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# The Wellesley Rotascope

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**Tuesday, November 3, 2020**—*Food Insecurity* update with Rotarian **Nora Pou**

**Tuesday, November 17, 2020**— *Balance Scholarship Program* (see p.2) & **ROTA-RACT at MassBay**— Rotarians **Amy Letteney & Julie Ginn** (The annual *Needham-Wellesley Football Banquet* (this year hosted by *Needham Rotary*) has been postponed to **April 2021**.)

**Tuesday, December 1, 2020**—*Club Visioning* followed by fundraising discussion—**President Vin Spoto**

**Wednesday, December 16, 2020**— *Holiday Lunch* gathering at the Wellesley Country Club



## Update on Food Insecurity with Nora Pou

*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)).

### Join us for Wellesley Got Pets fundraiser in November

— vote in four categories for your favorite pet! We are hoping this “fun event” will raise \$ 7,000 to help Wellesley Rotary keep up with its charities. More information to come.....



*Thank you so very much for the donation of Masks from the Wellesley Rotary! We greatly appreciate the support of Wellesley Rotary, both for "feeding our heroes" in prior weeks, and now for some much-needed masks. It is a great feeling to be part of such a wonderful community!*

**Lori Ferrante**, Administrator of the Elizabeth Seton Residence in Wellesley Hills..

We were joined by **Dan Moshief**, friend of **Fred Wright**, and **Jim Rodrigue** and his daughter, **Grace**. Grace explained her “*Kids Backing Kids*” program to help families struggling with poverty and COVID in Wellesley. 30 students from WHS provided 150 backpacks and are working on a Holiday Drive. The meeting opened with the Pledge followed by an Invocation by **Toby Kell**. **Happy Dollars: Rowbotham, Kaiser, Hayden.** ...continued



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**MEETINGS: 1st & 3rd Tuesday Evenings at 6:00 P.M.**  
**Wellesley College Club, 727 Washington St.**  
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**President Vin Spoto** reviewed the upcoming Calendar (see p.1) and current activities including donating masks to Elizabeth Seton Residence (see p. 1) and to “Kids Backing Kids”. There was discussion about Club membership efforts, and the reconstruction of the “Rotary Bridge” at the Town Hall. Full support was promised for the upcoming fundraiser, “Wellesley Got Pets” competition headed by **Andrea Kaiser** and **Patrick Hayden**. (see p. 1). Vin introduced Rotarian **Fred Wright** who plunged us into “A Look at Modernism—Addiction to Americana, Celebrating Classic American Lifestyle”. Fred brought us to a retro experience, reminiscing about nostalgia and relating many riotous experiences. It was “fun”! He covered the post WWII period (1945 to 1969) when “modernism” was at its height.—spirits were high, life was good. People put their dreams into architecture, art and furnishings and other experiences reflecting a booming post-war time. He reflected on his many trips to Palm Springs, California which holds a “Modernism” week every February. Tours of historic star homes and martini’s with models and visitors all dressed up in 1960’s style clothing (including “Some Like It Hot” Marilyn!) . He touched on automobiles and the famous fins of the ’58 & ’59 Caddy’s, Walt Disney and Disneyland, the impact of TV (B&W to color) and much more. A trip down the road with that two-tone station wagon brought you to many “wonders”. Here he showed examples by guest, **Dan Mosheif**, a Wellesley resident, many right in our back yard. Staying in cabins, many with “vibrating beds” was a novelty. Finally, he covered dining and food and how our tastes have changed. We all remember Howard Johnson’s, Bickfords, Pancake House and Dairy Queens. Toys and family events were happy memories. Thanks Fred! ♥♥♥♥♥

**Wellesley Rotarians! Contribute to BASP**  
**(Balance Scholarship Program) at MassBay and**  
**help a student register for the Spring semester!**

- **Goal: \$10,000** - Anonymous donors have contributed **\$ 5,000 to be matched**. All you have to do is to contribute what you can to meet the match.
- **Timeframe: November & December 2020** By January 1st we hope to have **\$10,000 available for MBCC students** so that some will be able to return to school for the Spring semester.
- **Here's what you can do:** Make out a generous check payable to **Wellesley Rotary Club Foundation** and mark memo "**BASP**" and get it to **Tory DeFazio** ASAP.

**Background:** Help a Mass Bay student balance their income! If a student carries a tuition balance (usually about \$700 or less) at the end of the semester, he/she cannot enroll for the next semester. Last Fall Wellesley Rotary succeeded in getting a District 7910 Grant (as one of Rotary's goals: "Basic Education & Literacy"). With matching funds & generous donors MassBay was able to offer \$ **12,000** to help current students. Now, due to the lingering pandemic there is more stress on students to continue their education. Mass Bay Community College's *Mass Bay Foundation* helps students bridge this possible gap. Under the "Account Balance Scholarship Program" MassBay ensures the students will be eligible by: -having an existing balance of zero by the end of the previous semester; -has completed 2 semesters at MBCC; -has completed 75% of classes, and, -has maintained a 2.5 GPA. The Account Balance Scholarship awards are noted on a student's account as 'Pending', which allows the student to register for spring classes, however, the funds are not disbursed until the last Add/Drop date has passed. **We are grateful for a new matching grant of \$ 5,000 for the Spring semester. By contributing to this matching opportunity you can help wipe out an obstacle that prevents a student from enrolling.**

**We have received so far: \$ 50.00**

## **BIRTHDAYS**

***Dan Juliani—10/21***  
***Susan Bevilacqua—10/23***  
***Fred Wright—10/28***  
***Malini Prabhu—10/31***

## **ANNIVERSARIES**

***Matt & Dede Long—10/6***  
***Malini & Sanjay Prabhu—10/10***  
***Dan & Kenna Juliani—10/12***