

Notes from the President

I hope everyone had a great Halloween -- it definitely feels like Fall! It's almost time for our first WHJWC fundraiser! Marketplace, on Saturday, November 11, is only a few days away and you should have received your assignments by now. A huge thanks to MP chairs Jenn Bonniwell, Meryl Glassman and their co-chair Amy Baugh. Their energy and commitment to planning our club's biggest fundraiser will lead the way to another successful event. Thanks also to Sabreena Kropp for serving as our liaison to POPs as we share the event date with their *Sweeney Todd* production. She partnered closely with the POPs team to resolve logistical challenges and create opportunities for co-marketing.

Here are a few ways that we all can contribute to Marketplace's success:

- **Promote the event** - tell your friends & neighbors
- To ensure a smooth shift transition, please arrive **15 minutes before your assigned time**.
- If you are able to **sign up for an extended shift**, please contact Jenn, Meryl or Amy ASAP
- If you are a no-show to your shift, you will be expected to serve a double shift at Kitchen Tour or Wonder Run (based on need).
- Plan to **carpool** or be **dropped off** as parking on-site will be for patrons and *Sweeney Todd* audience members only
- We hope you'll take the time to **shop from our vendors** to help support the show!

It was great to see such a wonderful turnout at the Fall Social. Rebecca and Jake Lilley's beautiful home was the perfect setting for our Fiesta theme. Thanks very much to them for opening up their home to host our club. Many thanks to Leilah Del Papa for planning and executing such a fun event - the taco truck was a hit.

Thanks to all Juniors and their adorable children who came out for the costume parade at the "Sisters of Charity" event. Another big thank you to Leilah Del Papa for organizing such wonderful afternoon.

These days it seems like we're bombarded with sad news stories. With Thanksgiving approaching, I wanted to focus on the positive. We are part of an outstanding women's organization that is making a significant impact on our community. Thank you to each and every one of you for choosing to dedicate a portion of your time to helping others. I know that sometimes it can feel overwhelming as we all are trying to balance our busy lives. Please know that your dedication and commitment to WHJWC is appreciated. That being said, if you ever feel like meeting the club's requirements are becoming a challenge, please reach out to me so we can discuss. Not only do we have a commitment to the community, we also have a commitment to each other to foster a supportive environment that we can all feel proud of.

Happy Thanksgiving!

Best,

Janice Kwan

Agenda

November 6, 2017 General Meeting

Social: 6:30-7:15pm

Business Meeting: 7:15 Call to Order and Welcome

Guest Speaker: Ann Bader-Martin, Executive Director & Founder, One Can Help

Q&A

RECORDING SECRETARY

Review Minutes of October 2017

VP MEMBERSHIP

Membership Report

Fall social recap

Yankee Swap

VP CHARITABLE GIVINGS

Scholarship announcement at WHS

VP COMMUNITY OUTREACH

DSP Updates

DSP highlight of the month

Sisters of Charity - Halloween cookie decorating and parade

VP MARKETING

Updates

VP FUNDRAISING

Marketplace - staffing and other updates

Luminary Night

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Bring to Meeting

Please bring in laundry detergent, dryer sheets, paper towels or large trash bags (33 gallon) to support Family Promise Metrowest. Thanks!

Membership

Attendance

Please remember that attendance at our monthly meetings is required. If you are unable to attend a meeting, please email Lauren Cofiño at laurencofino@yahoo.com in advance. Please also be sure to email if you are bringing a guest so that we can include them in the seating.

Bringing Guests

We love having guests at meetings (just not the December and May meetings!). If you are interested in sponsoring a friend, applications for new members are available online at www.whjwc.org. Please remember that a member can sponsor only two prospective members during a club year, but there are 84 other club members so feel free to ask another member if she would sponsor your 3rd (or 4th) friend who is interested in joining Juniors! Also, 1st years cannot sponsor anyone until they have been in the club 6 months (that means starting in March). However, we encourage 1st years to bring their friends who are interested in joining the club to the meetings prior to March and then hand in any applications starting in March.

Socials

A huge thank you to our hosts Rebecca and Jake Lilley for welcoming us all to their beautiful home. We hope you all enjoyed catching up with everyone and look forward to the Spring Social.

