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The Wellesley Rotascope

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Tuesday, January 5, 2021— Visioning in Action! Implementing the Vision— 6:30-Zoom

Tuesday, January 19, 2021— TBA

Tuesday, February 2, 2021—TBA

Tuesday, February 16, 2021—TBA

Happy Holidays!

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.

DEADLINE EXTENDED

(See updated flier attached)

LAST CALL! 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.

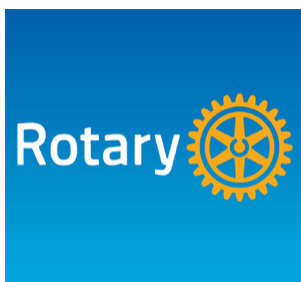
We were sad to hear of the recent death of long-time Wellesley Rotarian, **Bob Tallman**. Bob joined Wellesley Rotary in 1999 and moved to Southborough in 2006. He stayed on our Roster until 2018. He became a PHF in 1993 as a member of Nantucket Rotary and a generous Benefactor of The Rotary Foundation in 2009. Our deepest sympathy to the Tallman family.

12 Rotarians gathered for our “Holiday Zoom” opened by **Prez Vin Spoto** with the Pledge ...*continued*

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 ATTACHED FLIER

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



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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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followed by an Invocation by **Toby Kell**. *Happy Dollars:* **Rowbotham/ Simard/Spoto/Wright/ AG Sue Peghini Armentano and Long**. Next we heard updates on Projects: “BASP”—**Tory DeFazio**; Wellesley Got Pets (see attached flier with date extended); Food Insecurity-**Dede Long** (250 awareness fliers handed out to 14 Wellesley restaurants to be delivered with meals); **Nora Pou** with updates on food insecurity at MBCC— working with needy students providing delivery to their home. It’s been a great success but there is a need for more volunteers. **Donna Armantano** gave a report on the possibility of building a Community Center in India with the help of a Global Grant. It’s a slow process and a Rotary club in India is needed to balance the proposal. A plan to raise & spend requires more discussion. Next, a program on *diversity, equity and inclusion* at MBCC is under review. More coming on this. Finally, the first meeting in January will be devoted to implementing the Visioning proposals presented at the December 1st meeting.

Vin introduced former Rotarian and great friend, **Don Khoury**, who agreed to present again his wonderful program on how one gets elected in the U.S. Coming on the conclusion of the recent election Don has tested many times his algorithm determining the success of the candidates. It has a lot to do with 1) Appearances (watch the color and design of that necktie!); 2) Environment (staging, sound, seating...are they commanding?, or cooperating?); and, 3) Body Language (handshake, “touching”, and gender differences. Don outlined his recognition of *credibility, confidence, certainty and organization*. Look for signs of deceit! Who’s uncomfortable? It was an enjoyable holiday treat. Thanks Don! 📺

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: \$ 2,900
(includes match)

BIRTHDAYS

Ginny Greiman—12/8
Bob Tallman—12/12

ANNIVERSARIES