



One Profits Most Who Serves Best! ● Service Above Self

The Wellesley Rotascope

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July 23, 2024

Tuesday, July 30, 2024—Board meeting via ZOOM—8AM to 9:30 AM.

Tuesday, August 6, 2024—Service & Fellowship meeting—MBCC—6:00-8:00 PM

Tuesday, August 20, 2024—“Climate Now Initiative” - guest speaker—MBCC—6:30 PM

Tuesday, August 27, 2024—Rotarians will serve dinner at NECHV—3 to 6 PM.



Service & Fellowship Meeting

August 6, 2024—MBCC—6 to 8PM

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**

A large group of Rotarians from the Wellesley and Brookline Rotary Clubs (about 25) gathered in the Library Atrium for the July 23rd meeting. Joining us were **District Governor Joyce Graff, AG Roy Bal-four** and District Trustee **Arnie Miller**. The Brookline Rotarians were led by **Ken Goldstein**, President. Following the Pledge and a light supper supplied by President Nora we were welcomed, and received Happy Dollars from **Spoto, Miller, Rowbotham, Goldstein, Bevilacqua, Hayden, Dole, O’Connor, Pou** and many Brookline Rotarians. AG Bal-four introduced the DG. She was pleased with the club collaboration for this meeting. Her theme was “Rotary has changed”. It has reinvented itself multiple times to stay relevant. Since 1905 there have been many shifts in the culture. Covid was pivotal but one thing that never changes is service. There is always a need for it. It can be difficult at times. “We should examine where, how and when we meet,” she said. These adjustments have reduced membership so we should focus on building it, as well as friendship. “Let’s make ‘noise’ about it!” Let’s have fun, and create magic (Rotary’s theme). Are our bylaws up-to date? Do we have a strong leadership team? Are we enjoying it? Make it your passion! She stressed that fami-ly is first, followed by job, thencontinued



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MEETINGS: 1st & 3rd Tuesday Evenings at 6:30 P.M.
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by volunteering and that's where Rotary comes in. She spent some time on The Rotary Foundation (TRF) and how it works. It feeds our grants (District & Global) and has done incredible things like helping eradicate Polio through PolioPlus (on-going). Smallpox is gone. So is Ebola so why not polio?

Peace is also a Rotary goal and this is recognized by the United Nations. She mentioned an on-going project in Kenya with the support of TRF ("a very powerful platform") as well as the Rotary Peace Centers throughout the world (A new one is opening up in Istanbul.).

Youth programs including RYLA, INTERACT and youth exchange should continue to be supported. They will help build our membership as future Rotarians.

"People are an important resource."

She cited many Rotary causes like mental health, environment, housing, food insecurity among others. "The only way we can have peace in the world is if we have peace with ourselves first."

There was many interesting Q&A's AG Balfour mentioned changes in TRF. There was discussion about IFAW, family planning and other District initiatives..

Tory DeFazio summarized the 2024 EREY campaign for Wellesley Rotary. Paul Harris pins were presented to **Bill Westerman** and **Nora Pou**. ♥♥♥♥♥

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Dear Rotary Member...

For most of us in Rotary, what matters most is our personal club experience. When I joined Rotary, my club made me feel like I belonged. I couldn't wait for the next meeting, and I found a new purpose in the service projects we completed together. To me, this sense of meaning and belonging defines Rotary. As President, I feel a special commitment to help every member in every Rotary and Rotaract club feel like an essential part of our family.

*I'm writing today to thank you for being a member and making Rotary part of your life. And I want to share a tool that can further enhance your experience with Rotary—our **Action Plan**.*

*The **Action Plan** challenges us to find ways to **increase** the impact of Rotary service, **expand** our reach by bringing more people together to share our vision, **adapt** to a rapidly changing world, and **enhance** the experiences that you and your fellow club members have in tangible ways.*

As members of Rotary, we also receive many benefits that enhance our experience beyond our club. From tools that strengthen service projects to professional development courses and mentorship opportunities, there are a lot of reasons to be a member.

You have the power to bring about positive change, both in your club and in your community. When we move into the future united in a common purpose, there is no limit to what we can achieve.

Sincerely,

Stephanie Urchick—

2024-2025 Rotary International President

BIRTHDAYS

Donna Armentano—7/2

Brian O'Connor—7/22

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