Fundraising

MARKETPLACE:

Saturday, November 11th, 9am-4pm, Wellesley High School

The final countdown is on! The 2017 Wellesley Marketplace is one week away! Thank you again to everyone for your hard work and support, and especially to those who have offered extra assistance that day!

In the meantime, here are some important reminders on how YOU can help us make Marketplace a success:

- Encourage your friends, neighbors and family to come! Premium and General Admission Tickets are now available online by [CLICKING HERE](#) (Thank you Tech team!), at Roche Bros. and at the door on November 11th.
- Help us spread the word by telling your friends about Marketplace! Please “like” and “share” posts on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) as much as possible over the next week.
- Volunteer to post a flyer at the locations you frequent (pre-schools, health clubs, coffee shops, etc.). We will bring copies to the meeting.
- Staffing assignments will be discussed at the November meeting. As a Junior working a shift at Marketplace, you get FREE admission. Shop either before or after your shift! There are over 200 amazing exhibitors ready to meet all your gift-giving needs. Please remember that friends and family must still purchase admission at the door.
- Parking at the High School will be very limited, especially after 11 AM (at which point the parking lot can only be used for cast, crew and patrons of the WHS Production of *Sweeney Todd*). Please park at our satellite lot at MassBay Community College (50 Oakland Street) and please encourage anyone you know that plans to attend that afternoon to do the same.

Thank you so much for all of your efforts. It’s going to be a great success, and a fun and exciting day!!

Jen Bonniwell and Meryl Glassman
Co-Chairs, Wellesley Marketplace 2017

LUMINARY NIGHT:

Our 11th Annual Luminary Night will be Sunday, December 10th. Plans are well under way and we are looking forward to a fun and very bright night!

Shift Assignments

Shift assignments will be on-line through Sign Up Genius. You will be able to sign up for your shifts starting November 7. If you think you might have a conflict please try and sign up right away as this fundraiser is a requirement. If you have any issues please contact us as soon as possible. If you

happen to find that you are able to do more than one shift, your time will be greatly appreciated. Thank you all in advance!

Kit Sales

Online ordering will go live Wednesday, November 15. We will have kits at the ticket table at Marketplace. Sales at Roche Bros. will begin on Tuesday, December 5 and run through Sunday, December 10. Please spread the word to family, friends and neighbors! Please note - we will be bringing kits to our December meeting for Juniors to purchase!!

New This Year

We are hoping a member from each school would be willing to act as Captain, which will hopefully allow us to spread the word about Luminary Kits in each of the school newsletters. As a Captain you'll be a point person for kits and collect orders. We will get you the kits you need to fulfill those orders. If you're willing to be a Captain please contact Gina Beauvais or Adrianna Bertucci. Thank you in advance!

If you have a neighborhood distribution list we would greatly appreciate you spreading the word. Let us know and we will get you the information you need.

Luminary Night committee members - we will plan on gathering after the November general meeting.

We are looking forward to "Sharing the Light" and making a difference in our community. Remember to "like us" and "share" on Facebook and Instagram.

Thanks,
Gina and Adrianna
Co-Chairs, Luminary Night 2017

KITCHEN AND HOME TOUR:

We spent our first committee meeting on 10/27 reviewing the amazing homes we have secured to date and the remaining leads we're closing in on. We're assigning committee roles and will follow-up with the date for our next meeting to be held in early January. In the meantime, please continue to send any home, catering or retail pop-up leads our way!

Lastly, please remember to save-the-date for the tour on Saturday, May 5th. Please let us know as soon as possible if this presents a conflict for you.

Thank you,
Caitlin Guigli and Steph Flynn
Co-Chairs, Wellesley Kitchen and Home Tour 2018

WONDER RUN:

The Wonder Run team wishes amazing success to the Marketplace and Luminary Night committees!

Wonder Run team members Andrea Powers and Kate Farella have been busy taking crucial steps towards getting May 20th (SAVE THE DATE) on the Town's radar - thank you ladies! Look for lots more details from us in the new year and, until then, please continue to spread the word!

Thanks all!
Sabreena Kropp
(Acting) Chair, Wonder Run 2018

Community Outreach

A huge note of thanks to everyone for contributing to Wellesley Friendly Aid. Thanks to your generosity, we collected \$765 for Roche Bros gift cards. Wellesley Friendly Aid will distribute these to families in need to buy groceries for their Thanksgiving dinner. Thank you for helping some very deserving people this year.

