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The Wellesley Rotascope

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Tuesday, December 1, 2020—Club Visioning
- 6PM -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**.

Tuesday, January 5, 2021—TBA

Tuesday, January 19, 2021—TBA

Join Weston/
Wayland Rotary
in their Christmas Tree Sale
Fundraiser -
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).

SEE AT-TACHED FLIER

CLUB VISIONING!

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).

FYI...Congratulations to Rotarian **Elliott Rittenberg** as the 2023-2024 District Governor for Rotary Dist. 7910 (DGND). Elliott is past President of the Rotary Club of Westborough and now serving as AG. He is involved with the District Environmental Committee and the newly created District Social Equity Task Force.

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.

DEADLINE EXTENDED
(See updated flier attached)

REMEMBER... November is Rotary Foundation month!

23 were present for our bi-weekly meeting on November 17th. Rotarians **Julie Ginn** and **Amy Letteney** from MassBay ran the meeting. We opened with the Pledge and an Invocation poem. President **Vin Spoto** called on **Andrea Kaiser** for a “Wellesley Got Pets” update (see above). Andrea is “disappointed with the results so far” and has extended the invite to enter to January 8, 2021 with voting on January 10, 2021.

Patrick Hayden reported on the Contest sponsorship as a way to help bring in people and Rotarians. He encouraged us to “think local”. **Tory DeFazio** gave a brief update on the MassBay BASP (*Balance Scholarship Program*) and encourage contributions (see p. 2). Deadline for matching funds with a goal of \$10K is the end of December 2020. Prez Vin also reported on the ... *continued*



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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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Club Visioning program scheduled on-line for our next meeting (December first). Headed by D. Visioning Coordinator and AG **Susan Peghiny** the process involves a survey (by 11/25). Your ideas about the future of Wellesley Rotary are appreciated!

Happy Dollars: **Ginn, Letteney, Hayden, Armen-tano, Tighe, Robotham, Kaiser, Spoto & Adams.** We heard from inspiring **Brenda Kay** from NH, 41 years old, single mom with a 21 year old disabled child and how she has continued her education despite many obstacles. She hopes to graduate (Human Services) in the spring of 2021. We were pleased to see and meet so many MassBay Rotaract members including **Nathan Persampieri**, but first, Julie & Amy described the partnership between Wellesley Rotary and MassBay. This includes: the meal scholarship program (MSP) - \$13.7K in 2020; farmer's (mobile) market volunteers, and mentoring. There was a lot of appreciation going around!

MassBay with a total of 3,169 students aims to keep students enrolled and has researched this. We also met **Pedro Garcia** (VP), **Matthew Cameron**, **Raymond Robles** (Sec.), **George Priori** and **Alex Liu**. They shared a new project idea; "Garden in a Box" - growing one's own food. The goals are to help grow food; have high nutritional value, and be environmentally sustainable. It is in the planning stage now and we will hear more. We heard from College VP, **Elizabeth Blumberg** and Rotary project leader, **Nora Pou**. The meeting ended with many interesting questions. 🍷 🍷 🍷 🍷 🍷

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 stu-dents 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: \$ 700
(includes match)

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