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The Wellesley Rotascope

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August 1, 2023

Tuesday, August 15,

2023—Service & Friendship meeting

Tuesday, September 5,

2023—Annual DG visit with DG Elliott Rittenberg

Tuesday, September 19, 2023—

Dr. Shira Doron of the Wellesley Board of Health

Tuesday, October 3,

2023—TBA

Tuesday, October 17,

2023—Service & Friendship meeting



Service & Friendship Meeting MBCC at 6:30 PM

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 Friendship* 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:

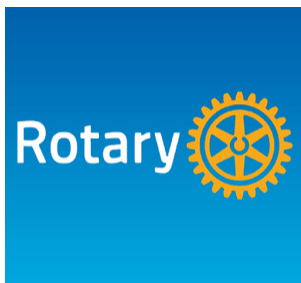
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rotary7910.org

At a change in location, 14 Wellesley Rotarians (including two guest speakers) gathered at the Wellesley Country Club for dinner and meeting on Tuesday, August first. President **Patrick Hayden** opened the meeting with the Pledge followed by an Invocation by **Toby Kell**. *Happy Dollars* came from **Hayden, Armentano, Spoto, Kaiser, Westerman, Tighe, Davidson** and **Latham**. **Vin Spoto** handed out an International Fund for Animal Welfare (IFAW) news sheet on recent successful updates on vulnerable animals in the Ukraine.

Patrick led off a discussion about the *Taste of Wellesley*, our annual fundraiser. **Dan LaRochelle** said Babson would be a difficult location considering the time and space available. Other locations considered are Regis College and Wellesley Country Club. Also discussed were raising more money, more attendees, how to promote and what to charge. There was discussion about the missing Facebook page with **Linda Tighe** and **Amelia Childs Schwartzman**. **Andrea Kaiser** raised the question about donating \$10K to the Wellesley Housing Authority for food insecurity as promised. **Donna Armentano** wants to line up more Wellesley restaurants. Prez Patrick introduced **Carol Davidson**, President of the Wellesley Symphony, and **Mark Latham**, Music Director and Conductor ...*continued*



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MEETINGS: 1st & 3rd Tuesday Evenings at 6:30 P.M.
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of the WSO. Carol who has been with the Symphony for 48 seasons, gave her music background and experiences. She outlined the history of the Symphony, now celebrating its 75th anniversary in Wellesley, as the “Orchestra in residence at Mass Bay CC”. She believes it is the largest cultural organization in the Town. Their operating budget is between \$90K and \$100K a year. The Symphony is made up of 60 players (90% volunteers) with some paid positions. They are always looking for new sources of funding. Presently 30% is from ticket sales, a little from program ads, some grants and some donations. “It’s a collaborative between the Orchestra and the public.” They have reached out with out-door concerts and programs at the schools and library. She discussed with the Rotarians several possibilities of promotion and plans for the future including encouraging youth participation, competitions and other ideas. Conductor **Mark Latham** gave his background coming from the UK. He has been Conductor for one year. He considers the WSO an ‘amazing’ group and very skilled. “The players reach out as a ‘family and a team’. This makes my work easier”, he said.. He is open to new ideas and the Symphony reaches out with him ‘to their credit.’. Upcoming programs were discussed. Andrea, with her experience with music, discussed several ideas including appealing programs for young people and outreach to MBCC. □□□□□

CONGRATULATIONS

TO THOSE WHO EARNED ANOTHER **Paul Harris Award** because of their contribution to the 2023 *Every Rotarian Every Year* campaign:

- **Donna Armentano** (PHF plus 6)
- **Tory DeFazio** (PHF plus 6)
- **Frank Rowbotham** (PHF plus 7)
- **Bill Westerman** (PHF plus 3), and
- **Fred Wright** (PHF plus 8)

Collectively they have donated **\$ 35,000** to **The Rotary Foundation**. They also took advantage of the Club match.

Our deep thanks also goes out to **John Adams, Toby Kell, Nora Pou, Paul Simard** and **Vin Spoto**. Giving through the Club takes advantage of the Club match.

Wellesley Rotary’s all-time giving is
\$ 288,165.

BIRTHDAYS

Dede Long—8/3

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