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The Wellesley Rotascope

Rotary Club Number 6594, Chartered March 26, 1946

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

Tuesday, November 14, 2023—Dinner On Us! drawing

Monday, November 20, 2023—Needham-Wellesley Football Banquet—Italo-American Club, 75 Pleasant St. in Wellesley— 6:30 to 9PM.

Tuesday, December 5, 2023—*Service & Fellowship meeting*—
Wellesley Country Club—6PM

Saturday, December 9, 2023—Club Holiday Party.

Tuesday, December 19, 2023— *Service & Fellowship meeting*—
MBCC—6:30 PM



Service & Fellowship Meeting Wellesley Country Club—6PM

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

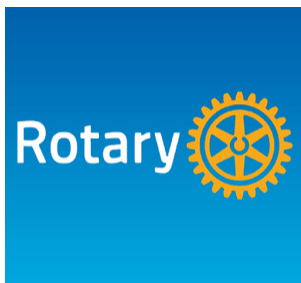
Visit the District website—
rotary7910.org

Fourteen were present for the October 17th meeting including 8 Rotarians. Our guests were **Don McCauley, James Manzolini** (guest speaker), **Brian O’Connor, Gwenn Roos, Paul Shellito** and **Cynthia Westerman**. **President Patrick Hayden** opened with the Pledge which was followed by *Happy Dollars* from **Carls, DeFazio, Hayden, Manzolini, Shellito, Bill & Cynthia Westerman**.

In discussing the on-going Dinner On Us! fundraiser, Prez Patrick said about \$4K had been raised so far. He urged Rotarians to promote the event. (He is making a minimum of five contacts per week.) He reminded everyone about buying/donating gift cards; increasing publicity and even the possibility of moving the drawing date scheduled for November 14th. New key decals are available for the donors. Natick’s possible DOU! was discussed.

Prez Patrick introduced our guest speaker who gave his background. The Wellesley RDF (Recycling Disposal Facility) is part of the Department of Public Works and handles all trash recycling material. Wellesley is noted for its RDF and the MLP (Municipal Light Plant). The RDF has a “checkered past” with attempts to land-fill many acres with burnt trash. This was changed by the mid-70’s Federal “Wetlands Protection Act”. Many recall former resident **Martha Stone** who was the motivation behind the RDF.

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MEETINGS: 1st & 3rd Tuesday Evenings at 6:30 P.M.
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He discussed the current market atmosphere for plastics, glass and the like. There are challenges today which include more town participation; cost to recycle; low volume and the fluctuating markets. He reviewed the recycling process, the RDF financial background, and new recycling technology (“futuristic”). There was discussion about recycling textiles (now a state law); the seasonal and popular “Take-it-or-leave-it” area, food waste recycling, box and carton recycling, and replacing the aging “bailer”. He assured us that information about recycling is shared with other towns as they too, have similar problems. James likes his job (!) in the public sector. He reminded us that sorting and transporting of recyclables in the future continues to be essential to the RDF’s success.

We expressed our appreciation for a very informative and timely talk which was followed by many excellent questions. ♥♥♥♥♥

Rotary Survey....Above all, Rotary is a collective effort and we rely on members like you to help us understand how we can improve and grow in the future. A survey is your opportunity to tell us whether Rotary is meeting your expectations. If you have questions, write to surveys@rotary.org. And if you are interested in the results from previous years, you can find them on the “Rotary Research” page of My Rotary....

FROM OUR District Governor:..Continued...

I asked these AI tools several questions which were posed to me by Club members during my visits. These included; “how to ask someone to join your Club”; “how to create an elevator speech to describe Rotary”, “how to create a membership recruitment plan”, “how to create a strategic plan”, “how to ensure your Club is welcoming;”, “how to attract younger members, and more. I collected all of the AI’s responses to these questions and put them into a document.

*Now, here’s the thing. All the answers that Chat GPT and Bing provided are both useful and timely. Any Club could take these suggestions and apply them to build processes and messaging to enhance membership recruitment, planning and many other aspects of Club operations. You see, as advanced as these AI tools have become, running our Clubs is not rocket science. Chat GPT, Bing and other AI tools rapidly survey vast amounts of information from the internet, extract the relevant information and then present it in an organized manner. Their input comes from information **we already know** that we simply need to organize and put into practice.*

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BIRTHDAYS

Dan Juliani—10/21
Susan Bevilacqua—10/23
Fred Wright—10/28

ANNIVERSARIES

Matt & Dede Long—10/6
Dan & Kenna Juliani—10/12