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# The Wellesley Rotascope

Rotary Club Number 6594, Chartered March 26, 1946

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**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—6:30—8PM

**Tuesday, March 21, 2023**—TBA

**Tuesday, April 4, 2023**—Prajakta Jagtap

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

**Tuesday, May 2, 2023**—TBA

**Thursday, May 4, 2023**—*Taste of Wellesley*—fundraiser—Elm Bank (6:30—9:00 PM)

**Tuesday, May 16, 2023**—TBA



## ***Seniors Helping Seniors*** 6:30-8PM

**(Every Rotarian Every Year annual campaign begins March 1, 2023— Club will match your contribution up to \$200. Send your check in now!)**

### ***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:***

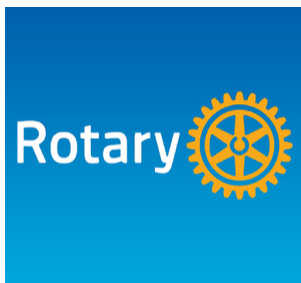
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### **Keep up-to-date on District Happenings**

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

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

President **Bill Westerman** called the Rotary meeting to order at the MBCC Board Room on Tuesday, February 21st. We welcomed speakers, **Rebecca Parkhill** and **Rachel Sagan**, **Chris Cavallerano**, and **Paul Falcone** from Wellesley Media. Following the Pledge and a moment of Silence, *Happy Dollars* came from **Westerman Armentano**, **Rowbotham** and **Adams**. **Donna Armentano** received a positive vote to allocate various funding for the Club’s Foundation account. Prez Bill discussed the status of the Pooch Parade for the *Wellesley Wonderful Weekend* (5/20 & 5/21). It was agreed it might be too much for the Club this year with the addition of preparing for the “*Taste of Wellesley*” However, Rotary might have a presence in the Parade (5/21). **Tory DeFazio** announced the “*Every Rotarian Every Year*” annual campaign begins on March 1st. Contributions up to \$200 will be matched by the Club. Kiwanis is inviting Rotarians to their St. Pat’s dinner at the Village Church on Friday, March 17th (**\$30 per**). Information will be sent out soon. Prez Bill updated us on the activities preparing for the TOW with regular meetings at **Andrea Kaiser’s** home. The next meeting is March 5th. **John Adams** introduced our guest speakers, **Rebecca** and **Rachel** from the Metrowest Women’s Fund. The presentation centered on a “*Needs Assessment of Middle School Girls in the Metrowest*” in **...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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conjunction with the Center of Social Research, a part of Framingham State University. The focus is on teenage girls who are in serious trouble because of mental health issues caused by depression, anxiety, lack of self assurance, peer pressure, and bullying among others. It's a very current topic in the nation today. The goal is to use data gathered to identify emerging and ongoing needs resulting in a "strategy to strengthen resilience". Our speakers described the survey, collection of data, processing and execution. They presented the next steps (outreach, education, reaching girl-serving organizations, consulting with school personnel, and creating an Advisory Council of experts and professionals. This is leading to a pilot program this summer reaching out to girls from low-income families. They also mentioned the contributions of the Wellesley College's Center for Women and the a MBCC fund for helping single mothers. There were many interesting Q&A's including: the impact of cell phones and social media; getting input from schools, and heightening awareness to the problem. Mention was made of Bob Anthony's excellent program, "Adolescent Wellness". More funding is needed to allow more programs and discussion followed in applying for grants and other opportunities. To read the Metrowest report go to: <https://www.metrowestwomensfund.com/projects>.



## **ROTARY DAY OF SERVICE— MAY 20, 2023**

In case you are not aware, we want to reach out and let you know about an exciting collaboration between multiple Rotary Districts in the northeast called Rotary Day of Service. We are fortunate that much groundwork is being shared. A total of more than 450 Rotary clubs and over 12,000 Rotarians are expected to participate. Wellesley Rotary should consider *what project* we would like to do on May 20th. There will be a website to advertise our Club's project. The main "Kick-off" event on Zoom is scheduled for Monday, February 13th at 8PM. Media kits and social media images will be made available to the clubs to give us the best possible visibility within the Wellesley community. May 20th will be the opportunity for all club members to work on the project and celebrate their contributions. Ideas for projects can include the 7 Rotary areas of focus, celebrate a "memorial" day or month. Talk to our town leaders and get an idea on a doable project that will benefit the town!

DGN Joyce Graff, Brookline Rotary Club

### **BIRTHDAYS**

*Linda Tighe—2/19*

*Toby Kell— 2/22*

### **ANNIVERSARIES**