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The Wellesley Rotascope

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September 2, 2026

Tuesday, September 16, 2026—Ben Kahrl on “*Inclusion—Intellectually Disabled Adults*” at the Wellesley Country Club— **6:30 PM Dinner Meeting**

Wednesday, October 7, 2026 - Service & Fellowship meeting at the Wellesley Country Club— **6:30 PM Dinner Meeting**

Wednesday, October 21, 2026 - Service & Fellowship meeting at the Wellesley Country Club— **6:30 PM Dinner Meeting**

Wednesday, November 4, 2026 - Service & Fellowship meeting at the Wellesley Country Club— **6:30 PM Dinner Meeting**



Ben Kahrl on “Inclusion” **6:30 PM 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**

At our September 2nd meeting 20 were present for our gathering with our Rotary 7910 **District Governor, Penny Hamel** at the Wellesley Country Club (photo above). She was welcomed with warm applause. **President Kip Dole** opened the meeting with the Pledge followed by **Happy Dollars** from **Dole, Hayden, Kaiser, Salzman, Spoto and Westerman**. DG Penny opened her remarks with her Rotary background being a member of Rotary since 1989. Her “message” to all Rotary clubs is “peace”. She covered the goals of Rotary and The Rotary Foundation. She was interested if the WRC could put a “peace pole” somewhere in town?? She announced that Babson College is establishing a Rotaract Club with a possible one at Wellesley College. She will let us know.

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MEETINGS: 1st & 3rd Tuesday Evenings at 6:30 P.M.
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She also discussed the upcoming District merger. “We will become the largest Rotary district in New England”, she said. (She has a self driving Tesla to attend meetings!). She is looking for volunteer Rotary members for District committees. “*Communication is important. We need transparency in everything.*” Also, knowing the history of the District is important. Future DG **Susan Wilkinson**, is coming. Penny reminded the members about upcoming events. She encouraged members to attend the upcoming Leadership meeting in October. She also discussed serving Rotarians with disabilities. There were many Q&A’s including funding (“Zeffy” has a wide range of capabilities. ((*Zeffy’s mission is to develop the best 100% free online fundraising platform so North American nonprofits can access efficient fundraising technology to maximize their impact.*)) She would like to see Wellesley Rotary more involved with District leadership. She is seeking recruits for the District Nominating Committee. Student, **Catherine Liu**, spoke about the Wellesley High School Interact Club. **Andrea Kaiser** reported on the success of the Farmer’s Market to help feed the food insecure. She gave an update on funding, the Village Table, and possibly, supporting a Thanksgiving dinner. **Bill Westerman** filled us on the upcoming “Sponsorship” program planned for September. More details are coming. **Fred Wright** and **Andrew Herning** are working on the next “Taste of Wellesley” fundraiser. They will make a presentation soon. ♥♥♥♥♥

From ESRAE ENA June 2026 Newsletter:

Across the **Environmental Sustainability Rotary Action Group** network, we are witnessing a decisive shift from intention to implementation— where environmental leadership is no longer defined by dialogue alone, but by measurable action across communities, districts, and global partnerships. This reflects that growing momentum: from global conversations at the World Economic Forum to grassroots initiatives in clean energy, freshwater sustainability, ecosystems, restoration, and humanitarian water access.

This demonstrates how collaboration, innovation and community leadership are shaping practical environmental solutions around the world. Whether through solar-powered schools in India, restoration initiatives through tree planting, protection of freshwater and marine ecosystems, or advancing awareness on plastic pollution, these projects remind us that sustainable action begins locally while contributing to a global movement for change.

BIRTHDAYS

Tory DeFazio—9/7
Patrick Hayden—9/12
John Bradica—9/29

ANNIVERSARIES

Joe & Zina Roberts—9/6