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# The Wellesley Rotascope

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August 20, 2024

**Sunday, August 25th & Monday, August 26th, 2024**—Meal Preparation at *Village Table*—10-12:30 (food prep); 7:5-7:30 (cooking)—Village Church

**Tuesday, August 27, 2024**—Rotarians to serve dinner at NECHV—10-12:30 (package); 3:30-5:30 (serve in Boston at NECHV)

**Tuesday, September 10, 2024**—David Reich—*Tactics Communications: Collaboration and Innovation*—MBCC Board Room—6:30-8PM

**Tuesday, September 17, 2024**—General Board meeting via ZOOM—8-9AM.

**Tuesday, September 24, 2024**—Dylan Zajac—*Computers 4People*—MBCC Library Atrium—6:30-8PM



## Tactics Communications September 10, 2024—MBCC—6:30 PM

### 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

A *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:*  
[www.wellesleyrotary.org](http://www.wellesleyrotary.org)

**Keep Up-to-date on District Happenings**  
Visit the District website—[rotary7910.org](http://rotary7910.org)

**CORRECTION:** On Page 2 of the August 6th ROTASCOPE, delete the last three lines beginning with “Nora then asked for volunteers...”, and replace with the following: “**John Adams** and **Dan LaRochelle** will research projects under those two categories to later present to membership for consideration.”

15 were present for the August 20th Wellesley Rotary meeting including guest, **Mary Beth Martello** (Director of the Wellesley Climate Action Committee). **President Nora Pou** opened the meeting with a welcome and after the Pledge there were *Happy Dollars* from **Bevilacqua, Hayden, Rowbotham, Spoto, Tighe, Westerman** and **Wilson**. Prez Nora introduced our guest speaker, **Andrew Willinger**, a Newton Rotarian, who presented “*Climate Action Now—films & tools to raise the priority of the Climate Crisis and inspire action*” Dr. Willinger outlined the urgency “that if we don’t do something soon...then there will be trouble.” Rotary can help communicate the message to drive home the impact. D7910 is reaching out to its clubs to raise awareness and help. He showed visuals emphasizing causes (fires, floods, drought and hurricanes). He showed a chart showing the rise in average global temperatures (1850-2023). “We worry about the  
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**MEETINGS: 1st & 3rd Tuesday Evenings at 6:30 P.M.**  
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extremes (rising ocean levels, deforestation, mass displacement of population and extinction and death of lifeforms)". He proposed some goals (reinforce the urgency; raise the priority, and provide the tools). He gave some examples (forest: *albedo* (reflection of the sun on the ice cap raising heat, and permafrost (release of methane). He showed a brief 4 minute video outlining the climate emergency, and how the weather pattern changes through large swings of the jet stream. It gets depressing but it's not too late to do something. Brookline Rotary initiated an event to create awareness. It was a beginning. We should ask ourselves, "What can I do to make a difference?" Here he opened the Rotary "toolkit" which included a QR code (to open the District website); a review of the MIT "En-Roads", a simulation tool that works out an environment scenario; a plan to work toward policy change including equity concerns; conducting a RCAN film event in Wellesley, and other ways. He commended Mary Beth for leading Wellesley in these efforts. No matter what, there are very complicated solutions but he encouraged participation by all. There was much discussion. **Susan Bevilacqua** gave an update on recruiting volunteers for her Club projects. **Vin Spoto** reported on getting help for serving meals at the Village Table and the NE Center for Homeless Vets. The remainder of the meeting was spent discussing fundraising (**Patrick Hayden** and **Andrea Kaiser**) and the need to get restaurant help for our upcoming "Dinner on Us" (**Linda Tighe**). There was also much discussion and enthusiasm for both. ♥♥♥♥♥

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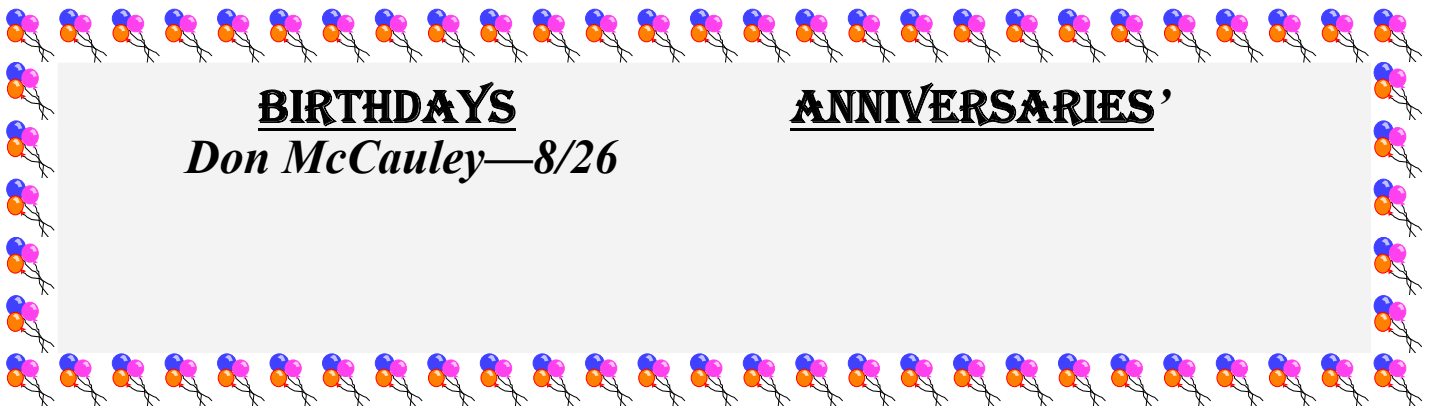
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*Don McCauley—8/26*

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