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The Wellesley Rotascope

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Next Meeting—December 17, 2019

Business & Service Meeting **Wellesley College Club—6-8:30 PM**

Sunday, December 15, 2019—Holiday Party at the Spoto's

Tuesday, December 17, 2019—*Business & Service meeting*—Wellesley College Club—6-8:30 PM

Tuesday, January 7, 2020—TBA

Tuesday, January 21, 2020—*Business & Service meeting*—Wellesley College Club—6-8:30 PM



Left: Dr David Podell, President of MassBay Community College addresses Food Insecurity at Community Colleges at our December 3rd meeting. Photo courtesy of Linda Tighe

Elaine & Vin Spoto are generously hosting a Rotary Holiday Party at their home on December 15th. For more information and RSVP contact Vin at vspoto@PinnacleHouses.com

The Rotary Club of Wellesley

Mission Statement:

To serve others with a focus on strengthening communities in the areas of health, education and sustainable living

Wellesley Rotary Club

meets at the

Wellesley College Club,
727 Washington Street,

from 6:00 to 8:00 on the first and third Tuesdays

(unless announced otherwise).

A sandwich buffet (at a fixed price of \$30) is offered (\$32 if charged). Parking available. **Signups required so please look for the President's e-mail.**

PLEASE NOTE...

The Rotary *Speaker* meeting is usually held on the **first Tuesday** of the month and a *Service & Fellowship* meeting on the **third Tuesday**. See **Upcoming Programs & Events** (left) or check the Club website for more information.

MassBay Rotaract members signed everyone in as a large crowd gathered. **President Bill Westerman** opened the meeting with the Pledge and a few words about Rotary along with a handout about Wellesley Rotary and its programs in the community. Rotarian **Nora Pou**, Chair of the Club's Food Insecurity Committee, introduced President Podell. Chair of the MBCC Board of Trustees and Wellesley resident, **Tom Peisch** was also introduced. Dr. Podell described the scenario of community colleges in Massachusetts. MassBay is one of fifteen and they are run separately from the state and university systems. They are open to everyone regardless of education background and they come with a variety of needs and hopes. Many students are transfers and many come with a big disparity in age.

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continued... This presents a challenge for teachers and requires imagination and hard work for the students. Most graduate with an Associates Degree on the way to a four year school. Along the way each student is supported with tutoring, counseling and mentoring. He covered tuition costs (\$6,140 per year) which can be quite onerous for a student. The campus covers programs in Framingham & Ashland. Veterans attend and have been a great transitional success. Survey of typical students show an interesting cross-section (82% work; 48% care for a dependent; 37% are of color; 35% are first generation in college; 34% are considered low income and 11% are disabled). For many students, education is a “stop & start” process...taking one semester at a time. He then described the Food Insecurity issue on campus, what it is; what is being done; and how one can help. This “lack of access to nutritional food” affects the student in many ways primarily in lack of concentration on studies. Some cannot afford to buy food! Intervention has taken on many successful directions including efforts to “de-stigmatize” being hungry. SNACK or “food on the go” is made available along with a Mobile Market for students to shop. They currently feed over 600. Other local groups participate as well. **Becky Kan-nam** spoke as a involved volunteer. Donations are always solicited. **Vin Spoto** spoke for Wellesley Rotary and it’s involvement (Marathon runners; *Taste of Wellesley* and a District Grant (\$5K)). All help. Many Q&A’s helped inform all of us.▲▲▲

In today’s technology-driven world, members are turning to Rotary.org, our social media accounts, and other online Rotary channels to get the information they need. Fewer and fewer members are using Rotary Shop to order printed materials or to purchase Rotary-branded merchandise. Because of our members’ changing needs, we will **cease operating Rotary Shop** in April 2020

Instead, our most popular publications will be available digitally on various Rotary websites. Some publications will even be offered as print-ready files that you can take to a printer to produce locally. Rotary merchandise can be purchased directly from approved, [licensed vendors](#).

More information will be available in the coming months.

If you have any questions, contact rotaup-portcenter@rotary.org.

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Deputy General Secretary
Rotary International

BIRTHDAYS

Ginny Greiman—12/8
Bob Tallman—12/12

ANNIVERSARIES

Don Khoury & Deb Kreutzer—12/27