

# THE NEW JERSEY WELLESLEY CLUB NJWC NEWSLETTER SPRING 2019



## Leadership Team

President: Sandra Haner '82  
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Student Outreach: Leah Beth Byer '87  
Newsletter: OPEN

## Alumnae Admissions Representatives

Interviews: Cheryl Gottlieb-Boxer '93  
College Fairs: Cecile Seth '86  
Events: Mei-Mei Tuan '88, Susan Sheehy Malanka '90, Joanne Lazos '84  
Book Awards: Won Hah '93

## Regional Representatives

Summit - Short Hills: Diane Lubiak '82  
Madison-Morristown: Janice Haggerty '79  
Montclair: Jane Susswein '68  
Maplewood-Oranges: Claudia Francis '74  
Hoboken-Jersey City: Lie Xi '90  
Westfield: Susan Sheehy Malanka '90  
Blairstown-Mountain Lakes: Lisa Wolmar '88  
Ridgewood: OPEN  
Englewood: OPEN

## The Student Outreach Committee (SOC) Needs You!!

To volunteer for SOC, please email Leah Beth Byer @ [planetLB@comcast.net](mailto:planetLB@comcast.net) or call 301-512-5060.

### Upcoming Programs:

1) Send Congratulations Gifts to all NJ graduating Seniors!  
2) Launch a super exciting Fall 2019 e-pal program to connect NJ alums with current students!

Look for more details and sign ups for alumnae and NJ Wellesley students in 2019!

Dear New Jersey Wellesley Club,

I am pleased to announce that our sister Ridgewood (100 members) and Englewood (126 members) clubs have now merged into the NJWC. With this merger, NJWC has expanded to around 950 members and is now bordered by Westfield/Plainfield in the south, Newark/Jersey City in the east, Pennsylvania in the west and New York in the north. I am looking forward to meeting our new members at the May 7 NJWC meeting in Ridgewood and a book club and/or coffee chat event in the Englewood area in the fall. For more upcoming events, please check out page 2.

I am also pleased to announce that our NJWC directory is now being distributed to our dues paid members. The directory does include the former Englewood and Ridgewood members but they are in separate sections of the directory as the transition to NJWC was still ongoing at the time of printing. Thanks to Jane and Lisa Susswein for taking the lead in organizing and preparing the directory. We have not had a printed directory since 2014 and I know members have enjoyed finding the contact information of NJWC members in their town and their Wellesley class. Please do become a dues paid member to receive the directory. A regular membership of \$40 supports the Club and contributes to our NJWC Scholarship fund. To save on mailing costs, the directory is being distributed at club events. After the 2019 Annual Dinner, we will mail the directory to the remaining dues paid members.

Lastly, we are looking for alumna to host one or more of our Admission events. More information is available at page 4. For our new members from the Englewood and Ridgewood areas, this is a great way to meet sister members of the NJWC and prospective students to Wellesley. Please contact [jelazos@comcast.net](mailto:jelazos@comcast.net) & [susan.malanka@yahoo.com](mailto:susan.malanka@yahoo.com).



Sandra Haner '82, NJWC President

## NJWC Leadership and Club Meetings Schedule for 2018-19. 6:30-8:30 PM

Enjoy some good food and good company.... while planning out the next events and admissions activities for the New Jersey Wellesley Club! The meetings are conveniently located in New Jersey for all our alumnae living and working in the New Jersey and New

York area.

Please RSVP to Sandra Haner '82 at [anhancer@gmail.com](mailto:anhancer@gmail.com) for more info or get your topic on the agenda.

- 5/7/19 Kumo Japanese Restaurant, 55 Franklin Ave, Ridgewood, NJ 07450
- 6/11/19 Cactus Charly, 6 Highland Pl, Maplewood, NJ 07040

To our Wellesley sisters in classes 1938-1959, please let us know how we may best serve you! Are there particular activities you'd like us to organize (lectures, outings, teatimes)? Please contact us at [WCNewJersey@alum.wellesley.edu](mailto:WCNewJersey@alum.wellesley.edu) or with your feedback and suggestions. We'd love to hear from you!

