

TWO LIGHTS

Rotary Club of South Portland – Cape Elizabeth
February 26, 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:

March 4 – Barbara Solloway, Avesta Housing
March 11 – Beth Owens, Judy’s Pantry
March 18 – Community Paul Harris Fellow Awards

ASSIGNMENTS

	<u>March 4</u>	<u>March 11</u>	<u>March 18</u>
Opening Words	DeGennaro	Desmond	Dube
Raffle Gift	Wagner	Yerxa	Albert
Conductor	Yerxa	Wagner	Altenburg
Set Up & Breakdown #1	Hobbs	Knupp	McAleney
Set Up & Breakdown #2	Irving	LoBosco	McDonald

Congratulations to Dick Yerxa who won a gift certificate to Terra Cotta!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

February 29, 10-11 – District Growth Workshop, online conference call 646-558-8656; meeting ID = 820 925 2012 (or join online at <https://zoom.us/j/8209252012>)

March 8 – Lions Club Pancake Breakfast (7:30 – 11)

March 10 (Tuesday) – SP-CE Rotarians at the Mariners! Dave Bagdasarian will send info about the details.

What's New With Our Members

Happy Birthday, Dick Yerxa (March 5)

Happy Anniversary, Tom and Marti Meyers (March 9)

Congratulations to Ellie and Chris Speh who have been elected to their new club's board - Ellie as Foundation chair and Chris as Treasurer!

Thank you to Peter DeGennaro who has volunteered to cover the vacant shift for Monday pickups for the South Portland Food Cupboard - the other members of the team are Peter Bennett, Tural Nadirli and Tony Wagner.

Welcome back from Guatemala, Tony!

Election Results are In! – and our new Board of Directors was elected unanimously! The Board for next year (which starts July 1) consists of:

- ❖ President – Michael Geneseo (*automatic; no election needed*)
- ❖ President-Elect – Dave Bagdasarian
- ❖ Vice-President – Jim Britt
- ❖ Secretary – Kathy Cotter
- ❖ Treasurer – Nicole Albert
- ❖ Club Service* Director – Bev Altenburg
- ❖ International Service* Director – Chuck Redman
- ❖ Membership* Director – Laurenz Schmidt
- ❖ Youth Services* Director – Katelyn Estes
- ❖ Community Service* Director – Tony Wagner
- ❖ Director at Large – David Lourie (*automatic; no election needed*)

*(*The club votes on who will be the directors, not necessarily which avenue of service they will fill – the directors have already agreed that they will fill these roles however.)*

Maine Mariners Hockey – I think I misled you in last week's bulletin when I said Dave Bags would send a clarification of the details – here are the details:

- Date: March 10 (Tuesday)
- Time: Game time is 7 p.m.
- Cost: \$15/ticket without food; \$25/ticket with a \$10 voucher for food.

PLEASE EMAIL BAGS ASAP IF YOU ARE PLANNING TO GO – HOW MANY TICKETS DO YOU WANT AND DO YOU WANT THE FOOD VOUCHER

Slow and Steady – This week we had an excellent example of how you can become a Paul Harris Fellow by giving a little bit at a time and eventually it adds up to make you a PHF! Congratulations to Catherine Callahan who did just that!! In addition to being a PHF, Catherine has a special relationship to The Rotary Foundation because she is an “alumna” of a Rotary Foundation program – the district exchange trip to Bulgaria a few years ago. Congratulations, Catherine!



Loco? – That’s what some Venezuelan fisherman thought about our speaker Katie Spotz’s solo row across the Atlantic Ocean. Katie flew to Africa and set out in early January 10 BY HERSELF – i.e. not even a companion boat to spot her – to row across the Atlantic. She rowed over 3,000 miles in a 19’ boat, and found that the main challenges were isolation and sleep deprivation. When she landed in French Guyana in South America after 70 days, she was the youngest person ever to row across the Atlantic. As a consequence, she went immediately from the isolation of the sea to being thrust in the national spotlight. She was interviewed by celebrities such as Katie Couric, Anderson Cooper, Oprah and more.

Everyone asks her why she did it. And the answer is simple – she was aware of the staggering statistics about the number of people in the world who don’t have safe drinking water. And her voyage was a fundraiser to raise money and bring awareness to the problem. Through her ocean voyage and other endurance challenges she has participated in, she has raised \$275,000 for clean water – enough to provide water for 10,000 people for a lifetime. And we were pleased to learn that Katie has a Rotary connection – shortly after her ocean row she became a Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar and studied in London. Her next adventure is Run4Water - a nonstop run across Ohio (anticipated to take 40 hours), which will raise money for clean water for 2 schools in Uganda.



World Understanding and Peace Dinner – Well, you already read about the highlight of the “Happy Birthday to Rotary” dinner last week. If you had all known what was going down, I’m sure we would have had a big crowd there. But as it was, we were well represented by

- ✓ John & Sue LoBosco
- ✓ Sue Sturtevant
- ✓ Fran Bagdasarian
- ✓ Mike McGovern
- ✓ Nancy Hawes
- ✓ Dwayne Hopkins (last week’s speaker from the Food Cupboard who attended as a guest)
- ✓ And of course Tony Wagner.

Another highlight of the evening was the featured speaker, Rachel Leah Davidson, a former Rotary Peace Fellow in Argentina. She now works in New York City as an immigration attorney. She was a very interesting and thought-provoking speaker – if you get the chance to hear her sometime, I recommend it.



Tony accepting the Service Above Self Award with all the Past District Governors looking on.
(no idea who took this picture - I got it from FaceBook)



PDG Marie Williams congratulating Tony. Photo by Pam Gray. Why didn't I crop out that woman in the red jacket? Because it's Sue Sturtevant taking photos with her phone!

Bill Gates on Polio Eradication – The March issue of *The Rotarian* has an interview with Bill Gates. I thought his final comments were worth repeating:

The Rotarian: What message would you like to deliver to Rotarians as we confront the final challenges of eradication?

Gates: Everyone at our foundation is inspired by Rotary and proud to work alongside you. Rotary was the first organization to push for a polio-free world. And for the past 30 years, so many Rotarians have been part of fundraising, vaccination, and advocacy efforts that have brought us close to the magic number of zero cases.

The final steps to a polio-free world are the hardest – and we’ll need the help of every Rotarian to get there. But I’m confident that we will end polio together.

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