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# The Wellesley Rotascope

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**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 Annual Club Installation

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

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

Visit the District website ([rotary7910.org](http://rotary7910.org))

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**.

Among the 18 present we welcomed **Meg Steere** and **Travis Ning** from project MAIA (Travis was in Guatemala!), **Marguerite Chatelier**, and **Keith Miller** from MBCC. We began with the Pledge followed by an Invocation by **Toby Kell**. **Happy Dollars: Rowbotham, Tighe, Kaiser and Spoto**. President Vin gave a Club Update which included: *Summer Sked*—Wellesley Rotary is planning to resume restaurant meetings in July & August; **Patrick Hayden** gave an update on the *Music Series in Wellesley Square*. Last Saturday 8 hours of live music entertained visitors and shoppers. The series lasts through August. Vin urged members to get in their *budgets for 2021-2022* as soon as possible. **Tory DeFazio** gave an update on *EREY* (see p. 2). There was also discussion about matching grants, and the 4-Way Writing contest from **Donna Armentano**. The annual “Taste of Wellesley” is still in doubt for this year. **Meg Steere** of Wellesley then introduced **Travis Ning** to give us an overview of MAIA (stands for Mayan women). Travis, originally from Colorado, was in the Peace Corp and is now married with two boys and living in Guatemala. He’s been associated for 11 years with MAIA. He described Mayan women as “poor, rural, Mayan and female” - the worst generation gender equity gap affecting 20% of indigenous girls. He described MAIA as an opportunity ....*continue*



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**MEETINGS: 1st & 3rd Tuesday Evenings at 6:00 P.M.**  
**Wellesley College Club, 727 Washington St.**  
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to “unlock and maximize the potentials of young women to lead transformative change”. A new school (MAIA Impact School) has opened which is “designed for indigenous women leaders and to educate indigenous girls.” It’s goals are: to develop economic autonomy; “create a family on her terms”; achieve lifelong learning, and be “empowered to empower”. Travis described the progress of the MAIA (“It’s on track.”) and how they have collaborated with Rotary clubs in Guatemala and in the U.S. They are looking for clubs to “chip in” not only financially but help create a program to equip a generation of “Girl Pioneers” to find work after high school and prepare for higher education.

**Julie Ginn** updated us on DEI (Diversity, Equality and Inclusion) efforts in Rotary D7910. A Social Equity Task Force has been created with 20 members and 6 active sub-committees. She talked about diversity in Rotary quoting Founder, **Paul Harris**; “*This is a changing world. We must be prepared to change with it.*” She then presented some Wellesley demographics including the recent Select Board statement in support of anti-racism and anti-bias; the appointment of a Director of DEI for the public schools (**Dr. Charmie Curry**), and how DEI has a different impact on the town. So what’s next? She encouraged us not to be “bystanders” but “upstanders”. There were many interesting question and discussion points on both subjects presented at this Rotary meeting. ♥♥♥♥♥

## *EREY—2021*

We are pleased to announce that the 2021 Wellesley Rotary EREY campaign has exceeded its goal. A total of \$ 6,500 has been raised. (Our goal was \$ 6,000.) Thanks to the generous response by 9 Rotarians (and one former Rotarian) the campaign has been a success. However, only 38% of our members contributed.

We are keeping the campaign open until **June 30th** hoping to reach more Wellesley Rotarians. If you haven’t contributed, no matter the amount, please do so now. (There is still some matching \$\$\$ available to match your contribution (up to \$200). Remember, **The Rotary Foundation** helps make possible those District and Global Grants! Write your check payable to The Rotary Foundation and get to **Tory DeFazio** ASAP.

**Remember:**  
*Every Wellesley*  
*Rotarian!....*

### **BIRTHDAYS**

*Joe Roberts—6/16*  
*Brian Sullivan—6/23*

### **ANNIVERSARIES**

*Tory & Sheila DeFazio—6/7*  
*Linda & Ken Tighe—6/15*