



Dr. Marjorie Agosin: "Chile: a Country at the End of the World"

Tuesday, November 26, Wellesley College Club

Refreshments at 7 pm, Talk at 7:30 pm

Marjorie Agosin will speak about the history of Chile since the middle of the twentieth century, with a special focus on the Allende and the Pinochet years. The talk also will address important literary works that defined these years. Dr. Agosin is a poet, human rights activist, and Professor of Spanish at Wellesley College. She is a prolific author, and her works include *An Absence of Shadows*, *A Cross and a Star: Memoirs of a Jewish Girl in Chile*, *Women, Gender and Human Rights*, and *Dear Anne Frank: Poems*. She is a well-known spokesperson for the plight and priorities of women in Third World countries.



Among her awards are the United Nations Leadership Award in Human Rights, the Chilean government Gabriela Mistral Medal of Honor for Life Achievement, the Pura Belpré Award, the Letras de Oro, the Latino Literary Prize, and the Peabody Award. She received her bachelor's degree from the University of Georgia and her advanced degrees from Indiana University.

From the Health Support Committee: "Alzheimer's Disease— Why We Lack Effective Treatments and What You Can Do About It" ***Dr. Marc Kaufman, Thursday, November 21, 3 pm-4:30 pm, Room 413*** ***Lulu Chow Wang Campus Center, Wellesley College***

Late onset Alzheimer's Disease (AD), the most common form of dementia, is typically diagnosed in the eighth decade of life. Currently, we lack effective treatments for this disorder. This presentation will describe how beta-amyloid and tau proteins are thought to cause AD, and how aging, sleep, genes, environment, and combinations of these factors increase the risk for its development. Also discussed are potential reasons we lack effective AD treatments and personal steps we all can take to reduce the risk for developing AD.

An Associate Professor of Psychiatry at Harvard Medical School, Marc is based at McLean Hospital in Belmont, MA. He received his BA from Wesleyan University in Middletown, CT, in 1983, and his PhD from Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, MD, in 1990. He did his postdoctoral training at the New England Primate Research Center in Southborough, MA, and at McLean Hospital.



Marc leads and collaborates on research studies of substance abuse, post-traumatic stress disorder, HIV, and neurodegenerative disorders including Parkinson's and Alzheimer's Diseases, in humans and in animal models. He has co-authored more than 80 peer-reviewed scientific publications and has reviewed grant applications for the NIH and other institutions. A dedicated mentor of young investigators, Marc co-directs an NIH postdoctoral training program at McLean Hospital. His recent awards include the Jack H. Mendelson Memorial Research Award for outstanding contributions to research in substance abuse; a NARSAD Independent Investigator Award, and a Michael J. Fox Foundation Rapid Response Innovation Award.

From the President: Participation is Key to Our Success

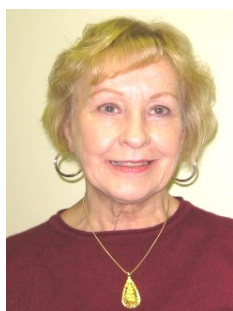


A big Thank You to all who came to our Annual Meeting! We are always a bit nervous in the beginning, after the meeting is announced, when members are slow to sign up. After all, we need a quorum! Well, we had one again this time—and then some. Bravo! A good time was had by all.

One thing kept me thinking, though: during Joyce's "What's on your Mind" discussion, Maureen Donlon urged us to participate more in the programs which the Activities Committee plans for us. They work very hard to come up with a variety of choices, and it would be great if more would show their appreciation by participating. And, if there are different activities which you would like to have, contact Maureen—or even better, join the committee!

Ilse

From the Executive Director: WN Committees



Thanks to all who participated in our Annual Meeting and Lunch at the College Club. The turnout was great. One of the suggestions raised during the "What's On Your Mind" session was to publicize our committees. A list follows, with chairs or co-chairs noted:

Activities Committee--Maureen Donlon and Judy Frommer; **Communications Committee**--Jean Boyle; **Finance Committee**--Troy Murray; **Health Support Committee**--Mary Lefkowitz; **Membership Committee**--Margot Lansing; **2019 Nominating Committee**--Joel Slocum; **Technology Committee**--Susan Camuti; **Travel Committee**--Joyce Wadlington, and **Clusters Committee**--Marlies Stueart and Nancy Amstutz.

The clusters and their coordinators include Dana Hall--Janet Giele and Penny Post; Fells--Nancy Gans and Ellen Hosbjor; Hills--Jane Solomon and Judy Molinsky; Linden--Ruth Breden; Poets and Center--Lee Delph, Barbara Offenhartz, Ann Swanson; Wellesley Green--Liz von Kessler; Western--Marlies Stueart and Nancy Amstutz.

Participation in committees and clusters enables you to be engaged in the organization and to make new acquaintances and friends. Please contact me or the relevant chairperson if you would like to serve on a committee.

Joyce

October Service and Support



Service Requests: 2 (lawyer, assisted living facility)

Support Requests: 8 (rides)

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



Meet new members Thomas and Abby Hansen: Both received their PhD's from Harvard in 1977—Thomas in German Language and Literature, Abby in English Renaissance Literature. Thomas then taught at Wellesley College for forty years while Abby consulted in writing, editing, and public speaking to various Harvard Graduate Schools and corporations. She co-wrote *Teaching and the Case Method* for the Harvard Business School Press. They work professionally as a translation team and have published English versions of German literary and scholarly works in many different fields. For hobbies, they love to travel and are studying conversational French so they can discover as many different parts of France as possible. They have lived in Wellesley since 1978.

