

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.

Opening Remarks (from Betty Egner)

*“Coming together is a beginning, staying together is progress, and working together is success.”
– Henry Ford*

“Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much.” – Helen Keller

“We talk a lot about hope, helping, and teamwork. Our whole message is that we are more powerful together.” – Victoria Osteen

What's New With Our Members

There are no birthdays in the upcoming week, but Paul Butler and Bev Altenburg now share their March 19 birthday with EDWARD THOMAS MEYERS, born 3/19/2020. He is the son of Patrick and Melinda Meyers and grandson of Tom and Marti. Congratulations to all!!!!

Another Rotary offspring with a birthday - Happy 6th birthday to Jack Schauf! It looked like half the town celebrated his birthday with a parade - you can check it out on Facebook (on Doug Schauf's home page - Jack's quarantine birthday parade) or if you don't have FB, here is a YouTube link:

<https://youtu.be/TGKqFafiU7Q>

It's a little long but what else do you have to do. This is awesome!!!!!!!!

Ellie Speh reports that she and Chris and their family are all doing well and staying sane.

Bill York reports that things in the UK are pretty much the same as here with everything closed. But unlike here the government is paying 80% of

people's wages. He says hi to everyone.

I mentioned a couple weeks ago that Phil Dube has recently retired. He knew that he would be spending more time with Claudette, but did not imagine it would be every minute of every day in their home. From Claudette: "I have always known our home is on the smaller side. I simply did not realize how small. I know now."

A huge thank you to Becca Ivey-Geneseo (a nurse), Bill Anderson's physician son, all other Rotary extended family members in the medical profession, and all other medical professionals!

Meetings Continue! – Thanks to President-Elect Michael Geneseo, 20 club members met last night in a Zoom meeting. It was great to see and hear from everyone and we hope more of you can join in future meetings. It's really **EASY** – all you have to do is click on the link that Mike will send you. Once you get in the meeting, be sure to mute your microphone (unless you're talking) because otherwise the video will switch to you whenever there's any background noise in your house. If you have any concerns about your ability to use Zoom or think that you don't have the necessary equipment, please contact Mike G – we want to include everybody! Program chair Dave Bagdasarian will be contacting our speakers to see if any of them would be interested in presenting to us in the new Zoom format. Stay tuned.
Note – even though we'd love to see everyone at these meetings, they are **not official meetings** and no attendance is taken.

Cancellations/Postponements:

- ❖ Theater Night – Lyric Theater has cancelled its show Grumpy Old Men. Therefore we will not be having Theater Night in June. However Patty Sprague reports that once the theater announces its 2020-21 lineup, we will select a show and arrange for Theater Night in the fall.
- ❖ Cape Elizabeth Land Trust Wet Paint Auction scheduled for June 28 has been postponed (this is the event where we help park cars).

Ways You Can Help (in Addition to Social Distancing):

- ✓ Consider giving blood. The Red Cross has an urgent need and says that they have developed safe procedures for you to donate.
- ✓ Join the FaceBook group South Portland Community of Kindness, initiated by Sari Greene. The group focuses on ways to be of help during this crisis. Sari invites all of us to join (even if you don't live in SP).
- ✓ Now that you have nowhere to go, perhaps you have time to volunteer at the South Portland Food Cupboard if you're not in a high risk group. Here is a link to duties this week:
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040d4dafa928a4f58-week1>

- ✓ Use your club \$50 “voucher.” This is an allowance that every member of the club can use to help out when you see a need (the legacy of the late Peter Cotter). You can use it to add to the club’s donations to a food pantry or other community organization. OR you can use it as it was originally intended to help out a particular individual who is in need due to suddenly not having a paycheck coming in.

Bill York Rant – I suppose I should give equal time to the non-Red Sox fans out there. Here’s what I received after sending out last week’s bulletin:

Being a baseball purist - I can't stand walk up tunes. Please get in the batter's box and hit!

Give me a break with Shane What's his name. Next you'll be resurrecting Bernie Carbo. Pleeeeeease.

You just made me think about Joe Pepitone. The first Yankee to use a hair dryer in the clubhouse. Keep those cards and letters coming.

Ray Healey probably loved your Red Sox memories.

How Well Do We Know Each Other? – Well, apparently not very well. Out of the three questions that Betty asked last week, Nancy Irving got one out of three correct – which makes her the leader! Here were last week’s questions:

- ❖ Who loves to cook and was born in Wareham, MA? *Katelyn Estes*
- ❖ Who cooked breakfast for Julia Child? *Karen Vachon*
- ❖ Throwback Thursday Bonus – the photo was of *Betty Egner*.

Let’s see if you can do any better this week:

- ❖ Who took a 3-week trip with scouting? (actually might be more than one of you?)
- ❖ Who taught college courses in a maximum security prison?

Send your guesses to Betty Egner (bjegner@live.com) – or you can reply to me and I’ll forward to her.

And remember we’d love to see pictures of your younger self – please send to Betty – if you have time, which I know you have LOTS of (well, most of you anyway).

Looking Forward to Summer – Two things came up at the club meeting that helped us think past the current distress.

1. Soon, green things will be growing again, and among them will be weeds. Catherine Callahan agreed to coordinate our club maintenance of the Bug Light and Ft. William picnic shelter gardens again. Incoming Community Service Director Tony Wagner would like to put together a crew to do the weeding – please contact him if you have an interest in being part of the crew.
2. Secondly, the current Sea Dogs schedule lists a South Portland Cape Elizabeth Community Night on August 4 (Tuesday). Coincidentally we will not be able to meet at Purpoodock on August 5. So once the dust settles and the Sea Dogs are able to finalize their schedule, we will *tentatively* be meeting at Hadlock Field on Tuesday, August 4.

And now, although having a parade just for you on your birthday is pretty fantastic, it doesn't hold a candle to the thrill of sleeping with the Yorkie Football Trophy!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, JACK!



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