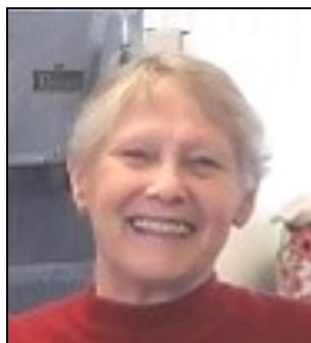




From Our New President: A Chance to Give Back



I am greeting you for the first time as your president of the Board, and I'm happy to serve you in that capacity. I came to Wellesley Neighbors through the recommendations of two different members. I have been overjoyed to participate in the fellowship, the activities, and the security that Wellesley Neighbors provides me.

Knowing that I can count on help if I need it, information when I want it, and opportunities for fun, learning, and interaction with so many interesting people have made settling into my new life in this area not just easier, but wonderful. I am grateful for the chance to give back in part for all I have received from this wonderful organization.

Catherine

Dr. Paul Fisher, The "Barbarous Barbaro": Art, Travel, and Exoticism in Isabella Stewart Gardner's Museum

7:30 pm January 28, Wellesley College Club, refreshments at 7 pm

Isabella Stewart Gardner has been described as "Boston's pre-cinema star," but her career achievements are in fact more substantial and more feminist than many people know. Her transgressive outlook and adventurous travels strongly influenced her greatest achievement, the building of the Gardner Museum and the installation of her art collection there. At Fenway Court, Isabella Stewart Gardner translated her liberating world travels into one of the world's most unusual and compelling museums.

Paul Fisher is a biographer and cultural historian who has taught at Yale, Wesleyan, Boston University, and Harvard, and is currently Associate Professor of American Studies at Wellesley College. His books include *Artful Itineraries: European Art and American Careers in High Culture, 1865-1920* (2000); *House of Wits: An Intimate Portrait of the James Family* (2008); and *The Grand Affair: John Singer Sargent, His Patrons and Models* (forthcoming). He earned an A.B., Harvard College; B.A. and M.A., Trinity College, Cambridge; and M. Phil. and Ph.D., Yale University.

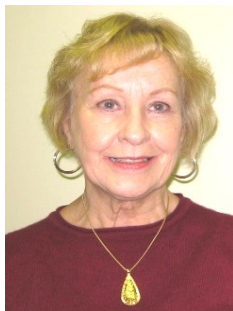


Holiday Potluck Lunch – Thursday, January 9, 12 noon-2 pm

Extended deadline to Register: Friday, January 3

We'll be launching the New Year with our annual Potluck Lunch at the Wellesley Community Center, 219 Washington Street, on Thursday, January 9, 12 noon until 2 pm. Once you have signed up online or by calling 781-283-0417, ext. 2, you'll be contacted and asked what dish you'd like to bring. See you there!

From the Executive Director: Older Adults and Housing Options



The increase in technologies and other developments that help older adults remain in their homes are impacting the builders who are developing housing for seniors. The thinking has been that with the huge number of baby boomers aging, hundreds of thousands of new housing units will be needed. According to the National Investment Center for Seniors Housing and Care (NIC), developers added 21,332 new housing units for seniors in 2018, more than double the number added in 2014. Occupancy rates, however, are beginning to decline, dropping to 88% in the third quarter of 2019 as compared with 90.2% in the fourth quarter of 2014. In addition, people are choosing to transition to housing for seniors at older ages.

Venture capitalists and other companies are expected to invest about \$1 billion this year in age-in-place technologies. While senior housing will remain a viable option for many, monitoring systems, life-line systems, medication dispensing services, and home modifications are enabling seniors to stay in their homes longer. In addition, villages such as ours play significant roles in assisting older adults to remain in their residences by providing opportunities for social engagement, volunteer support and service referrals.

Joyce

December Service and Support



Service Requests: 1 (gutter cleaning)

Support Requests: 4 (rides)



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

Our Readers Contribute: Food for Thought and...Just Good Food!

Joel Slocum would like to share Shakespeare's sonnet 73, followed by four lines from W.B. Yeats' poem from "Sailing to Byzantium":

That time of year thou may'st in me behold
When yellow leaves, or none, or few, do hang
Upon those boughs which shake against the cold,
Bare ruin'd choirs, where late the sweet birds sang.
In me thou see'st the twilight of such day,
As after sunset fadeth in the west,
Which by-and-by black night doth take away,
Death's second self, that seals up all in rest.
In me thou see'st the glowing of such fire
That on the ashes of his youth doth lie,
As the death-bed whereon it must expire
Consum'd with that which it was nourish'd by.

This thou perceivest, which makes thy love more strong,

To love that well which thou must leave ere long.

An aged man is but a paltry thing,
A tattered coat upon a stick, unless
Soul clap its hands and sing, and louder sing
For every tatter in its mortal dress.

From Curt Martin, Aunt Audrey's Turkey Casserole:

To serve 4-6, you'll need 1C cooked rice, 6 large mushrooms, 1 small onion, bread crumbs, slices of turkey breast.