To All Alumnae, Shape the next Class with your contribution of time to interview prospective students. Contact Cheryl 973-535-5234 or [boxercheryl51@gmail.com](mailto:boxercheryl51@gmail.com)

**NJWC Book Club/Movie Screening, "Mudbound" by Hillary Jordan '84 4/7/2019, Sunday, April 7, 2019 at 1 PM**

**Home of Won J. Hah '93 17 Roe Lane Basking Ridge**  
Partake in stimulating conversation about MUDBOUND by Hillary Jordan '84 as you enjoy High Tea in the Hills of Basking Ridge. This award-winning novel of historical fiction is set on a cotton farm in Mississippi during the latter part of the Jim Crow Era. Indulge in a rare movie screening of the Oscar-nominated film. Riveting discussion of the themes and symbolism in the novel, and how the movie compares with the book. Since Mudbound was shown in limited public release at the Sundance Film Festival in 2017, this Book Club meeting offers a singular opportunity to see this landmark film and to discuss its historical, political, and sociological relevance. Please RSVP to Ms. Won J. Hah '93 by email at [wonhah@hotmail.com](mailto:wonhah@hotmail.com) or by cell at (917) 683-3921.

**NJWC Chatham Coffee Chat 4/10/19**

**Wednesday, April 10, 2019 from 10-11:30 AM**

**DRIP Coffee, 262 Main Street, Chatham, NJ**

Enjoy gourmet coffee and tea with savory snacks while chatting with Wellesley friends. RSVP Diane Lubiak '82 at [dianelubiak@gmail.com](mailto:dianelubiak@gmail.com) or 973-701-1585.

**NJWC Book Signing, Jacqueline Boultre '87 4/28/19**

**Sunday, April 28, 2019 from 2-4 PM**

**Home of Won J. Hah '93, 17 Roe Lane, Basking Ridge**  
Come to a book signing by Jacqueline Boultre '87, who will discuss her children's book Where Horses Fly, set in Martha's Vineyard. She will discuss the writing and publishing industries. Talk will be followed by a question answer session. Wellesley alumnae, family, and friends of all ages are welcome. To buy the book, email [sales@jacquiboultre.com](mailto:sales@jacquiboultre.com) or purchase at the event. For more info go to [wherethorsesfly.com](http://wherethorsesfly.com) or [jacquiboultre.com](http://jacquiboultre.com). Snacks, refreshments, and children's activity will be provided. RSVP Won J. Hah '93 at [wonhah@hotmail.com](mailto:wonhah@hotmail.com) or 917-683-3921.

**NJWC Book Signing, Ingrid Thoft '93 5/5/2019**

**Sunday, May 5, 2019 from 2-4 PM**

**Home of Davenie Pereira '93**

Join Wellesley alumnae, family, and friends 13 years and older for a book signing by visiting Seattle author Ingrid Thoft '93. She will discuss Loyalty, which is part of the critically acclaimed mystery/detective series Loyalty, Identity, Brutality, and Duplicity, set in Boston. Loyalty received the Spotted Owl Award for best debut mystery by a Pacific Northwest author. The series was called "dazzling" (Publishers Weekly) and "modern noir... [with] a new generation kick-ass heroine" (Cleveland Plain Dealer). Refreshments will be served. Books not available for purchase at event. RSVP Davenie Pereira '93 at [daveniep@gmail.com](mailto:daveniep@gmail.com) with guest names and Wellesley class year.

**NJWC 2019 Annual Dinner**

**Thursday, May 16, 2019, 6 PM, Basking Ridge Country Club, 185 Madisonville Road, Basking Ridge**  
**Guest Speaker: Oscar E. Fernandez, Associate Professor of Mathematics; Faculty Director, Pforzheimer Learning and Teaching Center**

Professor Fernandez will present an overview of Wellesley students of color and women in STEM. This topic is relevant in today's competitive world where math and science education are paramount to maintaining America's global edge in higher education. He will provide a quantitative and qualitative analysis of the STEM pipeline for minorities and females, as well as ways to increase their STEM representation. Professor Fernandez graduated with a B.A. in applied mathematics and B.S. in physics from the University of Chicago and received his Ph.D. in applied and interdisciplinary mathematics from the University of Michigan. He has taught at Wellesley College since the fall of 2011. He co-founded the Wellesley Emerging Scholars Initiative, which was honored by the White House as a Bright Spot in Hispanic Education. He authored *Everyday Calculus: Discovering the Hidden Math All Around Us* and *The Calculus of Happiness*, which both discuss ways in which mathematics can improve everyday decision-making. For alumnae who are interested in purchasing his books, please go to [amazon.com](http://amazon.com) or [press.princeton.edu/titles/10199.html](http://press.princeton.edu/titles/10199.html)

For more information about his work at Wellesley, research, and publications, please refer to [sites.google.com/wellesley.edu/oscar-e-fernandez/home](http://sites.google.com/wellesley.edu/oscar-e-fernandez/home) Further information about Professor Fernandez is indicated on [surroundedbymath.com](http://surroundedbymath.com)

