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The Wellesley Rotascope

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January 19, 2021

**Tuesday, February 2,
2021— Service & Fel-
lowship meeting—6:30
PM.**

**Tuesday, February 16,
2021— TBD**

Our next meeting...

Service & Fellowship!

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*

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

Visit the District website
(rotary7910.org)

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).

Prez **Vin Spoto** called the January 19th meeting to order followed by the Pledge and an Invocation by **Toby Kell**. We welcomed **Kip Doyle**, a guest of **Bill Westerman**. *Happy Dollars:* **Rowbotham, Simard, Adams, Grignaffini, Kaiser, Spoto and Armentano**. Vin gave an update on fundraising with **Andrea Kaiser** reporting on the *Wellesley Got Pets* contest (see attached flier); the success of

Join us for Wellesley Got Pets Photo & Video Contest fundraiser

Vote in six categories for your favorite pet!

Vote www.WellesleyGotPets.com.

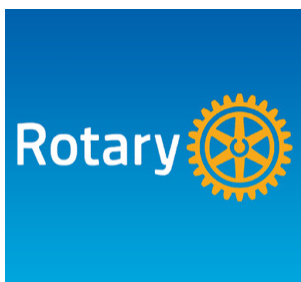
(See updated flier attached)



On a walk recently **Donna Armentano** came across a tree with encouraging messages such as "Vaccine for All"!

the MassBay BASP program (raised \$14.6K for students in need), and the Food Insecurity Program (also at MassBay), now over \$10K with a generous check from Bank of America thanks to **Frank Rowbotham**. There has been greatcontinued





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support from Wellesley restaurants. Vin also reported on **Joe Roberts' Community Investors**. They have received an award from the Governor. Congratulations Joe! It is now planned to introduce them to D7910 as an opportunity for Service. **John Adams** brought us up to speed with a "Visioning 2nd Cycle" with committees now formed based on interests. Many chairs were assigned for future action meetings. Vin then introduced **AJ Cady**, Senior Program Advisor for the International Fund For Animal Welfare (IFAW). In an interesting slide presentation we learned about their purpose: "Fresh Things & Bold Action for Animals, People, & the Place We Call Home" IFAW began in Canada, headquartered for many years on Cape Cod and are now in Washington D.C. They are in 15 countries worldwide and involve 350 plus people, paid & volunteers. He discussed the many aspects of IFAW "connecting animal welfare and conservation" and emphasized that people thrive when animals are protected and respected. He categorized its many areas: 1) Wildlife rescue, 2) Disaster response, and Rescue in general. There is a need and indeed an urgency to protect wildlife. He cited the trade in animal parts as illegal and unhealthy; the fight against terrorism including smuggling and the importance of training in places like Kenya and Zimbabwe. Marine conservation is of high interest and working with fisherman for solutions. He concluded with "There is hope!" Many great questions followed. For further info AJ can be reached at ajcady@ifaw.org. ■ ■ ■

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 certification that the African region is free of wild poliovirus comes after the independent Africa Regional Commission (ARCC) conducted thorough field verification that confirmed no new cases and analyzed documentation of polio surveillance, immunization, and laboratory capacity by Cameroon, Central African Republic, Nigeria, and South Sudan. The commission had already accepted the documentation of the other 43 countries in the region.

The last cases of polio caused by the wild virus in the African region were recorded in Nigeria's northern state of Borno in August 2016, after two years with no cases. Conflict, along with challenges in reaching mobile populations, had hampered efforts to immunize children there.

Now that the African region is free ...continued

BIRTHDAYS

Frank Rowbotham (1/18)

ANNIVERSARIES

Vin & Elaine Spoto—1/5

Frank & Barbara Rowbotham—1/31