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The Wellesley Rotascope

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September 15, 2026

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



Service & Fellowship at the Wellesley Country Club—10/7/26—6:30



Left:
Speaker **Benjamin Kahrl**
with daughter,
Lily Kahrl
and Wellesley
Rotary President,
Kip Dole

The Rotary Club of Wellesley **Mission Statement**

*“To serve others with a focus
on strengthening communities
in the areas of health, educa-
tion and sustainable living.”*

The seven key areas of Rotary to im- prove 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**

16 Rotarians and guests were present for our meeting at the Wellesley Country Club on Tuesday, September 15, 2026. Following the Pledge there were **Happy Dollars** from **Bevilacqua, Spoto and Westerman**. Vin Spoto made an announcement about IFAW (International Fund for Animal Welfare) and handed out two well-done brochures: **WRC Partners in Action** (*How Partnerships are building a Stronger Wellesley* (the 2026-2027 Community Impact Report), and **WRC Building a Stronger Wellesley Together Community Partnership Guide**). Besides our speaker and daughter we welcomed **Alyssa Orifice, Dawn Mosley, Connie Mau** and **Karen Kahrl**, mother of Lily. Ben Kahrl speaking for his daughter covered the subject “*Inclusion for People with Disabilities*” which included everything fromcontinue



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MEETINGS: 1st & 3rd Tuesday Evenings at 6:30 P.M.
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“The Road to Autonomy” to “The Complexity of Disability”. Lily is an example of the disease of STXBP1. It’s the great “unknown”. How we originate and identify...? He described it as a “Dionostic Odessey” (2008—identified; 2014—STXBP1; 2022—Community identified). He encouraged all to view the blog: “Life with Lilly” (*in the next Rotascope*). It’s living with uncertainty. What will life bring? How? He covered the physical, social, cognitive, degenerative and medical conditions. (“It is a rare disease. There are 7 to 10,000 rare diseases”, he said.) He went over several terms including the ten ways to describe it.

DO’s— (acknowledgement, conversation, listen, etc.) and; **STEP-IN**— with photos from “Wellesley High School swimming ; Regis College swimming; Regis College track and the Weston Drama Workshop. (There has been a CBS news piece done on Lily.)

The CLIFF - (“moving from the *buffet to foraging* alone”):

A) Program through Age 22 (**launched**);

B) Post 22—“**The Cliff**” (when there is a loss of daily structure and arrival of the “couch phenomena”; The Social Isolation.

He cited two **DO’s**: Susan and Ella Bevilacqua, and Dawn Mosley at the barbershop “Roosters” where Lily works as a “Greeter”.

Ben also covered steps to become involved like “ - connect and interact; - support events; partnering (meals, exercise, etc.), and, - employment and volunteer opportunities.”

He gave examples of all.

There were Q&A’s following the presentation.

Our thanks to all for a very interesting meeting. ♥♥♥♥

From District 7910

In case you missed it...here are two wonderful ways District 7910 is investing in our clubs and communities.

- The District is covering the \$350 cost of a “Peace Pole” (see the last *Rotascope* for more information—*District Governor’s visit*) for every club in the District
- Our District Trustees have also voted to use funds from the Special Purpose Fund to fully fund all approved District Grants this year, up to the maximum allowed amount of \$ 3,000.

Weston-Wayland Antique Auto Show

Get ready for one of Weston’s favorite fall traditions! The Rotary Club of Weston-Wayland is excited to welcome everyone to the 29th Annual Antique & Classic Car Show on Saturday, September 26, 2026 from 8 AM to 3 PM—11 Town House Road in Weston. More than 225 antique, classic and specialty vehicles are expected with thousands of visitors coming together to admire everything from vintage American muscle cars and elegant European classics to unique collector vehicles and historic race cars like Ferraris, Mercedes-Benz, Jaguars, Rolls-Royces, Chevrolets, Studebakers, Fords and countless other automotive favorites. This event is one of the Weston-Wayland Club’s largest annual fundraisers. Thanks to the incredible support the show has raised more than \$ 712,000 towards educational scholarships and community service projects.

BIRTHDAYS

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

ANNIVERSARIES

Joe & Zina Roberts—9/6