

The Wellesley Rotascope

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Tuesday, January 7, 2025—Kate Leavy from “*Spark Hope*” - MBCC Alumni Board Room—6:30-8PM

Tuesday, January 21, 2025—TBD

Tuesday, February 4, 2025—TBD

Tuesday, February 18, 2025—TBD

Tuesday, March 4, 2025- - TBD

Tuesday, March 18, 2025—TBD



Happy Holidays!



Left: Rotary Christmas party at **Donna Armentano’s** home on December 7th... l. to r: Rotarian **Frank Robotham**, singer, **Dr. Shira Doron**; Rotarians **Linda Tighe**, **Fred Wright** and **Patrick Hayden**.

Photo by **Donna Armentano**

Our thanks to **Donna Armentano** for hosting a lovely Rotary holiday party at her home in Wellesley. (*see photo above.*) We had a wonderful turnout! *At our January 7th meeting we will welcome **Kate Leavy** who will tell us about the **Spark Hope Project**. It is dedicated to empowering individuals who bear self-injury or trauma-related scars, offering a fresh start and renewed self-confidence. It uses state-of-the-art technologies to deliver compassionate care. Please plan to attend.* With 8 attending our meeting on 12/17 we opened with the Pledge by **President Amelia Schwartzman**. *Happy Dollars* came from **Adams, Schwartzman** and **Spoto** with one “unhappy” dollar from **Armentano** for “unwanted drones”. *.....continued*

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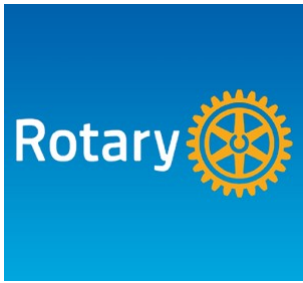
Mission Statement

“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



The Rotary Club of Wellesley, Inc., P.O. Box 81206
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MEETINGS: 1st & 3rd Tuesday Evenings at 6:30 P.M.
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Prez Amelia introduced MBCC Representative and Honorary Member, **Michelle Biscotti**, who brought a plateful of goodies. There was discussion about the need for a “Balance Scholarship”. Michelle said it was still relevant with the increasing enrollment and free tuition, “*strong but mighty*”. She will look into the “food insecurity” issue. There was an update on Grant Applications from **Donna Armentano**. Donna also updated us on the Siddi project giving us the background. More information is needed but she is working on it. Those attending thought the “Gingerbread House” project at Barton Road might work better next year. There was discussion about future meetings (where & when to meet). **Tory DeFazio** will work with Prez Amelia on a “Club Calendar” for 2025. There was discussion about Club Visioning but no decision. Two fundraisers in 2025: *Taste of Wellesley* (May 21, 2024), and *Dinner On Us* (Fall of 2025) were discussed with ideas, goals & promotion. Repair Café will be held in the Spring. Wellesley Wonderful Weekend is on May 17 & 18, 2025. There was discussion about establishing realistic monetary goals for our future fundraisers. Amelia also needs help in finding a Club member to take over the Club Presidency on July 1, 2025. It was a productive meeting involving all present.



Greetings Rotary Family!

As we all celebrate the holidays this month and take part in our own social, spiritual and family celebrations, remember to include your Rotary family. The Family of Rotary gives our organization extraordinary meaning as we connect with individuals in every corner of the world who share the same ideals.

December is Disease Prevention and Treatment Month. As one of our seven areas of focus, we believe good health care is everyone’s right. Yet 400 million people in the world can’t afford or don’t have access to basic health care. **The Rotary Foundation** is changing the world by providing grants for projects and activities around the globe and in your own backyard. We have worked with partners to provide more than 80 percent of Ghana’s people with clean water to fight Guinea worm disease. In Liberia, Rotary members are helping women get tested for HIV early in their pregnancies. They used prenatal care to reduce new HIV infections in children by 95 percent over two years. Rotary members have played a key role in bringing the world to the brink of polio eradication. Our efforts have not only ended polio in 122 countries but also created a system for tackling myriad other health priorities such as Ebola.

Happy Holidays to you and your family! Together let’s continue to share the Magic of Rotary!

RI Director **Chris Etienne** (Rotary Zones 28-32).

<u>BIRTHDAYS</u>	<u>ANNIVERSARIES'</u>
<i>(none)</i>	<i>(none)</i>