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The Wellesley Rotascope

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March 4, 2026

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

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

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

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



Service & Fellowship Meeting *Wednesday, March 18th at Wellesley Country Club—12 NOON!*

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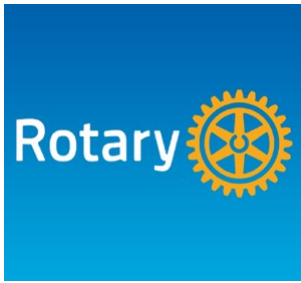
Our *Service and Friendship* meeting is usually held on the **first Tuesday/Wednesday of the month** and a *Rotary speaker* meeting on the **third Tuesday**.

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

With 18 present including guests **President Bill Westerman** opened the meeting with the Pledge followed by guest introductions including: **Ben Demeo** from Milford Rotary; **AG Mark Messina** from Weston/Wayland Rotary, and prospective members, **Bob Salzman & Tom Ankermann**. This was followed by **Happy Dollars** from **Ankermann, Armentano, Dole, Kaiser, Hayden, Perkins, Rowbotham, Salzman, Schroeder, Spoto, Westerman & Whittemore**.

Prez Bill introduced our guest speakers: **Jane Schroeder** from Milford Rotary and **Sherrie Whittemore** from Framingham Rotary—both are involved with student exchange in our District 7910. Jane opened her presentation with a question, “How many Wellesley Rotarians have been on a D7910 Bandy-Hefler Exchange or any other Rotary exchange???” Receiving a long pause she delved into a positive approach on exchanges and the challenges of being an exchange student. It’s a “marvelous experience”, she said, it having been around for 51 years and presently rebuilding because of COVID. She described the Rotary Youth Exchange in high schools (usually Sophomore or Junior year). Jane has been involved for eight years with the “long-term exchange”, and Sherrie with the “short-term”. Jane provided many handouts describing the Exchange (“*travel, learn, grow discover, fun!*”). “It’s a fabulous experience for youth.” She gave some of the inside approaches (complying with Federal regulations, screening by the government, attending preparation conferences, and the importance of ‘good standing’. ...continued



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MEETINGS: 1st & 3rd Tuesday Evenings at 6:30 P.M.
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She defined the host/sponsor requirement of each exchange (Rotary to Rotary). It builds relationship which is, as we know, a symbol of the international part of Rotary. The District is always looking for host families and constantly for qualified students. This includes the importance of study, credits issued, homework, insurance, etc. as a student heads for college. It requires “courage and independence...a challenging step” The student works in activities with the family including going on trips. Jane reviewed the present students in the District for the year. Sherri works with the “short term” exchanges, i.e., students over the summer (sometimes just 3 to 4 weeks). She outlined the challenges of selecting students and placing them with receiving parents since there is no schooling at that time. There was lively discussion and examples as it continued on during dinner.

On other meeting matters:

- **Vin Spoto** gave a synopsis of the new Club bylaws. They have been carefully thought through. A majority vote ensured their passing.
- **John Adams** reminded everyone about the upcoming Repair Café (March 21st) at the Warren Center.
- Developments on Club finances as to what happens to upcoming changes to funding. More discussion is needed before a vote.
- **Patrick Hayden** gave an update on the upcoming fundraiser, Taste of Wellesley (May 20th).
- **AG Mark Messina** put in a voice for more volunteers for District Committees especially with upcoming District mergers. There was much discussion. ☺☺☺

From Mass Bay Community College....

WELLESLEY HILLS, Mass. - The Rotary Club of Wellesley has generously donated \$ 36,000 to MBCCC this academic year to support student scholarships. Wellesley Rotary raised \$ 26,000 for MassBay’s **Student Hunger Relief Fund** and \$ 10,000 for Mass Bay’s **Balance Scholarship Fund**. These funds provide financial assistance to students experiencing food insecurity and those struggling to pay the remaining balance of their tuition. Since 2020, the Rotary Club of Wellesley has contributed nearly \$ 135,000 toward student scholarships at MassBay. “We are deeply grateful for the continued generosity of the Rotary Club of Wellesley,” said MassBay President, **David Podell**. “These funds help ensure our students who demonstrate a need have access to essential resources, including food and tuition assistance, enabling them to stay in the classroom and achieve their academic goals. Rotary’s unwavering commitment to student success continues to transform lives and pave the way for future graduates.” The Rotary Club of Wellesley raises funds for MassBay and other local initiatives through year-round fundraising events. One of its signature events, the **Taste of Wellesley**, is a spring culinary fundraiser that showcases local restaurants while generously supporting multiple community programs. This year’s **Taste of Wellesley** will take place on Wednesday, May 20, 2026 at The Wellesley Country Club. “The Rotary Club of Wellesley is committed to alleviating food insecurity in our community, and we are ...continued

BIRTHDAYS

Ashley Denton—3/14
Bill Westerman—3/23

ANNIVERSARIES

