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The Wellesley Rotascope

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

Tuesday, March 30, 2021—Environmental Committee—Wellesley Rotary *Visioning* (continued)

Tuesday, April 6, 2021—The Rotary Foundation—Wellesley Rotary *Visioning* (continued) & *Levers of Change*—How to successfully improve Wellesley Rotary—Kevin J. Crosby, Ph.D.

Tuesday, April 20, 2021—Annual Arbor Day tree bagging.

Tuesday, May 4, 2021—TBA

Tuesday, May 18, 2021—TBA



WELLESLEY ROTARY—CELEBRATING 75 YEARS OF SERVICE—March 26, 2021

Levers of Change

Dr. Kevin Crosby, Rotary Club of Buffalo, New York

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.

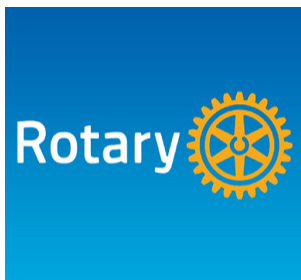
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At our next meeting Wellesley Rotary will have a brief presentation on *The Rotary Foundation* as part of our *Visioning* program followed by Dr. Crosby who will present a pilot program to help various Rotary clubs around North America get engaged in improvement and success.

Wellesley Rotary's annual *Every Rotarian Every Year* campaign for 2021 begins on April 1st and runs until June 30th. Again, our goal is to raise \$6K for The Rotary Foundation. The Club will match contributions up to \$200. Please contact RF Chair, **Tory DeFazio** with your contribution. This year let's make it Every Rotarian!

President **Vin Spoto** opened the meeting with the Pledge followed by an Invocation by **Toby Kell**. *Happy Dollars* came from: **Kaiser; Rowbotham; Wright; Adams** (\$595 raised for Food Insecurity so far); **Doe** (accepted at Columbia); **Peghiny** (grandmother for first time) & **Armentano** (2nd vaccine shot).

Malini Prabhu, mentored by Rotarian **Bob Anthony**, updated us on a new project with Rotarians in India. Entitled "*Wellness in a Box*" this mental health project involves the Rotary Club of Koteswara Proper (D3180) in the state of Karnataka, south of Goa. Including women's health, this project reaches out to the Koteswara Government College, a neighboring school (Amkadakatte), and the Father Muller Charitable Hospital where Malini had ...continued



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a connection. All this is leading to a Global Grant down the road so stay tuned. Prez Vin updated us on several on-going projects including: *Food Insecurity Forum*—**Dede Long** will chair follow-up; **John Adams** briefed us on environment development (Club, District and Town); **Toby Kell** on a new food insecurity grant; “*Rotary Minute*” spots by **Linda Tighe, Dede Long and Sue Bevilacqua**; Annual Arbor Day on 4/20/21; Rotaract at MBCC rechartered and recipient of a Club’s \$500 donation & **VP Linda Tighe** successfully completed PETS (President-Elect Training). **AG Sue Peghiny** brought us up-to-speed on District developments and encouraged us to continue participation.

Andrea Kaiser introduced her neighbor, and our guest speaker, **Alex Doe**. In a “thank you” to Wellesley Rotary Alex spoke about his first connection with the Club with fundraiser, CCL (Chicago City Limits) in 2016 and later, receiving scholarship aid from the Club. He graduated from Lafayette College in Easton, PA in government law & international affairs. During his undergraduate years he was a student abroad three time (London School of Economics, Madrid and Cuzco, Peru). He stressed working with other people and cultures as his priority and understanding people and what they represent. He has now been accepted at Columbia University, Georgetown and possibly, the Yenching Academy of Peking University. We wish him the best as he moves forward in his planned international career as a policy analyst or diplomat working on US-China relations.
There were many interesting Q&A’s. ♥ ♥ ♥ ♥ ♥

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

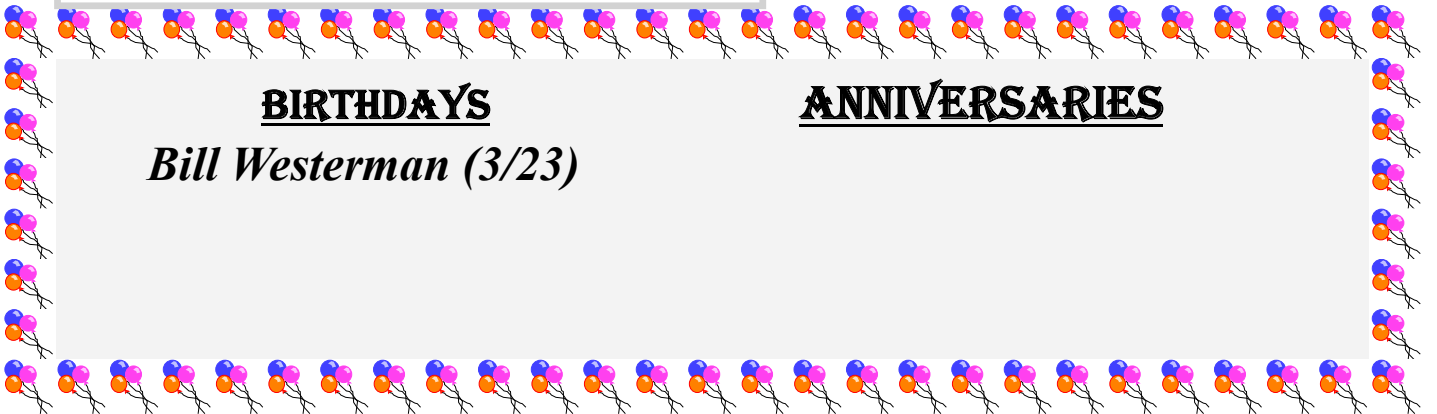
**The GPEI is a public-private partnership led by national governments with six core partners – the World Health Organization (WHO), Rotary International, the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), UNICEF, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and, most recently, Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance.*

“From raising funds and immunizing children, to providing ‘polio plusses,’ such as soap and health kits, Rotary members have shown resilience and steadfast dedication to our top priority of ending polio.”

Rotary members have helped build extensive polio infrastructure that has been used to respond to COVID-19 and, in 2014, the Ebola crisis, as well as to protect communities from yellow fever and bird flue.

The GPEI’s challenge now is to eradicate wild poliovirus in the two countries where the disease has never been stopped: Afghanistan and Pakistan. Additionally, routine immunization in Africa must also be strengthened to keep the wild poliovirus from returning and to protect children against circulating vaccine-derived poliovirus, which is rare but continues to infect people in parts of the African region.

To eradicate polio, multiple high-quality immunization campaigns must continue to ...*continued*



BIRTHDAYS

Bill Westerman (3/23)

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