

The Wellesley Rotascope

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October 7, 2026

Wednesday, October 21, 2026 - Sustainable Wellesley / Quentin Prideaux at the Wellesley Country Club—6:30 PM—Dinner Meeting

Saturday, October 24, 2026—Informal Watch Party at Andrea Kaiser's home—6 to 9 PM (bring dish to share)

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

Wednesday, November 18, 2026. Annual District Foundation Dinner in Fitchburg.

Monday (?) November 23, 2026—Annual Needham/Wellesley Football Banquet—Hosted by Needham Rotary in Needham.



Service & Fellowship at the Wellesley Country Club—10/21/26—6:30

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



Above: Michelle Biscotti of MassBay Community College was guest speaker at the October 7th meeting / with President Kip Dole (photo by Linda Tighe)

17 were present including Michelle Biscotti and prospective member, Benjamin Kahre. President Kip Dole call the meeting to order. Following the Pledge there were Happy Dollars from Akermann, Bevilacqua, Dole, Kaiser, Salzman, Spoto and Verseem. Tom Akermann reported that raffle ticket sales for our Fall fundraiser, *Dinner On Us*, are going well. Andrea Kaiser urged more participation by members in preparation for the annual *Taste of Wellesley* fundraiser in 2027. Monday morning meetings (8AM to 9AM) are being held weekly. She is holding a "training session" soon. Members were asked to approve the list of participating restaurants. Vin Spoto gave an update on the golfing scene. Prez Kip introduce our guest speaker

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MEETINGS: 1st & 3rd Tuesday Evenings at 6:30 P.M.
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Michelle Biscotti who handed out an information packet about MassBay. She stressed how the Community College is reaching out to the Wellesley community. They work with the students in gaining confidence and taking opportunities. They had a record high enrollment this September which in some ways reflects the economy. She reviewed the new programs (especially biotech) at their three campuses. The new curriculum is helping attract more students. There was discussion about establishing a “Rotary Scholarship” on a permanent basis. MBCC is always looking for help in this regard. They are known as a ‘commuter school’, relying in many ways on public transportation. Courses are in-person and on-line. The average age is 27 with many married with families. All programs have to be reviewed by the State. She discussed the impact of AI and college costs. There were many Q&A’s. Following the meeting there was a unanimous vote to increase the *Taste of Wellesley* tickets to **\$ 150 each**.

If you care to connect with Lily’s blogs here are the links:

- ***Finding Work*** : <https://benkahr1928205.substack.com/p/finding-work>
- ***Slideshow (Ben’s script)***:
https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1B3nI5jQt39PaD0Jlr7MwOxdjdBgh_jyWKKBYA1Knn7Y/edit?usp=sharing



From the DG: Over the last two weeks, I’ve reached the halfway mark in my official club visits, and I continue to be inspired by Rotarians of every generation. From the incredible young leaders of the **BU Rotaract Club**, who give me so much hope for Rotary’s future, to reconnecting with longtime friends throughout the District, every visit reminds me that Rotary is truly about people—people coming together, building relationships, and finding ways to make a difference. I also had the honor of participating in solemn ceremonies commemorating September 11th and attending the first-ever **Veterans Appreciation Dinner** hosted by the Fitchburg and Fitchburg East Rotary Clubs. Both were powerful reminders of the importance of honoring service, sacrifice, and those who dedicate themselves to something greater than themselves. Rotary also continues to remind me that our impact extends far beyond the boundaries of our own clubs and districts. I had the opportunity to collaborate across districts by volunteering alongside the North Conway Rotary Club at the annual Believe in Books fundraiser. It was another wonderful example of what happens when Rotarians come together with a shared purpose. As I write this, I’m in Cancun attending our annual fall Zone event. Gatherings like this reinforce something I see everywhere I go in Rotary: we are stronger together. Every club visit, every service project, every friendship, and every opportunity to collaborate reminds me that what we do matters.

BIRTHDAYS

Susan Bevilacqua—10/23
Fred Wright—10/28
Mike Cave—10/31

ANNIVERSARIES

Andrew & Dana Herning—
Mike & Kim Cave—10/6