

TWO LIGHTS

Rotary Club of South Portland – Cape Elizabeth

March 11, 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 PROGRAMS:

March 18 – ???

March 25 – Patty Sprague – Theater Night

April 1 – Kathryn Sargent – The Locker Project

April 8 – Steph Gilbert & Bill Toomey – Farmland Management

TENTATIVE ASSIGNMENTS

(This is what is scheduled – may change if we cancel meetings.)

| | <u>March 18</u> | <u>March 25</u> | <u>April 1</u> |
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| Opening Words | Dube | Egner | Estes |
| Raffle Gift | Albert | Altenburg | Anderson |
| Conductor | Altenburg | Swift-Kayatta | D Bagdasarian |
| Set Up & Breakdown #1 | McAleney | McDonald | Meyers |
| Set Up & Breakdown #2 | McGovern | McKenna | Murphy |

Congratulations to Ray Healey who won a gift certificate to Nonesuch River Brewing donated by Dick Yerxa. And would you believe it, perpetual raffle winner Fran Bagdasarian won a \$50 raffle gift certificate at a baby shower for her grandbaby-to-be!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

March 18 – Board Meeting following regular club meeting – not sure if this will be in person or by virtual means.

What's New With Our Members

Happy Birthday to

- 🍰 Bev Altenburg (3/18)
- 🍰 Paul Butler (3/18)
- 🍰 Ursula Schmidt (3/21)
- 🍰 Peter Bennett (3/23)
- 🍰 Marc Mutty (3/23)

Happy March Rotary Anniversary to:

- ❖ Randi Bruneau - 1 year
- ❖ Jonathan Reif - 1 year
- ❖ Hugh O'Shea - 3 years
- ❖ Rich Daniels - 6 years
- ❖ Sue Sturtevant - 7 years (our club; formerly a Rotarian in CT)
- ❖ Anne Swift-Kayatta - 16 years
- ❖ President David Lourie - 25 years
- ❖ Kathy Ray - 26 years

Congratulations to Mike Geneseo, who sneaked in under the wire and was able to attend PETS (President-Elect Training Seminar) before all large meetings got cancelled. He had a great time and came back full of ideas!

Thank you to Dave Bagdasarjian for organizing the hockey game at the Maine Mariners on Tuesday. See pics below.

Thank you to Bev Altenburg for coordinating our Club Visioning, tentatively scheduled for May.

Congratulations to Phil Dube on his retirement from the travel business (just in time?)

Congratulations to Joanie, who has moved into her new house (next door to the old one!)

COVID-19 is a Party Pooper – We were scheduled to award Paul Harris Fellow recognition to Bob & Linda Ayotte of Cape Elizabeth, and Dick & Jan Ingalls of South Portland at next week's meeting. Now that there is a case of COVID-19 in Maine and meetings are being discouraged, the Foundation Committee has decided to err on the side of caution and postpone those presentations to a time when it will be safer for all of our visitors to attend a Rotary meeting. (Not sure if there will actually be a meeting or not – look for an announcement from David if we will be cancelling the meeting in addition to the program.)

Judy's Pantry – Our speaker this week was Beth Owens, the coordinator of Judy's Pantry in Cape Elizabeth (housed in the Methodist Church). We recently heard from the Director of the South Portland Food Cupboard, so it was interesting to round out our SP-CE education in food insecurity. Our club is a significant donor to both of these food pantries; in the past 3 years we have donated just over \$7,000 to Judy's Pantry (Beth said that last year we provided 45% of their budget).

Beth is a master gardener, who initiated the gardens at Pond Cove School. She wanted the kids to get a sense of giving back to the community so they dedicated one of their beds to Judy's Pantry – which was how Beth initially got involved. Judy's Pantry initially started as a way of distributing produce to people in need but has since evolved into a year-round organization, providing nonperishable goods and even refrigerated or frozen food items sometimes. The Pantry served 2,013 people last year, and received 5,000 pounds of donated produce. The Methodist Church has been a generous home for them, not only in providing space but many of the church members volunteer and even provide homemade baked goods!

At the Hockey Game:



A "before" picture - i.e. before Bill ended up in Bags' lap!

Bob Knupp with his family and Beacon!



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