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# *The Wellesley Rotascope*

Rotary Club Number 6594, Chartered March 26, 1946

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April 17, 2020

**Tuesday, May 26**

**2020**—NE Center for Homeless Veterans food service—10 volunteers needed



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## *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*

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## **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.**

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### **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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## **Keep up-to-date on District Happenings...**

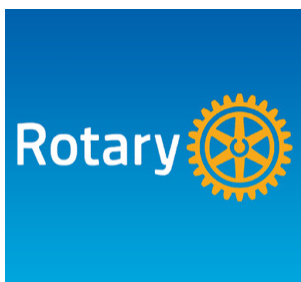
Visit the District website  
(rotary7910.org)

**Join NOW**

## ***Taste of Wellesley—2020***

### **Recovery Plan**

Due to the coronavirus pandemic our annual Arbor Day tree bagging event scheduled for **Tuesday, April 21st** has been **cancelled**. Future meetings are on hold. Also, you may know the Club's major fundraiser, *Taste of Wellesley*, originally scheduled for April, and then moved to September, has been **cancelled for 2020**. Instead, a new fundraiser for those restaurants that supported the *Taste of Wellesley* has been established! Over the past three years participating restaurants have helped the Club raise over **\$78,000** for our Club Foundation. It is time to help them in this crisis. Wellesley Rotary plans to raise **\$200,000** and help by giving them \$12,000 in exchange for 600 meals to be delivered to workers at local hospitals. This also helps support the restaurants and their suppliers. Each restaurant will be responsible for making 200 meals a week over the course of three weeks and deliver them to area hospitals. We are now promoting this fundraiser on websites and social media outlets to help us reach our goal. We are reaching out to individuals as well as the corporate level. Won't you join us in this unique and timely effort? You can contribute on line via a **gofundme page link**: [https://www.gofundme.com/f/support-wellesley-restaurants?utm\\_source=customer&utm\\_medium=copy\\_link&utm\\_campaign=p\\_cf+share-flow-1](https://www.gofundme.com/f/support-wellesley-restaurants?utm_source=customer&utm_medium=copy_link&utm_campaign=p_cf+share-flow-1)



The Rotary Club of Wellesley, Inc., P.O. Box 81206  
Wellesley Hills, MA 02481

**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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You can also **write a check and mail** it to *Wellesley Rotary Club, PO Box 81206, Wellesley Hills, MA 02481*. All proceeds go to the Rotary Club of Wellesley Foundation Inc. The Town of Wellesley's *Coronavirus Briefing for April 15th* gave us excellent coverage including a WCVB (Channel 5) video (see link in the cover letter) and information on donating.

Our thanks to the following Rotarians who got this project started: **John Adams, Organizer; Amelia Childs, Julie Ginn, Vin Spoto & Linda Tighe.**

**You are invited to join the team by reaching out to your friends & neighbors and telling them about this wonderful fundraising opportunity. Ask them to contribute and say "thanks"!**

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*A professional juggler driving to his next performance is stopped by the police. "What are you doing with these matches and lighter fluid in your car?", the police officer asks. "Actually, officer, I'm a juggler. I juggle flaming torches in my act." "Oh yeah? Let's see you do it." The juggler gets out of the car and begins juggling the blazing torches masterfully. A couple driving by slows down to watch the performance. "Wow," the driver says to his wife, "I'm glad I quit drinking. Look at the test they're giving now!"*

We are coming together to face a new test of our collective strength during the COVID-19 pandemic. Rotary districts around the world are applying for Rotary's disaster response grants in record numbers to empower Rotarians who are actively finding solutions and making a difference in their local communities. But we need your help.

Because of this global need, The Rotary Foundation Trustees have increased the amount available for these grants from \$1 million to **\$3 million**. That's in addition to the generous contributions from donors to our disaster response fund over the last week. The outpouring of support is inspiring, but the demand will continue to grow, and we currently do not have enough funds to support the substantial amount of grant applications we are currently receiving from districts around the world. Your donation will help keep funds available as even more needs arise.

These grants are already making an impact. They are supplying hospitals in Belgium, Croatia, and Italy with lifesaving ventilators. They're equipping frontline health care workers in Korea, Nigeria, the Philippines, Spain, and the United States with desperately needed personal protective equipment so they can care for patients safely. In India, disaster response grants are also improving conditions for patients and caregivers by bringing disinfectant sprayers, beds, and mattresses to health care facilities.

No challenge is so big that we can't make a difference. As we unite in response to urgent and emerging community needs, we will keep working to fight the spread of this virus and save lives.

Thank you again for your unwavering commitment to *Doing Good in the World*.

Sincerely, **Gary C.K. Huang** Chair, The Rotary Foundation 2019-20

*Ed. Note: You can support The Rotary Foundation Disaster Response by contributing to the Wellesley Rotary Every Rotarian Every Year (EREY) campaign currently underway!*

## **BIRTHDAYS**

*Julie Ginn—4/15*

## **ANNIVERSARIES**