

TWO LIGHTS

Rotary Club of South Portland – Cape Elizabeth

June 10, 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 Dates:

June 17 – Club Assembly – Preview of the Upcoming Rotary Year

June 20-26 – Rotary Connects the World – RI Virtual Convention

OPENING WORDS


This Week – Sue gave a well-written encouragement to us to speak up and be better citizens of the world.


Upcoming:

June 17 – Dan Mooers (fingers crossed that his Zoom issues are resolved)

What's New With Our Members

Happy Birthday to

 *Virginia Schmidt (tomorrow, June 12)*

 *Bob Knupp (June 16 - not moving into the next decade yet!)*

Happy Anniversary to

 *Jim & Gillian Britt (today!, June 11)*

 *Anne & Bill Kayatta (June 17)*

 *Sari Greene & Eric Boutiette (June 19)*

We were happy to see Bill York again this week. For anyone who wants to contact Bill between meetings, his address is:

chatwithway@gmail.com

Thank you to Matt McAleney for posting last Thursday's peaceful march led by the students of SPHS to our FB page - he reported that it drew 4,000 views!

And speaking of peaceful marches, congratulations to the students of SPHS last week and CEHS this week for responsibly coordinating peaceful demonstrations of their sympathy with the Black Lives Matter movement.

Congratulations High School Graduates! – High fives (virtually only!) to the SPHS and CEHS seniors who graduated this past week, including our scholarship recipients (\$1,000 each):

CEHS:

**Isabel Berman
Genevieve Depke
Meredith Hetrick
Aiden Lee
John Sands
Piper Strunk**

SPHS:

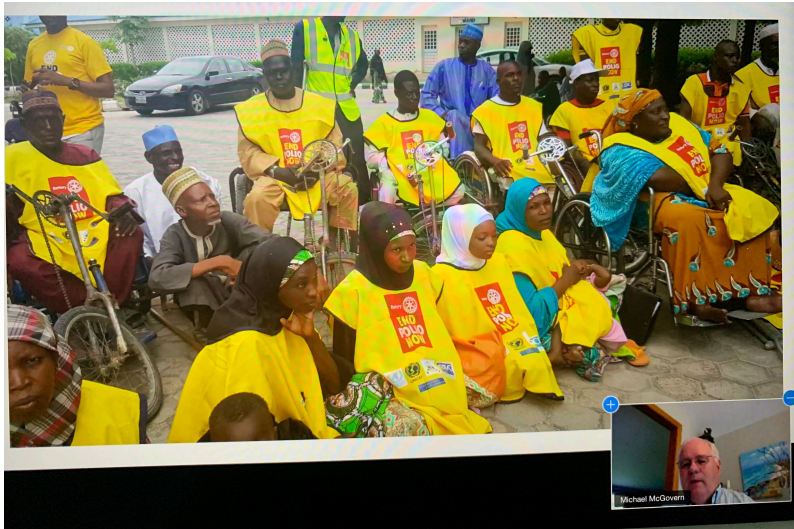
**Homer LaBranche
Amelia McNeil-Maddox
Blake Morin
Grace Perry**

Scholarship recipients were selected by our committee of Kathy Cotter, Nicole Albert & Katelyn Estes based on their Service Above Self, and like every year the committee was blown away by all that these young people have done for their community. **CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL!**

A Two-fer! (i.e. Two Rotary Meetings for the Price of One) – Or actually even a 3-fer if you watched Take Out Polio at noontime yesterday. Mike McGovern and others spoke at a meeting sponsored by another district about polio eradication. The premise of the meeting was to count what you would have spent for the meal at the Rotary meeting you're not actually attending in person, and send that savings to EndPolioNow if that works for you. In Mike's part of the program, he spoke about the impact of COVID-19 on polio eradication activities.

Then at 5:30 right before our meeting, Mike spoke again, this time as part of the Portland Sunrise Club's "This Is Your Rotary" series. He was joined by Past RI Director Anne Matthews and they both spoke about the importance of continuing to raise funds to finish the job. Mike shared the good news that the government of the Democratic Republic of the Congo had just announced that it has committed \$16.4 million to purchase vaccines. He also spoke about our goal of reaching every last child. He showed pictures of the last child with polio in the Americas and in

India (whom he actually met), and is looking forward to showing us pictures of the last child in Africa, the last child in Afghanistan and the last child in Pakistan, one of which will be the last child EVER! I wasn't quick enough to get a shot of those children (ok, in keeping with "Is it the Truth?" I was multi-tasking and was also in my online yoga class at the beginning of the meeting) but I did get a shot of the polio survivors who later became polio volunteers whom Mike met with in Pakistan.



(What's growing out of Mike's head??)

"The Sales God of SP-CE Rotary" – A couple months ago our Board decided to sell our lectern (which we no longer had use for since we were using Purpoodock's) to the Oxford Hills Rotary Club for \$100. Matt McAleney challenged Tony to sell it for more than that so Tony was happy to report that he squeezed another \$10 out of them just to prove to Matt that he could. But when he delivered it to them this week they actually gave him a check for \$125!

Also a Water Filter God? – Tony was also our speaker this week, speaking about his trip to Guatemala in February with a church group led by the late Rev. Bill Chadwick of the Westbrook-Gorham Club. There were 20 volunteers in the group and they stayed at a nice hotel (at their own expense) which was deemed necessary because they worked so hard each day. The village where they worked was the victim of a tsunami which had cut the villagers off from the rest of the town, which included cutting off their water supply. Thanks to a \$5,000 Rotary district grant as well as generous donations from the church, the group was able to purchase 60 water filters for them, as well as distributing mosquito nets, providing treats for the children, installing 12 concrete floors and providing dental services. The team Tony worked with installed 34 of the filters and the rest will be installed on a later trip.

Someone from the church group had put together a slide show which Tony shared with us – there were many pictures of adorable children – I took pictures of lots of them but had trouble winnowing them down for the bulletin!!



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