Staff: Jean Boyle, Mickey Goldin, Marcia Goldsmith, Curt Martin, Lucy Phillips, Ann Swanson

Record High Attendance at Annual Meeting

The annual meeting was held October 16 and drew 81 members, a record high. After we'd enjoyed the complimentary lunch, President Ilse Sangree opened the meeting with a welcome to all and thanks to Maureen Donlon for the autumnal table bouquets (see photo below, at left).

Treasurer Ralph Adler gave a "broad brush review" of our financial status (generally positive) and offered more detail on the website. Member donations are up, which is important because they are a big part of our revenue. An ad hoc committee will seek support from local businesses, and members can help by sharing useful contacts with Ralph or committee chair Adele Langevin. Joel Slocum, chair of the nominating committee, presented the slate of nominees and thanked members who are leaving their posts: Ilse, Nancy Amstutz, Jean Boyle and Troy Murray. The slate was unanimously accepted: **[Jean, please re-supply names!]**

Ilse then mentioned that 2019 has been a difficult year for her and other Wellesley Neighbors with personal losses, adding that WN support and love have made a big difference. "I am honored and proud to have served as president," she said. "I never expected it. It was out of my comfort zone. But I discovered I was still capable of learning—a wonderful feeling! Of course I had lots of help, because that's the kind of organization we are."

Ilse honored Stan and Ruth Treitman for all they've contributed since WN began. Many members now handle what they used to do. Janet Giele called them the "Mom and Pop of Wellesley Neighbors," who established values of frugality, do-it-yourself, and giving through volunteering. A potted orchid and plaque were presented to the Treitmans amid a standing ovation.

The meeting closed with "What's on your mind?" led by Executive Director Joyce Wadlington. Members applauded our wide-ranging activities, rides program, computer help, new website video, Wellesley College connection, and the "lifeline" of friendships. Mickey Goldin's tireless photography was recognized. Additions to be considered were classes in memoir-writing and strength training; more bios in the website directory; and more ways to integrate new members.

The meeting ended at 2 pm with thanks expressed to Ilse, who will serve through year-end, and to Joyce, "who pulls us all together and keeps things running so well." **L.P.**



Clockwise from upper right: President Ilse Sangree, Founding President Janet Giele, and Treasurer Ralph Adler; a thank you message from the Treitmans; and Technology Committee members (left to right) Barbara Slavin, Susan Camuti, and Peter Offenhartz. Photos by Mickey Goldin's new camera!



Thank You

We want to thank Wellesley Neighbors for the kind words spoken at the Annual Meeting. We were speechless by the tribute and the lovely orchid, which we have placed in our living room so that we are reminded of the wonderful friends we have made. We plan to see you again in the future.

Ruth and Stan Treitman

Happenings



A cautionary tale: Strange banging noises in her car led Ellen Hosbjor to open the hood and find two huge nests filled with large green balls. After clearing them out, she dug deeper and pulled out several hundred of these strange green balls. Apparently, Mrs. Squirrel had chosen the car to store her winter supply of walnuts, still encased in their green coats. Later, Ellen's car dealership declared the car free of walnuts but charged \$300 for labor and a new filter. MORAL: Check periodically under the hood of your car. Prevention is the cure!



Top right, the WN "Stay Panel" (10/15) drew a full house at the WFL, boding well for the "Go Panel" (10/29). Above, a WN group toured and had lunch at Encore Boston Harbor in Everett, one of a national chain of luxury casinos—but nobody lost anything! At left, members discovered Boston's magnificent new Moakley Courthouse and learned about US federal court history.

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.

October Events Calendar

Wed. Nov. 6, 11:30–3 pm, Puccini's *La Boheme*
Opera and refreshments at Wellesley Community Center

Wed. Nov. 6, 5:30 pm, Women's Night Out at CPK
California cooking close to home

Thurs. Nov. 7, 12:30 pm, Men's Lunch
A perennial favorite at WCC

Mon. Nov. 11, 5 pm, Dinner at Morse Tavern, Natick
Try the famous \$5 hamburger special

Thurs. Nov. 14, 10:30 am, McMullen Museum
Discover this Boston College museum

Thurs. Nov. 14, 12 noon, Lunch at Union Street, Newton, or at BC faculty club
Lunch venue TBA—watch for email blast

Sun. Nov. 17, 12 noon, Lunch at Yama
Japanese cuisine in Wellesley Hills

Wed. Nov. 20, 12 noon, All Members Lunch
A delicious way to touch base with many members

Sun. Nov. 24, 4 pm, Downton Abbey Movie at TCAN
Whether or not you saw the TV series, you'll love the movie

Mon. Nov. 25, 12 noon, Lunch at Wayside Inn
An old-fashioned taste of New England

November 2019

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Early December Events

Tue. Dec. 3, 3–4:30 pm, our Health Support Committee presents Jordan Tischler, MD, speaking on medical marijuana in Room 413 at the Lulu Chow Wang Campus Center, Wellesley College. Free parking at garage near Route 135 entrance. **Save the date!**

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

Thurs. Dec. 5, 12:30 pm, Men's Lunch at WCC

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

November Newsletter

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