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# The Wellesley Rotascope

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January 5, 2021

**Tuesday, January 19, 2021**— A.J Cady from the International Fund for Animal Welfare—6:30 PM

**Tuesday, February 2, 2021**— *Service & Fellowship* meeting—6:30 PM.

**Tuesday, February 16, 2021**— TBD

Our next meeting...

## Animal Welfare

### 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](http://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](http://www.WellesleyRotary.org)).



Weston-Wayland Rotary reported they had a very successful Christmas tree sale fundraiser which sold out early. They are very grateful for our support and look forward to another blockbuster next year. Congratulations!

### Join us for *Wellesley Got Pets Photo & Video Contest* fundraiser in November—

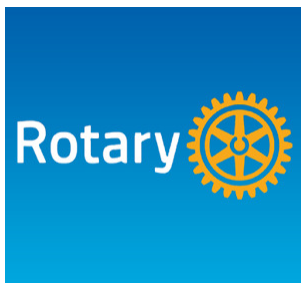
vote in six categories for your favorite pet! We are hoping this “fun event” will raise \$ 7,000 to help Wellesley Rotary keep up with its charities. Vote [www.WellesleyGotPets.com](http://www.WellesleyGotPets.com).

**DEADLINE EXTENDED**

(See [updated flier attached](#))

Again, Wellesley Rotary was very generous supporting the **Balanced Scholarship Program** for MassBay Community College. As you know this program helps MBCC students by eliminating small debts between semesters so they can continue their education. We exceeded our goal of \$10,000 (5K donation/5K match) by **raising \$14,650!** Our thanks to **Donna Armentano, Tory DeFazio, Frank Rowbotham, Paul Simard, Fred Wright**, two non-Rotarians (**Ellen Drasser & Jaimie Hollis**), two anonymous (matching), a District Grant & Club matching. Congratulations and thanks for your generosity!

Prez **Vin Spoto** called the first meeting of 2021 to order followed by the Pledge and an invocation from **Toby Kell**. About 15 were in attendance, and we heard from several for upbeat *Happy Dollars*: **Rowbotham, Westerman, Long, Spoto, Simard** and **Kaiser**. We wish recovery for **Frank Rowbotham** .....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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who suffered a fall, **Paul Simard** who is recovering, and **Andrea Kaiser** who has a personal injury. Vin updated us on a lot of successful fundraisers: \$ 33K for meals for frontline workers; \$ 14.6K for BASP (see p.1); \$ 6K for the Food Insecurity at MBCC, and \$1K from the Pet Contest. It was interesting to all that the total raised exceeds what we would have raised from the *Taste of Wellesley* now cancelled for the 2nd year! He also announced that 2K more masks are available from the District. **Dede Long** reported on reaching out to Wellesley restaurants by passing out 5K fliers about the Food Insecurity program. **Andrea Kaiser** updated us on the Pet Contest. Online voting for the 14 candidates begins on January 8th and ends on January 24th. The judges results will be announced on February 1, 2021. (See attached flier for complete info.) **John Adams** then reported on the 2021 Visioning Results for the rest of the meeting. He covered in summary slides the areas of interest: **Club Services**—Membership; **Club Services**—Public Image & Awareness; **Club Administration**—Fund Raising; **Club Administration**—Meetings & Events; **Community Service**; **The Rotary Foundation**; **Youth-Vocational Services**, **Environmental Services & International Services**. Many ideas and interesting discussion followed including polling those present for their top three interests. A survey result will be published to include all members. Some of the ideas presented included: each member take a monthly program; establish a “*Friends of Wellesley Rotary*” for those unable to become members; build programs of interest & variety to draw in potential members, and keep Rotary in front by approaching and engaging all. John expects the Visioning Plan for the next two years be available in April or May 2021. ♥♥♥♥

**Rotary and its GPEI\* partners celebrate a monumental achievement, say global eradication of wild polio is possible with the continued dedication and persistence of Rotarians**

*\*The GPEI is a public-private partnership led by national governments with six core partners – the World Health Organization (WHO), Rotary International, the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), UNICEF, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and, most recently, Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance.*

The World Health Organization (WHO) on 25 August 2020 announced that transmission of the wild poliovirus has officially been stopped in all 47 countries of its African region. This is a historic and vital step toward global eradication of polio, which is Rotary’s top priority.

After decades of hard won gains in the region, Rotary and its partners in the GPEI are proclaiming the milestone an achievement in public health. They offer it as proof that strong commitment, coordination, and perseverance can rid the world of polio.

The certification that the African region is free of wild poliovirus comes after the independent Africa Regional Certification Commission (ARCC) conducted thorough field verification... *...continued*

**BIRTHDAYS**                      **ANNIVERSARIES**

***Frank Rowbotham (1/18)***                      ***Vin & Elaine Spoto—1/5***  
***Frank & Barbara Rowbotham—1/31***