

# The Wellesley Rotascope

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January 7, 2025

**Wednesday, January 21, 2026**—*Brian Howard* of the Spellman Stamp Museum at Wellesley Country Club—6:30 PM

**Wednesday, February 4, 2026**—*Gary McCabe*, *Path in the Woods* at MBCC—6:30 PM

**Week of February 16, 2026**—**NO MEETING** (planned social outing)

**Wednesday, Marv 4, 2026**—*Jane Schroeder*, Rotary International Youth Exchange at Wellesley Country Club—6:30 PM—

TBD—Repair Cafe

**Wednesday, March 18, 2026**—Rotary meeting at Wellesley Country Club—12 NOON

**Wednesday, April 8, 2025** Rotary meeting at Wellesley Country Club—6:30 PM

**Tuesday, April 21, 2025**—Tree Bagging at DPW—5 PM



## Spellman Stamp Museum January 21, 2026 at the Wellesley Country Club

### 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

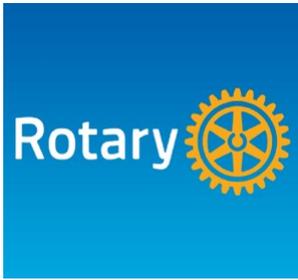
*To see if the upcoming meeting is held in person or via ZOOM visit the Club’s website (Calendar) at [www.wellesleyrotary.org](http://www.wellesleyrotary.org)*



16 Rotarians (no guests) were present for our January 6th meeting. **President Don McCauley** opened the meeting with the Pledge. *Happy Dollars* came from **Adams, Armentano, Cave, Dole, Hayden, Kaiser, McCauley, Rowbotham, Spoto & Westerman**. Prez Don said *“We have a very active time coming up for the Club”*. He reviewed the meeting’s Agenda which included a number of “housekeeping matters”.

- There was a review of the “Dinner on Us”, future evaluation, how to use the proceeds, followed by;
- A discussion of RYLA and ROTA-RACT;
- Discussion about price tickets for the upcoming “Taste of Wellesley” capably headed by **Patrick Hayden** and **Andrea Kaiser**. They would like to see more members involved. The list of participating restaurants was reviewed;
- **Vin Spoto** presented an interesting trophy for the winners of the annual tournament of Club golf aficionados.

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**MEETINGS: 1st & 3rd Tuesday Evenings at 6:30 P.M.**  
(See our calendar on page one)

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*continued...* There was also discussion about inter-club communications including the internet and web page; how to dispose of past Club documents; the Club budget; support for Foundation grants. Finally, there was discussion about the Club's organization. Prez Don reminded the Club about following the "non-profit law" as a guide (since we are a "non-profit", by identifying officers. He offered other suggestions to "simplify" the bylaws. Regarding new Club officers, everyone was reminded of the benefits of PETS (President-Elect Training (3/4/2026)) offered by the District.). The meeting concluded with a review of the Club's activities for the remainder of the Rotary year including timing, members involved, budget, third party approvals and Sponsors.

*(Please review the Calendar on p. 1 for upcoming meetings.) - (Photo by Bill Westerman)*

We were sorry to hear about the passing of **Ellen Gagnon** (1936-2024) on December 18, 2024 in Venice FL. She was an active member of Wellesley Rotary from 1993 to 2008, a Paul Harris Fellow (2), as well as our first woman member.

**BANDY HEFLER Exchange**— D7910 will be welcoming Rotarians from England from Friday, September 25 to Wednesday, October 7, 2026. This renowned exchange between our District and D1110 & 1145 (UK) has been a longtime event— since 1977. Rotarians are hosting Rotarians! For more information contact the Chair, **Tom Pinney** (Thomas\_Pinney@comcast.com) of Bedford Rotary.

In a world where intolerance and violence fueled by religious differences are seemingly increasing, one Rotary club in Indonesia is showing how diversity can help prevent a pandemic threat. When the Rotary Club of Solo Karin in Surakarta, Indonesia, formed 25 years ago, its members drew criticism from the predominantly Muslim community. The club's members were mostly Christians, atypical for a country where more than 80% of the population is Muslim. Religious leaders were skeptical of Rotary's secular mission and wary of intrusion. Undeterred, the club started recruiting more members. Today, the 72-member, all-female club includes both Muslims and Christians. And the effort they have put into breaking down barriers and fostering respect and understanding among club members has reinforced the club's capacity to address dengue fever, one of the biggest public health threats in tropical cities like Surakarta. Dengue fever is a virus transmitted by mosquitos that flourish in tropical urban environments like Surakarta. There is no effective treatment; once infected, victims experience sudden high fevers, severe headaches, joint and muscle pain, fatigue, nausea and vomiting. Launching an effective public health initiative to prevent the disease requires volunteers with deep knowledge and connections to the community who can craft specific and sustainable solutions. And that means being able to build relationships across religious, cultural and socio-economic lines.

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**BIRTHDAYS**

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

**ANNIVERSARIES**

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