

The Wellesley Rotascope

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Tuesday, June 7, 2022— Service & Fellowship meeting— Cooking Meals at the Village Table (Village Church) - **Come and help prepare food for the homeless** —6:30 –9:00 PM

Tuesday, June 21, 2022— **Annual Club Installation** - Wellesley Rotary begins a new year on July 1, 2022! - **6:30 to 8PM**

Tuesday, July 5, 2022, NO MEETING...

Tuesday, July 19, 2022—Service & Fellowship meeting—6:30

Tuesday, August 2, 2022— Service & Fellowship meeting—6:30



Service & Fellowship Meeting 6:30 at Village Church

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.”

PLEASE NOTE

A *Service and 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.

To see if the upcoming meeting is held in person or via ZOOM visit the Club’s website:

www.WellesleyRotary.org

Keep up-to-date on District Happenings

Visit the District website—
rotary7910.org

Support **Prajakta Jagtap** at Babson College with her living expenses. Contribute at:

<https://gofund.me/7cd53ab7>



Rotary President **Linda Tighe** presents a check for \$5,000 to speaker, **Shannon Walajtys**, Director of IFAW Disaster Response & Risk Reduction..

(photo courtesy of **John Adams**)

Prez Linda opened the meeting with the Pledge followed by *Happy Dollars* from **Rowbotham, Spoto, Bevilacqua, Adams, Tighe, Walajtys, Palandjian & Cady**. Rotarian **Vin Spoto** introduced our guests acknowledging Rotary’s commitment to Ukraine with the founding of 60 clubs there since 1929. He also described the International Fund for Animal Welfare (IFAW). We had present, **AJ Cady**, Senior Program Advisor for IFAW, who spoke to the Club in January 2021. He gave us then the background of the organization. At this meeting, he updated us and introduce **Shannon Walajtys**, Director of IFAW Disaster*continued*



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MEETINGS: 1st & 3rd Tuesday Evenings at 6:30 P.M.
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Response Reduction, who had just returned from 5 weeks working with the flood of refugees with animals who came over the Polish border from Ukraine. She described how young Ukrainians acted as translators and guided people into the “big blue tent” to get help and aid for their pets. She described the stark reality of trying to get answers for “unanswerable” questions where 13 million have been displaced (only 6 million documented and 2 million in internment camps in Russia). She shared that this has been “tragedy upon tragedy” with threats such as hunger, disorientation, and dislocation, a daily concern. The IFAW team was centered in Lviv in the west and served as a supply network to the east. The shelters including personnel and facilities were under constant attack. Out of this came a new respect and understanding. Love matters.... with everyone helping with wild animals, owned animals, brought by displaced people arriving by vehicles, bicycles or even walking. It was important that caring be conveyed. That meant a lot. Shannon commented on what the future brings; continuing to get help, spreading the message that this is not OK and the unanswerable question as to when this is going to be over.

There were many Q&A’s in the following discussion showing that the audience was galvanized by the shaping and movement of events. The response and help has been amazing. In appreciation President Linda gave IFAW a check for \$5,000 from Wellesley Rotary. It was received in gratitude. ❤️ ❤️ ❤️ ❤️

LAST CALL— Wellesley Rotarians!

The annual *Every Rotarian Every Year* Campaign is underway! Each Wellesley Rotarian has the opportunity to contribute to The Rotary Foundation by contributing during this Campaign.

The Campaign lasts until May 31, 2022.

Every contribution will be matched (up to \$200) by Wellesley Rotary (as long as funds last). This accelerates your status towards a Paul Harris Award (\$1000) or multiple PHF’s. **Our goal is to raise \$6,000 or more** this year. This will help us in the next Rotary Year if we decide to apply for a Global Grant or a District Grant. Make your check out to The Rotary Foundation and get it to **Tory DeFazio, Club Foundation Chair, at his office.** At the end of the campaign the checks will be sent to The Foundation along with the matching funds. (Tory keeps track of the contributions and how each Rotarian stands as to the progress towards a PHF. For more information contact Tory.) Our hope is that all Wellesley Rotarians will contribute this year.

Let’s make it 100%.

Week Nine contribution (May 17rd)

\$ 6,600 total

Total Rotarians contributing so far: **11 out of 26**

BIRTHDAYS
(none)

ANNIVERSARIES

Gary & Carman Arthur—5/11

Toby & Donna Kell—5/17

John & Jan Adams—5/22

Marguerite Chatelier & Henri Fouda—5/27

Bill & Cynthia Westerman—5/23