

TWO LIGHTS

Rotary Club of South Portland – Cape Elizabeth

June 17, 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 24 – Changeover Night. Celebrating the Year of the Popcorn Machine

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

OPENING WORDS

This Week – Betty shared some words of Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr.:

"We must accept finite disappointment, but we must never lose infinite hope."

"We may all have come on different ships, but we're in the same boat now."

"Only in the darkness can you see the stars."

Upcoming:

June 24 – Fran Bagdasarian

What's New With Our Members

Happy Birthday to Dan Davidson (June 30)

Happy Anniversary to

🎂 Sari Greene & Eric Boutiette (June 19)

🎂 Dave & Jody McKenna (June 28)

🎂 Nancy & Scott Irving (June 30)

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Thank you to Bill Anderson for opening up Bug Light for a couple visitors who made a \$100 donation to our club.

Thank you to Dan Davidson for his many years of service to our club as chair of the Veterans Committee, and to Dave McKenna who has agreed to chair the committee going forward!

Congratulations to former RYLarian Jack Bassett of Cape Elizabeth who has just graduated from CEHS and is now off to the USNA. Dan Davidson conducted his admissions interview on behalf of the Academy. Dan said that Jack and his fellow students will be tested for the virus after arriving at the Academy in July, and then quarantined for 14 days, after which they will be able to attend classes as usual.

Thank you to the Portland Sunrise Club for their 5-part series "This is Your Rotary" which concluded this week with Jean-Marc Giboux, a photographer who has documented the effects of polio and the polio eradication effort in many countries throughout Africa, Turkey, the Middle East and Asia. (see photos below)

Thank You, John – and Congratulations on reaching the next level of Paul Harris Fellow recognition – PHF+7! (Foundation Committee co-chairs discussed whether to wait to make these presentations in person, but decided that life is not on hold, so as they come in we will be “presenting” these recognitions virtually and make arrangements to have the pins delivered.) In addition to his personal donations, our club is grateful for the annual donations (directly to our club, not the Foundation) of his employer Unum as part of their program to reward employees for their volunteer service hours. For those of you not participating in the Zoom meetings who may not recognize this person, I want to assure you that yes, this is indeed John LoBosco.



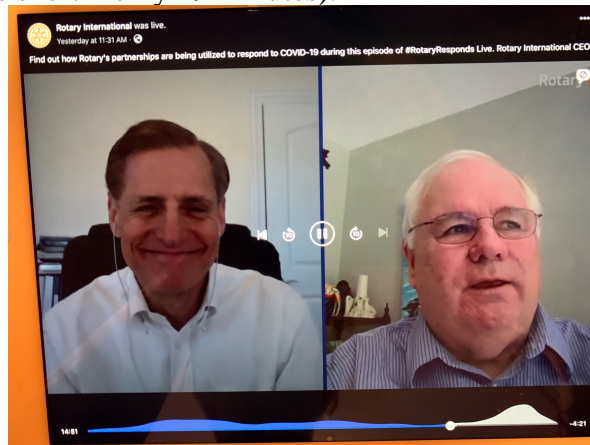
“Good Growth” – This phrase was tossed out at last night’s meeting and they could have been talking about Jim Britt’s hair or the gardens at Bug Light and Fort Williams picnic shelter. (I didn’t take a picture of Jim’s hair –you had to be there!) Thank you to everyone who has been maintaining the gardens at both locations – this week thanks to Bob Knupp I have a photo of the Ft. Williams gardeners who planted 36 perennials yesterday. The gardeners also included Catherine, Bev, Phil, Peter Bennett and CEHS Scholarship recipient Isabelle Berman with her brother. Both parks are open – go check out the gardens yourself!



Christmas Trees – It’s a Go! – Much of last night’s Board meeting was devoted to a discussion of the tree sale and an authorization to order the trees. (For anyone who missed the meeting in which the tree sale was discussed, we are planning to sell trees online, in addition to sales on the lot which will presumably be scaled back.) Dave Bagdasarian reported that a tree sale committee of about 10 people has been formed and they are exploring MANY aspects of the tree sale. If you haven’t responded to the survey about your participation in the tree sale, please do so. Note that it does not commit you to anything. Preliminary results from the survey indicate – as you would imagine – that we cannot count on as much manpower from within our club to operate the sale. The committee will be working out the details as to how to “pivot” (I think that’s the buzzword for what all our local businesses are doing these days).

The tree order represents a slight reduction in total number of trees (with some change in the mixture) and an increase in the number of wreaths. The board unanimously authorized Dave to go ahead and place the order. Thank you to everyone on the committee who are tackling a myriad of logistical considerations, as well as designing a website and formulating an effective marketing strategy.

Rotary Responds Live – RI’s General Secretary John Hewko conducts a weekly Facebook Live session in which he hosts various Rotary leaders and partners. This week one of his two guests (along with someone from USAID) was a member of the Rotary Club of South Portland-Cape Elizabeth (which Hewko actually said twice) – of course Mike McGovern. Mike talked about the impact of COVID-19 on polio eradication and (more importantly) vice versa. Mike spoke about the crucial role that the polio contact tracing infrastructure has played in tracing COVID-19 infections. He also shared the good news that Pakistan expects to be able to resume house-to-house immunizations at the end of July. If you’re interested in watching it, just search for Rotary Responds Live in Facebook (it’s short – only 19 minutes).



MORE ADORABLE CHILDREN – Last week Tony’s slide show presentation offered a plethora of photos of sweetie-pies. I had the same dilemma this week in trying to select the most adorable children from the photos of Jean-Marc Giboux. But since Clubrunner doesn’t let me upload an unlimited amount of photos, here is a small sample of the fascinating photos that he presented. The photo of the women watching the baby receive the “two drops” reminds me of what so many Rotarians will be missing at this year’s non-Convention – one of my favorite parts of a Rotary convention is the colorful garb of the African Rotarians!



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