



They Profit Most Who Serve Best

The Wellesley Rotascope

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Next Meeting: August 1, 2017

Business & Service Meeting

Wellesley College Club—6-8PM

UPCOMING PROGRAMS & EVENTS....

Tuesday, August 1, 2017—Business & Service Meeting—Wellesley College Club—6-8PM
Board of Directors meeting at 5:15 PM

Tuesday, August 15, 2017—Annual District Governor Visit—
DG Karin Gaffney—Wellesley College Club—6-8PM

Tuesday, September 5, 2017—Business & Service Meeting—Wellesley College Club—6-8PM

Tuesday, September 19, 2017—TBA

Tuesday, October 3, 2017—Business & Service Meeting—Wellesley College Club—6-8PM

Tuesday, October 17, 2017—TBA

Rotarians:

Read the weekly
Governor's Newsletter by
DG Karin Gaffney

**Keep up-to-date on
District 7910
happenings!**

The mission of the Rotary Club of Wellesley is to maximize its member's talents, skills and networks in order to provide service to others, with a focus on strengthening local, national and international communities in the areas of literacy, health and education while fostering leadership skills.

President **Bob Anthony** coming well prepared with an Agenda opened the meeting with the Pledge. **Toby Kell** gave the Invocation. *Happy Dollars* came from **Susan Bevilacqua, Ed Sevilla, Nancy Anthony, Ginny Greiman, Peggy & Don Van Slochem, and Tory DeFazio**. Wellesley Media was present to record the meeting. Susan reported on the success of the Rotary Youth Leadership (RYLA) weekend with **Ana Natalia Epstein** (President of WHS Interact) in attendance. RYLA provides leadership training for high school Sophomores and Wellesley Rotary has participated for many years thanks to Rotarian **Fred Wright**. President Bob mentioned a new program sponsored by Wellesley Rotary. RAGMHI stand for a *Rotarian Action Group on Mental Health Initiatives*. Visit <http://ragmentalhealth.org> to learn more. He reported on the Rotary International Convention in June with **Bill Gates** and other notables, and handed out information sheets on other Rotary Action Groups and Rotary Fellowship Groups around the world. He then introduced **Cynthia Sibold**, one of our newest Rotarians.

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Wellesley Rotary Club is now meeting at the **Wellesley College Club, 727 Washington Street, 6:00 to 8PM** on the first and third Tuesdays (unless announced otherwise).

A sandwich buffet (at a fixed price of \$30) is offered. Parking available. **Signups required so please visit the Club's website to register.**

Cynthia briefly gave her background coming from Canada 25 years ago. She has developed cross-cultures training programs and presented them to executives in large companies doing international business. American culture is known as "informal", a kind of "slap on the back" friendship but this is not the approach of many cultures Americans come in contact with. She then presented an *Overview and Guidelines* to raise our awareness that different things mean something different to other people. She covered the "myths" of culture and how we experience the difference (denial to integration; ethnocentric stages to ethnorelative stages) Even subtle differences remain. Maybe the way we say something? We never fully integrate. She defined "culture" for us through "*Interpretation & Judgment*" (values, beliefs, communication and work ethic), and "*Observation*" (food, dress, architecture). It was interesting to see how

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SERVICE ABOVE SELF!

**The Rotary Club of Wellesley, Inc., P.O. Box 81206
Wellesley Hills, MA 02481**
MEETINGS: 1st & 3rd Tuesday Evenings at 6:00 P.M.
Wellesley College Club, 727 Washington St.
Wellesley, MA 02482— 781-283-2700
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“Proverbs reflect culture” and how our cultures developed (Aristotle (Greek/Roman) vs. Confucius (Far East). This has resulted in an Asia Primer vs. an American Primer on how we deal with culture. Culture divides us. What would you do in certain situations? And she gave the car & pedestrian example. How does the other guy see us? Is there a right answer? Cynthia then concentrated on the American culture and followed with a “*What would you do in this situation*” format. Her recommendation was to “Know another culture before you go” citing a visit to China as an example (“be punctual, patient, smile & speak slowly”). In the Q&A’s that followed it was interesting to hear about learning other cultures as an opportunity to “build bridges”, share, and how to integrate in this diverse world of ours. □□□

Our thanks to **Mitch Freeman** and **Frank Rowbotham** for taking the leftovers from our meal (and the *Taste of Wellesley*) to Bristol Lodge, a homeless shelter in Waltham.

D7910 is sponsoring a Golf Fellowship on Thursday July 27th at the Sterling Golf Club followed by food & refreshments.
Contact Shelby Marshall at marshall@westboroughrotary.org

***Wellesley Concerts on the Green—
2017***

7PM on Town Hall Green

July 19: ***Glamour Girls—***
Popular hits from 40’s to today

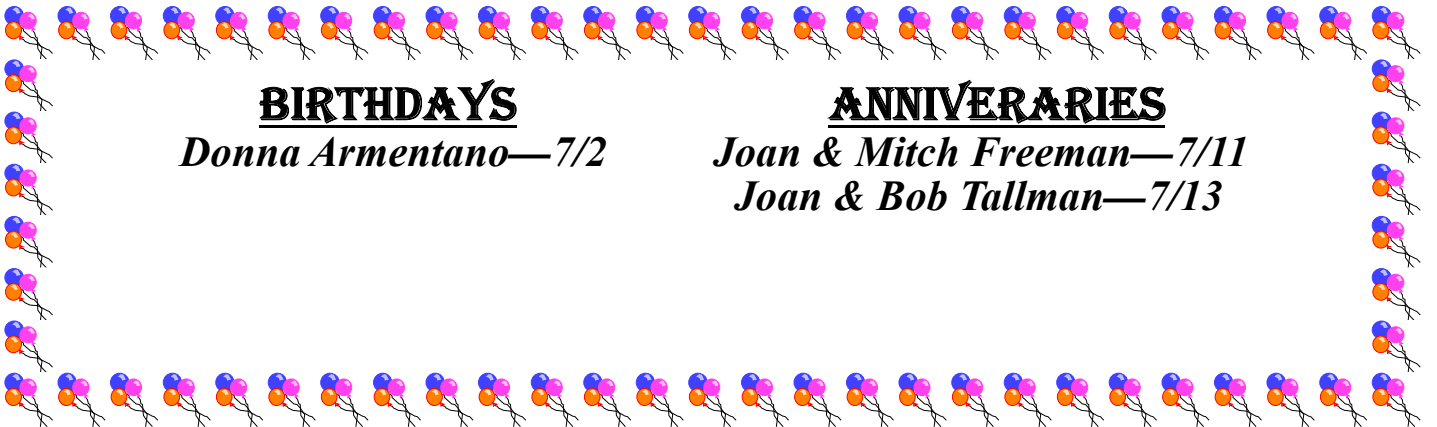
July 26: ***“Reminisants” -***
Hits from the 50’s to 90’s

Rotary will again be serving refreshments.

Volunteers needed to help.

Contact Chair Scott Secrest.

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BIRTHDAYS

Donna Armentano—7/2

ANNIVERSARIES

Joan & Mitch Freeman—7/11
Joan & Bob Tallman—7/13