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The Wellesley Rotascope

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February 4, 2025

Tuesday, February 18, 2025—Club meeting
via ZOOM - 6:30 PM

Tuesday, March 4, 2025- Speaker (TBA)
at the Wellesley Free
Library

Wednesday, March 19, 2025— Judge Diane
Freniere, Assoc. Justice
of the MA Superior
Court.at the Wellesley
Country Club at 6:30
PM

Tuesday, April 8, 2025—TBA

Tuesday, April 22, 2025—Annual tree bag-
ging at Wellesley DPW



Service & Fellowship Meeting via Zoom—6:30 PM on 2/18/25

The Rotary Club
of Wellesley

Mission Statement

*“To serve others with a focus
on strengthening communities
in the areas of health, educa-
tion and sustainable living.”*

PLEASE NOTE

Our *Service and Friendship*
meeting is usually held on the
first Tuesday 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):
www.wellesleyrotary.org*

**Keep Up-to-date on
District Happenings**
Visit the District website—
rotary7910.org



Rotarian **Brian O'Connor** speaking
at the February 4th Rotary meeting
Photo by **Amelia Schwartzman**

12 were present at our February 4th
meeting including guest, **Ranyer
Firmino**. President **Amelia
Schwartzman** opened with the
Pledge followed by *Happy Dollars*
from **Bradica, Bevilacqua, Dole,
Hayden, O'Connor, Perkins, Spoto
& Westerman**.

Framingham Rotary is holding *The
Survival Innovation Challenge* for
students to design an innovative prod-
uct that should include “green” and
sustainable features to be developed at
low and economical cost to help peo-
ple survive economic hardships. They
encouraged participation for those in-
terested. Other topics included:

- *“Every Rotarian Every Year”* will
run from March 1st to May 30th.
Wellesley Rotarians are urged to
participate... ..*..continued*



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

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EREY contributions will be matched for up to \$200 by the Club.

Susan Bevilacqua is seeking a WHS Sophomore for this year's District RYLA leadership camp. She also mentioned a proposed meeting in the Fall of Presidents of Wellesley organizations, a kind of symposium, to exchange information.

Our next Club meeting is via Zoom (February 18th) at 6:30 PM.

We received an update on the upcoming fundraiser, ***Taste of Wellesley*** (May 21st at the Country Club). The members agreed to a new Sponsorship level for TOW (\$500—"Friends of Wellesley Rotary"). **Carl Nelson** asked for the Boy Scouts to sell popcorn at the Rotary booth at the Sunday, May 18th ***Wellesley Wonderful Weekend*** event.

Our guest speaker, **Dr. Brian O'Connor**, gave a galvanizing presentation on addiction in today's society. He gave his background in medicine and how he got involved in counseling addicts of alcohol and drugs. His oldest son became addicted to heroine in 2005 and propelled him into searching for accurate counseling. It changed his life. He founded "*Middlesex Recovery*", a group of 6 offices with 2K patients to give accurate and the best counseling. He retired in 2016. He gave us a fascinating tour of what causes addiction and substance abuse. All comes from plants and is controlled by the brain. He reviewed the use of opioids and their history and the latest problems (increase "spike" in street drugs in MA.) "Know what you're doing" he counselled!.

Help California

Rotary District 5280 Governor **Alberto Hernandez** posted the following on their web site:

As you're likely aware, our region is currently facing devastating wildfires and severe winds. The Pacific Palisades community has been especially hard-hit with reports of over 10,000 homes, businesses and more lost. The fires continue to advance toward the borders of Malibu and Santa Monica with no signs of abating. To the north-east, the Eaton Canyon Fire that began in Altadena is spreading east toward Monrovia and west toward Glendale. Meanwhile, the northwest side of our District is battling the Hurst Fire in Sylmar. These events have already brought immense loss, and we must act swiftly and decisively.

District 5280 has established a Disaster Relief Fund to help raise funds for those in need. Their plan includes raising funds, coordinating resources, and managing volunteers. Please make your check payable to "Rotary District 5280 Charitable Foundation" Mail check to **Rotary District 5280 Office at 8055 W. Manchester Ave. Suite 460, Playa Del Rey, California 90293**. Please put "*Wildfire Disaster Relief*" in the memo. Your donation is tax deductible and will directly support those most devastated by this disaster. The tax ID of the District 5280 Charitable Foundation is **95-4597691**.

BIRTHDAYS

Linda Tighe—2/19

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