For the white sauce: Slice and saute mushrooms with ½ t Worcestershire sauce in 1T butter and set aside. Add 2T butter to pan, melt and remove from heat, adding 1T grated onion bits & juice. Stir in 3T flour till a smooth paste. Return to low heat and slowly add 1 cup milk, a dollop or more of heavy cream, 3T chicken broth (OK to use powdered bouillon dissolved in 3T hot water) and, if you have any, 2T (or more) of turkey gravy. Stir over low heat until sauce thickens. Add 2 T dry vermouth or white wine. Taste. Add salt if necessary.

Spread cooked rice in bottom of two-quart casserole dish. Cover with ½ of the sauce and layer of the mushrooms. Lay turkey slices on top and cover with remaining sauce. Sprinkle with bread crumbs, grated parmesan cheese and paprika. Dot with butter. Bake uncovered 20 to 30 minutes in 350 degree oven.

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

What New Board Members Have to Say

Each year after the WN Annual Meeting and elections, we ask our newly elected Board members to comment on what major issue(s) they feel are facing the Board in the coming year. See comments below from two new Board members:



Teri Lilly: “Wellesley Neighbors is poised to increase its presence in the community with the recent success of the stay/go panels and the plans for a signature event. I look forward to contributing to WN events and focusing on the long-term viability of this remarkable organization.” Teri Ann of Natick earned an associate’s degree in communications, married, and raised a family in ME and NY. She then moved to Northampton, MA, to study psychology at Smith College. After graduate studies in Boston, she was a clinical social worker and also worked with Boston College’s Center for Work and Family. Teri is the coordinator of *The New Yorker II* discussion group.



Lauri Slawsby: “I look forward to my involvement with the Board and participating in discussions on how to increase the diversity of programming and the range of activities available to members, especially making use of the wonderful educational institutions in our area.” Lauri has lived on Wellesley’s Brook Path for 38 years. She has a son, Alex, and two granddaughters: Ava, 7 and Bree, 5. With her late husband Alan, she operated a Wellesley-based property management firm focusing on condominium associations. Lauri loves pastel painting, reading, exercise and art museums.

Happy New Year to All!

Save the Date for our Signature Event: Saturday, April 4, 2020



Now is the time that we start to plan our Signature Event, a Jazz Concert with Greg Hopkins’ 18-piece band and vocalist Donna McElroy. The event will be chaired by Hank Solomon, left, who has lots of experience with managing jazz concerts.

Both Greg and Donna are professors at the Berklee College of Music. The musicians include faculty as well as other top Boston instrumentalists. Tentatively titled

“Swing, Swing, Swing and More,” the concert will be a retrospective of the Big Band Era, when Benny Goodman,

Count Basie, and Duke Ellington held sway—not to mention Glen Miller. We all remember dancing to their music at school dances. Greg plays trumpet and used to arrange music for Buddy Rich, the premier drummer of the era along with Gene Krupa.

The concert will be held at the Wellesley Middle School on Saturday evening, April 4. The success of this event will bring positive publicity to Wellesley Neighbors, as well as much enjoyment to our members as they work together to make it all happen. Be sure to get involved!

There are many tasks to be handled, from tickets to marketing to refreshments. Call or email Ilse Sangree (781 237-1962 or ilse101@mac.com) or Hank (781-237-1917 or hank.solomon@verizon.net) to let them know you are willing to help.

Happenings



On one VERY COLD night before Christmas, some intrepid WN members went to Tower Hill in Boylston for the Lights Tour and supper. The sights were spectacular, and they enjoyed warming up in the cosy cafeteria restaurant and bustling gift shop.



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.

January Events Calendar

Wed. Jan. 1, 5:30 pm, Women's Night Out at CPK

California cuisine in Wellesley with friends

Fri. Jan. 3, Deadline to Register for Jan. 9 Potluck

Don't miss this Happy New Year gathering!

Mon. Jan. 6, 10:30 am, White's Bakery in Wellesley

Pastries, coffee, and conversation

Thurs. Jan. 9, 12 noon, Holiday Potluck Lunch

At Wellesley Community Center in Wellesley Hills

Wed. Jan. 15, 12 noon, All Members Lunch at WCC

A welcoming monthly favorite

Thu. Jan. 16, 12:30 pm, Men's Lunch at WCC

Another monthly favorite, just for men

Mon. Jan. 20, 5:30 pm, Dinner at Morse Tavern, Natick

A bargain hamburger (among other things) in a pub atmosphere

Fri. Jan 24, 12 noon, Lunch at the Local in Wellesley

American fare in a stylish venue

Sun. Jan. 26, 3 pm, Jazz Ensemble at the Bredens

Another intimate musical occasion hosted by Ruth and Wil

Tue. Jan. 28, 7 pm, Refreshments and 7:30 pm speaker at WCC

Dr. Paul Fisher of Wellesley College on the Gardner Museum

NOTE: The speaker on medical marijuana, canceled due to weather, will be rescheduled.

January 2020

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Early February Events

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

Thurs, Feb. 6, 12:30 pm, Men's Lunch at WCC

Please, always register for events so seating and refreshments can be planned. 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.

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