

# TWO LIGHTS

Rotary Club of South Portland – Cape Elizabeth

April 22, 2020



*Together, we see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change – across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves.*

## Upcoming Programs (via Zoom):

April 22 – Vanessa Berry, EcoMaine – EARTH DAY!

**Thank you to Katelyn for providing the opening words this week from “you shall above all things be glad and young” by e.e. cummings, which ends with this line:**

**“I’d rather learn from one bird how to sing than teach ten thousand stars how not to dance”**

## What’s New With Our Members

*Happy Birthday to John LoBosco - April 21*

*Get well wishes to Marc Mutty’s brother, a physician who has contracted the coronavirus. Marc reports that he appears to be starting to recover - we wish him a swift and complete recovery!!!*

*Consider joining the South Portland Community of Kindness Facebook group. This is a clearinghouse for people wanting to help out during the current crisis. For example this week several volunteers delivered food from the SP Food Cupboard to elderly residents at South Portland Housing Authority.*

*Thanks to District Governor-Elect Peggy Belanger for attending our meeting this week - come visit us anytime, Peggy!*

**Thank a Health Care Worker** – Betty Egner made us aware of this website where you can post your appreciation to health care workers at Maine Medical Center:

<http://mainehealth.org/kudos>

**The Board Meeting** – The club board met virtually this week after the club meeting and approved these donations that are not part of our regular external fund budget:

\$1,000 to the Food Pantry at SP First Congregational Church

\$2,000 to ShelterBox

\$1,000 to the Purpoodock Club Employee Assistance Fund. Most of the employees of Purpoodock have been furloughed so this fund was established by the club's members to help these employees pay their bills.

The Board also approved an annual subscription to Zoom so that we can continue to use it after the current crisis has passed.

**Gimme Shelter** – This week we had our inaugural virtual speaker presentation by Bill Tobin, Rotary Relations Manager for ShelterBox USA. Bill is a member of the Rotary Club of El Dorado Hills, California. He lives in the Sacramento area where he reports that they have begun to “bend the curve.” Bill started by thanking our club for our past and present support of ShelterBox. (I looked it up and we began donating to ShelterBox in the 2007-08 Rotary year. Since then we have donated a total of \$22,650 to ShelterBox, not counting the \$2,000 mentioned above.)

ShelterBox is currently celebrating its 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary. It began as a project of club in England which hoped to help 20 families. Word spread to other clubs and they ended up helping 200 families in their first endeavor. After that the idea caught on quickly and ShelterBox is now a Rotary project partner, while existing as a separate charitable organization separate from Rotary. Bill described one of the newer variations of the traditional “box” – a tarp-based shelter kit. These kits are less expensive, thus allowing them to reach more people. Also for many families, a tarp is more suited to their needs (cover a roof damaged by a natural disaster) than a separate tent.

ShelterBox tents allow families to be separated from other people in crowded refugee camps to help stop the spread of disease (such as COVID-19).

Our first virtual program was a big success – it felt almost like hearing the speaker at Purpoodock (you could even whisper to your neighbor with the Chat feature – guilty!) Huge kudos to Program Chair Dave Bagdasarian for arranging this and to Bill Tobin for visiting us from his home in California.

**How Well Do We Know Each Other?** – Congratulations to Sue Sturtevant who had the most correct answers (4) and to Bob Knupp who won the Enthusiastic Participant Award. And a big thank you to Betty Egner for coordinating this effort to keep us a little more connected during our apartness!

Week 4 (Final week) questions:

1. Who wore tights and a Robin Hood cap in their theatrical debut? **Mike Geneseo**
2. Who had an art exhibition at NYU that coincided with 9/11(!)? **Catherine Callahan**
3. Who was one of the first adults to attend Space Camp in Huntsville, AL? **Betty Egner**
4. Who learned to sell in a butcher shop? **Tony Wagner**
5. Who lived in a Dutch village for a semester in college? **Mike Geneseo**
6. Whose heritage is “double Dutch?” **Betty Egner**
7. Who speaks some modern Greek? **Catherine Callahan**
8. Who lived in Switzerland for two years? **Karen Vachon**
9. Who lived in house that later became The Hans Bethe Center for Nuclear Nonproliferation? **John LoBosco**
10. Who lived in and worked for an art colony? **Catherine Callahan**
11. Who led the largest group Moon in the history of Colorado River rafting? **Betty Egner**  
(Most respondents thought it was Bill Daviero. He does admit however to being part of group moon in Albany in his college days.)
12. Who served two terms in the Maine legislature? **Karen Vachon**
13. Who participated in a relay run to Lake Placid in fundraiser for Lake Placid Olympic Games? **John LoBosco**

**Unclear on the Concept:**



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