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The Wellesley Rotascope

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March 18, 2025

Tuesday, April 8, 2025—Elen Pavleyan
6:30 PM at *TBD*

Tuesday, April 22, 2025—Annual tree bagging at Wellesley DPW

Tuesday, May 6, 2025—TBA

Saturday, May 17, 2025 *Pups in the Park*—Hunnewell Field—PM

Wednesday, May 21, 2025 - Annual fundraiser, *Taste of Wellesley*, at the Wellesley Country Club.

Tuesday, June 3, 2025—TBA

Tuesday, June 17, 2025— *Annual Installation* with Jack Colamaria, District Governor Nominee Designate (DG in 2027-2028)



Elen Pavleyan
6:30 PM at *TBD*

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.”

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):
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rotary7910.org

President **Amelia Schwartzman** opened the meeting with the Pledge with 13 in attendance as well as Wellesley Media. It was a dinner meeting in the Library of the Wellesley Country Club. **Happy Dollars** came from **Armentano, DeFazio, Dole, Kaiser, Pou, Rowbotham, Schwartzman, Spoto, Tighe & Westerman**. Prez Amelia announced that **Rotarian Don McCauley** has agreed to be the our next Rotary Club President, The installation will take place on Tuesday, June 17th. This was received with a round of applause. **Andrea Kaiser** gave an update on the upcoming fundraiser, *Taste of Wellesley* (Wednesday, May 21st). **Donna Armentano** said that \$44,100 had been raised so far towards a goal of \$50K. **Linda Tighe** gave us an update on the *Pups in the Park* event on Saturday, May 17th as part of Wellesley Wonderful Weekend.

Being that March is Judicial Outreach Month in Massachusetts, Rotarian **Nora Pou** arranged for Wellesley resident, Judge **Diane Cabo Freniere** to be our guest speaker. She asked for introductions from the Rotarians so she could gauge her talk accordingly. The Rotarians dutifully complied. She gave a candid talk about her fascinating career leading to the bench. She started as an engineer, went through the Air Force and finally to law school. In 2017 she became a Superior Court judgecontinued



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MEETINGS: 1st & 3rd Tuesday Evenings at 6:30 P.M.
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focusing on civil law with some criminal cases. She described some as assault and battery cases, some homicide, and felony cases as they come up through the community district courts (Norfolk County in Dedham and Brockton to mention a couple). "We have a strong judiciary in Massachusetts", she said. She moves around the state as needed to preside over cases where Federal law applies. She discussed some specifics. Litigation can be very expensive and this is affecting the types of cases coming before the judiciary. Focus has been on immigration cases. "The future is unknown here", she said. She has to weigh the impact of the decision in the process. "What is the most favorable juridical decision?" She discussed the impact of the federal courts on the state and the balance of powers. "It can lead to turmoil and be very upsetting for many." Today there is a lot of disrespect for the judiciary which is a fearful situation. The length of the cases can be long. "Timing is important." Judge Freniere also talked about many procedures and processes. She also talked about her family, costs of hiring a lawyer, and getting the right lawyer with the right experience. In the Q&A's she brought up "made-up cases" and how this is a "scary" situation for all. She urged checking for reliability. ♥♥♥♥

*What to you call a miniature porcupine that
steals money from people?
....A hedge fund hog...*

That 'n This...

- **District Training Assembly** will be held on Saturday, April 5, 2025 from 8AM to 2 PM at Assabet High School, 215 Fitchburg St. in Marlborough. This is a great chance for incoming Presidents to learn grant training, sessions on Club Runner, fundraising, using District Charity Fund, and social media.
- Volunteers are needed to help with the **Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA)** weekend (6/27, 28 & 29). Wellesley Rotary sends a end-of-year Sophomore from Wellesley High to this event. Check the District 7910 website for more info.
- Help prevent deaths from addiction in our community. **The Rotary Action Group for Addiction Prevention** offers a 5-step plan that can be implemented in Wellesley. It teaches people how to recognize and treat a drug overdose. Check with the Rotary Club of Ardmore Oklahoma for further information.
- **The Rotary Club of Ragusa Italy** (southeastern Sicily) invites you to vacation in their beautiful part of Italy. It has been designated as a World Heritage Site for its baroque atmosphere. From May 25th to June 1st, the Rotary club will host a special event. Check the District website for further information.

BIRTHDAYS

Kip Doyle—3/1

Bill Westerman—3/23

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