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The Wellesley Rotascope

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December 3, 2025

Wednesday, January 7, 2026—Rotary meeting at Wellesley Country Club—6:30 PM

Wednesday, January 21, 2026—Rotary meeting at Wellesley Country Club—6:30 PM

Wednesday, February 4, 2026—Rotary meeting

Wednesday, February 18, 2026—NO MEETING

Wednesday, March 4, 2026—Rotary meeting at Wellesley Country Club—6:30 PM—*Rotary Youth Exchange*

Wednesday, March 18, 2026—Rotary meeting at Wellesley Country Club—6:30 PM

Happy Holidays!

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**

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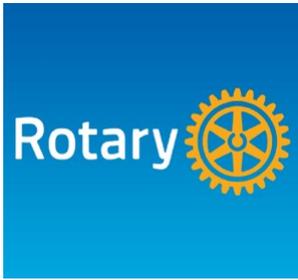
Our *Service and Friendship* meeting is usually held on the **first Tuesday/Wednesday of the month** and a *Rotary speaker* meeting on the **third Tuesday**.

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

19 Rotarians and guests including our **DG, Johnny Ahern**, gathered at the Wellesley Country Club for our December 3rd meeting. **President Don McCauley** opened the meeting with the Pledge followed by introductions and **Happy Dollars** from **Adams, Ahern, Bevilacqua, Cave, Dole, Hayden, Herning, Long, Nelson, Rowbotham, Simard, Spoto, Tighe & Westerman**. A report on the successful Football Banquet (11/24/25) was made by **Frank Rowbotham, Bill Westerman & Tory DeFazio**. Prez Don and Tory reported on the District Dinner (11/19/25). We wish Rotarian **Brian O’Connor** a speedy recovery. **Linda Tighe** conducted the drawing for the **Dinner On Us** fundraiser. (see the results on Page 2—yellow column.)

Prez Don introduced the DG and gave his background. DG Johnny conduct a different “visit”...rather to “listen” to the Club’s members and what was important to them. He described himself as “new” to Rotary, a member for only 6 years. He has visited all the District clubs this year except for one. He wants the clubs to decide” what is best for their clubs” and not to “preach” Priorities include Polio-Plus and club membership, On the latter he wants to keep a “happy medium”. He reflected on District membership which is in decline. It may lead to a break-up of D7910 but we’ll know for sure in July when we receive a formal letter from RI. It’s a great challenge for the District. There was lengthy “round-table discussion concentrating on this and numerable other issues. He wanted to measure the “pulse” of the Club andcontinued



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MEETINGS: 1st & 3rd Tuesday Evenings at 6:30 P.M.
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weigh how District funds will be split and/or combined. He encourage Rotarians to consider leadership positions as we enter this new phase. "Rotary deserves credit for a lot." Other points of discussion included Rotary publicity including town signs; the Club's website as well as District website; youth groups (see our March 4, 2026 planned meeting), and the Rotary logo. **John Adams** added that software, "Club Runner", is changing. After a lot of hearty discussion President Don concluded that "We are a vibrant Club!"



Donna Armentano hosted her annual holiday party at her home on Brook Street on Saturday, December 13th. Many Rotarians and guests were there to celebrate the Season. It was a fun time with much delicious food! Thanks Donna! 🍷🍷🍷🍷

DINNER ON US drawing:

On December 3rd, Rotarian **Linda Tighe** drew the winners for the ***Dinner On Us*** drawing. Gift cards from local restaurants were awarded to the following winners:

- Grand Prize (\$ 2,000) to **Fred Bunger**;
- Second Prize (\$ 1,500) to **Robin Orazem**;
- Third Prize (\$ 500) to **Brian O'Connor**;
- Fourth Prize (\$ 500) to **Steve Hollingsworth**;
- Fifth Prize (\$ 500) to **Chris Shedd**;
- Sixth Prize (\$ 500) to **Lois Mizzi**;
- Seventh Prize (\$ 500) to **Patrick Diaz**;
- Eighth Prize (\$ 500) to **Phyllis Spinale**;
- Ninth Prize (\$ 235) to **John Onat**;
- Tenth Prize (\$ 225) to **Christopher Milton**.

Congratulations to all, and our thanks to our generous restaurants. We raised over \$ 21K towards food insecurity.

BIRTHDAYS

None in December

ANNIVERSARIES

None in December