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# The Wellesley Rotascope

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January 3, 2023

**Tuesday, January 17, 2023**—**Maria Qaiser**, WHS Exchange Student from Pakistan—6:30 PM at MBCC (Board Room—2nd floor)

**Tuesday, February 7, 2023**—TBD

**Tuesday, February 21, 2023**—Metrowest Women’s Fund

**Tuesday, March 7, 2023**—

**Tuesday, March 14, 2023** -

**Tuesday, April 4, 2023**— Prajakta Jagtap

**Tuesday April 18, 2023**—Annual Arbor Day tree bagging at the Wellesley DPW.



**Maria Qaiser,**  
*Wellesley High Exchange student from Pakistan*  
**6:30 PM—1/17/2023—at MBCC Board Room**

### *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:*

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

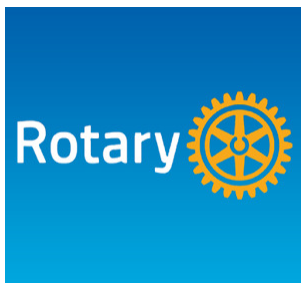
Visit the District website—**rotary7910.org**

Support **Prajakta Jagtap** at Babson College with her living expenses. Contribute at:  
<https://gofund.me/4890e8d0>

Our next meeting is Tuesday, January 17th at the MBCC Board Room at **6:30 PM**. We will hear from **Vin Spoto** about “Promoting World Peace” (Rotary Club of Keokuk, Iowa), and **Maria Qaiser**, a Wellesley High exchange student from Pakistan.

President **Bill Westerman** opened the first meeting of Wellesley Rotary’s 77th year with the Pledge. **Toby Kell** offered an Invocation. Present were **John Adams, Donna Armentano, Tory DeFazio, Toby Kell, Dan LaRochelle, Nora Pou, Frank Rowbotham, Amelia Schwartzman, Paul Simard, Vin Spoto, Bill Westerman** and **Fred Wright**. *Happy Dollars* came from **Westerman, Adams & Spoto**.

Treasurer **John Adams** reported the final net for the 2022 DOU! was \$12,484. It included several private donations. **Donna Armentano**, Treasurer of the Club’s Foundation account reported approximately \$40K available for future charity projects with enough for future commitments. There was discussion about the MBCC Balance Scholarship account. Last year the Club committed \$10K that was matched by a District grant. More information is needed about the College’s 2023 plans and needs. President Bill announced that *Village Table* will continue but future plans are unknown. More information is forthcoming with their **...continued**



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**MEETINGS: 1st & 3rd Tuesday Evenings at 6:30 P.M.**  
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commitment, Remaining meeting discussion centered on the up-coming Taste of Wellesley (TOW) scheduled for **Thursday, May 4th** tentatively at Elm Bank. **Paul Simard** has talked to Elm Bank and succeeded in lowering the rental cost but not by much (to \$7K). It is still high and includes one tent. Discussion centered on a 2nd tent, cost & type of ticket, auction (raised \$4K last time), sponsorships, and other competitive events (Bill to check with other Rotary clubs for “value propositions”). Everyone agreed that supporting ‘Food and Security’ should be the underlying theme. Bill then looked for volunteers to help make a final decision to move ahead. **Paul Simard, Nora Pou and Donna Armentano** offered to assist. All will help in looking for a “Chair”. The meeting concluded with reference to Wellesley Rotary hosting the annual Football Banquet in 2023. Monday, November 20, 2023 is the selected day at a location to be determined. All members were asked to be on the lookout for a guest speaker from the sports world to inspire the attendees. ♡♡♡♡♡

*“Life Hack: When too tired to do all the things on your ‘to-do’ list, try a ‘to-don’t’ list. Simply write all the things you’re not going to do and then...don’t do them. Huge sense of achievement with none of the effort.” Eleanor Tiernan*

Thank you to donors like you who make *Doing Good in the World* possible. Because of you, The Rotary Foundation can support our members’ wide-ranging efforts to improve people’s lives through meaningful and sustainable projects all around the world. Our partners have been able to accomplish amazing things to help communities thrive this past year.

- We remain dedicated to eradicating polio and raised over US \$2.2 million for World Polio Day to help keep children protected.
- Rotary members continue to find ways to send humanitarian aid to Ukraine even after using 440 disaster response grants to provide relief to people in and around the war zone.
- We continue to support educators’ work to raise literacy rates and keep children in school through initiatives like The Guatemala Literacy Project.

Thank you for your dedication to helping people through service and through your generous gifts to The Rotary Foundation.

### **BIRTHDAYS**

**Frank Rowbotham—1/18**

### **ANNIVERSARIES**

**Vin & Elaine Spoto—1/5**

**Frank & Barbara Rowbotham—1/31**