

TWO LIGHTS

Rotary Club of South Portland – Cape Elizabeth

May 13, 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:

May 20 – Speaker from Poland Spring Water

May 27 - Humorist Dave Norman

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

Opening Words:

We didn't hold our own meeting this week so no one said any opening words, but Dan Davidson had offered these words that we could use in a pinch:

“The love of praise is so congenial to our nature, and so powerful a spur to every undertaking, that the moral world would be a chaos without its animating influences. It is like the sun; it gives life and heat to all around.” - Thomas Dent Mütter, physician, mid-1800s

So go find someone to praise today!

What's New With Our Members

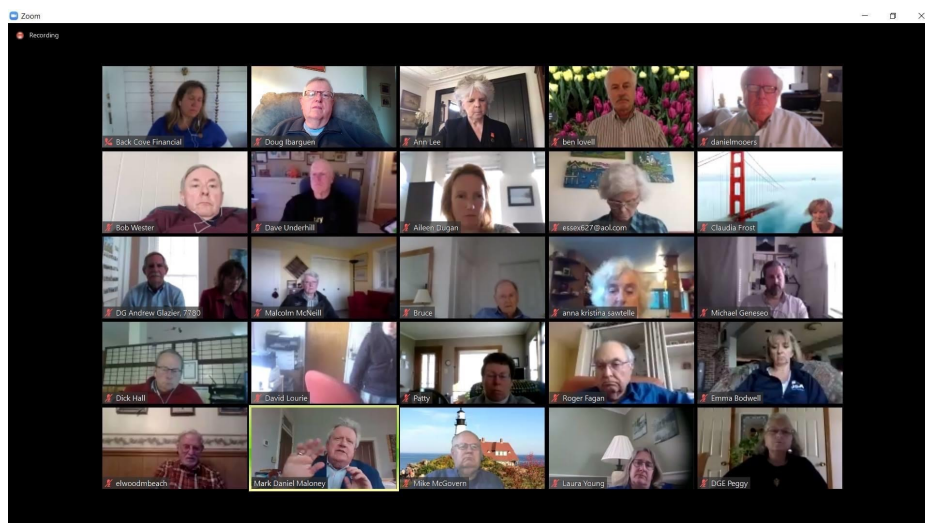
Happy Birthday to President-Elect Mike Geneseo - May 20

Happy Birthday (yesterday - 5/14) to RI President Mark Maloney

Happy Rotary Anniversary to Catherine Callahan - 8 years on May 23!

“Rotary Connects the World” – This week in lieu of our usual meeting, we met with the Portland Sunrise Club, at the gracious invitation of their President Christine Byrne and the event host Ann Lee Hussey. Ann Lee introduced RI President Mark Maloney, who spoke to us along with his wife Gay from their home in Decatur, Alabama. President Maloney spoke of how prescient this year’s Rotary theme is, and how unforeseen it was that we are now connecting the way that we do. “The effort that Rotarians are making to stay connected is going to have a tremendous impact on the future of our organization.” The current circumstances prove that we as Rotarians “are willing to be innovative and adapt.”

Mark also spoke about the agonizing decision to cancel the Hawaii convention, and invited us to participate in the virtual convention on June 20-26. It will begin with general sessions from 9-10:15 a.m. each day on Saturday and Sunday, 6/20-21. Then there will be 3 one-hour breakout sessions each day M-F on a variety of interesting topics. And fortunately for our part of the world, they will be scheduled at times when we’re normally awake. When you (ok, I’m only speaking for myself!) attend a “live” RI Convention, the breakout sessions tend to be the casualty that gets pushed aside in favor of sightseeing and socializing, or it’s just too complicated to get to that location at that particular time. So I’m actually looking forward to the opportunity to attend any breakout session that I want to. We’ll stay tuned to hear the line-up of speakers when they become finalized.



St. Patrick's Day – No parade (or accompanying public drunkenness)

April Fool's Day – Not many tricks were played because the “trick” being played on society was already so monstrous

Easter – Easter bonnets remained in the closet

Patriot's Day – No marathon (whew, I wasn't in shape anyway - as if!)

May Day – No dancing around Maypoles

Mother's Day – No hugs for Mom

Memorial Day – Enough already! We have to celebrate somehow! So here's what Sari Greene is suggesting:

As a nation, we have a responsibility to honor the memory and the sacrifice of our fallen servicemen and servicewomen. There are no Memorial Day parades this year so instead, let's have a grassroots observance. Wherever you are at 3pm* on Monday, May 25th stop for a moment of silence (perhaps followed by a chorus of America the Beautiful) to remember those who made the ultimate sacrifice.

Help spread the word. We only have 10 days to spread the word statewide and nationwide. And if you have ideas to promote or expand this plan, please email Sari at sari@sarigreenegroup.com or call her at 207-318-1430.

Here is the plan:

- ❖ Wherever you are (your home, your porch, your lawn, your workplace, even the grocery store) stop and observe a moment of silence and reflection at 3pm on Monday, May 25th.
- ❖ If you are comfortable doing so, share your commemoration by posting on Facebook, Twitter, or Instagram a picture of you holding a sign or a picture honoring either a specific person or a general message.
- ❖ If you love to sing, well then sing out a chorus of America the Beautiful (Next week's bulletin will have lyrics).
- ❖

*3pm isn't an arbitrary time. In December 2000, the US Congress passed the National Moment of Remembrance Act (PL 106-579). The Act encourages all Americans wherever they are at 3 pm local time on Memorial Day to pause and observe a moment of silence.



Just in Case you don't read DG Andy's emails because you figure they're not relevant to our club, I'll reiterate the good news he just sent out – the District is returning \$25,000 to the clubs on a per capita basis – about \$15.50 per member – so our club's internal fund will shortly be receiving close to \$1,000 to spend any way we want to. Hooray!!!!

Sunny Distancing – Vitamin D is good for your immune system, as is socializing with friends. Club members Dan Davidson (with Edie) and Marc Muttty (with Pam) recently boosted their immune systems on the Muttys' deck.



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