A BETTER CHANCE (ABC):

We've had a busy fall of driving the ABC scholars to their activities. Many thanks to our dedicated volunteers for all of your help. We couldn't make such a difference without you! Please feel free to reach out with any feedback throughout the year.

Thanks,
Kerry Earley, Chair

FOOD PANTRY:

Thank you to everyone who has signed up for the Scouting for Food Prep shift on Friday, November 3rd from 9-11am. This shift helps Food Pantry get ready for the town-wide food drive on Saturday, November 4th. The Wellesley Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts canvas town with food drive requests and then come by door to door to pick up donations. This year, the Wellesley Food Pantry is serving roughly 230 Wellesley families, so the need is great. If you see one of these requests on your front door, be sure to donate! Thank you!

Marjorie Lacaillade
Food Pantry Chair

SENIORS:

This month we kicked off Wii bowling activities with our favorite seniors at the new Tolles Parsons Center. The center is beautiful and the seniors are so excited to take advantage of the new facility and program offerings. We also had another successful Halloween event at the Elizabeth Seton Residence. The seniors were so happy to decorate cookies with the children and loved watching the parade of adorable and scary costumes. Thank you to all who attended, these activities could not be successful without your participation!

Marketing

The marketing teams for Marketplace and Luminary Night have been doing an amazing job of getting marketing materials ready and getting the word out. A big thank you to Yei-yu Tchong, Kiki Lombardi, Jeni Dymek and Brandi Dean!

Did you know that WHJWC is on Facebook? We post about our fundraisers and also news stories about the good work we do. Stories will also be posted in a new newsroom section of our website www.whjwc.org/about-us/newsroom. If you see any stories, please send them to emilynardone@me.com. And if you missed this week's *Wellesley Townsman* story about Girl Power

Hour, a program funded by WHJWC that supports the physical, social and emotional wellness of WMS girls, read it here:

<http://wellesley.wickedlocal.com/news/20171030/girl-power-hour-encourages-free-play-for-wellesley-middle-school-girls>.

Sustainer News

Greetings Sustainers! It was great to see many of you at the Fall Sustainer Coffee. Thank you to Kerrie Grover for hosting the event! Please see the below list of membership levels for your 2017-18 dues. Please send dues to me (Dawn McGrew, 34 Crescent Street, Wellesley 02481) checks made out to WHJWC. **If you plan to Sustain at the Gold or Lifetime level, please let me know ASAP and send a check. All names of sustainers at Gold and Lifetime levels will be at the entrances of Marketplace. I will see you there!

Best,

Dawn

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WHJWC Sustainer Dues 2017

Basic Level: This is the traditional sustainer membership. This includes: invitations to sustainer events (i.e. Sustainer Breakfast, Winter cocktails), invitations to club-wide fundraising events (i.e., Soul Cycle ride, shopping events), receipt of the Gavel via email and a listing in the sustainer directory. The fee is \$30.

Gold Level: In addition to the Basic level, this membership level includes TWO premium tickets to Marketplace and ONE ticket to Kitchen Tour (an \$85 value). The annual membership fee is \$75.

Lifetime: This membership provides the opportunity for a one time purchase of lifetime Gold Sustainer benefits and an additional complimentary ticket to Kitchen Tour. Lifetime members will receive a membership card indicating lifetime membership. This membership does not need to be renewed and will afford the benefits of the Gold sustainer level as long as those events are in effect. The fee for this membership is \$500.

October Meeting Minutes

WHJWC General Membership Meeting Minutes

October 2, 2017

Wellesley Community Center

Call to Order - 7:15pm - Janice Kwan

President - Janice Kwan

Janice welcomed everyone to another membership meeting for a year well underway, and expressed thanks for the Food Pantry donation items brought tonight.

The following five corporate sponsors have been secured to support the four annual fundraisers: Needham Bank, Roche Brothers, Dr. Marc Leibole, Brendon Properties, and Barber Real Estate Group. Janice recognized

Christina Loftus and Torrey DiPietro for their work in securing these; both in maintaining the commitments from prior years and attracting new sponsorship (Barber Real Estate Group).