*Congratulations to Nora Wong '80, recipient of the NJWC second Annual Dinner Legacy Award! Nora will be honored for exceptional service before and while serving as NJWC President from 2010-2012. Her enthusiasm for Wellesley and tireless dedication to the Club will be remembered for many years to come. Congratulations to Nora on her invaluable contributions to Wellesley and the NJWC!*

RSVPs and Questions? Contact Won J. Hah '93 at [wonhah@hotmail.com](mailto:wonhah@hotmail.com) or (917) 683-3921. Funds also available to support students and young alumnae to attend the dinner. Call Won J. Hah '93 for more details.

⇒\$125 Patrons (to defray costs of events for students & young alumnae).

⇒\$100 non-dues-paying alumnae & guests.

⇒\$80 dues-paying alumnae & guests.

⇒\$50 Students, Classes 2014-2018, and Classes 1959 & earlier & guests.

By Check payable to "The New Jersey Wellesley Club" and send to Won Hah, 17 Roe Lane, Basking Ridge, NJ 07920. By Credit Card.

[https://newjersey.alum.wellesley.edu/store.html?event\\_id=311](https://newjersey.alum.wellesley.edu/store.html?event_id=311)

**MEMBERSHIP METHODOLOGY UPDATE: To align with the College's new online platform, your NJWC membership will now be a rolling 12 months effective on the date your dues are received by the club, with renewal reminders being automatically generated and emailed from the College. Previously, the NJWC membership effective dates were the Fiscal Year (July 1 through June 30).**

### Dues Paid Members

Special thanks to our Dues Paid Members! Your support is vital!

Lisa Bianco '94 \*^+  
Jacqueline Palladini Boulter '87 \*^+  
Mrs. Glynis Allen Burgdorff '82 \*^+  
Leah Beth Byer '87 \*^+  
Mikal Anne Sebens Celentano '89  
Nancy H. Choo '88 \*^+  
Abigail L. Christmann '90  
Megan O. Clark '90  
Mrs. Patrick M. Colagiuri '55 \*^+  
Jean Crichton '65 \*^+  
Helen Demir '99 \*^+  
Kristin Elliott '67 \*^+  
Jean H. Ellis '65 +  
Tilly-Jo Emerson '58 +  
Margaret M. Feeney '82 +  
Claudia Jean Francis '74 \*^+  
Wendy Warren Fuzesi, M.D. '78 \*^+  
Catherine Anne Garbor '74 \*^+  
Barbara E. Gould '84  
Janice P. Haggerty '79 \*^+  
Won J. Hah '93 \*^+  
Sarah Halbert '14

Alexandra Norton Haner '82 \*^+  
Nancy L. Herron '69 \*^+  
Pegeen Hopkins '91  
Joan Icklan '65 +  
Catherine Montjar Irwin '96 \*^+  
Megan Kilzy '06 \*^+  
Mrs. Robert A. Klein '56 +  
Heewon Y. Kwon '82 \*^+  
Shikha L. Lamichhane-Mayer '85 \*^+  
Joanne Lazos '84  
Norma Messing '61  
Joyce R. Michaelson '64 \*^+  
Teresa L. Moore '79 \*^+  
Janet George Murnick '64 \*^+  
Mrs. John W. Olcott '61 ^+  
Mrs. Grant F. Parr '65  
Monica Richter '86 \*^+  
Cecile Seth '86 \*^+  
Dr. Susan E. Snyder '86  
Denise R. Benou Stires '84  
Jane R. Susswein '68 \*^+  
Mrs. William B. Thompson '60  
Mrs. William E. Treene '58 +  
Mei-Mei Tuan '88 \*^+  
C. Leah (Kim) Vondette '88 \*^+  
Karen J. Vrotsos '82 \*^+

Mrs. John Howard Wahlert '62  
Christine Wang '11  
Mrs. Robert A. Ward, Jr. '60  
Heather Whyte Kattas '91  
Lisa M. Wolmart '88 \*^+  
Nora Wong '80 \*^+  
Amy R. Yin '94 \*^+

\*Presidential Membership  
^Book Award  
+Scholarship  
Current as of 1/13/2019 for membership renewals after 2/1/2019

Please contact Christine Wang '11 at [christinewang2745@gmail.com](mailto:christinewang2745@gmail.com), if you notice a discrepancy with the list. Please accept our sincere apologies in advance of any bookkeeping errors.

