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The Wellesley Rotascope

Rotary Club Number 6594, Chartered March 26, 1946

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August 4, 2020

Tuesday, August 18, 2020—6:30 PM - *The Borgen Project* / **Lara Smith**. Hosted by **PE Linda Tighe**.

Tuesday, September 1, 2020—TBA

Tuesday, September 15, 2020— **Dr. David Drew** on digital surveillance of COVID-19. Hosted by **Donna Armentano**.

Tuesday, October 6, 2020—6:30 PM - **Julian Hill**

Tuesday, October 20, 2020—TBA

Tuesday, November 3, 2020—TBA

Tuesday, November 17, 2020—TBA



Lara Smith

The Borgen Project

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

Keep up-to-date on District Happenings...

Visit the District website
(rotary7910.org)

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. For the foreseeable future Wellesley Rotary will be meeting via ZOOM. Visit the Club's website for more details (www.WellesleyRotary.org).

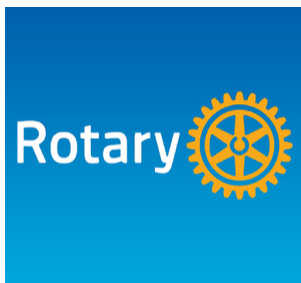
Did you know that 500 facemasks were delivered to MassBay on Monday, August 27th? While MassBay is closed for on-campus classes, there are students, employees and instructors that need occasional access. The masks were requested by Wellesley Rotary and donated by District 7910. As Prez Vin says, "Every little bit helps."

What is the Borgen Project? In a nutshell the Borgen Project pushes for poverty reduction legislation within US Foreign Policy This impacts the US domestic scene as well Come to our meeting on August 18th to learn more by our guest speaker **Lara Smith**, an intern as a Political Affairs Ambassador for the Project.

Visioning Program Update—

"I am delighted to report that the response to move ahead with the Visioning Program has been enthusiastically supported by the membership. I will confirm this with AG Susan Peghiny and establish a date and time for the meeting. Visioning is a time for all of us to share our ideas and establish goals for the club's future. Your input is critical and participation is not only highly encouraged but needed. **President Vin Spoto**

On August 4th Wellesley Rotary held a Board Meeting. DG Diana addressed the Board as a way to "get to know the Club better." She encouraged the Club to apply for a Presidential Citation which recognizes the Club's achievements. She was impressed with the Club's 15 projects; the planned Visioning Program; improving social media, and youth programs including Interact and Rotaract. How to make on-line meetings more interesting is a challenge. She suggested reaching out to good speakers



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At our Regular meeting on Tuesday, August 4th, 15 members and guests were present. **DG Diana Nestorova** was introduced by **Tory DeFazio**. In her remarks addressed to the Club she laid out her vision for D7910 during her year as District Governor especially at this time for increased social justice in the midst of a pandemic. *“This is the time to inspire Rotarians. We are a ‘people of action’!”* She reflected on coming from Bulgaria where there was no difference of opinion allowed, to the United States, where ‘service to others’ reaches out economically, socially and politically. Citing Rotary’s 2020-20121 motto, *“Rotary Opens Opportunities”* she encouraged leadership by all Rotarians. Diana outlined her priorities for D7910, including: working closely with all Rotarians; increasing membership; working towards club extension, and getting things done now with young people. In this regard she is planning a Youth Forum in August, by bringing youth and Rotarians together. She also talked about The Rotary Foundation and its impact on the international scene. Eradicating polio has been a chief goal. She knows she can rely on Wellesley Rotary for support. On August 12th she is initiating “Open Doors”, a monthly Q&A session to discuss topics of interest about Rotary. During her Q&A time, members expressed appreciation and enthusiasm for her presence and message. We were also glad to connect with Rotarian **Bob Anthony** who joined us from Boston. He gave us an interesting update on the Adolescent Wellness project especially the results from the Rotary Global Grant to Nigeria. Thank you Bob! ♥♥♥♥

Important changes in Global Grants from The Rotary Foundation by K.R. Ravindran, Chair.

It would be an understatement to say the world is facing a global crisis of a magnitude never seen before by this generation. Many of our communities lack funding and are struggling to provide the very services and qualities that would otherwise have made life comfortable. Many of our own members have been seriously affected, both in terms of their health and in terms of their finances.

In these circumstances, The Rotary Foundation Board of Trustees must make decisions that enable our organization to persevere and thrive.

We cannot do that without your complete help, support, and understanding. Thus, I have some important updates to share with you about the global grant program.

The global grant program of our Foundation has been an enormous success. In 2013-14, when global grants were introduced, the Foundation awarded 868 global grants worth \$47.3 million.

By 2018-19, the number of global grants awarded has risen to 1,403 worth \$86.6 million. You will note that while demand.... *...to be continued....*

BIRTHDAYS

Ellen Kreopolides—8/13
Joe Grignaffini—8/19

ANNIVERSARIES

Bill & Cynthia Sibold—8/14
Patrick & Anne-Marie Hayden—8/22

