

The Wellesley Rotascope

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June 17, 2026

Wednesday, July 1

2026— Service & Fellowship meeting at the Wellesley Country Club—6:30 PM

Wednesday, July 15,

2026— Service & Fellowship meeting at the Wellesley Country Club—6:30 PM

Wednesday, August 5,

2026— Service & Fellowship meeting at the Wellesley Country Club—6:30 PM

Wednesday, August 19,

2026— Service & Fellowship meeting at the Wellesley Country Club—6:30 PM

Wednesday September

2, 2026— Service & Fellowship meeting at the Wellesley Country Club—6:30 PM



Service & Fellowship Meeting July 1, 2026



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**

Don't forget the annual “Every Rotarian Every Year” campaign is on! ... and ended June 30, 2026. Every contribution of \$200 or more will be matched by Wellesley Rotary for \$200. Please get your check to Tory DeFazio at his office as soon as possible....thanks!



Photos by **John Bradica**: (l. **Linda Tighe** received the “Rotarian of the Year” award from **Kip Dole**; r. **PDG Dick Manelis** from Framingham Rotary congratulates **President Kip Dole**)

On June 17th 15 members and guests were present for the annual installation of President and Board of Directors. The installation was conducted by **PDG Dick Manelis**. *Happy Dollars* came from **Bradica, DeFazio, Dole, Hayden, Manelis, Tighe, and Wright**. Club Awards went to **PP Don McCauley**; “Rotarian of the Year” to **Linda Tighe**; and “Rookie of the Year” to **Edith Paley**. PDG Manelis read off the Wellesley Club officers from his year as DG (2000-2001). He then installed **Kip Dole** as the Wellesley Rotary Club President for 2026-2027 in poetic fashion. He followed by swearing-in the Officers and Board of Directors, “Everything changes with a new Rotary year”, he said. He encouraged everyone to continue to promotecontinued



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MEETINGS: 1st & 3rd Tuesday Evenings at 6:30 P.M.
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Rotary's motto, "Service Above Self" and the 4-Way Test. He asked Kip the three questions of responsibility and Kip responded with an enthusiastic "yes" on all. Kip also wants continued Club response in Club Service and to reach out for building the Club by recruiting more new members. He reviewed the Club's organization chart which is part of **Vin Spoto's** new publication on "being a Rotary member". **Susan Bevilacqua** will lead with getting more Club Sponsors and **Edith Paley** will assist with building membership. Everyone appreciated **Linda Tighe's** professional videos. In preparation for the future there was discussion about the past "Taste of Wellesley" and "Dinner on Us" events. Kip also discussed the possibility of Club lunch meetings. **Past President Bill Westerman** has sent out an e-mail regarding the formation of "**Sponsorship Tiger Teams**", Key objectives are:

- ◆ Recruiting new sponsors (for the Club) who share our commitment to service and community engagement.
- ◆ Retaining and strengthening relations with our current Sponsors.
- ◆ Increasing sponsorship and donation levels over time through greater value, visibility, and engagement.

He is encouraging members to 'join the teams'

Your past generosity has made a difference, helping fund projects that brought clean water, education, and opportunity to communities in need. As someone who has had an important part in Rotary's work, you understand the power of collective action.

Rotary members, donors, and our partners have worked with us to accomplish truly amazing things through Rotary Foundations global grants this Rotary year. In Newburgh, New York, USA, we supported environmental restoration and education efforts. In Ukraine's Kherson region, we funded two fully equipped mobile emergency clinics delivering medical and trauma care. In Papua New Guinea, we provided composting toilets, hygiene kits, vocational certifications, and sanitation access for students, teachers, and community members.

So far in 2025-2026, we've helped fund more than 370 district grants, 780 global grants, and 3 disaster response grants. For each grant, our members work with communities to find solution to both on-going issues and emerging ones. **The Rotary Foundation** couldn't support these member-led projects around the world without help from people like you. More than just contributions to our Foundation, your donations are gifts that your fellow Rotary members will transform into projects to keep creating positive and lasting change. You have already changed lives, and there's still so much more we can accomplish together. We hope you will continue your support of the Foundation.

BIRTHDAYS

Harrison Shaw—6/1
Joe Roberts —6/16

ANNIVERSARIES

Tory & Sheila DeFazio 6/7
Don & Ann Marie McCauley—6/9
Linda & Ken Tighe—6/15