



News from the Nominating Committee

The Executive Committee has appointed the Nominating Committee for the 2020 Annual Meeting election slate. According to the Wellesley Neighbors by-laws, two members of the Committee are appointed from the Board, and three members are appointed from the general membership.

The Board members on this year's Committee are Bette Lehman and Marlies Stueart; Renate Olsen, Penny Post and Joel Slocum are from the general membership. President Ilse Sangree and Executive Director Joyce Wadlington are ex-officio members. Committee chair is Joel Slocum, shown at right.

The by-laws further state that the Board shall have no less than 12 nor more than 20 members. Their terms are three years, and they cannot serve more than six consecutive years. Three current members have reached this limit of service and will be leaving the Board: Nancy Amstutz, Jean Boyle, and Troy Murray.

WN officers serve one-year terms and can serve no more than three consecutive years in office. They include president, vice-president, clerk, and treasurer.

The Committee must present its slate by early September, a month before the Annual Meeting in October. The date for this year's Annual Meeting is Wednesday, October 16. As in the last few years, it will follow a free lunch for all members at the College Club. We hope you will plan to attend.

If you would like to be considered for any position, or would like to suggest a member as a candidate for any position, please contact any member of the Nominating Committee.



At its July 1 meeting, the WN Board voted to approve a Guest Policy, stated below and effective immediately:

WN members are welcome to bring prospective members to two WN events in order to provide them with sufficient opportunity to decide whether or not to join. Members are also welcome to bring occasional guests and houseguests to two events. We expect that any guest who comes to more than two events should be prepared to become a paying member. ***Your cooperation is greatly appreciated!***

From the President: Let's Celebrate



For some reason I have been thinking about celebrations lately, not the big specific ones, but celebrations in general. My girls and I love to celebrate. Any small occasion—a finished project, the end of the work week, being able to sit outside and enjoy the summer—you name it, and we pop the cork.

The more I thought about this, the more I became convinced that we don't really need any obvious reason for celebrating, and champagne is certainly not required. I guess I am very fortunate, but grateful as I am for my family, for all my wonderful friends outside and inside Wellesley Neighbors, I am ready to celebrate every day I am given. Life is worth celebrating.

Ilse

From the Executive Director: Did You Know?



Wellesley Neighbors is one of 15 villages operating in Massachusetts. Nine more villages are forming, the latest one in Barnstable. Founded more than ten years ago, Wellesley Neighbors is a community composed of 147 members, including 65 individuals and 41 households—but of course these numbers vary over time.

I work part-time, Mondays through Fridays, in our office, located on the east side of Route 9 in Wellesley. I'm usually there mornings and into early afternoon, at 781 283-0417, extension 1. (Extension 2 is for event reservations, which are processed by Peter Offenhartz.)

I'm happy to field questions, take requests for support like rides or computer help, or provide references from

our roster of member-vetted services. Be sure to recommend your own favorite service providers so we can keep the list up-to-date.

Wellesley Neighbors is for couples and singles from Wellesley, Weston, Needham, Natick and Dover, plus nearby towns on request. People can join Wellesley Neighbors on an annual basis or choose the 6-month introductory option, and we offer generous discounted memberships to people who meet federal guidelines.

When people join, they are welcomed into one of our seven geographical clusters, which meet in home settings to acquaint members with others living nearby.

In addition to our many events, we currently have eight interest groups such as walking, yoga and *New Yorker*, and you can call my office to suggest new ones.

Joyce

July Service and Support

Service Requests: 4—gutter cleaning, appliance repair, landscaper, physical therapist

Support requests: 1—how to use Apple watch

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



Remembering Bob Geiser



From its inception in 2011, the Wellesley Neighbors monthly newsletter was blessed with Bob Geiser's countless contributions to its quality and success. He was willing to step in whenever and however needed. He wrote many articles, notably a good portion of the members' biographies that have been a much-appreciated feature of the newsletter. At monthly meetings of the committee, his well-thought-out views helped move its work along, and his ready – if sometimes punny – wit kept the mood of our meetings light and put smiles on our faces. He was a devoted member of the newsletter staff and of Wellesley Neighbors.

C.M.

Meet the Starobins

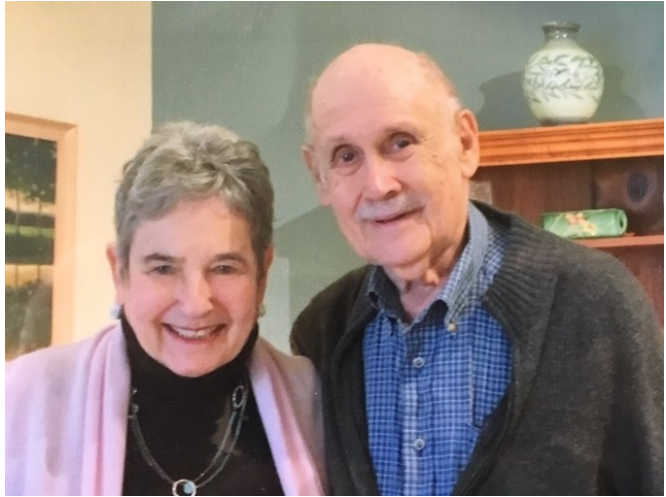
Sid and Evie Starobin are two of our Needham members. They live in Charles River Landing, a complex off Highland Avenue, just inside Route 128. The location is handy for many things, including Evie's duplicate bridge games.

