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The Wellesley Rotascope

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May 5, 2020

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



The Great Arbor Day Giveaway!

Read more below!

The Rotary Club of Wellesley

Mission Statement:

*To serve others with a focus on
strengthening communities in the are-
as of health, education and sustaina-
ble 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). Park-
ing 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.

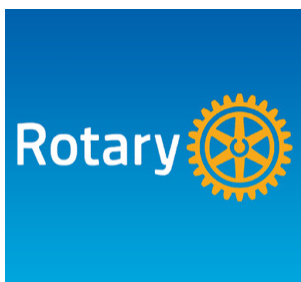
Keep up-to-date on District Happenings...

Visit the District website
(rotary7910.org)

For information and how to con-
tribute to the *Wellesley Rotary Taste
of Wellesley Recovery Plan* visit **go-
fundme page link:** [https://
www.gofundme.com/f/support-
wellesley-restaurants?
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are-flow-1\](https://www.gofundme.com/f/support-wellesley-restaurants?utm_source=customer&utm_medium=copy_link&utm_campaign=p_cf+share-flow-1) As of **May 5th** the Re-
covery Plan had received **\$25,067**.

Our annual Arbor Day bagging of
500 tree saplings took on a different
twist this year due to the Coronavirus
pandemic. **Susy Jordon**, Wellesley
Town Horticultural technician, usual-
ly hands out the saplings to Wellesley
fourth graders for planting but that
didn't happen. The persimmon sap-
lings arrived but school and every-
thing was shut down. The word went
out to "give them away". Six sites
were selected around town and folks
came and took what they wanted.
According to **John Adams**, "*It went
pretty well. The saplings were given
out in under two hours.*" Visit the
"story" at [https://wellesleyrotary.org/
Stories/arbor-day-2020](https://wellesleyrotary.org/Stories/arbor-day-2020).

*Make sure you contribute to Welles-
ley Rotary's **Every Rotarian Every
Year** Campaign running through the
end of June 2020. Your gift to The
Rotary Foundation's Annual Fund
supports projects that help create
lasting change in our community and
around the world. **Remember....
Doing Good in the World! Our Goal
is \$6,000.** (As of May 5th we had
received **\$800**.)*



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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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We were sad to learn of the passing of two long-time Rotarians: **Karim Khudairi** on April 14, 2020 and **Herbie Sancomb** on April 18th.

Karim was a Rotarian from 1981 to 2010 and became a Paul Harris Fellow in 1982. He attended many Rotary Conventions and was always proud of his Rotary affiliation. Messages of condolence may be sent to his wife, Sajida and family at 600 Washington St. in Wellesley 02482.

Herbie Sancomb was a Rotarian from 1971 to 2005 and became a Paul Harris Fellow in 1986. Messages of condolence may be sent to his wife, Marilyn and family, 930 Worcester St. in Wellesley 02482.

It was great to hear from our friend and former Wellesley Rotarian **Bob Anthony**: “*I had to share this clip with you because our Wellesley Rotary Club in 2017 provided the video camera and other resources to the videographer, **Fr. Sujay Daniel**, in order to exchange comments between his students and our Interact teens led by **Susan Bevilacqua**.*”

Go to: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CqeM4eKTp-o&feature=youtu.be>

(Bob is now a member of the Rotary Club of Naples, Florida but remains Treasurer of the Rotary Action Group on Mental Health Initiative.)

Rotarians...

Since our last communication six weeks ago a great deal has changed in our world. As you are well aware, the global pandemic known as Covid-19 has **put a halt** to most large group gatherings and events, including the Rotary International Convention (June 2020 in Hawaii), District Conferences and most club activities. We have also found it necessary to make changes to our upcoming Zones 28 & 32 scheduled trainings and symposiums. Our training event, “*Learning to Lead*,” which had been scheduled for this September, is being reconfigured as a virtual program and conducted online. Further communication to those impacted by this change will be forthcoming.

Regarding the Symposiums in Anchorage, Alaska and Hamilton, Bermuda—at this point they have been **placed on hold**. Our goal was always to make these Symposiums as cutting edge and informative as possible. Our changing world may well necessitate changes in how we provide content as well as date. We are encouraged by the number of clubs and districts that are finding new ways to *Grow Rotary* and *Connect the World* during these unprecedented times. We are working on processing refunds for all registrations at the present time. We plan to reopen registration once we are on the other side of the current situation.

We want you to know that your safety is of paramount concern as we navigate to the other side of this, and we very much look forward to getting everyone together in the future when conditions once again permit group gatherings. In the meantime, please stay safe and healthy!

Drew Kessler, General Chair (4/18/20)

BIRTHDAYS

Amy Letteney—5/16

ANNIVERSARIES

Toby & Donna Kell—5/17

John & Jan Adams—5/22

Bill & Cynthia Westerman—5/23