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The Wellesley Rotascope

Rotary Club Number 6594, Chartered March 26, 1946

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Wednesday, September 24, 2025—*Service & Fellowship Meeting* at 6:30 PM at the Wellesley Country Club—dinner meeting

Wednesday, October 8, 2025—Wellesley Country Club—dinner meeting @ 6:30 PM

Wednesday, October 22, 2025—Wellesley Country Club—dinner meeting @ 6:30 PM

Saturday, October 25, 2025—Food Insecurity support at *Village Table* / NECHV.

Wednesday, November 5, 2025—*Community Investors* with Joe Roberts—Wellesley Country Club—dinner meeting @ 6:30 PM.

Wednesday, November 19, 2025—*Dinner On Us Raffle*—Wellesley Country Club—dinner meeting @ 6:30 PM.

Tuesday, November 25, 2025 - N/W Football Banquet—Italo Club in Wellesley.

Service & Fellowship Meeting ***Wellesley Country Club—6PM***

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.”

The seven key areas of Rotary to improve lives globally and locally:

- **Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution**
- **Disease Prevention and Treatment**
- **Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene**
 - **Maternal and Child Health,**
 - **Basic Education and Literacy**
- **Community Economic Development, and**
 - **Supporting the Environment**

PLEASE NOTE

Our *Service and Friendship* meeting is usually held on the **first Tuesday/Wednesday 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 (Calendar) at
www.wellesleyrotary.org

President Don McCauley called the meeting of September 10th to order with 16 present. After the usual Welcome, Pledge and Happy Dollars, there were introductions around the table by those present. We welcomed prospective member, **Edith Paley**. Don remarked how fun it was to have a “bowling night”. Many encouraged a repeat performance. He commented on the two Noble Peace Prize winners from Wellesley. He then introduced our guest speaker, **Ira Helfand**, of the *International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons*. Mr. Helfand discussed the dangers of nuclear war recalling the first two nuclear explosions in August 1945 at Nagasaki and Hiroshima at the end of WWII. “The danger is greater today. It doesn’t go away. The bombs today are more powerful,” he said. Escalation can happen any time, any where. We need to actively address the reduction of possibilities. Especially concerning is the possibility of a “cyber” attack. “The climate crisis also adds stress to the conflict between countries.” He then detailed what happens when there is a nuclear war. 100 million would be killed outright! It was very scary. He proposed to look at the situation realistically. Despite peace efforts the situation is kind of “crazy”. The challenge is getting people focused to “start the conversation”....

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MEETINGS: 1st & 3rd Tuesday Evenings at 6:30 P.M.
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Mr. Heflund, a Rotarian himself, feels that Rotarians should take the lead and support efforts “to wage a national campaign to abolish weapons”. Discussion followed included political ramifications and the possible length of a campaign (3 years). He handed out literature including “*Back from the Brink*”; “*Students for Nuclear Disarmament*”; “*What Would Be the Immediate Effects of a Nuclear War?*”, and “*Can Nuclear War Really Happen*”.

Prez Don continued the meeting with appreciation to everyone for their support of the 8 week summer food drive and distribution at Barton Road duplexes and Grove St. apartments. There was a round of applause for Don and Andrea for their leadership. Rotarians are involved on **Saturday, October 25th** with the *Village Table* food preparation and sign-ups are encouraged. He reviewed a thorough time-schedule for the “*Dinner On Us*” fundraiser this Fall. He also reviewed his planned meeting schedule for the 2025-2026 year. The *Taste of Wellesley* will again be held in the Spring of 2026. He covered the Club’s website updates.

At a Club Board meeting immediately following Prez Don covered such topics as member dues waivers; status of corporate documents, and the FY budget (review of the Club’s Balance Sheet & financial activity as well as cash flows.) In addition he reviewed a proposed Club Foundation budget for the year and a preliminary Bylaw Schedule. The Board was very supportive of the proposals and expressed deep appreciation for his leadership. ♥♥♥♥♥

***Thank you for your donation to
The Rotary Foundation!***

Together, we are working toward a more equitable world where all children get a quality education and adults have lifelong learning opportunities that equip them with vital numeracy and literacy skills.

The Rotary Club of Panama Norte, Panama, continues addressing the country’s digital divide with a large-scale project that began as a simple backpack drive and now equips interactive digital classrooms. During the pandemic, club members noticed that schools lacked the technology they needed to keep students learning. So they began to offer them high-tech resources and teacher training that has now been integrated into the country’s education system.

The Rotary Club of Cardiff Bay, Wales, hosted a teacher from Japan who used a global grant scholarship to study how to help her students improve their English.

The Rotary Club of Knysna, South Africa met with local partners and with Rotary clubs in the United Kingdom and Germany in 2019 to ask what it would take to ensure that all children in Knysna could get a good early education by 2025. The resources they mobilized through Rotary projects empowered women in underserved communities to open 50 early childhood centers to serve 4,000 children and reach over 5,000 parents in a campaign to improve early and offer economic development opportunities. ♥♥♥♥♥

BIRTHDAYS

***Tory DeFazio—9/7
Patrick Hayden—9/12
John Bradica—9/29***

ANNIVERSARIES

Joe & Zina Roberts—9/6