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The Wellesley Rotascope

Rotary Club Number 6594, Chartered March 26, 1946

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May 18, 2021

Friday, May 21 & Saturday, May 22, 2021—
District Conference
with Silent Auction

Tuesday, June 1, 2021—Service & Fellowship via ZOOM—
6:30

Wednesday, June 2, 2021—District Annual Business Meeting & Memorial Service—
6:30 via Zoom

Tuesday, June 15, 2021—Annual Club Installation - 6:30 via Zoom



Wellesley Rotary Service & Fellowship Meeting

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

PLEASE NOTE...

A *Service & Fellowship* meeting is usually held on the **first Tuesday of the month** and a Rotary Speaker 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).

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

Visit the District website (rotary7910.org)

From our newlyweds...

To my wonderful fellow Wellesley Rotarians: Thank you so much for the card and the generous gift!

Sincerely, Amelia and Paul Schwartzman

President **Vin Spoto** opened the meeting with the Pledge. 21 were present. We welcomed **Diane Impallaria**, **Marguerite Chatelier** and **Andrew Altenbach**. It was great to see **Joe Grignaffini!** **Toby Kell** gave the Invocation. *Happy Dollars* came from **Kaiser, Grignaffini, Impallaria, Rowbotham, Armentano and Spoto**. Prez Vin gave a Club Update on several topics: future meetings in person starting in September? (Much discussion about vaccinations, restaurants, timing of meeting, and possible sites) - (**Linda Tighe**); when and where to have a major fundraiser; Music Series on Central Street update - (**Patrick Hayden**). **Andrea Kaiser** suggested applying for a Wellesley Cultural Council grant for funding next year; MBCC update (Garden in a Box; Club Award, etc.); response to 2021/2022 Club Budget Forecast; upcoming District 7910 meetings; and an update on the EREY campaign—see p. 2 - (**Tory DeFazio**). Vin then turned the meeting over to our guest, **Jerry Caruso**, comedian, who admitted, right of the bat, he was 100% Italian! From there Jerry entertained us with outlining the importance of laughter to our health, sprinkling the presentation with a myriad of jokes. *“It is important to laugh at yourself,”* he said. *“It does wonders on the brain by relaxing us, improving sleep, helping memory and reducing stress.”*

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MEETINGS: 1st & 3rd Tuesday Evenings at 6:00 P.M.
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How many of you have been taught by nuns?" A number of hands shot up. He has great respect for them but regaled us in several personal incidents from his school days. He grew up in Lynn. His mother who is now 95 begged him not to leave home (at age 39!). She threw out his father ("Spiderman") when he came up from the basement covered with spiders. Laughter lowers the blood pressure and glucose. His father introduced him and his brother to a shot of brandy which gave them "enough energy to shovel snow for six hours." Laughter is great on the lungs and lessens chest infections. Being doting grandparents is the "payback" for being parents! He then gave us some Jewish jokes singing old songs of our youth with a senior twist. Everyone loves Frank Sinatra! Laughter exercises the heart and helps the oxygen supply. Growing older has its amenities like singing at concerts (except you have to get up and go to the bathroom more). He concluded that laughing at one's self is the best medicine. It gives a positive message. "So keep on laughing....Keep happy!" Thanks Jerry!! ↑↑↑↑↑

Ad Hoc By-Law Committee headed by **PP Bill Westerman** has concluded the update the Club's 2015 draft By-Laws. It is now under review by **PP Frank Rowbotham** before a Club vote. The Committee also includes: **President Vin Spoto, President-Elect Linda Tighe, Donna Armentano** and **PP Tory DeFazio**.

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The annual *Every Rotarian Every Year* campaign is on until June 30th. It's time to contribute to **The Rotary Foundation** to help make possible those District and Global Grants. Donations up to \$200 will be matched by the Club as long as it lasts. Write your check payable to The Rotary Foundation and get to **Tory DeFazio** ASAP.

Our goal this year is **\$ 6,000**.
So far we have raised **\$ 5,400**
(including Club match) from **8 Rotarians**.
(There is still **\$ 1,500** left
in the matching fund so don't miss out!)

Our goal is to have every member contribute. Won't you consider giving this year and help the Club reach its goal.

Remember:

Every Wellesley Rotarian!....

BIRTHDAYS

Amy Letteney—5/16

ANNIVERSARIES

Toby & Donna Kell—5/17
John & Jan Adams—5/22
Bill & Cynthia Westerman—5 23