

TWO LIGHTS

Rotary Club of South Portland – Cape Elizabeth
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Together, we see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change – across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves.

What's New With Our Members

Happy Birthday to

🍰 Peter Bennett (3/23)

🍰 Marc Mutty (3/23)

Paul & Jan Butler (who are residents of Ocean View) report that they do not believe they have had any contact with the resident who is ill with the virus. They are both doing well and send their regards.

Sybil Riemensnider reports that she has lots of books and food and has been watching The Crown on Netflix.

Bill York says he is facing up to 4 months of isolation - I'm sure he'd love to hear from club members.

PLEASE LET ME KNOW HOW YOU'RE COPING WITH ISOLATION AND WHAT TIPS YOU HAVE FOR YOUR FELLOW ROTARIANS ON HOW TO SURVIVE BEING HOUSEBOUND SO I CAN PASS THEM ON.

The Board Meeting – The Board met last night in a conference call and you will be getting an email about some of the topics discussed, but here's some of the business that was covered.

- The board approved donations above and beyond the budgeted amounts (already paid) of

\$3,000 to the South Portland Food Cupboard and \$1,000 to Judy's Pantry; our treasurer Nicole will be sending those checks right away. Youth Services Director Matt McAleney will also be following up with organizations that we traditionally support (Boys & Girls Club, schools, etc.) to see what the extraordinary needs are.

- Visioning is scheduled for the morning of Saturday, May 16. At this point we don't know if that will need to be re-scheduled but Bev is proceeding with the preparatory paperwork as if we will be meeting then.
- We have received some applications for RYLA and will be scheduling Skype (or whatever) interviews.
- The Oxford Hills club would like to purchase our old lectern – there was discussion about whether to charge them \$100 or give it to them for free (since it's very old) – I was fixing supper during this discussion so I didn't catch what the monetary conclusion was.
- The big takeaway from the meeting was that due to very successful tree sales and WinterFests in the past few years we have a lot of funds available and will be looking to use it to help our communities survive this current crisis and its aftermath. But in addition there are also some volunteer needs so in this time when we can't hold meetings, we should be looking for safe ways in which we can offer our services. Even if it's something as simple as emailing/calling someone to make sure they're surviving isolation and let them know they're being thought of.

How Well Do We Know Each Other? – Even though there will be no Rotary meetings for several weeks, that doesn't mean we shouldn't stay in touch. So you'll continue to receive weekly bulletins (but with no duties – lol!). One of the things that will be included is trivia questions, thanks to Betty Egner. She is collecting the questions – send her one about yourself if you haven't already please. Here are this week's questions – she told me the answer and good thing because I didn't have a clue who these people are:

- ❖ Who loves to cook and was born in Wareham, MA?
- ❖ Who cooked breakfast for Julia Child? (we have to hear the story about that!)
- ❖ Throwback Thursday Bonus – who is this?



Send your guesses to Betty Egner (bjegner@live.com) – or you can reply to me and I'll forward to her. Please also send her your own trivia fact and a picture of your younger self.

What Does Shane Victorino Have to Do With Anything? – I know I’m saying what everyone is thinking – this whole situation totally sucks! So to try to take my mind off the dismal news, I’ve been listening to the Michael Franti station on Pandora and they just played Bob Marley’s “Three Little Birds.” If you’re not familiar with the lyrics, here they are:

Rise up this mornin’
Smiled with the risin’ sun
Three little birds
Pitch by my doorstep
Singin’ sweet songs
Of melodies pure and true
Saying this is my message to you

Don’t worry about a thing
‘Cause every little thing gonna be alright
Singin’ don’t worry about a thing
‘Cause every little thing gonna be alright.

Well, this is a nice sentiment but we know that every little thing is NOT gonna be all right. This is where Shane Victorino comes in – Three Little Birds was his “walk-up” song when he played for the Red Sox so I think of him whenever I hear this song.

In the 2013 American League Championship, the Red Sox were playing the Detroit Tigers in game 6 of the series on October 19, 2013 (no, I’m not a baseball statistics nerd – the only reason I remember this is the game happened during my niece’s wedding reception). The Red Sox were losing 2-1 when Shane came to bat in the 7th evening. He was 2 for 23 in the series so far, so did the fans who were singing “every little thing is gonna be all right” really believe it? Well, he hit a GRAND SLAM HOME RUN and the Red Sox clinched the AL Championship that night and went on to win the World Series.

So go listen to the song and sing along and think of the 2013 Red Sox. (Well, maybe Bill York and Bill Anderson should just listen to the song and not think about the Red Sox!)

Send me your own favorite uplifting song – and the story behind it if there is one!



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