

UPCOMING PROGRAMS & EVENTS

Wednesday, November 2, 2016 Board of Director's meeting -5:30-6:30 PM, followed by a Business & Service Meeting 6:30 to 8:00 PM

Wednesday, November 16, 2016 Another Mystery Ride! Get ready...

Tuesday, November 22, 2016 Needham-Wellesley Football Banquet—hosted by Needham Rotary— 6PM at the Needham Sheraton.

Wednesday, December 7, 2016, Board of Directors meeting—5:30-6:30 PM followed by a Business & Service Meeting 6:30 to 8:00 PM

Wednesday, December
21st—Holiday Party—
TBA



The Wellesley Rotascope

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Next meeting: November 2, 2016—6:30 PM

Business & Service Meeting

6:30 PM—Wellesley Country Club

The mission of the Rotary Club of Wellesley is to maximize its member's talents, skills and networks in order to provide service to others, with a focus on strengthening local, national and international communities in the areas of literacy, health and education while fostering leadership skills.

<u>Rotarians</u>: Read the weekly <u>Governor's Message</u> by **co-DG Pat &**Skip Doyle. Keep up-to-date on
District 7910 happenings.

On October 26th we welcomed many guests: Bob Grignaffini, Phyllis Daddario, Elaine Spoto, Danuta Bujak, Anna Kemalow Booth, Katrina Margolis and, Inga Piotrowska, a Polish student at Wellesley College. President **Scott Secrest** opened the meeting. There were Happy Dollars from Bill Westerman, Fred Wright, Paul Simard, Anna Maria Costa and Vin **Spoto**. We were glad to welcome Wellesley resident, Anna Maria Costa (ne: Anders) who was a Wellesley Rotarian from 2009 to 2011. Vin Spoto introduced Anna Maria. In a personal and engaging presentation Anna Maria spoke of her background (born of Polish parents in London, traveling the world and is presently an elected Polish Senator and a Minister in the Republic of Poland).continued

She comes from a military background—her father was a famous Polish general who led freed Polish soldiers (Anders' Army) in the attack on Monte Cassino during WWII; her husband, a US Army officer died in 2007, and their son, a graduate of Tufts, is presently a US Army 2nd Lieutenant off for a three months tour in Iraq. Her interest in working for the Polish government surfaced eighteen months ago when she was approached to run for office as a Senator in District 44. Because of her famous name and its connection with the Polish people she won by 150,000 votes! In January she assumed the role as Minister of the Secretary of State working under the Prime Minister. She speaks six languages including Polish so she was well suited to the role of being a political and cultural representative to many people who fondly remember her father. In a broad way she is pursuing an "international dialogue" and instilling in young people the importance of patriotism. So far the new position has been "interesting and fun" with its goal to improve Poland's image in the world. She laid out for us the political landscape with the comment that Poland is a changing country. She also spelled out the goal of bringing back to Poland people who were exiled from Poland during WWII, over 1.3 million.

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SERVICE ABOVE SELF!

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MEETINGS: 1st & 3rd Wednesday Evenings at 6:30 P.M. Wellesley Country Club, 294 Wellesley Avenue, Wellesley Hills, MA 02481—781-235-2032

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She described it as "repatriation". Promoting Poland is now taking form in a traveling US national exhibit based on English professor Norman Davis' "The Trail of Hope" This compilation of stories of "Anders' Army" includes accounts, photos and documents used to reconstruct the fate of Polish soldiers and civilian refugees from the Soviet Union. They were scattered throughout the world—many sent to Siberia - totaling nearly 116,000 people including 78,000 soldiers and 37,000 civilians. Efforts are being made to bring the many 1.3 million deportees back to Poland. There was discussion and many questions about Poland today including: bringing young people back to Poland: details about Anna Maria's father, General Wladyslaw Anders—a film is being made about this extraordinary man; present day Poland as a member of NATO and the EU and its defense and fragile relation with Russia to the east.

(To view Anna Maria in her new role go to a recent PBS news item:

http://www.pbs.org/newshour/bb/u-s-nato-troop-buildup-in-eastern-europe-to-counter-russians-is-largest-since-cold-war/)

From the DG Newsletter (9/26/16):

<u>District Interact Teen And Advisor Training</u> <u>Seminar A Huge Success</u>, by Bob Anthonycontinued

Seminar 2: District Interact Committee Chair, **Bob Anthony**:

- How to launch an Interact club
- Certification letter, roles and responsibilities of the President & Rotary advisor, in the case of school-based clubs, the faculty advisor.

Seminar 3: Wellesley Interactors Hannah Lee & Lindsay Canaday:

- Review the Presidential Citation; invite monthly video-clip competition
- Membership, succession financial viability and sustainability
- Motivational life coach

Seminar 4 Part 1: Motivational life coach **Jeff Levin**:

- Brainstorming with PIP (Problems Ideas, Plans)
- One idea for each Interact club's goal for the year

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BIRTHDAYS

Dan Juliani—10/21 Susan Bevilacqua—10/23 Fred Wright—10/28 Paul Lam—10/29

ANNIVERARIES

Tom & Emily DeRiemer—10/2 Dan & Kenna Juliani—10/12