

TWO LIGHTS

Rotary Club of South Portland – Cape Elizabeth

April 29, 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 Dates:

May 2 (Saturday), 11 a.m. – Rotary COVID-19 Livestream Telethon on Facebook.

May 13 (Wednesday) 5:30 p.m. – Portland Sunrise Club has invited us to attend (presumably via Zoom) their special meeting at which their speaker will be **RI President Mark Maloney!** However they want to invite the whole district, so they are in search of a Zoom account that will “hold” that many people – stay tuned to hear whether we are cancelling our own meeting that day to join with them.

Opening Words: Kathy Cotter shared with us a quote from Maya Angelou which one of our scholarship applicants had included in the application:

I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel.

What's New With Our Members

Welcome to Laura Young, our Assistant Governor and a member of the Portland Club, who joined us this week!

Congratulations to Dana Schauf who appeared on WCSH this week, talking about what it's like to be parenting when schools are closed (her advice - everything doesn't have to be perfect!)

Happy Dollars – The most frequently mentioned reason for being happy was being able to connect with everyone, especially for those who can't make it to our in-person Wednesday Rotary meetings. A close second had to do with hair and the abundance thereof. Our happy dollars are on the honor system – you can pay up when we eventually meet in person again, or send a check to Kathy Cotter.

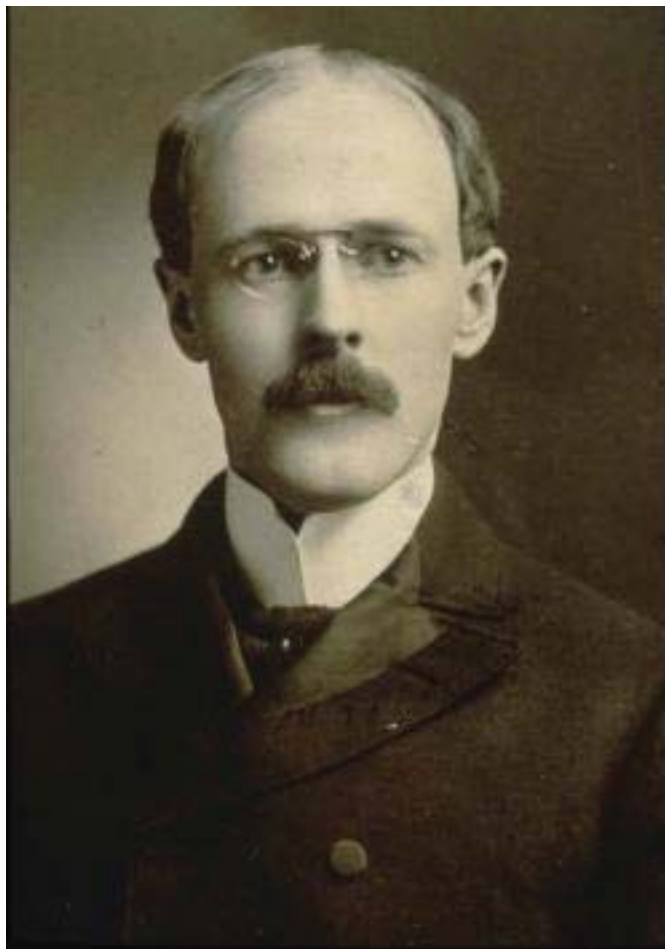
Scholarship News – Although graduation ceremonies will not be taking place as usual, the Class of 2020 will be graduating nevertheless. And our Scholarship Committee consisting of Kathy Cotter, Nicole Albert and Katelyn Estes has interviewed 13 graduating seniors (7 from SPSHS and 6 from CEHS) who have applied for our scholarships. They were impressed with the quality of the applicants and asked the Board to authorize up to \$3,000 in additional funds for our graduating high school scholarships (our budget provides for 10 scholarships at \$1,000 each). At a special Board meeting this week, the Board approved this request, to come from our surplus from prior years (which was roughly \$52,000 prior to this action).

Grant from The Rotary Foundation – The Rotary Foundation, in recognition of the current crisis, freed up money to be distributed to districts around the world to be used to address the needs caused by the pandemic. Our district applied for and received a \$25,000 grant to be shared among the clubs. Our club applied (i.e. sent an email saying, yes, we want money) and received our share of \$609.76. This money has to be used for food insecurity purposes. Our club has already donated significant amounts to our local food pantries so the board will be deliberating the best use of this extra money in the next month.

Putting the International in Rotary International – In *My Road to Rotary*, Paul Harris recounts how he came up with the idea of forming a Rotary club, and many of us have heard this story before. Basically, having come from a small town where he knew everyone, he was lonely when he moved to Chicago to start his law practice: “Everywhere there were people but nowhere a friendly face.” But what we don't hear as often, is the experiences in his background which led him to want to expand Rotary to other cities, and the contacts which helped him make that happen. If not for what he called the “5 years of folly” between getting his law degree at the University of Iowa and settling down in Chicago, it's likely that Rotary would have been just a local Chicago club that might or might not still be around today. But in those 5 years he:

- ✓ Went hunting and fishing in the Northwest
- ✓ Worked as a newspaper reporter in San Francisco
- ✓ Did manual labor on a fruit ranch in Vaca Valley, CA
- ✓ Hiked 300 miles in the Yosemite Valley
- ✓ Worked packing raisins in Fresno
- ✓ Taught at the L.A. Business College
- ✓ Acted with a theater company in Denver
- ✓ Climbed Pikes Peak
- ✓ Worked as a newspaper reporter in Denver
- ✓ Was a night clerk at a hotel in Jacksonville, Florida

- ✓ Became a traveling salesman, selling marble and granite, with Florida as his territory
- ✓ Worked as a newspaper reporter in Washington DC
- ✓ Sold marble & granite again, traveling through KY, TN, GA & VA
- ✓ Worked on a cattle ship sailing from Baltimore to Liverpool and back
- ✓ Worked in a hayfield in Maryland
- ✓ Worked in a corn-canning factory
- ✓ Was sub-foreman on another ship that sailed from Baltimore to London
- ✓ Went to Chicago to visit the 1893 World's Fair
- ✓ Packed oranges near New Orleans
- ✓ Went back to his job at the first marble company, but this time his territory was the southern US, Cuba and Bahamas
- ✓ Went on a marble & granite buying trip in Scotland, Ireland, Belgium and Italy.
- ✓ Following his buying trip, spent months traveling in Great Britain, Ireland, France, Switzerland, Italy, Austria, Germany, Belgium & Holland
- ✓ Worked in NYC as the manager of the marble company's office there.



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