Sid grew up in Worcester and went to Dartmouth College, then Tufts School of Medicine. He married Evie while in medical school, and she worked at J. M. Fields. They moved to New York for his postdoctoral training in pediatrics, then to Fort Hood, in Texas, where Sid served in the army. "No regrets," he says. "It was good experience—but the place is huge and we were surrounded by tanks. Driving out there, we encountered all kinds of segregated facilities."

On returning to Massachusetts, they lived in Sudbury for 28 years while raising four daughters. Sid practiced pediatrics in Holliston and at Framingham Union Hospital, where he served a term as president of the medical staff. He taught at BU medical school and, after retiring, he mentored students. He also was a SHINE volunteer, helping people with their health insurance.

Evie was born in Germany in 1938, "a bad time to be there," she notes. Her Jewish family lived briefly in Switzerland, then came to New York, where she grew up in Mt. Vernon. She started college at BU but left to marry Sid. Much later, living in Sudbury, she graduated with honors from Framingham State. Her major was education, but she never taught; she mainly worked in advertising at the *Town Crier* that serves Sudbury, Wayland and Weston. She also worked as a floral designer in a Waltham flower shop.

The Starobins bought a second home on Cape Cod, and eventually moved there full-time for quite a few years. "It was in a golfing community, so we played golf—or we played *at golf*," Sid says. "For some people, it was like going to work. They'd spend the whole day on the



course." They are great readers and love to take courses at Regis College, such as one on opera appreciation. They regularly enjoy the filmed Metropolitan operas.

Sid also enjoys "just hanging out" and giving commands to Alexa. "He loves gadgets," Evie laughs. "Our kids gave it to us." They mostly use it to ask the temperature or to order up background music. You can order a specific type of music or even a specific piece. As we talked, the music was a bit distracting, so Sid called to Alexa to turn it off (she did).

The Starobins left the Cape for Greater Boston to be near the superb medical care, two of their daughters, and some of their 12 grandchildren. Sometimes they visit the other two families, in Utah and Florida, but they travel less these days.

Their last big trip was a family reunion in Holland. "During the war, my family was scattered far and wide," Evie says. "It was lovely to see all these relatives, coming together from all over the world."

L.P.

Welcome a New Member

Myrna Freedman has lived in Wellesley for three years, moving from Weston where she and her family lived for 42 years. Myrna has two daughters, one son and six grandchildren. She enjoys reading and playing golf, bridge and canasta. An Overseer for the Boston Symphony Orchestra for 20 years, she and her husband were subscribers for 50 years. Myrna is a member of Temple Beth Elohim where she attends Friday night services whenever she is in town. She spends four months in Florida every winter.

Why TWO Calendars on the WN Website?

Everyone who visits the WN website, whether they log in or not, can see the list of “Upcoming Events” on the right side of the home page. But once you log in, you can also access two calendars: a “master calendar” and an “events calendar.” Each has its own purpose.

You will find these calendars under the heading “Our Calendars” at the top of the home page. If you click on that heading, links to the two calendars will appear.

If you click on “master calendar,” a grid-type calendar will appear which shows ALL WN activities: events, speakers, meetings, interest groups, etc. Managed by Susan Camuti, this calendar does not have links to further information about events or registration. However, whenever you plan a meeting or other activity, it helps you find a clear spot on the schedule.

IMPORTANT: When you’ve set a date and time, be sure to notify Susan (susancamuti@gmail.com) so she can add your meeting to the master calendar.

If you click on “events calendar,” a grid-type calendar will appear that lists events that have an “event page” offering further information and a clickable “register” option. This calendar is managed by Barbara Slavin. If it shows an event in which you are interested, you can click it to access the event page. (You can also reach an event page by clicking the event listing under “Upcoming Events” on the home page—or by clicking the event on Susan’s weekly “blast.”)

At the top left of both grid calendars, you can click on “Switch to list view” if you prefer. **C.M.**

Happenings



We’ve been taking good advantage of summer—when it isn’t TOO HOT! A recent Men’s Lunch (above) brought everyone out on the WCC terrace, as did Thirsty Thursday (far right). The Thursday series has attracted a big crowd of members, who often make the generous appetizers into a light supper.

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



August Events Calendar

August 2019

Wed. Aug. 7, 5:30 pm, Women's Night Out, CPK

California cooking in Wellesley

Thur. Aug. 8, 12:30 pm, Men's Lunch

A monthly favorite at Wellesley College Club (WCC)

Friday Aug. 9, 12 noon, CK Shanghai lunch

Chinese food in Wellesley Hills

Mon. Aug. 12, 5:30 pm, Morse Tavern, Natick

Enjoy the Monday evening \$5 hamburger special!

Thur. Aug. 15, 12 noon, All Members Lunch at WCC

Catch up with friends and meet new ones

Sun. Aug. 18, 2 pm, La Cage Aux Folles

Reagle Music Theatre, Waltham

Thur. Aug. 22, 5-7 pm, Thirsty Thursday

At WCC, on the terrace if weather permits

Sat. Aug. 24, 1 pm, Boston Lighthouse Tour

Celebrate the end of summer with an afternoon on the water

Tues. Aug. 27, 12 noon, lunch at Juniper, Wellesley

Enjoy stylish Mediterranean cuisine

Sun	Mon	Tue	We	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

Early September Events

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

Thurs. Sept. 5, 12:30 pm, Men's Lunch

Please register for events so planners can provide enough seating and refreshments.

Register on our website OR email events@wellesleyneighbors.com

OR call 781 283-0417 (ext. 2). Tell us if you need or can offer a ride.

To cancel, please call or email if you find you cannot attend an event.

NOTE: Times and dates may change. Email notices will be sent before events

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