Dawn McGrew will serve as the Sustainer Chair. Efforts will be made to evaluate and better the Sustainer experience for continued connection with the WHJWC. Examples include looking into providing networking opportunities or special interest groups. The annual Sustainer Breakfast is scheduled for Friday October 20th at the home of Kerri Grover.

The WEF (Wellesley Education Foundation) is hosting its annual Spelling Bee on November 2nd from 6:30-8:30pm at Sprague Elementary School. Organizations in the community each send a team of three people to compete at this fundraiser. Jen Bonniwell and Kate Farella volunteered to represent the WHJWC. Anyone else interested should please contact Janice after the meeting.

Recording Secretary

Janice requested a motion for approval of the minutes from the September 2017 meeting. Kim D'Agostino motioned, Christina Loftus seconded. Motion passed.

Membership Report

- 63 members in attendance

VP Membership- Lauren Cofiño

- Membership for the year is 72 active members.
- Guests Erica Geller and Kate McGeogh were introduced.
- Leilah DelPapa reported on the Fall Social to be held Saturday October 14th; email invitations are pending with the ability to pay through an included PayPal link. Anyone with dietary restrictions please reach out to her after the meeting for accommodations to be made.

VP Community Outreach - Pam Webb

Members donated to Wellesley Friendly Aid, which will provide Roche Brothers gift cards to Food Pantry clients for holiday meal shopping.

- Family Promise Metrowest (FPMW)- Jen Perry
FPMW is a comprehensive program designed to help homeless and low income families achieve sustainable independence through a community-based response. The FPMW shelter opened in October 2008 with its design to take advantage of resources already in place. Currently there are 19 host congregations that provide shelter to the families (3 to 4 at a time, annually 8-10) by converting classrooms into bedrooms one week at a time, 3 or 4 weeks a year. Trained volunteers at these host congregations, as well as 31 additional support organizations and the community at large provide meals, room set-up and hospitality for the families. The WHJWC supports the program by providing volunteers at the Day Center in Natick. The Day Center is the home base for the families while in shelter to do the following: store belongings, take showers, wash clothes, and commute to and from school/daycare/work. It is also where the families meet with professional staff to set goals in areas of health and safety, finances, parenting, and transportation. Opportunities to support the families moving out of shelter are in FPMW's Transitional Living program and Steps to Success program, which may provide continued subsidies, career guidance, and/or education.

There are ways for WHJWC members to support FPMW outside of DSP hours. For example, all members are welcome to attend the Keep the Promise Event scheduled for Saturday October 28th, 6:30-9:30pm at the Sheraton Hotel in Framingham. Tickets for this food tasting and auction are \$85 per person. Also, FPMW will host their Walk to End Hunger, an event WHJWC could put a team together for, on April 7th, 2018.

WHJWC will collect the following items at the November General Meeting for FPMW: laundry detergent, dryer sheets, paper towels, and large (33 gallon) garbage bags.

VP Charitable Giving - Nikki Moore

A Scholarships committee meeting is scheduled for October 16th.

VP Fundraising - Sabreena Kropp

Sabreena provided updates as follows:

- Marketplace: Staffing is critical to the success of the event due to logistical changes required in sharing the Wellesley High School space with their musical production. Any member who volunteers for a second shift at Marketplace will then have to work one shift of Luminary or WonderRun, and will also be provided 2 complimentary tickets for Marketplace. Interest in second shifts should be discussed with Laura Tanner or Kelly Gay.

Any member with information about groups interested in fundraising at Marketplace with a food stand should contact Jen Bonniwell or Meryl Glassman.

- Luminary: A committee meeting will be held following this General Membership meeting.
- Kitchen and Home Tour: A committee meeting is scheduled for October 27th, 10:15am, at Steph Flynn's home.
- WonderRun: A committee meeting will be held following this General Membership meeting.

VP Marketing & Communications - Caitlin Guigli

There will be one master list of home addresses for lawn sign display, used for all fundraisers. Caitlin read the list by member name and asked any known changes be provided to her or Emily Nardone.

VP Technology - Amy Baugh

No announcements

2nd Year Rep/ SOS - Sarah Barton

- 1st and 2nd Year Social is on Thursday October 5th
- Fall Social is on Saturday October 14th

Additional - Janice Kwan

If anyone has a key to the Community Center, please return to her.

Motion to adjourn - 7:45pm