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The Wellesley Rotascope

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July 15, 2026

Wednesday, August 5, 2026—Bob Anthony on *Mental Health* at the Wellesley Country Club—6:30 PM Dinner Meeting

Wednesday, August 19, 2026—Service & Fellowship meeting at the Wellesley Country Club—6:30 PM Dinner Meeting

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

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



Service & Fellowship Meeting ***August 5, 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**



Upper left: Rotarian **Edith Paley** was presented with the Wellesley Rotary “*Rookie of the Year Award*” by President **Kip Dole**. **Upper Right:** New Rotarian **Bob Salzman** was welcomed to Wellesley Rotary by **President Dole & Rotarian Tory DeFazio** (photos by Patrick Hayden)

Six attended a Board meeting prior to the regular Club meeting on Wednesday, July 15th. **Vin Spoto** presented an excellent overview of the Club’s financial picture. The Board minutes of the June 9th meeting were approved. He suggested changes to the Club by-laws on Article 2 and Article 3 regarding the election of Directors & Officers. They were unanimously approved. He presented the Club Budget including a “Statement of Financial Position (as of June 30th)”; an Operation Budget for 2026-2027; and the Club Foundationcontinued



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MEETINGS: 1st & 3rd Tuesday Evenings at 6:30 P.M.
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Budget for 2026-2027. It was voted to drop membership in the Central St. Merchant's Association. Former Wellesley Rotarian **Bob Anthony** will be the guest speaker on Wednesday, August 5th. Bob is the Chair of the "Rotary Action Group on Mental Health Initiatives" (RAGMHI). He is well known as instrumental in leading global mental health programs through Rotary, working with members in 167 countries to break stigma, raise awareness and increase capacity for preventions and treatment. We are glad to welcome him back to the Club as guest speaker.

With eight present, the Club Meeting began afterwards opening with the Pledge and followed by **Happy Dollars** from **Dole, Hayden, Rowbotham, Salzman, Shaw** and **Spoto**. Members were reminded about volunteering for Summer Food Program (Monday, July 20th).

Andrew Herning is working on a District Grant with Community Investors....more coming. Vin handed out information about Mass Bay Community College.

Frank Rowbotham announced an *Open House* at St. Andrew's Church in Framingham at 7:30 PM on Thursday, July 30th for those interested in singing.

Tip for a successful marriage: Don't ask your wife when dinner will be ready while she's mowing the lawn.

A message from RI President (2026-2027):
Olavinka H. Babalola

My Dear Friends:

As members of Rotary, we are all united across cultures, languages, and communities. Together we share a responsibility not only to bring about change but also to ensure that the effects endure: That is why this year we are called to **Create Lasting Impact**. When we work alongside communities, invest in people's skills and leadership abilities, and measure our progress, we ensure that positive changes can continue in our communities and in ourselves long after a single project ends. When we focus our efforts and work together we can maximize our impact in the year ahead.

- **Grow our membership:** I encourage you to consider how your club invites, includes, and engages with others. Examine your last seven years of membership and retention data, fine your best year, and aim to do better than you best. Explore membership resources linked about how you can use them to attract more people to Rotary.
- **Build peace through service:** Lasting peace is not created in a single moment. It comes over time, through understanding, collaboration, and trust. Each act of service has the potential to contribute to a more peaceful world, but we need to be deliberate and strategic to achieve it. Together we can **Create Lasting Impact** that endures across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves. **Yours in Rotary, "Yinka"**

BIRTHDAYS

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

ANNIVERSARIES

None