You can now check your membership status under the Welcome tab select My Account at <https://newjersey.alum.wellesley.edu>

### NJWC Membership Dues Form

Your dues support the Club's programs as well as the Club's contribution to Wellesley's scholarship fund. Contributions are tax-deductible as allowed. The 2019 NJWC Directory will be provided to all dues-paying members and distributed at the 2019 Annual Dinner (or mailed to dues paid members not in attendance).

**\$115 - Presidential Membership:** Includes membership, a Book Award, contribution to the NJWC Scholarship Fund, and recognition in the Annual Dinner program.

**\$40 - Regular Membership**

**\$20 - Classes 2014 – 2018**

**Complimentary - Classes of 1959 and earlier,** dues are optional.

**\$40 - Book Award Program.** Funds are used to award books to high-achieving high school juniors. You may specify a high school.

**\$25 - Contribution to NJWC Scholarship Fund (suggested amount)**

\$  **Check Total**

Please make your check payable to the "New Jersey Wellesley Club" and mail this form and dues to:

**Helen Demir, 450 17th Avenue, Paterson, NJ 07504**

\*\*\*\*NOW, you can also pay dues online with a credit card at [www.newjersey.alum.wellesley.edu](http://www.newjersey.alum.wellesley.edu) \*\*\*\*

Name:

Wellesley Class of

Address:

Home Phone:

E-mail Address:

Suggestions for programs:

Would you like to volunteer for the club? YES  NO

Comments:

Questions? Please contact Helen Demir at [helen\\_demir@yahoo.com](mailto:helen_demir@yahoo.com)

## **Alumnae Admissions Representatives Calling all Hosts for Admissions Events**

Do you love engaging and helping prospective students of Wellesley College on their journey of discovery? If yes, we are looking for alumnae willing to host informational sessions at their home. The NJ Wellesley Club offers 3 sessions per year:

- August 2019—First Year Summer Send Off
- October 2019—Prospective Students Event
- Spring 2020—Admitted Students Event

For more than a decade, Mei-Mei Tuan '88 has graciously hosted the admissions events, for which the NJWC is unendingly grateful. After our Spring 2019 gathering, Mei-Mei is moving on to her next big adventure. Therefore, we are seeking alumnae willing

to host student/parent gatherings with space in their home for approximately 50 people. NJWC Admissions Representatives provide food and refreshments. The events last 2-3 hours and are usually held on a Sunday afternoon. Days of the week and time are flexible based on host's availability. Alternatively, the club is seeking ideas for public spaces at low or no cost. Are you affiliated with an organization that has a large gathering space? Please reach out and inquire, if the club can use the space! Locations could be community facilities, libraries, Women's clubs or schools, for example. An Alumna's home is always preferable, giving a warmer and more welcoming environment. All suggestions will be considered. Please contact [WCNewJersey@alum.wellesley.edu](mailto:WCNewJersey@alum.wellesley.edu) THANK YOU!!! - Joanne & Susan

### **Live the Wellesley motto—**

Volunteer with the New Jersey Wellesley Club. We are 100% volunteer led and would love your participation.

**Newsletter Editor:** Newsletter distributed 2 times per year, Solicit content from NJWC volunteers and members, Arrange newsletter in Publisher or preferred software, Provide updates for Leadership meetings (bimonthly), Help coordinate printing and mailing

**Treasurer:** Manage budget and

reimbursements for club expenses, send template letters for tax exempt donations, report club account balances at meetings, work with membership chair to maintain records, prepare end of year Financial Report.

**Host An Event in Your Home or Other Venue:** Engage in selecting an event to host for the club, pick a date, communicate event details to planning team, for Book Club (first pick of book to read!).

**Regional Rep:** Serves as main contact

for alumnae living in your area, Organize social, volunteer and/or educational events (1-2 events per year), Helps in promoting membership.

**Alumnae Interviewer:** Shape the Class of 2023 with your contribution of time to interview prospective students.

**Other Positions available based on your interests!**

Contact Sandra for more information.  
[WCNewJersey@alum.wellesley.edu](mailto:WCNewJersey@alum.wellesley.edu)

### **The New Jersey Wellesley Club**

c/o Helen Demir  
450 17th Avenue  
Paterson, NJ 07504

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<http://www.newjersey.alum.wellesley.edu>

Non Ministrari sed Ministrare. "Not to be ministered unto but to minister," proclaims Wellesley's motto. Be women who will make a difference in the New Jersey Wellesley Club and volunteer today.