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# The Wellesley Rotascope

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January 4, 2022

**Tuesday, January 18, 2022**—ROTARACT at MBCC—6:30 PM via Zoom.

**Saturday, January 22, 2022**—*Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI) -in person-* at the Assabet Valley Regional Technical HS in Marlboro—signup at [www.RLINEA.org](http://www.RLINEA.org) - see p. 2 for more information

**Tuesday, February 1, 2022**—Service & Fellowship Meeting—6:30 PM

**Tuesday, February 15, 2022**—TBA

**Tuesday, March 1, 2022**—Service & Fellowship Meeting—6:30 PM

**Tuesday, March 15, 2022**—TBA

## **ROTARACT at MBCC in Wellesley**

**6:30 PM via ZOOM**

### 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 & 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](http://www.WellesleyRotary.org)).

### **Keep up-to-date on District Happenings...**

Visit the District website ([rotary710.org](http://rotary710.org))

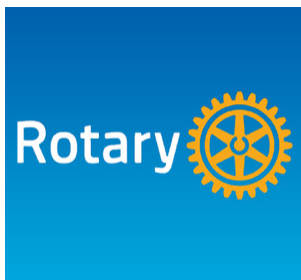
***An optimist stays up to see the new year in. A pessimist stays up to make sure the old year leaves.***

Our first meeting of 2022 opened with the Pledge followed by an Invocation by **Toby Kell**. We welcomed **Robert Huttig** from MBCC. *Happy Dollars* came from **Westerman, Hayden, Rowbotham, Spoto** and **Tighe**. Comments were made including appreciation for **Dede Long's** float in the Veterans Parade in October; a clip of the Rose Bowl in California with the Rotary float, and the interest in **Vin Spoto's** videos. **Prez Linda Tighe** led the discussion on a review of the proposed **Annual Sponsors** including a "benefits" chart. Discussed were some changes including how to approach Wellesley businesses (starting with restaurants); the marketing of the Sponsors (including promoting Rotary), and how members are connected with this promotion. It is best to be organized first before we promote. She sent out an explanation (*Be A Rotary Partner*) for all to review. After some tweaking the proposal will be announced publicly.

After much discussion the planned *Taste of Wellesley* for May 2022 has been placed on hold due to Covid concerns.

Linda floated a new fundraising idea: a walk or bikeathon promoting wellness. It would draw young people and might be done in collaboration with other local Rotary clubs.

**Robert Huttig** of ...continued



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**MEETINGS: 1st & 3rd Tuesday Evenings at 6:30 P.M.**  
(See our calendar on page one)

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Mass Bay shared several ideas including “chef demonstrations”, etc. He will continue his thoughts at the next meeting which is dedicated to Mass Bay Community College efforts and the success of the ROTARACT Club there.

It was voted to contribute \$250 to the *World of Wellesley* ♥♥♥♥♥

**WHY RLI?**

**(Rotary Leadership/ Learning Institute)**

Though originally developed in 1992 as a leadership development program, Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI) has become known as **the best general training about Rotary** for all Rotarians. In fact, many clubs use RLI as part of their on-boarding plan to help new members learn about Rotary more quickly. The resulting retention rates for RLI graduates (those who complete all 3 classes) is much higher than for non-graduates because RLI helps connect the dots between their passion and how Rotary helps fulfill that passion. For those in line to become Club president, if you haven't already graduated RLI, this certainly is a great way to refresh what you know about Rotary, learn things you didn't already know, as well as to gather ideas from peers.

**HOW?**

Adult-learning processes are used so it is comfortable for those who haven't been in a classroom in a while; topics are explored through use of discussion groups, problem solving workshops, sharing of experiences, and audiovisual presentations.

**Dear Rotarians and Rotaractors:**

2021 has been a great year for polio eradication. At this point, we can count the cases of wild polio virus this year on one hand. The global number of vaccine-derived cases which are found in unvaccinated children is about 1/3rd of what we saw a year ago. It has been the unceasing focus of Rotarians around the world working with our partners to end polio once and for all and we have never been closer.

In November, I was able to spend a week in Pakistan meeting with Rotarians, government officials, our partners, and front-line workers. During the worst pandemic we have experienced, the mostly women who go door to door have donned their masks, provided Covid-19 guidance, and have provided two drops of the oral polio vaccine and measles and rubella vaccines to millions of children. Through their dedication, in one year we went from seeing 84 wild polio cases in 39 separate districts of Pakistan to one case in one district. It was wonderful to see and listen to these amazing women and to acknowledge their dedication to making their communities polio free.

The polio eradication effort is now focused on the two endemic countries, Pakistan and Afghanistan, and on 12 high-risk countries in Africa where we have seen outbreaks of the vaccine derived cases. 100% of your PolioPlus contributions are paying for vaccines, for stipends for local community members to deliver vaccines, for logistical support for immunization activities, for surveillance to ensure we find the virus before it spreads, and for encouraging parents to get their kids vaccinated. 400 million times a year we provide polio vaccines to children under five.

*To be continued....*

**BIRTHDAYS**

***Frank Rowbotham—1/18***

**ANNIVERSARIES**

***Vin & Elaine Spoto—1/5***

***Frank & Barbara Rowbotham—1/31***

