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# The Wellesley Rotascope

Rotary Club Number 6594, Chartered March 26, 1946

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**Saturday, December 9, 2023**—Club Holiday Party at Donna’s home, 6 to 9PM. *Please RSVP*

**Thursday, December 14, 2023**—*District Holiday Party*, 6 to 9PM at the Boxborough Regency, \$45 per. Register on District website.

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

**Tuesday, January 9, 2024**—MBCC—6:30 PM

**Tuesday, January 23, 2024**—*Service & Fellowship meeting*—MBCC—6:30 PM

**Tuesday, February 6, 2024**—TBA

**Tuesday, February 20, 2024**—*Literacy and Child Development* with Reb Dalma

**Tuesday, March 5, 2024**—*Service & Fellowship meeting*—MBCC—6:30 PM

**Tuesday, March 19, 2024**—TBA



## Holiday Party—December 9th Dinner on Us! Winners!

### 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**.

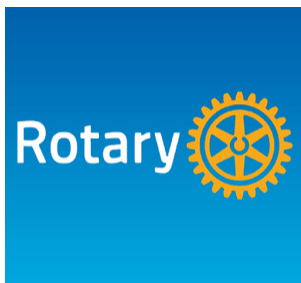
See upcoming **Programs & Events** (left) or check the Club website for more information



**Andy Levin** (above), retired popular football coach at Wellesley High, was our featured guest speaker at the **annual Football Banquet** hosted by Wellesley Rotary at the Italo-American Club on Monday, November 20th. Approximate 83 attended (50 from Wellesley & 33 from Needham) to celebrate the upcoming 136th Thanksgiving Day game, the oldest schoolboy rivalry in the country, since 1882. The game will be played in Wellesley (5 to 6) this year. (Needham (10 to 2) won the game—21 to 7.) After the usual Pledge & *Moment of Silence* we sat down for dinner. **Tory DeFazio** welcomed everyone. We heard from a table of Andy’s friends courtesy of **Paul Tyron**, Captain of the ‘92 Football team. **Don DeVeuve**, President of Needham Rotary and President **Patrick Hayden** of Wellesley Rotary introduced their members and later, the staff, trainers and ...*continued*



**Gorman Centennial Trophy** ▲▲▲▲▲ at the Annual Needham/Wellesley Football Game, Thursday, November 23, 2023.



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**MEETINGS: 1st & 3rd Tuesday Evenings at 6:30 P.M.**  
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players. Tory introduced **Andy Levin**, who spoke about the long and wonderful tradition of the football rivalry. He inspired pride and good sportsmanship in the game ahead no matter who won. He answered several questions. Prez Patrick presented him with a Certificate of Appreciation. Attention was drawn to the restored Gorman Football trophy (see photo on p. 1) which goes to the winning team. A special thanks to **Bill Westerman** for successfully handling, serving & catering of the buffet; and to **Patrick Hayden** for the sound system.

The 2023 **Dinner On Us!** Fundraiser had the drawing of winners on Tuesday, November 14th. Names will be announced soon. This was the 3rd time we've had the fundraiser. It was a spectacular success grossing \$15,000. Our thanks to all!

**Penny Hamel**, from the Rotary Club of Westford, has been selected the **7910 District Governor for 2026-2027**. Penny has been a Rotarian since 1989, served as Club President, Assistant Governor, co-chair of the Bandy Hefler Exchange, District Trustee, Chair of the District Friendship exchange and District Secretary. She is also a Paul Harris Fellow. Professionally Penny works in the financial industry as a VP and Mortgage Loan Officer at U.S. Bank. She has received many accolades and awards over the years. We look forward to her Club visit.



**FROM Our District Governor...**

***AI in the Rotary District.....continued...***

I also asked Microsoft's BING AI to create a Rotary Club membership plan. It came back with a plan that includes a vision statement, and specific, measurable goals which include membership targets. Bing's plan discusses diversity, considers alternative membership types, and suggests 10 specific strategies any Club could implement to enhance attraction and engagement. I have collected all the questions/answers I asked the AI tools.

So what's the point of this exercise? I'm not particularly worried about whether I'll soon be replaced by an AI, but I do worry about the health of our Clubs. As I visit Clubs in our District and beyond, one thing has become abundantly clear. Those Clubs which implement a plan are always the more successful. Hoping for a membership increase is not a plan. Hoping for a better fundraising result is not a plan. Hoping for increased community engagement is not a plan.

Success comes to Clubs who articulate a vision, specify goals, identify actions to meet those goals and then adjust as results inform progress.  
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**BIRTHDAYS**

- John Adams—11/2*
- Nora Pou—11/11*
- Dan LaRochelle—11/15*
- Vin Spoto—11/24*
- Paul Simard - 11/28*

**ANNIVERSARIES**

- Ginny Greiman & Steve Bergstrom—11/30*