



## Dedicated Board Provides MOW Leadership

Every not-for-profit needs a group of dedicated citizens willing to donate their time, expertise and energy to serve on a volunteer board. In these pages you've met our staff, our volunteers, even our caterers. We thought it was time you met our Board of Directors.

**Sara Basson** began as a volunteer, recruited other colleagues to volunteer as well, and was then nominated to the Board. She works on speech recognition technology solutions at IBM Research. Sara is about to take a hiatus from the Board, as she embarks on a one-year work-related assignment to New Delhi, India.

**Evelyn Beilenson** has lived in White Plains for just under forty years. She was an interior designer before becoming owner and publisher of Peter Pauper Press in 1983. She has also authored several books. She recently became a board member of the Neuberger Museum, and has been on the board of many White Plains organizations. She is very supportive of White Plains and Meals-on-Wheels.

The Honorable **Ben Boykin** is a member of the White Plains Common Council. Prior to his election in 1999, he served on the White Plains School Board for seven years. He is a business executive and currently president of Ben Boykin & Associates, a financial consulting firm. He is very involved in our community, chairing the Shared Services Committee for the City and School District and on the board of the White Plains Outdoor Arts Festival.

**Gawain de Leeuw** (ga'win de Ley'oo), born and raised in Rochester, has been in White Plains for ten years and is the rector of St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church, where he has served since 2001. Before coming to White Plains, he served in churches in Seattle and in Korea. Father Gawain is a member of Rotary and various academic and religious organizations.

**Abe Deutsch** has been in Westchester since 1970, for most of that time as owner of retail toy and stationery stores. Since 2000, he has been in real estate, now with Coldwell Banker. He answered a call one day

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### Bob Graveley, Volunteer, Tuesday Voice of MOWWP

Robert W. Graveley, a longtime MOWWP volunteer, died last December. Bob began his MOWWP career as a driver and deliverer, then responded to a request from then director Jeremy Kasman to help out in the office scheduling volunteers.

Many of our volunteers, especially our devoted substitutes, knew Bob as the "voice of Meals-on-Wheels" on Tuesday mornings, when he called "hurting" for volunteers, as he liked to say.

After completing his phone calls, Bob would go over to the high school to help the loader and greet the volunteers. Always upbeat and cheerful, Bob was a highly valued member of the MOWWP team.

Prior to his retirement in 1998, Bob taught in the Education Department at the University of Bridgeport. He served in the US Merchant Marine in the Pacific during World War II. In addition to his service to MOWWP, Bob volunteered with the Ecumenical Emergency Food Pantry. He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Margaret (Midge) Graveley.

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years ago, and ever since has looked forward to his regular Friday delivery route for MOWWP. It's even more fun when he's joined by his two grandsons.

**Steve Hochman** began as a weekend volunteer with Meals-on-Wheels more years ago than he can remember. He has lived in White Plains for over 35 years and now works as an adviser with the US Treasury Department, providing assistance to developing nations on public finance and debt management.

**Mary Helen Jordan** is a longtime volunteer board member who feels strongly about this program, and

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## Gregg Edelmann, 43; As Young Artist Designed Logo for MOWWP

Back in the early 1980's, as MOWWP grew, then director Anne Petersen wanted a logo, and turned to a neighbor, Gregg Edelmann, a high-school student and a talented artist. He gave Anne a drawing in just a few days. She loved it, and when Gregg later wanted to modify the design, she wouldn't hear of it.

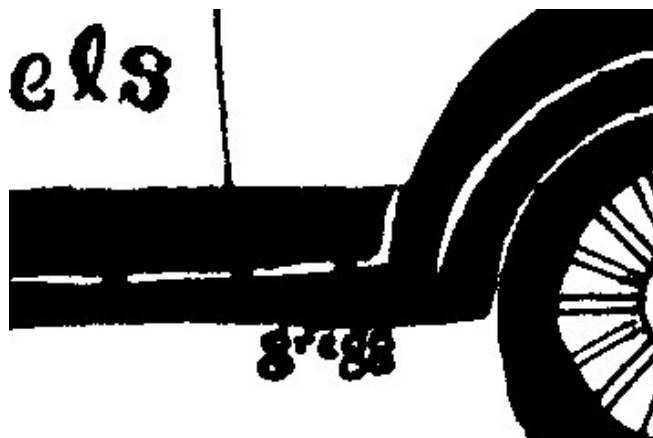
We've become very attached to Gregg's design, and you have seen it on every piece of our mail. We were especially saddened to learn of his untimely death last November at the age of 43. Born with a heart defect which required numerous surgeries and limited his activities, Gregg nonetheless lived life to the fullest and was an inspiration to all who knew him.

From White Plains High School he went on to Syracuse University, where he earned a BFA in Advertising Design. Starting with costume design, Gregg worked in many media, including paint, collage, metal and wood sculpture, and mixed media, as well as live performance art, and often spontaneous group creations.

He leaves his wife of 20 years, Irene, two healthy sons,

Max and Kristopher, his parents Eric and Barbara, and many dear friends.

Take a closer look now at that Meals-on-Wheels logo, and notice that what you might have thought was the muffler of that old car is now very clear. It's "Gregg."



### Do You Have A Vehicle That You No Longer Need?

**You can help Meals-on-Wheels of White  
Plains by donating your car.**

The process is fast, safe, tax-deductible and provides Meals-on-Wheels of White Plains with a source of additional income.

