

TWO LIGHTS

Rotary Club of South Portland – Cape Elizabeth
June 3, 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 10 – Tony Wagner, Service Trip to Guatemala

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

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

OPENING WORDS

This Week – Prior to the opening words, we observed a moment of silence for George Floyd and all victims of racially-motivated violence. Dan Mooers had carefully planned some opening words but unfortunately Zoom thwarted his efforts to attend the meeting (we missed you, Dan!). Fortunately RI Vice-President Yinka Babalola of Nigeria had provided some suitable opening words as part of his presentation in the “This Is Your Rotary” series of the Portland Sunrise Club:

“The fastest way to have HOPE is to give it.”

Upcoming:

June 10 – Sue Sturtevant

June 17 – Dan Mooers (fingers crossed!)

What’s New With Our Members

Happy Birthday to

 *Rich Daniels (June 4)*

 *Bill Anderson (June 10)*

 *Jonathan Reif (June 12)*

 *Virginia Schmidt (June 12)*

 *Bob Knupp (June 16)*

Happy Anniversary to:

🏠 Catherine Callahan & Bret LeBleu (June 10)

🏠 Jim & Gillian Britt (June 11)

Happy June Rotary Anniversary to Bill Anderson - 15 years (including prior club)

Help at Food Cupboard? – Tony reported that next Thursday (June 11) the South Portland Food Cupboard will be receiving over 7,500 pounds of food from the USDA. Since that's their usual food distribution day, they will not have time to sort it all out until the next day. So they could really use some hands Friday morning, June 12 from 8 a.m - noon. Note that this is **OUTDOOR** work and everyone there will be masked and gloved (and some in face shields). If this is something that you would feel comfortable doing (and **ONLY** if you're comfortable), please consider helping out. Please let Tony know if you are able to help out.

Public Safety Alert! – A “peeping Tom” was observed at Hinckley Park – either just birdwatching or spying on people in nearby homes – nobody knows! (And I am totally KICKING myself that I didn't snap a photo of Tom Meyers at last night's meeting to accompany this notice!)



Money, Money, Money! – Club members will have received the financial reports that Treasurer Nicole sent this week. She reviewed the financials for us in the first part of the club assembly and members were:

1. Glad that our club had been able to do so much good in our local and global community in the past year.
2. Thankful to President David and the Board for actually spending all of our revenue so that it was put to good use.
3. Appreciative of our extremely conscientious treasurer Nicole!



Putting the PLUS in PolioPlus – And speaking of money, Nicole reported that we gave above and beyond our usual contribution to PolioPlus in response to COVID-19. Why bother since the polio workers can't go door to door immunizing anymore? Well, VP Babalola explained how PolioPlus money is not sitting idle - Rotarians in Nigeria have pivoted and put PP funds to good use in various ways to contain COVID-19. Here's just one example of their efforts:



A Tree Sale Like No Other – Here's the 3rd reference to (RI) VP Babalola – another great quote in his presentation was by Winston Churchill: "Never let a good crisis go to waste." The majority of our meeting last night was spent learning about how (SP-CE) VP Dave Bagdasarian plans to do exactly that – exploit the current circumstances to move our tree sale into the 21st century (but still stay in the 19th century for those who prefer that!). Our 2020 sale will be a hybrid online and in-person sale. Dave has already purchased the domain "Rotary Christmas Trees" and will be building it in the next month or so into a website where our customers can pre-order trees as early as this summer (Christmas in July!) and either pick them up curbside in December or have them delivered locally for a fee. We will still sell trees at Mill Creek but we will need to have restrictions in place that we've never had in the past.

Needless to say, this new way of selling trees will require a lot of messaging. Fran Bagdasarian will be taking over as PR Chair on July 1 and will be forming a committee to strategize and implement spreading the news about our virtual tree sale.

Another way that we're leaping forward is in the management of the tree sale. Traditionally the tree sale was the sole responsibility of the President-Elect. Many have advocated for a committee to help share the load, but that's not the way we've always done it! But current circumstances definitely mean that Dave will need help running the tree sale so a committee is already being formed – let Dave know if you're interested in helping out (either in developing the website or in being on the tree sale committee).

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