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The Wellesley Rotascope

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February 4, 2026

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—

Saturday, March 21, 2026—Repair Café at Warren Center—Room 8 in basement—9AM to 1PM

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



Social Outing—TBA & D7910 RI Student Exchange with Jane Schroeder and two international students

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 **Bill Westerman** opened the February 4th meeting at MBCC with the Pledge followed by **Happy Dollars** from **Adams, Dole, McCabe, Rowbotham** and **Westerman**. Eight were present for the meeting including our guest speaker, **Gary McCabe**. **John Adams** announced the date of the Repair Café (see calendar to the left). Gary spoke to us on a return engagement about the *“Path in the Woods Foundation”* which began in 2009 after the loss of his son. It offers an opportunity to reach out to teens troubled by mental or physical problems. After giving us the background he outlined the successful fundraising the Foundation has had such as a golf tournament. It now offers work/study internships for Wellesley High School students aimed at students of interest. In 2026 three grants were arranged: one with *Wellesley Media Corporation*; another with *Wellesley Theatre Project* and one with the *Wellesley Historical Society*. The Foundation offers a “Bridge” program at Wellesley High School for interested students in the areas of mental and physical health. He explained a connection with Boston University in a reach-out to colleges and universities. There are support groups like “Flourish Families”, a program for affected families which includes grants and scholarships. He also reviewed the PASS program (Peer Academic Supports for Success) for higher education administrators and leaders. Discussion included a relationship with day students at MBCC as well as members of Wellesley Rotary. He would like to build on what has been accomplished by having Rotary as a partner. He suggested a ...continued



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MEETINGS: 1st & 3rd Tuesday Evenings at 6:30 P.M.
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grant...or recruiting participants (MBCC or WHS) with the possibility of paying them. He reviewed the contacts at MBCC and the past connections with Rotarian **Bob Anthony** who now lives in Florida. There was discussion which followed and the Club will take all under advisement.

In other Club matters:

- **Vin Spoto, Patrick Hayden** and **John Adams** are reviewing the Club Bylaws and will bring a proposed update to the membership soon.
- Prez **Bill** presented a current list of Board of Directors to remain in place until June 30, 2026.
- **Tory DeFazio** gave an update on the upcoming fundraiser, *Taste of Wellesley*, scheduled for late May.
- *Pups in the Park* is also scheduled for late May headed by Rotarian **Linda Tighe**.

“On time” is when you get there

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The fact that we are different does not create trouble, but it strengthens our relationship. **Siti Wahyuningsih**, Surakarta’s director of public health, hopes to extend Rotary’s white-tile project to other parts of the city. “Health is a shared responsibility between government, society, and the private sector,” she says. “The government can’t do it alone. We as a community must embrace all of our strengths, and Rotary is a big one.” The club hopes to see more people crossing cultural lines to help each other. “Rotary has a very diverse membership, and we can be examples to others in the way we work. After all, when we give help, we do not ask about the religion of the person whose tub we replace. We think in a much more global way,” says Rotarian **Febri Dipokusumo**. “And we try to foster relationships with people who may have different beliefs or thoughts. We can become friends here in Rotary. Maybe this way, we can inspire Indonesia and the world.”

The Rotary Club of Solo Kartini in Surakarta, Indonesia, formed 25 years ago. Today, the all-female club has 72 members and includes both Christians and Muslims.



BIRTHDAYS

Linda Tighe—2/19

ANNIVERSARIES

Brian & Lynn O’Connor—2/19

