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The Wellesley Rotascope

Rotary Club Number 6594, Chartered March 26, 1946

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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 combined with Zoom meeting with speaker, **Don Khoury**.

Join Weston/
Wayland Rotary in
their Christmas
Tree Sale Fund-
raiser -
November 27th to
Christmas Eve.
661 Boston Post
Road in Weston.
Volunteers needed
to help set up and
sales. Contact
Mike Cave
(mcave10@gmail.
com).

Balance Scholarship Program at MBCC with **Amy Letteney & Julie Ginn**

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.

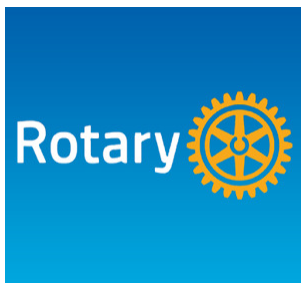
For the foreseeable future Wellesley Rotary will be meeting via ZOOM. Visit the Club's website for more details (**www.WellesleyRotary.org**).

Join us for Wellesley Got Pets Photo & Video Contest fundraiser in November

— vote in six categories for your favorite pet! We are hoping this “fun event” will raise \$ 7,000 to help Wellesley Rotary keep up with its charities. Vote www.WellesleyGotPets.com.

See attached flyer to this edition of the Wellesley Rotascope

Nora Pou conducted the meeting with 18 attending. We opened with the Pledge, and an Invocation by **Toby Kell**. *Happy Dollars: Rowbotham, Spoto, Bevilacqua, Adams, Westerman and Armentano*. Nora has been working with MassBay on a food insecurity fundraiser. - <https://food-insecurity-at-massbay-fundraiser.square.site/> She prepared a program in collaboration with the National Pork Board Speakers Bureau represented by **Adrienne Parr** who introduced **Lori Stevermer** of Trails End Farm in Easton, Minnesota. It was easy for Lori to convey her message via Zoom than to travel to Wellesley! Lori and her husband, Dale, run a family owned pig farm. As a spokesperson she highly supports protecting our food supply and our planet (www.mnpork.com). She described the process of raising pigs for market as part of her “Farm to Fork” diagram. Minnesota produces 16.4 million pigs a year and is 4th in corn production and 3rd in soybean which help feed pigs. Pigs and crops are a great combination and she went on to describe the technology in planning. She gave the “Day in the life of the Pig” and described the important daily observations. Pork processing and markets (retail, food service and exports—30%) along with concerns (sustainability, improvements and impact of pig farmers) rounded off her talk. She gave some tips on preparing pork for eating (lean is ...continued



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MEETINGS: 1st & 3rd Tuesday Evenings at 6:00 P.M.
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Wellesley, MA 02482— 781-283-2700

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better so don't overcook!). She concluded advising us that Minnesota pig farmers adapt to change; utilize technology; maintain animal welfare as #1 priority, and keep sustainability as a model of pork production. Many interesting Q& A's followed on such subjects as animal rights, confinement of pigs, types of pigs, and technology. Nora returned to the Food and Insecurity issue citing working with local restaurants, working on a flyer to insert with food deliveries and donations. Volunteers are needed so please contact Nora for more information.

President Vin concluded the program with recognizing recent charity contributions: World of Wellesley (\$250); Friendly Aid Society (\$500); Kids Backing Kids (\$250). He reviewed the upcoming Rotary calendar and encouraged Rotarians to get out and support the Wellesley Got Pets Photo & Video contest (see p. 1). ♥♥♥♥

The scoutmaster asked, "How could you get lost? Didn't you have your compass?" "Yes," the Scout replied, "but it kept pointing north when I wanted to go south!"

What did the pirate say when he turned 80? ...Aye matey!"

Which Arm is the Statue of Liberty holding over her head? The one with the torch.

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

John Adams—11/2
Andrea Kaiser—11/4
Nora Pou—11/11
Vincent Spoto—11/2
Paul Simard—11/28

ANNIVERSARIES

Andrea & Don Kaiser—11/4
Brian & Gina Sullivan—11/5
Ellen & Michael Kreopolides—11/26
Ginny Greiman & Steve Bergstrom—11/30