33 feet to move water from its source to its destination in Rome. The same technology today brings 100 gallons of water per person per day from the Catskills to New York City.

Roman construction materials consisted mostly of stone and cement. Sections of the Roman network of roads remain visible throughout Europe. The partially intact Colosseum, the largest amphitheater ever built, dominates Rome, and the Pantheon boasts the largest unreinforced concrete dome in the world. Both buildings have survived nearly 2,000 years and many earthquakes.

Bob enjoys reading mystery novels. His current interest is a twenty-book series set in the Roman Empire. Written by Lindsey Davis, an English historical novelist, they feature a toga-clad Roman "private eye." Bob is also a do-it-yourselfer and likes to solve interesting problems around the house. He and his wife, Maureen, are avid gardeners. His current project is restoring a passive-solar greenhouse.

*B.G.*

## Welcome New Members

**Susan and Ralph Adler** have lived in Wellesley for over 40 years and recently "downsized" to Wellesley Green. Ralph, a research scientist, was born in Bombay, India, where he received his early education at an American missionary school in the Himalayan Mountains and then moved to the San Francisco area. He holds undergraduate and master's degrees from Stanford and then went to Yale, earning a doctorate in metallurgy and materials science. It is at Yale that Ralph met and married Susan. Ralph retired from the Army Research Laboratory eight years ago but continues to work as a consultant for the Department of Defense. Susan taught in the Wellesley schools for over 30 years. One of their daughters lives in Cambridge with her husband, and the other daughter and husband and three sons live in Yardley, PA. Visiting children and grandchildren is one of their many pleasures.



## April 2017 Calendar

Sat. April 1, Yale Art Museum trip  
 Sun. April 2, 2 pm Highland Jazz "Newton's Finest" **RSVP**  
 Wed. April 5, 5:30 pm Women's Night Out at CPK **RSVP**  
 Thur. April 6, 12:30 pm Men's Lunch at WCC **RSVP**  
 Wed. April 13, 12:30 pm All members lunch at WCC **RSVP**  
 Tues. April 18, 10:30—12 noon Tour Kennedy Institute **RSVP**  
 Tues. April 18, 12 noon Lunch at Kennedy Inst. **RSVP**  
 Fri. April 21, 12 noon Lunch at The Local **RSVP**  
 Mon. April 24, 1 pm Dumpling Daughter Lunch **RSVP**  
 Tue. April 25, 7 pm Speaker, Rachel Gans-Boriskin, WCC **RSVP**  
 Sat. April 29, 1 pm Boston Ballet, Sleeping Beauty **RSVP**

## April 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 ●
2 ●	3	4	5 ●	6 ●	7	8
9	10	11	12	13 ●	14	15
16	17	18 ●	19	20	21 ●	22
23	24 ●	25 ●	26	27	29	29 ●
30	31					

Note: Times and dates are subject to change. Email notices will be sent prior to events.

- ♦ Register on website; call (781) 283-0417, ext.2; or email [events@wellesleyneighbors.org](mailto:events@wellesleyneighbors.org)
- ♦ Tell us if you need a ride or can offer a ride.
- ♦ **RSVP at least 24 hours before an event to ensure adequate seating and refreshments.**
- ♦ **Please call or email to cancel if you find you cannot attend an event.**
- ♦ Some events are open to non-members who would like to get acquainted with WN.

## Early and Special May Events

Wed. May 3, 5:30 Women's Night Out CPK **RSVP**  
 Thur. May 4, 12:30 pm Men's Lunch WCC **RSVP**  
 Sun. May 7, 2 pm Highland Jazz, "Strike up the Band" **RSVP**  
 Fri. May 19, WN SPRING DINNER

### WN Spring Celebration Dinner – May 19 Save the Date

Once again this year, WN members are invited to a Spring Celebration Dinner at the Wellesley College Club. Save Friday, May 19, 6:30 pm – 9:00 pm, for a delightful evening of conversation and delicious food, all at no cost, and members only. More details to come, but, for now, just mark your calendar. You won't want to miss this wonderful evening.

April Newsletter

Wellesley Neighbors  
888 Worcester Street Suite 260  
Wellesley, MA 02482

### Board of Directors

Nancy Gans, President

Ilse Sangree, Vice President

Ann Swanson, Clerk

Stan Treitman, Treasurer

Nancy Amstutz	Mary Lefkowitz
Jean Boyle	Troy Murray
Maureen Donlon	Peter Offenhartz
Mimi Ferrell	Hank Solomon
Bob Geiser	Ruth Treitman
Sara-Jane Green	Ralph Wagner

**“Age doesn’t matter, unless you’re a cheese “**

***John Paul Getty***

### How to Contact Wellesley Neighbors

Phone:



**Executive Director:** 781 283-0417, ext. 1

**Events:** 781 283-0417, ext. 2

Email:



**Exec Dir:** director@wellesleyneighbors.org

**President:** president@wellesleyneighbors.org

**Events:** events@wellesleyneighbors.org

**Newsletter:** editor@wellesleyneighbors.org

Website:



www.wellesleyneighbors.org

Postal Mail:



Wellesley Neighbors

888 Worcester St. Suite 260

Wellesley, MA 02482