

The Wellesley Rotascope

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Wednesday, December 16, 2020— Holiday Zoom meeting with speaker, Don Khoury on a non-political look on how to determine election winners!

Tuesday, January 5, 2021— TBA

Tuesday, January 19, 2021— TBA

Tuesday, February 2, 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@gmai FLIER

Holiday Zoom!

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 <u>Upcoming Programs & Events</u> (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).

SALES BEGIN ON NOV. 27TH.
TREE DELIVERY TO WELLESLEY
RESIDENTS. FOR INFO VISIT:
WWW.WESTONWAYLANDROTARY.ORG

Join us for Wellesley Got Pets Photo & Video Contest fund-raiser 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.WellesleyGot Pets.com.

DEADLINE EXTENDED

(See <u>updated flier attached</u>)

Don't forget to make your contribution to the MassBay Balance Scholarship Program (BASP) and help a student register for the Spring semester! Our goal is to raise \$5K with a match of \$5K. So far we have raised only \$2,900 (includes match) so we are far behind. The fundraiser ends on December 31st! See p. 2 for more details.

13 Rotarians gathered for our second Visioning meeting. (Our first was March 4, 2014.) It's a way for clubs to develop a vision for the future, one that promotes: consensus towards a common cause; consistency in programs, and continuity of leadership. It's considered a "roadmap" to help leaders and club members. It was lead by AG Susan Peghiny and her husband, Ron Faccenda of Newton Rotary. Ron opened by introducing other team members: Laura Spear (Nashoba Valley); Lynn Faust (Marlborough) and others...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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"Rules of the Road" were reviewed to outline the structure and participation by all during the session. "Speak up!...There are no bad ideas...Keep responses short and don't repeat." Visioning is for the long-term and provides a club with a framework for goals & objectives while optimizing resources. He gave the Agenda where all can present ideas under topics and then vote. A "summary" wrapped things up. We began with a test question using the "magic spreadsheet". Over the next hour and a half we covered topics such as: Club size and attributes; community service; fundraising; Club administration & service; youth service; international service; The Rotary Foundation; public image and awareness; and, vocational service. There was lots of lively conversation and input. Ideas were presented and then voted upon subject by subject. It gave us a chance to "look into the mirror" and then plan for the future. At the end Ron gave us a wrap-up summarizing the categories and reflecting on what to do with those "pretty close votes". A copy the results will be sent to **Prez Vin** and a Club committee will review, clean up the questions, and present to the Club. At that point under the leadership of "Champion" Andrea Kaiser, we will determine if these ideas are "doable" and lay out plans for the future. It was an interesting and productive evening for all. We are grateful to the Visioning Team and all Wellesley Rotarians for their participation.

Wellesley Rotarians! Contribute to <u>BASP</u> (<u>Balance Scholarship Program</u>) 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.
- <u>Timeframe</u>: <u>November & December 2020</u> 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: \$2,900 (includes match)

BIRTHDAYS

Ginny Greiman—12/8 Bob Tallman—12/12

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