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The Wellesley Rotascope

Rotary Club Number 6594, Chartered March 26, 1946

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

Thursday, March 2, 2023—Wellesley Historical Society “Trivia Night” sponsored by Wellesley Rotary—6:30—9:30 PM.

Tuesday, March 7, 2023— Seniors Helping Seniors

Tuesday, March 14, 2023— TBA

Tuesday, April 4, 2023— Prajakta Jagtap

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

Thursday, May 4, 2023— Taste of Wellesley fundraiser



Metrowest Women’s Fund 6:30 to 8:30—February 21st

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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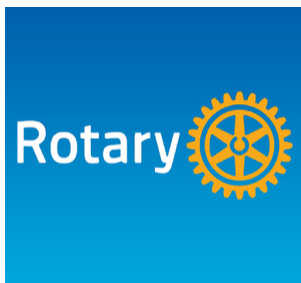
Keep up-to-date on District Happenings

Visit the District website—rotary7910.org

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

Our January 17th meeting at MBCC was opened by **President Bill Westerman** with the Pledge. We welcomed a number of visitors including **PDG Clifford Rober, Don McCauley, Jeanne Hoerter** (American Field Service Representative), and the **Celi family**: John & Karen; Kim & John. *Happy Dollars* came from **Westerman, Rowbotham, Adams, Hayden and Spoto**. Rotarian **Mishawn Davis-Eyene** from MBCC updated us on fundraising including the successful Balance Scholarship Fund. Help was appreciated but costs continue to rise and fund needs are being assessed. Classes have begun and analysis on why enrollment is down is ongoing. Prez Bill noted the “*Taste of Wellesley*” Committee is meeting regularly. We are very grateful that **Andrea Kaiser** is assisting us.

Vin Spoto read inspirational passages from the Keokuk (Iowa) Rotary Club’s *The Peace-Pipe Letters—1931-32 & 2019* which included 496 letters sent in response to the 1931 international letter sent by the Club to world leaders. The goal of Rotary is still the same, “peace, friendship and good will”. **Jeanne Hoerter & John Adams** introduced our guest speaker, **Maria Qaiser** from Karachi, Pakistan. Dressed in beautiful traditional garb (pants (*shalwar*); shirt (*kameez*) and scarf (*dupatta*)) she gave us a personal and lively presentation. Here in the US on a scholarship Maria defined her goals of experiencing a*continued*



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MEETINGS: 1st & 3rd Tuesday Evenings at 6:30 P.M.
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culture, explore, get out of her “comfort zone”, and be independent and travel alone. She gave us her “surprises” about the US (no water in the washrooms (?); pronunciation, simple food, no uniforms and large classes). Here favorite things about the US include Fall, friends, seafood, So. Asian markets, gym, school and teachers. In her charming way she gave us information about Pakistan including history, interesting facts, culture, food and the role of women. She admires **Sabina Khatri** of Pakistan, Founder and Chairperson of the Kiran Foundation, who has taken a holistic approach to growth and wellbeing of mothers and children. Her trauma centered approach towards learning led her to the founding of Maria’s school. Maria showed pictures of her school and her family and expressed her appreciation for the opportunity to be in the US and learn about our culture. She is in the tenth grade at Wellesley High School for her year here. She concluded her presentation by showing us a video about “Amazing Pakistan, a delicate land of varying landscapes”...truly a wonderland. She brought examples of embroidered fabric which she described. In the Q&A she discussed differences including the obligation to memorize a lot. She is heading towards a career in humanities at a college or university. “Everything is so different,” she said. We wish her the best of luck in anything she does.



Rotary Environmental Update & Climate Café Reminder...

- Our next Climate Café is Thursday, January 26, 2023 at 6:30 PM. Our topic is “*The Emotions of Climate Change*”. Guest Speaker is Demie Stathoplos who retired from clinical social work, not-for-profit and for-profit management roles and family caregiving work.
- Environmental Update: Green Energy Consumers is offering an Electric Vehicles 101 Webinar on Tuesday, January 31st at noon EST;
Buy Nothing Movement—encouraging re-use of unwanted items;
Ecological Landscape Alliance is holding its annual conference on Wednesday & Thursday, February 22 & 23rd;
Women and Biodiversity—working for gender equality , making sure that women’s voices are heard and they have access to resources.



BIRTHDAYS

Frank Rowbotham—1/18

ANNIVERSARIES

Vin & Elaine Spoto—1/5

Frank & Barbara Rowbotham—1/31

