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The Wellesley Rotascope

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July 1, 2026

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

Wednesday, September 16, 2026—Service & Fellowship meeting at the Wellesley Country Club—6:30 PM



Service & Fellowship Meeting July 15, 2026 at Wellesley Country Club

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.”

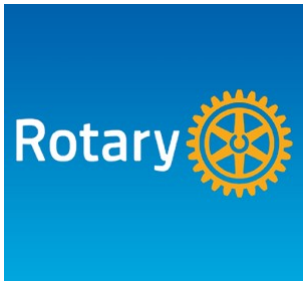
The seven key areas of Rotary to improve lives globally and locally:

- **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**

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) www.wellesleyrotary.org

Our first dinner meeting in July of our new Rotary year opened on July 1st at the Wellesley Country Club. 11 were present. **President Kip Dole** opened with the Pledge followed by **Happy Dollars** from **Ankermann, Dole, McCauley, Salzman, Spoto & Westerman**. **Tory DeFazio** presented a Presidential plaque of appreciation to PP’s **Don McCauley** and **Bill Westerman**. **Vin Spoto** is working on the Club Handbook and is looking for input from the members. The meeting continued with a budget review of the 2026-2027 year. Prez Kip went down the items on his list, assigning members to tasks for the year. Included was **Edith Paley’s** request for \$ 500 for a vendor packet. **Linda Tighe** ‘visited’ us via video (“*What does Rotary do?*”), prepping us for increasing Rotary membership (“*very special*”). This included “Pups in the Park”, fundraising for food insecurity and dealing with depression. There was support for providing \$ 2,800 for video production and Facebook posting, etc. **Andrea Kaiser** requested \$ 2,000 for a better audio system. She is also looking for more volunteers over the summer. There was a critique of the *Taste of Wellesley* including more promotion of the auction event. **Susan Bevilacqua** urged more “continuity” between Club programs.continued



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MEETINGS: 1st & 3rd Tuesday Evenings at 6:30 P.M.
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Rotaract & Interact were reviewed along with the Club’s new website. \$ 2,500 was voted for scholarships. There was discussion about Mass Bay Community College and their continuing need for financial support for students. The meeting concluded with discussion about *Village Table* and *Club Runner* use by Rotarians.

District 7910’s new District Governor, **Penny Hamel** is from the Westford Massachusetts Rotary Club. She has challenged every club in the District to take “concrete steps” towards peacebuilding: explore Rotary Action Groups for Peace (RAGFP), establish peace-building clubs, plant peace poles, and help launch a RAGFP Chapter in D7910. She challenges us to learn more about our “Secret Weapon: The Rotary Foundation”..., also, realizing that Rotary is changing—and why that’s a good thing (!). “*You become a real Rotarian when Service is not what you do, but who you are.*”

Rotary International President **Yinka Babalola** (the first RI President ever from the African continent) call to action this year is to “**Create Lasting Impact**” and it resonates deeply with Penny’s vision. “*To create lasting impact ask a harder question: What happens next? We turn friendships into lifelong bonds. We help each other change for the better. And we measure not just what we did, but whether that change will endure.*”



One of the greatest joys of serving as District Governor is witnessing the extraordinary impact our members make every day.

District 7910 Rotarians have exemplified Rotary’s values through service, leadership, generosity, and dedication to improving lives both locally and around the world. This past year our district was honored with several prestigious Rotary International recognitions

- ◆ Past District Governor **Ralph Hammond** of Bedford Rotary received both Rotary International’s *Service Above Self Award* and the *Avenues of Service Award*, reflecting decades of exceptional commitment to Rotary
- ◆ Past District Governor **Klaus Hachfeld** of Sturbridge was recognized with *The Rotary Foundation’s Distinguished Service Award*, and,
- ◆ Past District Governor **Richard Manelis** of Framingham received the *Citation for Meritorious Service*.
- ◆ **Patti Gauvin** of Fitchburg was honored with Rotary’s *Excellence in Service to Humanity Award*, recognizing her outstanding dedication to serving others.

Our clubs also demonstrated excellence throughout the year. Bedford, Concord & Blackstone Valley clubs exemplified what can be accomplished when members unite around service, fellowship, and community impact. Congratulations to all!



BIRTHDAYS

Donna Armentano—7/2
Brian O’Connor—7/22
Andrew Herning –7/30

ANNIVERSARIES

None

