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The Wellesley Rotascope

Rotary Club Number 6594, Chartered March 26, 1946

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Tuesday, March 2, 2021—Food Insecurity Forum with *Kids Backing Kids* and others—Zoom meeting at 6:30 PM

Tuesday, March 16, 2021—Alex Doe, Wellesley resident & Rotary scholar—Zoom meeting at 6:30 PM

Friday, March 26, 2021 Wellesley Rotary is 75 years young! *Happy Birthday for 75 years of Service!*

Tuesday, April 6, 2021—TBA

Tuesday, April 20, 2021—TBA



FOOD INSECURITY FORUM on March 2nd—Join us!

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)

Wellesley Rotary Club

meets at the

Wellesley College Club,
727 Washington Street,

from 6:00 to 8:00 on the first and third Tuesdays

(unless announced otherwise).

A sandwich buffet (at a fixed price of \$30) is offered (\$32 if charged). Parking available. **Signups required so please look for the President's e-mail.**

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**.

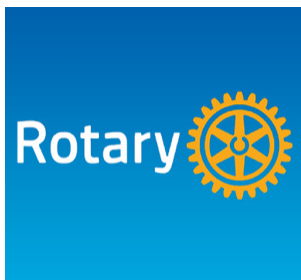
See Upcoming Programs & Events (left) or check the Club website for more information.

For the foreseeable future Wellesley Rotary will be meeting via ZOOM.

Visit the Club's website for more details:
(www.WellesleyRotary.org).

Food Insecurity Forum—with *Kids Backing Kids* is scheduled for **March 2** (Hosted by **Nora Pou & Prez Vin Spoto**). We are planning to ask other organizations who have a food insecurity program to join us in a Food Insecurity Forum to see how we might join efforts.

At our **February 16th meeting** we were joined by 23 participants including many from MassBay Community College. We welcomed **DG Diana Nestorova** who was interested in the topic for District consumption, also **PDG Ralph Hammond** from the Bedford Rotary Club. President Vin opened the meeting with the Pledge followed by an Invocation by **Toby Kell**. Our guest speaker was **Lisa MacDonald**, Director of Equity Compliance at MassBay, introduced by **Julie Ginn**. Lisa plunged us right into a subject of high interest today, how to deal with situations including conversations about race. She outlined how equity and inclusion works... sometimes very difficult. It involves a shared experience requiring respect. She posed several questions including, why do we consider it important? And, where do we begin? She suggested the year 1619 when slavery was allowed in the colonies. Where are we in our outlook? How was race thought about when we were young? And, how did this shape us as a young person? Another question focused on some key events of the last year when attitudes evolved. Here, it has brought more *...continued*



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awareness on the race subject despite much denial. Her final question was opening our thoughts about race, how much easier it is to converse about it. Its good and healthy. She posed several FAQ's: "**So What can I do?**" (conduct an honest introspection, see people for who they are, "Are we really all in the same boat?"); "**Challenge: name this space!**" (Is it safer?, "white" space?, bring out attention.) **So what else can I do?** (use inclusive language, be respectful, define words and terminology). She concluded giving us her list of recommended readings and encouraged us to reflect (What are you consuming?, dinner table conversations, when to speak up, what to say, risk of speaking up, and, practicing "self care" - like take a breath, know your self limits, and when to step away). Our thanks to Lisa & Julie for a timely program: In other Club matters: **Happy Dollars:** **Ginn, DeFazio, Adams, Spoto & Kaiser.** Vin gave appreciation to **Frank Rowbotham, John Adams, Fred Wright, Donna Armentano and Paul Simard** (also to **Amelia Childs**) for walking at Elm Bank for NE Center for Homeless Vets. About \$1,000 was raised. **Tory DeFazio** spoke about the Club opportunity to host a Babson MBA student from India for next two years. Vin gave an update on Food Insecurity led by **Dede Long.** **John Adams** is hoping the various Visioning Committees are meeting. **Andrea Kaiser** gave a final report on the Pet Contest. Our thanks to **Linda Tighe & Vin** for a superb "*Rotary Minute*" to promote the Club. **Wellesley Rotary celebrates 75 years of Service March 26th!** ♥♥♥♥

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.*

It took tremendous effort over the years. Not detecting any wild poliovirus in Africa is in stark contrast to the situation in 1996 when 75,000 children there were paralyzed by the disease. That year, at a meeting of the Organization of African Unity in Cameroon, African heads of state committed to eradicating the disease from the continent.

To bolster the effort, also in 1996, Rotary, its GPEI partners, and South Africa President **Nelson Mandela** launched the *Kick Polio Out of Africa* campaign. Using soccer matches and celebrity endorsements, the campaign raised awareness of polio and helped more than 30 African countries to hold their first National Immunization Days, Mandela's call to action helped mobilize leaders across the continent to increase their efforts to reach every child with polio vaccine. Since 1996, countless Rotary members from across Africa and around the world have raised funds, immunized ...continued

BIRTHDAYS

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

ANNIVERSARIES

Romeo & Sarah Adams—(2/4)