

TWO LIGHTS

Rotary Club of South Portland – Cape Elizabeth

April 8, 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 15 – Bill Tobin, Shelter Box

April 22 – Vanessa Berry, EcoMaine – EARTH DAY!

What's New With Our Members

Happy Birthday to :

🍰 Lucas Desmond - April 13

🍰 Doug Schauf - also April 13

Happy Anniversary to these two couples - married on the same day **50** years ago!

👪 Bill & Diane Anderson - April 11, 1970

👪 Dan & Joan McDonald - April 11, 1970

Congratulations to the Bagdasarrians on the birth of their granddaughter Isabel Alice, born April 2 - 6 lbs, 5 oz.

Patrick Veroneau spoke at a Zoom webinar last night for the Center for Grieving Children on "How to Navigate Stress in Isolation" - something we're all dealing with!

Update from Huot House – Dan Davidson received the following letter from Mike Merrill of Huot House updating us on the status of the veterans who were forced to move out of Huot House temporarily due to a fire.

Hi Dan,

So all but 1 of the Veterans have been able to return to the program. The one Vet is where the fire happened so his room is taking a little longer to repair.

Luckily our insurance is covering a good amount of the repairs but it still hits our budget pretty hard due to stuff they don't cover and a high deductible payout.

We were able to utilize Rotary's \$300 to pay for 2 nights for 2 Vets with another community organization helping to pay the additional 3 nights. We were also able to utilize some of the \$300 to pay for some extra COVID19 supplies (food).

Hope all is well and you and yours are healthy!!!

Mike Merrill

How Well Do We Know Each Other? –

Week 3 questions:

1. Who is 100% Austrian? *Tony Wagner*
2. Who worked at Ronald Reagan's first inauguration? *John LoBosco*
3. Who went parapenting in Queenstown, New Zealand? *Nancy Hawes*
Bonus – What the heck is parapenting? *You jump off a mountain attached to a parachute and glide down to the ground. I did it in tandem with a guide so all I had to do was take pictures.*



Week 4 (Final week) questions:

1. Who wore tights and a robin hood cap in their theatrical debut?
2. Who had an art exhibition at NYU that coincided with 9/11(!)?
3. Who was one of the first adults to attend Space Camp in Huntsville, AL
4. Who learned to sell in a butcher shop.
5. Who lived in a Dutch village for a semester in college?

6. Whose heritage is “double Dutch?”
7. Who speaks some modern Greek?
8. Who lived in Switzerland for two years?
9. Who lived in house that later became The Hans Bethe Center for Nuclear Nonproliferation?
10. Who lived in and worked for an art colony?
11. Who led the largest group Moon in the history of Colorado River rafting?
12. Who served two terms in the Maine legislature?
13. Who participated in a relay run to Lake Placid in fundraiser for Lake Placid Olympic Games?

Hint – the same person may be the answer to more than one question.

Send your guesses to Betty Egner (bjegner@live.com).

**This is Wilson. He is now
working from home 😊**



Thank you Dan D for the cartoon.

And Now for Some Filler – Rotary’s founder Paul Harris wrote a book called My Road to Rotary which was published a year after he died in 1948. Some of you may already know that Paul Harris grew up in the small town of Wallingford, Vermont, where he was brought up by his grandparents. The book begins in 1871 with the story of how at the age of 3, he and his father and 5-year-old brother Cecil came to live there.

Economic considerations had made it necessary to divide our family. In other words, father, having failed in business in the West, had taken us boys to his paternal home as a refuge, just as thousands of fathers had done, and still do, during periods of financial extremity. As our sister, Nina May, was still an infant in arms, our mother felt that it would be too much of an imposition on our grandparents were she to come along. She preferred to carry on as best she could in Racine, a beautiful little Wisconsin city on the shores of Lake Michigan, where we children were born.

Father had been given a drug store and a house of his own by grandfather Harris, a thrifty New Englander, whose indulgence of his son was one of the reasons why my father found it so difficult to keep income up and expenses

down. Having been given so vigorous a boost at the beginning, it was quite natural for father to assume that other boosts would follow as a matter of course. They did for a time, but eventually, grandfather found it necessary to liquidate father's business and to establish a new base nearer his own home where the books could be frequently audited by one familiar with "double-entry" bookkeeping – grandfather himself. His books, such as they were, were always in balance. No entries ever had to be made in red.

There must have been great doings, much confusion and some weeping when our family broke up housekeeping in Racine. It is always a sad piece of business to break up housekeeping, even in cases where the gloom is not deepened by a sense of defeat. In the case of our family, the grief must have been particularly poignant. Everything had been done for my parents and still they had failed. The future held no bright promise; there was nothing to fall back upon except the supporting hands of grandfather and grandmother Harris. It must have been especially humiliating to my father to return to his native village vanquished and with only dim hopes to sustain his drooping spirits.

Father, Cecil and I constituted the vanguard of the refugees; the other members of the family were to come to Vermont after suitable provision had been made for them.

This actually didn't happen – it's not entirely clear what happened to the rest of the family but Paul eventually stayed on by himself with his grandparents. A few chapters later, he writes the following.

One summer afternoon when grandfather, grandmother, the hired girl and I were living alone, I was walking along the principal street of the village, a scant block from home when I saw a lady crossing the street. She was leading a child and carrying a satchel. She had evidently come from the railroad station and was advancing toward me. I had never seen so beautiful a lady nor one so well dressed. The strange lady's presence was so overwhelming that I experienced a sensation I had never known before. I was suddenly ashamed of my torn hat, my soiled waist, my patched trousers, and, most of all, my bare feet. I was sorely embarrassed as the lady came forward, looking me searchingly in the eye; I stood spellbound and speechless looking into hers. She inquired, "Are you little Paul Harris?" Astonished that the beautiful lady knew me by name and swelling with emotion, I stammered, "Yes, Mam," whereupon she took me in her arms and passionately kissed me and her face was wet with tears. The words she spoke are emblazoned on my memory: "Then I am your mamma, my darling Paul."

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