

# TWO LIGHTS

Rotary Club of South Portland – Cape Elizabeth

August 28, 2019



*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:**

September 4 – Leslie Skillin, Maine Behavioral Health

September 11 – Marie Sola, Lobster Beer Convoy

September 18 – Phil Coupe, ReVision Energy

## **ASSIGNMENTS**

	<u>September 4</u>	<u>September 11</u>	<u>September 18</u>
Opening Words	U. Schmidt	Sturtevant	Swift-Kayatta
Raffle Gift	LoBosco	McAleney	McDonald
Conductor	Hawes	McDonald	McAleney
Set Up #1	McDonald	McGovern	Greene
Set Up #2	LoBosco	McKenna	Meyers

*Tom Meyers won a gift certificate to Buffalo Wild Wings donated by Mark Leasure and is looking forward to setting his mouth on fire!*

## **MARK YOUR CALENDAR:**

**September 8** – Foundation Football Pool begins!

**September 11** – Sea Bag raffle drawing!

**September 14** – Open Lighthouse Day. Bug Light will be open from 9-3. We are looking for someone to coordinate. There will be an online sign-up for 2-hour shifts.

**September 14** – Yard Sale & Open House at South Portland Food Cupboard

**September 18** – Board meeting at Purpoodock following regular meeting

**October 5, 9-4** – “Rotary Rocks!” A District Conference Like No Other. Abromson Center at USM

## What's New With Our Members

Happy 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday to former member Thurston Holt!!

Happy Anniversary to:

- 🌸 Jonathan & Susan Reif - 9/9
- 🌸 Bob & Alicia Danielson - 9/10

Our sympathies to the family and friends of George Crockett, a very active member of the Portland Club

We welcomed three CEHS RYLA graduates to our meeting this week:

- ★ Tatum Strunk
- ★ Hannah Liess
- ★ Joey Labrie

Thank you to Bev, AnneMarie, Catherine, Karen and Tony for grooming the Rotary gardens at Bug Light this week. If you've been paying attention, some of the plants are new, recently purchased by the club. Thanks to Catherine and her crew for making the gardens something we can be proud of!

Now officially called The Old Geezer Club ... Carson, Mutt, Wagner, Davidson and occasionally Butler ... meets periodically for lunch and libation and old times. And now they have their own "reserved" table sign created by Marc Mutt.



**Welcome Sari!** – Laurenz introduced our newest member Sari Greene this week. He gave us the Reader's Digest version of her bio because it's extensive! Sari is an expert in cybersecurity and has written textbooks and made numerous presentations. Her cybersecurity firm Sage Data was sold to Tyler Technologies last year, which gives her time to sail with her husband Eric (they sailed a catamaran from South Africa to the US!) A resident of Breakwater in South Portland, Sari is on several boards including Bangor Savings Bank. We look forward to having Sari's energy in our club!! (p.s. her name rhymes with "Mary" if you were wondering!)



**Countdown to Football!** – Thank you to everyone who has donated to PolioPlus to participate in the Football pool (or donated even though you have a poor opinion of the NFL!). It's not too late – actually it's never too late – you could start playing halfway through the season if you want. Entry "fee" is \$50, made payable to The Rotary Foundation. It's very simple to play – each week pick the team that you think will win, as well as a guess at the total number of points scored in the Monday night game (the tiebreaker). You can submit your picks by:

- ✓ Turning the sheet in at each meeting;
- ✓ Scan the sheet and email it to Jim Britt;
- ✓ Email Jim your list of winners.

However you do it, please submit your picks by 10 Sunday morning. If you have paid to enter the pool but don't have a chance to submit your picks, Jim's program will randomly generate picks for you.

What do you win??

1. The great feeling of knowing that you have helped to eradicate polio.
2. A chance to take home the "Lombardy" trophy – some families (Schauf) have made the trophy a part of their family and even taken it to bed with them.
3. The very real possibility that you will earn yourself a new nickname – cross your fingers that it's something flattering like "Mr. Perfect."
4. The opportunity to feel smug and lord it over your fellow club members as Paul Butler has been able to do since January!

**Cans & Bags** – Just as a reminder the yellow cans and red bags on the tables at each meeting are to collect money for The Rotary Foundation.

- Yellow cans – the spare change you place in these cans is emptied once or twice a year and sent to the Foundation, earmarked for PolioPlus. We sent in **\$93.16** last week.
- Red bags – any money you place in these bags will be sent in to the Foundation in your name periodically – please be sure to place your cash in one of the envelopes in the bag and write your name on the envelope.

**Not Enough Rotary Clubs!** – That's probably not what you would have expected to be the core message of a speaker on opioid addiction! But in fact Tim Cheney pointed out that the root problem of addiction is the loss of a sense of community, and that drugs are a response to hopelessness and a loss of connection.

Karen Vachon met Tim when she was a freshman legislator and he testified on bills related to drug treatment. Tim became addicted to drugs at a very young age and after several relapses finally became drug-free in 1981 and has been so ever since. Although never having gone to high school, he graduated from Yale and went on to get a Ph.D. He founded an HR company which he eventually sold to a public company, and then became CEO of that company. After retiring five years ago, he saw the lack of services available to the addicted, and became an activist. He invests his time and money in recovery clinics and has received numerous awards for his activism in this area.

Tim pointed out that there are a lot of recovered addicts like himself, but society views them as modern day lepers so most are not open about their past. His central message (along with the idea that we need to restore the sense of community in our society) was that we need to change our perceptions and remove the stigma associated with opioid addiction.



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