There is no fee for this service. Please call the office at (914) 946-6878 for details.

### Meals-on-Wheels of White Plains

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Susanna Sussman, Executive Director

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#### Members, Board of Directors:

Sara Basson, Evelyn Beilenson, Ben Boykin,  
Abe Deutsch, Gawain deLeeuw, Steven Hochman,  
Mary Helen Jordan, Mike Lengel, Howard Lesser,  
John Lightstone, Peter Wolfson

### Meals-on-Wheels of White Plains Has Been Supported by Grants from:

- American Chai Trust
- Community Development Block Grant (HUD)
- The Cushman Foundation
- Handcraft Cabinetry of White Plains
- Hitachi Metals CAC & the Hitachi Foundation
- The Mandel Foundation
- MBIA Foundation
- Rotary Club of White Plains Foundation
- Sidney Stern Memorial Trust
- United Way of Westchester & Putnam
- The Woman's Club of White Plains

**We thank them all for their help!**

### VOLUNTEERS ARE ALWAYS NEEDED!

We are looking for reliable regular and substitute volunteers for our Monday through Friday delivery routes within the City of White Plains.

Please call the office at 946-6878 if you would like to be a Meals-on-Wheels of White Plains volunteer.

## MOWWP Board Members

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praises the outstanding dedication of the many volunteers that make the program work. Devoted to the community, Mary Helen also volunteers at Burke Rehabilitation Center, Hospice and Palliative Care of Westchester, Our Lady of Sorrows Church, White Plains Beautification and others.

**Mike Lengel** and his wife Joan are both retired from teaching special education in the City of New York. The Lengels have two adult children who went through the White Plains schools and now live and work in New York. Mike is a regular Friday volunteer for MOWWP.

**Howard Lesser**, a volunteer and a board member for many years, recently retired after selling promotional Displays and working for wine and spirits companies in marketing capacities. Howard and Marge have two grown daughters who graduated from White Plains High School and now live in the Metro New York area with their husbands and families.

**John Lightstone** is president of Lightstone Capital Management and an adjunct professor of finance at Pace University. He formerly held positions at SEI Corporation, Chemical Bank (now JPMorgan Chase) and Union Carbide Corporation. He has published numerous papers and articles focusing on stock selection, investment strategies and socially responsible investing.

**Paul Schwarz** is a retired teacher of English and public speaking who now devotes his time to various civic and community activities, with Meals-on-Wheels first among them. Services to seniors and affordable housing are a

## What Will My Donation Buy?

We're often asked, "What will my gift buy?" And that's a reasonable question. We regularly point out that our fund raising allows us to deliver meals to clients who are unable to pay the full fee (\$9 per day for two meals) or to pay anything at all.

So if you'd like that sort of a very specific guide to how far your gift will go, here are a few ideas. Each covers a delivery of a full hot noon meal and a sandwich supper each day.

- \$18 will feed a couple for one day.
- \$45 will feed one client two meals a day for a week.
- \$100 will cover the subsidy for four weeks for a client who pays \$4 per day.
- \$250 will cover the subsidy for six weeks for a client who pays just \$1 per day.

We invite you to create your own formula! We (and our clients) are grateful for all contributions!

focus. He is a member of several other boards, including the White Plains Library and the White Plains Rotary Club.

**Peter Wolfson** is a partner in the international law firm Sonnenschein Nath & Rosenthal LLP. He and his wife, Dr. Laura Butterfield (who is an active volunteer at MOWWP), have lived in White Plains for over 32 years, and say they welcome the opportunity to contribute to the community through Meals-on-Wheels.

### Yes, I Can Help Meals-on-Wheels of White Plains!

I am enclosing the following tax-deductible contribution to Meals-on-Wheels of White Plains:

☐ \$1,000   ☐ \$500   ☐ \$250   ☐ \$100   ☐ \$75   ☐ \$50   ☐ \$30   ☐ \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (other)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Please mail this form with your check to:

Meals-on-Wheels of White Plains  
12 Ridgeview Avenue  
White Plains, NY 10606

Contribute online at  
[mowwp.org](http://mowwp.org)

☐ I can spare about an hour and a half each week to deliver meals.

☐ Please remove my name from the mailing list.

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***Delivering Community and a Meal since 1979!***

**Meals-on-Wheels of White Plains: We're here when you need us!**

### **Meals-on-Wheels News & Views**

## **Winter? Not a Problem!**

We all know the old Post Office slogan: "Neither rain nor snow..." Meals-on-Wheels of White Plains is not quite as good as the Post Office, but we made it through this tough winter. Our clients never had to go a day without food.

Yes, there were two days in late winter when massive snowstorms made it impossible or unsafe for our volunteers to do their rounds. But in each of those two cases, advance preparation meant that extra meals had been delivered beforehand. For the last big snowfall February 26th, accurate weather forecasts allowed us to cook and deliver extra meals on the 25th, which clients were able to reheat on the day of the storm.

And when the big rains came in March, flooding streets and basements, toppling trees, blocking roads, and wreaking havoc in White Plains? Why, on those occasions we were just as good as the Post Office!

Congratulations for all of the above go to Susanna, Stephanie and our loyal volunteers.

## **We're Raising Our Profile!**



We'd been "flying below the radar" long enough. We're now putting magnetic signs on volunteers' cars to display while they're out making deliveries. It's our way of letting the public know what we're doing. Look for us!

**For more about Meals-on-Wheels of White Plains, find us at [mowwp.org](http://mowwp.org)**