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# The Wellesley Rotascope

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April 6, 2021

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

<u>Tuesday, May 4,</u> <u>2021</u>—TBA

<u>Tuesday, May 18,</u> <u>2021</u>—TBA



Annual Arbor Day Event Come and help bag fir trees for students

<u>Happy Birthday Wellesley</u>! April 6th is the Town of Wellesley's 140th birthday of its incorporation, <u>April 6, 1881</u>.

<u>The Rotary Club of Wellesley</u> <u>Mission Statement</u>: 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)

## 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 <u>Upcoming Programs & Events</u> (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).

Our next meeting (**April 20th**) will be held at the DPW parking lot, 20 Municipal Way in Wellesley Hills (behind the Fire Station) from **4:30 PM to 6PM.** We'll be outside bagging 500 saplings for Wellesley fourth graders. Masks & gloves will be furnished. Please register for the meeting at: https://wellesleyrotary.org/ event/copy-of-buffet-6-15pm--service -fellowship-meeting-7-8pm-43/

The annual *Every Rotarian Every Year* campaign is on until June 30th. It's time to contribute to **The Rotary Foundation** to help make possible those District and Global Grants. <u>Every</u> Wellesley Rotarian!....help us reach our goal!!

At our meeting on April 6th, 13 were present including prospective member, **Jim Grimm** and DGN **Elliot Rittenberg**. President Vin called the meeting to order, followed by the Pledge & Invocation by **Toby Kell**. *Happy Dollars*: **Spoto**, **DeFazio**, **Adams**, **Tighe**, **Robotham** & **Long**. Our guest speaker, **Kevin Crosby**, member of the Buffalo Sunrise Rotary Club, presented "Levers of Change" seeking Wellesley Rotary to participate in a pilot program ....continued

The following individual has been proposed for membership in The Rotary Club of Wellesley. If you have any comments please make them to the President within ten day of receipt of this notice.

<u>Name</u> James Grimm 4 Bow St. Wellesley Hills Classification Real Estate Sponsor Vin Spoto



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He believes this "tool" from the business world will assist Rotary clubs in "motivating positive change." His approach is to identify 5 manageable priorities, measure their progress, leverage the club's collective wisdom and creativity, and keep focused. "What gets measured gets done" He outlined "looking in the mirror" similar to our ongoing Visioning program; involve all members; assign weights to each lever; establish a baseline, and fill in the "lines", and keep track. He will submit to Wellesley Rotary a spreadsheet with formulas for the Club's consideration. It was an interesting presentation resulting in much discussion. A decision is pending. Tory DeFazio presented The Rotary Foundation segment of the Visioning program including a brief video and Q&A's. President Vin concluded the meeting with a review and update on the many projects underway by Wellesley Rotary.

Following a District "Open Door" meeting with clubs in D7910 on March 3rd on the subject of *Youth and Rotary*, Wellesley Rotary was recognized for helping to establish a new Rotaract Club at MBCC. We have supported their "*Garden in a Box*" project with a contribution from Wellesley Rotary. In addition, **Joe Roberts'** of Community Investors, which helps young people return to sport activities, was recognized. Community Investors was founded by Joe in 2014 in response to youth depression and suicides. Parents help lead in youth development, mental health, teaching, coaching and management. Congratulations to Joe and to the MBCC Rotaract Club for their accomplishments.

### 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.

To eradicate polio, multiple high-quality immunization campaigns must continue to be given priority. Even during the COVID-19 pandemic, it's necessary to keep children vaccinated against polio while also protecting health workers from COVID-19 and making sure they don't contribute to its transmission.

Global health officials and experts say that sustained fundraising and advocacy are still crucial, not only to protect gains in Africa, but to reach the ultimate goal of a world without polio. Rotary members still have a critical role to play in keeping the African region free of wild poliovirus and eliminating the virus in the two countries (Afghanistan and Pakistan) where polio remains endemic. As Knaack said, "This is a big step in our journey to a polio-free world, but the fight is not over yet. We still need the support of our Rotary members, donors and heroic effort of health care workers to finish the job."

<u>BIRTHDAYS</u> Julie Ginn—4/15