

TWO LIGHTS

Rotary Club of South Portland – Cape Elizabeth

July 1, 2020



Rotary Opens Opportunities

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:

July 8 – tbd

July 15 – Board meeting will follow the regular meeting.

OPENING WORDS

This Week – Matt McAleney shared with us a reflection about the importance of Rotary friendships.

Upcoming:

July 8 – tbd (working on it)

What's New With Our Members

Happy Birthday to
4th of July Baby Sue Sturtevant
Sybil Riemensnider (July 8)

Happy Anniversary to
🎂 Joan & Joe Frustaci (July 6)
🎂 Joe & Ibby Conroy (July 7)

Happy July Rotary Anniversary to:
* *Desmond Lucas - 3 years*
* *Bev Altenburg - 5 years*

HAPPY ROTARY NEW YEAR!

July 1 starts the Rotary year 2020-21 – ordinarily this list goes at the bottom of the newsletter but just for today I'm elevating it so that you can familiarize yourself with the new board members.

Officers

President – Michael Geneseo
President-Elect – Dave Bagdasarian
Vice-President – Jim Britt
Secretary – Kathy Cotter
Treasurer – Nicole Albert

Directors

Club Administration – Bev Altenburg
Youth Services – Katelyn Estes
Community Services – Tony Wagner
International Services/Foundation – Chuck Redman
Membership – Laurenz Schmidt
Director-At-Large – David Lourie

Committee Chairs

Visibility Co-Chairs – Fran Bagdasarian & Matt McAleney
Webmaster – Jim Britt
Bulletin Editor – Nancy Hawes
Program Chair – David Bagdasarian

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT

Holger Knaack, Rotary Club of Herzogtum Lauenburg-Molln, Germany

DISTRICT 7780 GOVERNOR

Peggy Belanger, Rotary Club of Kennebunk Portside

Mikey ONE Name – Michael Geneseo has that pesky last name that each of us has our own unique way of mispronouncing. Well, for the next year that problem goes away because he can now be called simply **PRESIDENT MIKE!** Congratulations and Happy New Year to our new president and board – we're looking forward to a great year! And also, congratulations to our new District Governor Peggy Belanger!



Out of Sight But Not Out of Mind – For scheduling reasons we're rarely able to see Anne-Marie McCoubrey or Karen Vachon at meetings but that doesn't mean they're not active Rotarians. Here is a photo taken by Sue Sturtevant of our Bug Light garden coordinator Karen on a recent garden spruce-up session. Many of the plants there were transplanted from Karen's own garden. Also helping out that day (besides the photographer) was Anne-Marie who Sue says is a great gardener, having grown up on a blueberry farm in CE. Anne-Marie has also been very helpful in getting the club squared away with the financial arrangements needed for our online tree sale.



Until We Meet Again – Last week I published the names of new members who joined in the past year. This week unfortunately I am sharing the list that Secretary Kathy Cotter provided of members who have moved away in the past year (Ellie Speh and Bill Lohrman) or not renewed their membership for 2020-21 (Ursula Schmidt, Virginia Schmidt, “Mr. Perfect” Hugh O’Shea, Sarah Higgins, Randi Bruneau & Jon Reif). We hope to see all of them again sometime!!

Miscellany:

- ❖ I think we all received the email with the sad news that RYLA has been cancelled this summer, but the incoming sophomores who would have attended will have a chance to attend next summer, along with the class behind them.
- ❖ In happier news, the Rotary Foundation Trustees have decided to add a 7th Area of Focus for improving the Environment.
- ❖ We welcomed visitors Brenda Cressey and Bill York at our meeting this week (Bill joined late and had his video off – if you see someone labeled “diane” attending a meeting, that’s Bill).
- ❖ From former member Ellie Speh: “Having now visited other clubs I can truly appreciate what a Fabulous Group you are!”

The Borgen Project – Our speaker this week was Sophie van Leeuwen. Sophie is a student at Bates College studying politics and economics. She is working this summer as an ambassador for the Borgen Project. I don't think any of us had heard of the Borgen Project, whose mission statement says that "leaders of the most powerful nation on earth should be doing more to address global poverty. We're the innovative, national campaign that is working to make poverty a focus of U.S. foreign policy." After seeing the deplorable conditions while working in a refugee camp during college, Clint Borgen was inspired to start the Borgen Project in his spare time in 2003 while he was working on a fishing boat in Alaska to fund his project. The Project meets with US Congressional leaders, mobilizes people across the globe, teaches basic advocacy skills and builds awareness of global issues. Sophie described how improving the economic conditions in the developing world would ultimately benefit the U.S. economy and also make the world safer.



Service Above Self Award – After receiving an empty box at his Service Above Self award presentation in February, Tony Wagner finally received the real thing last week, presented to him by Past District Governor John LoBosco at the Food Cupboard with several Rotarians and volunteers looking on.

