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# The Wellesley Rotascope

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**Tuesday, September 5, 2023**—Annual DG visit with **DG Elliott Rittenberg** - Wellesley Country Club—6 PM

**Tuesday, September 26, 2023**—**Dr. Shira Doron** of the Wellesley Board of Health—Wellesley Public Library (Wakelin Room) - 6:30 to 8PM

**Sunday, October 1st** (2-4 PM) & **Monday, October 2nd** (10-12 AM)—**Volunteer Fair** at Wellesley Free Library

**Tuesday, October 3, 2023**—*Service & Fellowship meeting*—Wellesley Country Club—6PM

**Tuesday, October 17, 2023**—*Service & Friendship meeting* (with Community Investors visit) - MBCC—6:30 PM

**Tuesday, November 7, 2023**—*Service & Fellowship meeting*—Wellesley Country Club—6PM

**Monday, November 20, 2023**—Needham-Wellesley Football Banquet -

## Coming...DG Elliott Rittenberg District Governor Annual Visit

### *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:*

**www.WellesleyRotary.org**

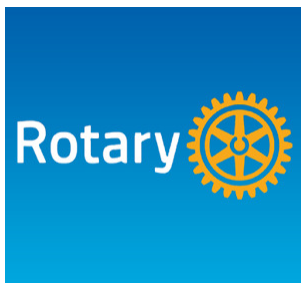
## Keep up-to-date on District Happenings

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

Ten were present at our monthly Service & Fellowship meeting. President **Patrick Hayden** opened the meeting with the Pledge followed by Happy Dollars from **Hayden, Adams, Spoto** and **Rowbotham**.

Congratulations to **Donna Armentano** for signing up as a MassBayCC “Mentor”. She outlined the 2023-2024 Club Foundation budget, explaining any adjustments. Total proposal came to \$63,016 but “\$75K was better” as it would act as a “cushion”. She reminded everyone that Club members generously donated last year becoming ‘Club Sponsors’.

**Mishawn Davis-Eyene**, Executive Director of Development at MBCC, explained how the Mass Bay Scholarship Program works with emphasis this year on funding the “Emergency Fund” and “Text Book Fund”. Patrick and **Linda Tighe** have discussed the “Dinner On Us” event for 2023-2024. **Bill Westerman** will also join in the discussion. **John Adams** suggested we emphasize the good it does towards Food Insecurity besides the amount raised. Mishawn talked about the impact of Food Insecurity funding at MBCC. “It helps out students with grocery shopping (food only) with a prepaid Stop & Shop card for up to \$400”. Donna will contact the Wellesley Housing Authority    ....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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about their Food Insecurity situation and the amount Wellesley Rotary will contribute (\$8K). There was discussion about the future of “Village Table” and support for summer camps (Community Investors & Wellesley Friendly Aid). **John Adams** suggested Wellesley Rotary participate in the upcoming “Volunteer Fair” sponsored by the League of Women Voters and the Wellesley Free Library. It will take place October 1st (2-4 PM) and October 2nd (10-12 AM) at the Main Library. The Club should be promoted with information and handouts.

Further discussion was held on:

- Wellesley Country Club (Vin Spoto) as the site of the 2023-2024 Taste of Wellesley. “It needs a closer look.” Also, it was suggested there be another major event, not necessarily a fundraiser, a dinner with speaker? The date of **Thursday, Jan. 25, 2024** was fixed for this.
- Sponsors: who?, how to approach?, levels? A letter should be sent out. Patrick will talk to Linda about this followed by a letter draft.
- Facebook: A new page has been set up. Everyone was encouraged to review and comment. “*How does it serve the Club?*”

Finally there was discussion about advertising Wellesley Rotary (Wellesley Report, posters, lawn signs, Club website, Town website?, etc.) More promotion is needed. ♥♥♥♥♥

**Excerpts from Our DG August Newsletter:**

August is **Membership Month** on the Rotary International Calendar. In 2022, more than 78,000 Rotarians participated in our All Member Survey and the results are clear—the number one driver of member satisfaction is a member’s experience within their club. Just as taking care of customers is crucial for the success of any business, our survey showed that an inclusive and caring club experience is the primary reason that our members stay in Rotary. Conversely, members leave our clubs when they don’t feel connected, and expectations are unmet..

Take a look at Rotary’s “Membership Assessment Tools”. This guide contains a number of surveys and exercises designed to help clubs assess their members’ needs, create strategies for attraction and engagement, and to ensure your Club offers an experience that feels safe and welcoming for all.

Finally talk to us. Send an email to me with your questions or concerns. You’ll reach our entire leadership team, and we’d welcome the opportunity to help design a welcoming and inclusive strategy for your Club’s growth.

Yours in Rotary & Service, **DG Elliott**  
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**BIRTHDAYS**  
*Dede Long—8/3*

**ANNIVERSARIES**