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The Wellesley Rotascope

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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—noted speech creator. Hosted by John Adams

Tuesday, October 20, 2020— *A Look at Modernism—Addicted to Americana, Celebrating Classic American Lifestyle.* Hosted by Fred Wright

Tuesday, November 3, 2020—TBA

Tuesday, November 17, 2020—TBA



Digital Surveillance of COVID-19 Dr. David Drew

Join us for an interesting evening on **September 15th** with Dr. David Drew from MGH. He has worked on digital surveillance of COVID-19, and how it gives us more information about the disease and ways to control it. Donna Armentano has challenged us to bring 10 non-Rotarians as guests to listen in!



Rotarian Bob Anthony in Nigeria with armed escort! *Courtesy photo*

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Mission Statement:

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

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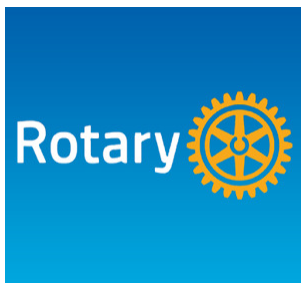
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(rotary7910.org)

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).

At our meeting on September 1st. **President Vin** opened with the Pledge followed by an Invocation by **Toby Kell**. Fourteen were present. There were two Happy Dollars: **Armentano & Rowbotham**. The H/D Challenged targeted **Amelia Childs, Tory DeFazio & Prez Vin**. It was a "punny" event. Our guest speaker, Rotarian **Bob Anthony**, needed no introduction so he launched into his presentation: "*Wellness in a Box—photo Album from Nigeria*", an interesting slide presentation of his visit to the Rotary world of Nigeria on behalf of Adolescent Wellness. He spent 4 weeks there visiting 5 states and initially was guest of the RC of Ibadan. It took 4 hours to drive 80 miles from Lagos to Ibadan. Security was of prime importance. Many armed security

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guards were present. He described Nigeria as a heavily populated war-torn country. People try to live a normal life; women are well dressed, and the marketplace has brightly colored kiosks for shoppers. Meals were a challenge (rice & “belt”(?) in a box). Bob reviewed the background of A/W and how it got to Nigeria after successful programs in the U.S. & Puerto Rico. He outlined the “protocol for referral”, how the schools have a program of pre & post Surveys interspersed with handouts. It is aimed at teachers and parents. The response was very gratifying to Bob. The curriculum reached almost 5,000 Nigerian students. Bob read several of the Surveys written by young people who have experienced depression. There’s lots to celebrate as people become aware and seek help. He thanked Wellesley Rotary for their involvement. Many interesting Q&A’s followed. Bob hopes to bring the program to India next and is seeking an international partner. Bob was asked why it has become his life’s work. He replied, he himself had experienced depression at age 50 and after recovery he generously wanted to reach out and help others. He thanked Rotary for that and we thank Bob!

Next, **Tory DeFazio** presented the PHF awards to Wellesley Rotarians who assisted in this year’s “*Every Rotarian Every Year*” fundraiser. The evening concluded with lively discussion about possible fundraising projects resulting from the August 26th Board meeting....more to come! ♥♥♥♥

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

Continued... 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 \$12 million projected shortfall, were even more dismal. Hopefully, we will be able to restore this as soon as contributions grow and funds become available. As we look to the year ahead, your Trustees naturally want to ensure that the World Fund we have can fund as many global grants as possible. Being prudent managers though, we also had to consider how we will react if demand exceeds supply again.

To that end, your Trustees have taken the following decisions:

Elimination of a World Fund minimum. Effective immediately, there is no minimum World Fund match for global grants. Global grants are now defined as having a minimum budget of \$30,000 and a maximum World Fund award of \$400,000. This means that applications can use a combination of District Designated Funds (DDF), cash, and/or directed gifts and endowment earnings to fund a global grant. The Foundation *to be continued....*

BIRTHDAYS

Tory DeFazio—9/7
Patrick Hayden—9/12

ANNIVERSARIES

Joe & Zina Roberts—9/6