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The Wellesley Rotascope

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January 9, 2024

Tuesday, January 23, 2024—NO meeting

Thursday, January 25, 2024—BOA President, **Brian Moynihan** at Wellesley Country Club—reserve on line

Tuesday, February 6, 2024—Service & Fellowship meeting—MBCC-6:30 PM

Tuesday, February 20, 2024—*Literacy and Child Development* with **Reb Dalma**—MBCC-6:30PM

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

Thursday, March 7, 2024—Rep. **Alice Peisch** at the **Wellesley Free Library** (Wakelin Room) - 6:30 PM

Tuesday, March 19, 2024—Service & Fellowship meeting—MBCC—6:30 PM



BOA President Brian Moynihan

Wellesley Country Club

January 25th—6 to 8PM -RESERVE 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 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:

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Keep Up-to-date on District Happenings

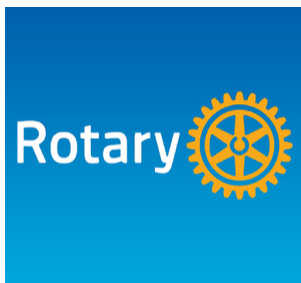
Visit the District website—rotary7910.org

Ten were present (including speaker, **Joe Roberts**) for our January 9th meeting at MassBay Community College. Following the Pledge we had *Happy Dollars* from **Hayden, Adams, Roberts, Nelson, Westerman, Armentano** and **Spoto**. Discussion included volunteering at *Village Table*. **Vin Spoto** suggested helping out at the Center for Homeless Veterans in Boston. **Prez Patrick** gave us an update on BOA President **Brian Moynihan’s** presentation at the Wellesley Country Club on Thursday, January 25th. Reservations are now coming in. The goal is to have well over 100 attend. He encouraged building publicity for the event including contacting other Rotary clubs, veterans groups, CR Chamber, Wellesley Neighbors and perhaps Town Meeting members. **Joe Roberts** suggested contacting the Wellesley Recreation Department. **Catherine Doherty** will act as Moderator for the event.

Representative Alice Peisch is confirmed as speaker for the Thursday, March 7th event co-hosted by Wellesley Rotary and the Wellesley Free Library (6:30 PM in the Wakelin Room).

Speaker, **Joe Roberts**, gave an interesting and complete outline of his “*Community Investors*”, supported by Wellesley Rotary since 2014. He began by describing the current youth epidemics

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MEETINGS: 1st & 3rd Tuesday Evenings at 6:30 P.M.
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("The Imperfect Storm") which includes a 100% increase in suicidal tendencies among youth; 60% increase in depression; 76% fail to actively play; 70% quit sports by 13 years; and young people spend an average of 7 hours per day looking at their screen!. All this was intensified by COVID. This has been described as "devastating", a national mental health crisis. **Community Investors** was founded as a 501C3 to empower young people in the spirit of play. This has been endorsed by state & national sources. It gets young people to do things differently by getting them involved in sports. He outlined the goals of C/I as providing **student leadership**; involving **music-inspired active play**; and, aiming for **game-changing innovation**. He also mention national "competition", as he described as "bad". Support for his program in Wellesley is growing but not by much. C/I encourages student coaching (kids coaching little kids); music as the heartbeat ("pump it up!") to create fun, and actively manage games with control, energy, balance, sparking passion and help building tradition. It involves 2,500 students annually with 250+ session. But, not everyone is reached. Two specific events include: Flag football at Fenway (He presented a brief video clip); and 1 minute Sizzle Reels known as the "Fenway Remedy" which he hopes will be an annual event. He described other elements of the program as well. He appreciates support for **Rep. Alice Peisch**. He concluded with his "Game Plan for Success". Our thanks to Joe for an informative talk! ♡ ♡ ♡ ♡ ♡

Our Rotary Foundation is the engine that fuels our ability to create positive change in our communities and across the globe. Donations to our Foundation funds local grants, the eradication of polio, our Rotary Peace Centers, global grants, and more. On **Wednesday, January 17th at 7PM** an exciting fast-paced virtual event will give you an opportunity to learn about the value of our donations to The Rotary Foundation. Discussing strategies to motivate both Rotarians and non-Rotarians will help us to understand why supporting our Foundation is essential to our success as an organization. We'll hear from **Eileen Rau**, our Zone Regional Foundation Coordinator, as she provides a motivational overview about the power of The Rotary Foundation, and why its essential that every Rotarians is engaged in its support every year. **Tory DeFazio**, Wellesley's Rotary Foundation Chair, will represent Wellesley Rotary Club.

BIRTHDAYS
Frank Rowbotham—1/18
Carl Nelson—1/27

ANNIVERSARIES
Vin & Elaine Spoto—1/5
Frank & Barbara Rowbotham—1/31