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# The Wellesley Rotascope

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## Rotarian Bob Anthony Nigeria

**Tuesday, September 1, 2020**— Bob Anthony on Nigeria. Hosted by Frank Rowbotham

**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



***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](http://www.WellesleyRotary.org)).

The first monthly Zoom meeting "**Open Doors**" with DG Diana—*District leadership and friends*, was held on **Wednesday August 12th**. The one hour session discussed current issues, brainstorm ideas, and shared best practices and experiences in fellowship. Check Rotary.org for the September meeting. All club leaders and members are invited. Send questions and topics you would like to discuss ♥♥♥♥

Rotarian **Bob Anthony** will join us at our meeting on Zoom on **Tuesday, September 1, 2020**. Bob has been very successful in promoting Adolescent Wellness with the help of several Rotary Global Grants. He will share his interesting experiences bringing his AW program to Africa. Please join us!

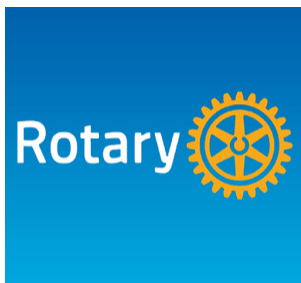
Before the regular meeting on **August 18th** there was a brief Board meeting with 9 present. Topics discussed included:

- Food Insecurity—plans to raise funds.
- NE Center for Homeless Vets—meals to be delivered on 9/11/20.
- GOFUND page—discussion about funds release and seek District help.
- Fund Raising— ideas needed and a committee of 4 to work on it.
- Visioning—planned for October.
- Rotary Garden—general discussion
- Dues—update

At our regular meeting 13 were present. **Prez Vin** opened with the Pledge and **Toby Kell** invoked. *Happy Dollars* came from **Tighe, Childs, Hayden, Rowbotham & Adams**. The Challenge H/D targeted **Rowbotham, Tighe** and **Patrick**. Brief project reports and updates came from:

- CII—**Joe Roberts**
- Food Insecurity—**Nora Pou**

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**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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• Mentoring at MBCC—**Julie Ginn.**

Vin concluded with announcing that another 1500 masks had been distributed to MBCC; meals delivery to NECHV, and a program to invite new residents of Wellesley to join our Club (Membership). **John Adams** will be the first to personalize letters to 70.

**Linda Tighe** introduced our guest speaker, **Lara Smith**. Lara is a 2016 graduate of Wellesley High and currently a student of politics and journalism at NYU. Entitled “*My Summer as a Political Affairs Ambassador*” Lara announced she is a “global citizen”, gave her background and her experience teaching in India for 6 months—part of her involvement with the **Borgen Project**. Named for founder & president, **Clint Borgen**, the Project was founded in 1999 and is headquartered in Seattle. As a non-profit its goal is to downsize poverty in the world by supporting legislation that encourages support for aid. Lara led us on a path of what happens as people transition out of poverty—barely surviving to working poor to middle & upper class. She encouraged us to look at “foreign aid as an investment” to correct this. It creates a stable & thriving community. It’s methodology is simply: advocacy (approaching Congressional leaders); education (teaching constituents); mobilization (encourage support); messaging (raise awareness on poverty reduction issues). Presently the Project has 931 volunteers and had 762 meetings with Congress. She gave two examples of approach: “keep every girl in school” act and “increase the international affairs budget”. Her personal experience with the Project resulted when she realized “I have a voice”. In a very inspiring way she asked us Rotarians; Are we inspired? Get involved. Call Congress. Donate to the project. Our thanks to Lara for an informative talk.

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

***Continued...*** By 2018-19, the number of global grants awarded had risen to 1,403 worth \$86.6 million. You will note that while demand for our grants had shot up by 80 percent, corresponding Annual Fund contributions never kept pace, showing only a 7 percent increase during this same time period. Therein lies our fundamental problem.

Last year, for instance, we fully expended our World Fund budget for global grants by mid-May 2020. At that point, we realized we had become victims of our own success.

This year, we have almost \$12 million less in our World Fund for global grants. And that has nothing to do with COVID-19; it’s because our Annual Fund contribution two years ago decreased significantly, especially after the sterling performance the prior year, which incidentally happened to be our centennial year.

After much thought and discussion, this month, your Trustees initiated a new policy that eliminated the match on cash contributions to global grants. We knew it would hurt, but we had little choice. The alternate options, which we carefully examined to make up for a ***...to be continued....***

## **BIRTHDAYS**

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

## **ANNIVERSARIES**

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