

The Wellesley Rotascope

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May 6, 2026

Saturday, May 16,

2026—Pups in the Park—4 PM—Hunnewell Field

Sunday, May 17,

2026—Wellesley Parade—1 PM (Rt. 9 & Rt. 16)

Wednesday, May 20,

2026—Annual Taste of Wellesley—Wellesley Country Club -6:30 PM

Wednesday, June 3,

2026 - Rotary meeting at Wellesley Country Club—6:30 PM

Wednesday, June 17,

2026—Induction of New Officers for 2026-2027—Wellesley Country Club—6:30 PM



Taste of Wellesley—5/20/26 Pups in the Park (5/16) / Wellesley Parade (5/17)

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**

PLEASE NOTE

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



President-elect **Kip Dole** standing in for out-of-town **President Bill Westerman** opened the meeting of May 6, 2026 with the Pledge. *Happy Dollars* came from **Ankermann, Armentano, Dole, LaRochelle, Hayden, Rowbotham and Spoto**. **Vin Spoto** updated us on “Pups in the Park” with appreciation to **Linda Tighe**. *Taste of Wellesley* fundraiser (5/20/26) tickets have exceeded 200 sold. One week is left!. **Tory DeFazio** inducted two new members: **Jessie Sun** and **Thomas Ankermann** (photo above with **Kip Dole** (center)). **Andrew Herning** explained the donation structure for projects (District & Global grants) as part of the annual “*Every Rotarian Every Year*” campaign (see page 2.). There was discussion about food insecurity with left over food. (Babson College has “lots of waste”.)

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MEETINGS: 1st & 3rd Tuesday Evenings at 6:30 P.M.
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There was a suggestion to discuss this with MassBay Community College and their on-going problem of food insecurity.

Patrick Hayden gave an update on the “Taste of Wellesley” fundraiser. There are good ticket sales. There is also a final push for Sponsors. Videos made by **Edith Paley** and “starring” **Patrick Hayden** and **Linda Tighe** are being well received. Volunteers are needed for the event itself. Discussion continued on the chef, signage, involvement of “Village Table”, auction, and parking.

“Pups in the Park” (5/16/2026) was discussed along with Wellesley Rotary’s involvement in the Wellesley Veterans Parade (5/17/2026).

Finally, there was discussion about Club meeting times. Tory suggested sending out a “Club survey” to get a sense of the membership. Kip stressed thinking “about the importance of membership.”

Some people try to turn back their odometers. Not me: I want people to know why I look this way. I’ve traveled a long way, and some of the roads weren’t paved.

EVERY ROTARIAN EVERY YEAR

Wellesley Rotary is conducting its annual EREY campaign from **April 1, 2026 through June 30, 2026**. Each Rotarian is asked to make a contribution to the campaign. Donations up to \$200 will be matched by the Club. Please make your check out to “**The Rotary Foundation**” and give to Tory DeFazio as soon as possible. The compiled checks will be sent (along with the matching amounts) to The Rotary Foundation in July.

Our objective is 100% participation. Please note that participation is not a constitutional mandate but a “standard of excellence”. Giving makes us eligible for District 7910 Designated Funds (DDF) for our projects. For Global Grants the impact is even higher. D7910 uses these funds for projects close to home such as:

- **Youth & Education:** Funding for RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards) and local scholarships
- **Community Grants:** Recent 7910 projects have included everything from purchasing medical equipment and food pantry support to local environmental initiatives.
- **The Charity Fund:** a 401c 3 supervised by D7910

Wellesley Rotary has contributed to EREY for the last ten year. Please consider contributing again this year!

BIRTHDAYS

none

ANNIVERSARIES

***Thomas & Candace Ankermann—5/4
Carl & Barbara Nelson—5/17
John & Jan Adams—5/22
Bill & Cynthia Westerman—5/23***