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The Wellesley Rotascope

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March 3, 2020

Next Meeting—March 17, 2020

Joint Meeting with Kiwanis Wellesley College Club—6-8:30 PM

Tuesday, March 17, 2020—Joint meeting with *Wellesley Kiwanis*—Wellesley College Club—6-8:30 PM

Thursday, April 2, 2020—Joint meeting with *Wellesley Kiwanis* (their meeting) - Wellesley College Club—**noon**

Tuesday, April 7, 2020—*International Fund For Animal Welfare (IFAW) Seminar* (takes place as our regular meeting) — Wellesley Country Club—**6-8:30 PM**—RSVP @ wellesleyrotary.org

Tuesday, April 21, 2020—Annual *Arbor Day* Event—

Tuesday, May 26 2020—NE Center for Homeless Veterans food service—10 volunteers needed



Left: Rotarian Fred Wright speaks to a student at the *MassBay Rotaract Career Panel* on March 4th. Other participating Rotarians included **Malini Prabhu, Amelia Childs** and **Julie Ginn**.

On Tuesday, March 3rd the regular meeting was preceded by a Board meeting covering the Club's finances (**John Adams**); the status of Wellesley High School's Interact Club (**Sue Bevilacqua**) disbanded and merged with a mentoring group; no RYLA in 2020, next time in 2021; ROTARACT (MassBay and. in formation, at Wellesley College); *Rotary Leadership Institute* on March 20th in RI (**Donna Armentano**); *Taste of Wellesley* update (**Andrea Kaiser**); Food Insecurity & NE Center for Homeless Veterans (**Vin Spoto**). In Club leadership it was announced that **Vin Spoto** is the Incoming *President* (2020-2021) and **Linda Tighe** incoming *Vice-President*.

At our regular meeting we welcomed **Nathalie deFontnouvelle** and **Wellesley Media**. President **Bill Westerman** opened with the Pledge followed by **Toby Kell** with an Invocation. *Happy Dollars* came from **Armentano, J. Adams, DeFazio, Rowbotham, Spoto, Roberts** and **Bevilacqua**. **John Adams** reminded the Club about the upcoming Repair Café on **March 7th**continued

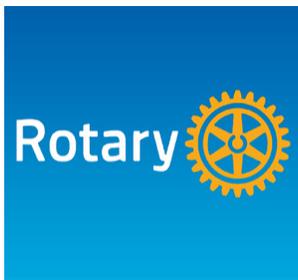
The Rotary Club of Wellesley
Mission Statement:
To serve others with a focus on strengthening communities in the areas of health, education and sustainable living

Wellesley Rotary Club
meets at the
Wellesley College Club,
727 Washington Street,
from **6:00 to 8:00** on the first and third
Tuesdays
(unless announced otherwise).

A sandwich buffet (at a fixed price of \$30) is offered (\$32 if charged). Parking available. **Signups required so please look for the President's e-mail.**

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.



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MEETINGS: 1st & 3rd Tuesday Evenings at 6:00 P.M.
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at the Wellesley Recreation Center. We welcomed back Rotarian **Joe Roberts** who had previously spoken about *Community Investors* at our meeting on May 16, 2017. He reviewed for us the purpose of *CI—to improve the physical, social and emotional health and wellness of youth through community based recreational development... i.e., “kids playing with kids in Wellesley”*. With the background of critical teen problems it has been determined that 76% of kids don’t play and 13% of kids quit organized sports at the age of 13. What fills the need? He outlined the organic remedies; that academics in and out of school programs result in happy and healthy kids. More quality programs are needed. The impact of *CI* brings 2500 students from 7 to 18 into a positive impact experience. The recipe includes adding music which creates “energy” and more fun along with students coach other kids with the addition of adult supervision. The “game plan” for success is to fill in the gaps, especially at the Middle School, to develop a blueprint and build! Joe presented a 3 minute video describing funding needs: Summer Coaching Scholarships to pay for student coaches...the cost to recognize and support 12 coaches is approximately \$ 3,600; “First Fridays”, an after-school enrichment experience for 1 1/2 hours on seven “First Fridays” at a cost of approximately \$ 453. Joe is seeking possible Rotary support for these activities. There were many interesting Q&As. ▲▲▲▲▲

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These sites will be updated as more speakers and sessions are confirmed, I will be reaching out to you on a monthly basis to provide additional details about these unique Rotary symposiums.

Here is your opportunity to visit a land you have not yet seen, or to which you’ve yearned to return.

Here is your opportunity to recapture the magic you felt when you went to PETS or an International Convention, or experienced it for the first time.

Here is your opportunity to hear subject matter experts and have information to bring back to your club and District.

Here is your chance to be part of changing the narrative.

Looking forward to seeing you in Alaska and Bermuda!

Valerie Wafer, Rotary International Director 2020-2022, Zone 28-32 & Convener

Drew Kessler, General Chair

BIRTHDAYS

Bill Westerman—3/23

ANNIVERSARIES