

# TWO LIGHTS

Rotary Club of South Portland – Cape Elizabeth  
July 17, 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:

July 24 – Club Assembly  
July 31 – Kate Kinney, Canine Veterans (?)

## ASSIGNMENTS

	<u>July 24</u>	<u>July 31</u>	<u>August 7</u>
Opening Words	Schauf	L. Schmidt	U Schmidt
Raffle Gift	Gowen	Hawes	H-E-A-L-E-Y
Conductor	N. Irving	Knupp	Kubeck
Set Up #1	Davidson	Desmond	Frustaci
Set Up #2	Daviero	Dube	Geneseo

*Nancy Irving won the raffle gift of a trip for two on the Casco Bay mailboat donated by Michael Geneseo.*

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

- July 24, (Wednesday) – 7:30 p.m.** – Board meeting
- July 30 (Tuesday), 8 – 9 a.m.** – Bug Light garden maintenance
- August 13 (Tuesday), 8 – 9 a.m.** – Bug Light garden maintenance

## What's New With Our Members

Happy Birthday to

- 🍰 Fran Bagdasarian (7/28)
- 🍰 Bob Carson (7/29)
- 🍰 Catherine Callahan (7/30)

We bid a fond farewell to Bill Gowen as he transfers to the Sebago Lake Rotary Club.

Congratulations to Anne Swift-Kayatta whose granddaughter was being born as the lobsterbake was occurring.

Belated congratulations to David McKenna, our Director of Community Services, whom I inadvertently omitted in last week's recognition of new members! (Note: I finally have the correct list of officers and directors at the end of this bulletin, so please make note of our new board, who have volunteered their time and service to the club.)

Thank you to Marc Mutty who has agreed to be our Public Relations chair. Marc's professional background is in PR and he served as our club PR chair in the past so he is excellently qualified for the role. However he needs our help since he cannot make it to a lot of the meetings. So if you have information about events that are newsworthy, please feed them to Marc!



*This was a real nice clambake,  
We're might glad we came.  
The vittles we et  
Were good, you bet,  
The company was the same.  
Our hearts are warm, our bellies are full,  
And we are feeling prime.  
This was a real nice clambake,  
And we all had a real good time!*



Well unfortunately we didn't have Cap'n Lloyd & Ellen Knight serenading us at this year's lobsterbake, and we didn't have the spectacular view of Portland Head Light and Casco Bay.

BUT we had a fabulous meal, with even more fabulous company – and we stayed dry!!

A huge thank you to Anne Swift-Kayatta for her impeccable organizational skills which allow her to pull off a successful lobsterbake year after year. Thanks also go to her team of helpers who cooked, shopped, provided grills, set up, cleaned and took care of the trash:

- 🍷 Tom Meyers
- 🍷 Bob Danielson
- 🍷 Bill Daviero
- 🍷 Patrick Veroneau
- 🍷 Dick Yerxa
- 🍷 Bob Knupp
- 🍷 Peter Bennett
- 🍷 Bill Anderson
- 🍷 Mike McGovern
- 🍷 John LoBosco
- 🍷 Chuck Redman
- 🍷 Sybil Riemensnider
- 🍷 Kathy Cotter
- 🍷 David Lourie

And I saw a lot of other people helping out so thanks to EVERYONE!

A huge thanks also to

- 🍷 Chief Peter Gleeson and the Cape Elizabeth Fire Department for providing our rain location (and the guys who helped in the kitchen even!).
- 🍷 CE Public Works Director Bob Malley for his help with trash disposal and general logistics.
- 🍷 McDonalds in Mill Creek who donated ice for the second year in a row and were happy to do so.

In addition to lots of spouses and other guests, we were honored to have District Governor Andy Glazier and “First Lady” Pam Gray with us, as well as our Assistant Governor Laura Young from the Portland club.

*Editor’s note – the following article was written by Mike back in May but it is still timely.*

### **We will Evolve Strategy to End Polio**

Mike McGovern

Rotary International PolioPlus Committee Chair

This morning’s email brought notice of two more polio cases in Pakistan. I dread these emails. Reading through the email of the most recent case, it goes on: “The child belongs to a Middle-class family; father is a cloth Merchant with frequent travel to Quetta. A chronic refusal family. According to father he doesn’t trust on vaccine quality and efficacy. Site of paralysis: Right and left Lower Limb”

This e-mail reminds us that any announcement of a polio case involves a family and a child who face a new reality. I pray that this father’s new reality includes an understanding that he made an

error of judgment and while there is no cure for polio, there is a cure for unfounded fear. It is to step up in his community and to speak out so that other parents do not make the same mistake. Fortunately, most parents understand how vaccines can help their children.

Thanks to vaccines, 350,000 disabling cases of polio in 1988 dropped to 33 last year. Thanks to vaccines, there has been an 80% drop in deaths due to measles since 2000, but still over 110,000 died from the disease in 2017. Measles cases in the world quadrupled last year and we are also seeing an uptick in polio cases. A November 2018 article on the WHO website has some thoughts to be considered. “The increase in measles cases is deeply concerning, but not surprising,” said Dr. Seth Berkley, CEO of Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance. “Complacency about the disease and the spread of falsehoods about the vaccine in Europe, a collapsing health system in Venezuela and pockets of fragility and low immunization coverage in Africa are combining to bring about a global resurgence of measles after years of progress. Existing strategies need to change: more effort needs to go into increasing routine immunization coverage and strengthening health systems. Otherwise we will continue chasing one outbreak after another.”

Can the same be said about polio? In mid-May, I met with Dr. Berkley, and the directors of the WHO, the CDC, UNICEF and Global Health for the Gates Foundation and this very question served as a backdrop for our discussions. We know from a technical viewpoint how to end polio. Our challenge now is how to reach those who refuse vaccines and who are taken in by false narratives. My belief is that to reach every last child with polio drops the polio partnership needs to do exactly as Dr. Berkley said. The Rotary polio program has been known as PolioPlus since its beginning. We know the villages that are inaccessible due to fears or actions by anti-government elements. It is going to take the “plus” of PolioPlus to overcome our opponents. FDR, a polio survivor said, “The only thing we have to fear is fear itself” We have come so far with optimism, innovation, determination and the generosity of Rotarians. As we near the end of polio, we need to evolve strategy and overcome fear and we will be able to do so with your continuing generosity.

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