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The Wellesley Rotascope

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January 21, 2025

Wednesday, February 4, 2026— Gary McCabe, *Path in the Woods* - Board Room at MBCC—6:30 PM (no dinner)

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

Wednesday, March 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



PATH IN THE WOODS

February 4, 2026 at the MassBay CC

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 to order in the Founders Room at the Wellesley Country Club. 14 were present including the guest speaker, **Brian Howard**, Executive Director of the Spellman Museum of Stamps and Postal History in Weston. Following the Pledge and Introductions we had *Happy Dollars* from **Bradica, Cave, Dole, Hayden, Rowbotham, Spoto, Tighe & Westerman**. Mr. Howard was introduced and he handed out museum fliers and membership information. The Spellman Museum is the 2nd largest stamp museum in the US. He proceeded to give us his background (2 1/2 years as Director with previous leadership in historical societies). The Museum was opened in 1953 with the present building on the Regis College campus dedicated in 1962 by Cardinal Spellman, Archbishop of New York. It is dedicated to quality stamp exhibits, and promoting stamp collecting. It comprises galleries to display, and storage for various collections. He said it will be heavily involved the US bicentennial activities as well as Olympic events during 2026. He gave us an overview of artifacts including first day covers, a German helmet that was successfully mailed with stamps on it (!). “Stamps,” he said, “reflect the culture that create them. It tells a story with a serious approach. It’s more than just stamps.” He circulated many examples of stamps and documents from their collection. The museum will be participating a large stamp show in May 2026. Two dozen volunteers help process donations. “We are overwhelmed with them. It’s a constant challenge.” *...continued*



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MEETINGS: 1st & 3rd Tuesday Evenings at 6:30 P.M.
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Regarding Club matters, **President Don McCauley** announced he was stepping down as Club President for personal reasons. He was thanked by Club members with a round of applause in appreciation for his dedication and service. A small team of members (**Vin Spoto, John Adams** and **Patrick Hayden**) will provide leadership guidance from here-on-in with more announcements to come. **John Adams** is scheduling the Repair Café sometime in March 2026. Member **Harrison Shaw's** company, *Bartlett Tree Experts*, will be sponsors of our annual tree bagging event on Tuesday, April 21st at the Department of Public Works garage. Wellesley Rotary will be involved in the annual Celebration Committee's Wellesley Parade on Sunday, May 17th. **Linda Tighe** gave us an update on "Pups in the Park" scheduled for Saturday, May 16th at Hunnewell Field. **Andrea Kaiser** and **Patrick Hayden** outlined the 2026 "Taste of Wellesley" event scheduled for Wednesday, May 20th (6:30 to 9PM) at the Wellesley Country Club. Hopefully, 17 restaurants will be signed up soon for this annual fundraiser. ♥♥♥♥♥

I'm supposed to respect my elders, but it's getting harder and harder for me to fine one now.

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Rotary member Mariam Kartonagoro says her club's diverse makeup—particularly its abundance of mothers and professionals of varied ages and backgrounds—enhances their effort to fight dengue fever. "The fact that we are different does not create trouble, but it strengthens our relationship," she says. In collaboration with the Rotary Club of Westport, CT, and the local ministry of health in Sirakarta, the Muslim and Christian club members have been able to help reduce the risk for dengue fever by interrupting the breeding cycles of carrier mosquitos. The first step was to implement a startlingly simple, low-cost strategy: line the dark cement bathtubs common in Indonesian households with white tiles so mosquito larvae is easier to see – and remove. In five years, the club project modified more than 3,500 tubs in two neighborhoods. But tiles weren't enough. The club needed to change habits and behaviors that contribute to infections, which required building trust to educate the community. "Our main focus is to educate and invite people to be aware of health issues, hygiene, and the importance of a clean environment." says Rotarian **Indrijani Sutapa**, one of the dengue project leads. "This takes a very long time to teach." Community social workers teach homeowners to empty and scrub infested tubs twice a week, close the lid on water containers, and bury waste that can collect water. The fact that we are different does not create trouble, but it... *....continued*

BIRTHDAYS

Frank Rowbotham—1/18
Carl Nelson—1/27

ANNIVERSARIES

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