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The Wellesley Rotascope

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February 2, 2021

Tuesday, February 16,

2021 - 6:30 PM

RACE...*What would you do if...*, **Lisa MacDonald**, MassBay Community College—Zoom meeting at 6:30 PM

Tuesday, March 2,

2021—Service & Fellowship—Zoom meeting at 6:30 PM

Tuesday, March 16,

2021—Alex Doe, Wellesley resident & Rotary scholar—Zoom meeting at 6:30 PM

Tuesday, April 6,

2021—TBA

Tuesday, April 20,

2021—TBA



Our next meeting...

RACE... *What would you do if...*

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...

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(rotary7910.org)

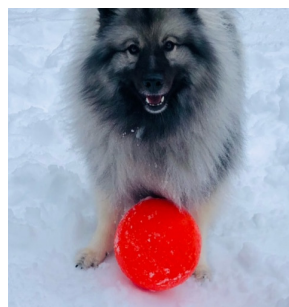
PLEASE NOTE...

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..
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WE HAVE A WINNAH!



Wellesley Rotary "Wellesley's Got Pets" contest—SEE PAGE 2...

Lisa MacDonald, Director of Equity Compliance at MassBay Community College, will be our guest speaker at our **Tuesday, February 16th meeting**. "*Maybe it's better if I don't say anything.*"; "*I'm worried that I'm going to offend someone.*"; *What if I say the wrong thing?*"... Such statements and questions are common when engaging in conversations around race. Her discussion at our next Rotary meeting will challenge and encourage participants to examine how our individual thought patterns have been shaped, listen to different perspectives, and honestly practice a few *What would you do if...* moments. Information on local organizations, recommended readings, and other resources for your consideration will also be provided.

Prez Vin Spoto opened our February 2nd meeting with the Pledge followed by a Moment of Silence (Invocation) *Happy Dollars* came from **Letteney, Adams, Simard & Spoto**.

Vin gave his Presidential update: Two mile walk on **Saturday, February 6th** for the NE Center for Homeless Vets, & a new restaurant brochure is out (headed by **Dede Long**) and sponsored by the Better Business Bureau. **John Adams** led us through the update on the Visioning program including topics and assignments: *Community Service; Club Service; Youth and Vocational Service and International Service*. There was lively discussion and input from the twelve attendees. Our thanks to all Rotarians for their "visioning" into the future of Wellesley Rotary! **00000**



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Back in the early fall of 2020, a group of Wellesley Rotarians began brainstorming fundraising and fundraising ideas to help support our Rotary Club's projects. The idea that received the most support was a **Pet Photo Contest** that could be conducted virtually in November and December. Chaired by **Andrea Kaiser**, the committee included **Amelia Childs**, **John Adams**, **Vin Spoto**, **Linda Tighe** and **Patrick Hayden**. The group met frequently to address sponsorships, technology, judges for the Best In Show, and prizes for winners. **Dr. Anthony Cosimini**, **Dr. Liz Hartman**, and recently retired Animal Control Officer, **Sue Webb** accepted roles as judges for The Best in Show. We did raise over \$1,000 to support food insecurity at MassBay and for SPIN (Stray Pets in Need), and we attracted 14 adorable entrants. Prize winners include: **Molly Siegle** for her dog's entrance in the Best Trick category; **Lee Duvall**, for dog's best costume; **Cristina Hoff** for her dog's entry as Most Funny; and **Margaret Gallerani** for dog's win as Cutest. **The Best In Show Winner is Molly Siegle's dog, Luna**. Congratulations to all of the contestants who made us smile. The Best in Show winner will be featured in the March Issue of Wellesley Living Well Magazine. Special thanks go out **Vin Spoto** for producing amazing marketing materials; **John Adams** for managing the technology; **Amelia Childs'** incredible website research and development; **Patrick Hayden's** solicitation for prizes; and **Linda Tighe** for helping us secure the feature article in Wellesley Living Well. ♥♥♥♥

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.

Now that the African region is free of wild poliovirus, five of WHO's six regions, representing more than 90 percent of the world's population, are now free of the disease. Polio caused by the wild virus is still endemic in Afghanistan and Pakistan, in the WHO's Eastern Mediterranean region. The African region's wild polio-free certification was celebrated during a livestream event. Speakers included Nigerian President **Muhammadu Buhari**, **Bill Gates**, Rotary International President **Holger Knaack**, Nigeria PolioPlus chair **Dr. Tunji Funsho**, and representatives of other GPEI partners. The celebration was followed by a press conference. In the program, Knaack spoke about people needing good news during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. "The challenges ahead are formidable," Knaack said, "That's why we must recognize this great achievement and commend all the people who played important roles in reaching this milestone. It took tremendous effort ...continued

BIRTHDAYS

Linda Tighe (2/19)
Toby Kell (2/22)

ANNIVERSARIES

Romeo & Sarah Adams—(2/4)