

2011:

What a year!

The Women's Lunch Place year in review



Dear Friends,

As we say hello to 2012, we can't forget the tremendous year of 2011, and what a year it was! Many thanks (we can't say it enough times!) to all of those who support WLP for making this past year a successful one. From Restaurant Week, Guests' birthday celebrations, the grand opening of our newly renovated shelter in September, to Robert Kraft and the Patriots Women's Association, let's take a look back at the many happenings that took place at the Women's Lunch Place:

February: Kick off to the Capital Campaign!

On February 1 we celebrated the start of our Capital Campaign, Digging Deep for Dignity. On one of the worst snow days of the season, many still made it out to gather at the Taj to get the first look at floor plans and meet those who would be working on the special project. *(Seen to the right: Scott Pollack from Arrowstreet, Rebeca de Vives, David Gilmore, Sharon Reilly, Jesse Keeffe from New England Development, Hannah Grove, and Larry Fish)*



March: Winter Restaurant Week

WLP was chosen for a second time in a row as Boston Restaurant Week's benefiting charity. Boston's finest restaurants offered special pre-fixe menus and if you paid with your American Express card, a portion of your sale went directly to the Women's Lunch Place! Over 200 of the participating restaurants also donated a \$100 gift certificate to the Restaurant Week Boston® auction. 100% of the proceeds of the auction benefited the Women's Lunch Place. *(Below: Pat Moscaritolo from GBCVB, Jeanne Steward of American Express, Paul Tormey from the Fairmont Copley Plaza Hotel, WLP Chef Joshua Birdsall, Sharon Reilly, and David Colella from the Colonnade Hotel)*



June: WLP moves to Old South Church

On May 3rd, WLP Guests were welcomed with open arms into Old South Church, our home for the next four and a half months. Through this temporary stay, our WLP family grew bigger. Thanks to Helen, Corey, Lucy, Joyce and the MANY other staff and volunteers from OSC, we almost didn't want to leave when it was time to move back to 67 Newbury Street. *(Seen to the right: Artists from our Creative Expressions Program left a mural on the walls of Old South Church as a 'thank you' for their warm and generous hospitality)*



May: Mother's Day Celebration



We had an extra special Mother's Day in 2011. Due to renovations we could not hold our annual brunch inside 67 Newbury Street. Instead, moms and their children were invited to the Fairmont Copley Plaza Hotel where they were treated to a brunch prepared and served by Chef Jim Boyd and team from Boston's Children's Hospital. Our Mother's Day card campaign was a success as well. This year, card givers even visited us at our South Station stand in addition to our kiosk at the Shops at the Prudential Center. Volunteer groups came and helped us late into the night to hand write each card for all of the special mother's out there.

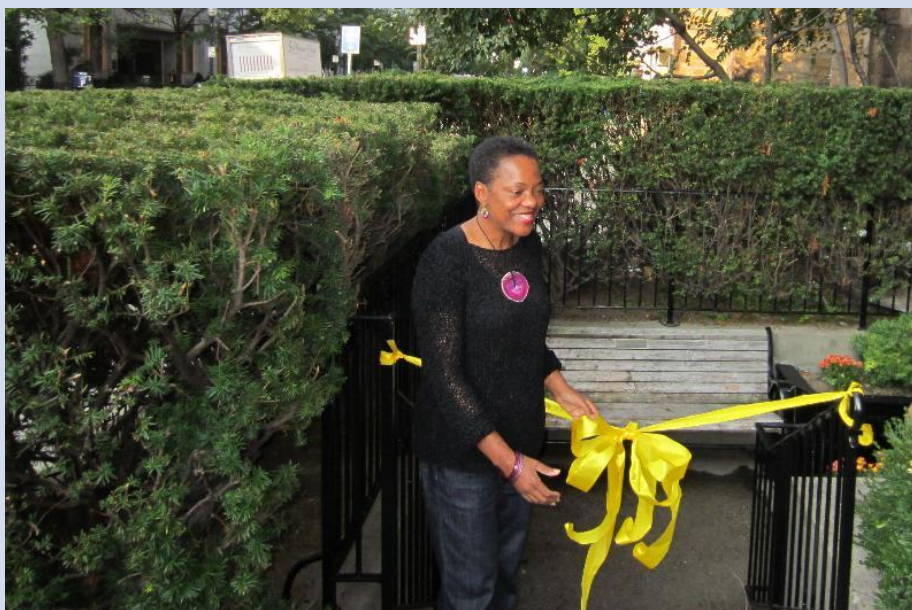
May: Creative Expressions Art Show

Our Creative Expressions Program, led by Connie Smith, didn't slow down during our stay at Old South Church. In May, Guests beautifully displayed their talent artwork on the dining room stage. Topped off with balloons and tasty treats, visitors happily came to pay tribute to the artists.



July: Whole Foods Volunteer Day

On July 21st Whole Foods employees traveled from all over the Northeast to spend the day at WLP (in OSC). Led by Laura Hall from Whole Foods marketing team, the large group blended delicious and healthy smoothies, helped Josh in the kitchen prepare the day's lunch, served full plates to our ladies, and joined the Guests for lunch and conversation.



September: Grand Opening at 67 Newbury!

On September 12th, Executive Director, Sharon Reilly (*above*) cut the yellow ribbon to mark the official first day back at our newly renovated shelter. The women lined up outside the stairs on the corner of Newbury and Berkeley Streets and shuffled into their new 'home.' It was a joyous and memorable moment for all!

September: Boloco & Prince Lobel visit



John Pepper (*seen to the left*), owner of the popular burrito chain, Boloco, teamed up with Law Firm, Prince Lobel, to serve lunch to WLP Guests. Employees and Guests sat down together and chatted over rice and beans and of course...burritos!

October: 26th Annual Spaghetti Dinner

Attendees at this year's Spaghetti Dinner were greeted with a fresh new Italian themed twist...and everyone got into the spirit! Chef hats, jackets and aprons, antipasto, bread sticks, sauces to choose from, and cannolis from Mike's Pastry in the North End filled the room. We honored our Unsung Heroes - those who never tire to lend their time to WLP, and finished off with Auctioneer, Jack Connors, who entertained the crowd with his humor and helped raise much needed funds for our daily operations. (*Seen to the left: Paul Saperstein and Vivian Li*)



November: Thanksgiving with Chef, Ming Tsai



We *love* to eat at the Women's Lunch Place...Josh never lets us down, so much so, that we sent Josh home to his family on Turkey day and welcomed in Chinese-American fusion cuisine chef, restaurateur, and Emmy Award-winning television personality, Ming Tsai! Ming came in with his family and cooked up a yummy turkey dinner. Before Guests dug in, the ladies spent the morning playing bingo with Sharon, volunteers, and staff, while music filled the dining room. (*seen to the right: Ming Tsai and son*)

December: Patriots Women's Association & Robert Kraft

On December 8th, Pats owner Robert Kraft visited WLP with Pats wives and girlfriends, and his three daughters-in-laws. They came in as an honor of the late Myra Kraft. As Myra would have done, being a longtime passionate philanthropist, they talked with Guests, prepared and served lunch, and played bingo. (*seen to the left: Robert Kraft in the WLP kitchen*)



Also that day was special for one of our fabulous volunteers of 11 years. Kate Ebbott (*seen to the left with Robert Kraft*) was named 'Patriots Difference Maker' of the week!



We wish you the *happiest* of holidays!

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