

# TWO LIGHTS

Rotary Club of South Portland – Cape Elizabeth  
November 20, 2019



*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:

November 27 – Thanksgiving Eve – NO MEETING  
December 4 – Jenn McAdoo, Furniture Friends  
December 11 – Briana Warner, Atlantic Sea Farms

## ASSIGNMENTS

	<u>December 4</u>	<u>December 11</u>	<u>December 18</u>
Opening Words	Bennett	Britt	Bruneau
Raffle Gift	Roberts	Schauf	L Schmidt
Conductor	Riemensnider	Roberts	Schauf
Set Up #1	Altenburg	D Bagdasarian	Bennett
Set Up #2	Anderson	F Bagdasarian	Britt

*Sequel to last week's raffle winner announcement. If you recall, poor Paul was the winner of...NOTHING. However it was worth his while to wait because Chuck made it up to him by providing a raffle gift this week of a \$50 gift certificate to Terra Cotta!*

*This week – the lucky winner was Catherine, who won a gift certificate to Two Fat Cats donated by Sybil.*

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

**November 23** – Tree sale setup at Mill Creek Park. A few people are needed to load supplies at the Fire Barn at Fort Williams. Otherwise show up at Mill Creek Park at 8-ish.

**November 29 (Friday after Thanksgiving)** – First tree unloading (about 2/3 of our order of 2,000 trees)

**December 6 (Friday)** – Tree Lighting ceremony at Mill Creek Park (shifts have been adjusted to plan for extra customers (or window shoppers))

**December 7 (Saturday)** – 2<sup>nd</sup> Tree Unloading

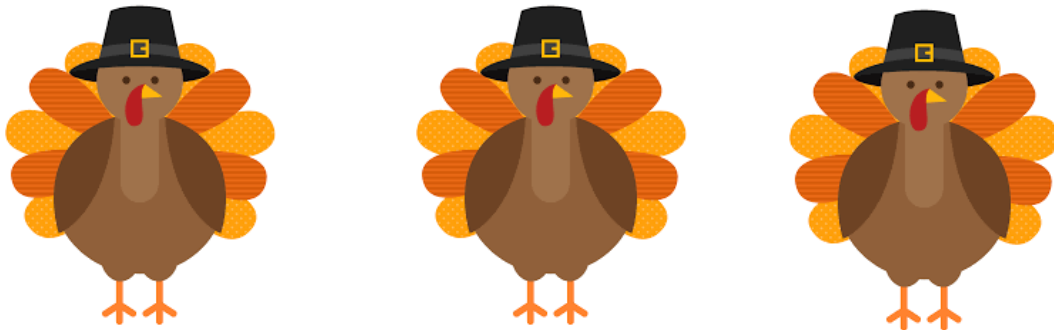
### *What's New With Our Members*

*Happy Birthday to Adrienne Murphy (Dec. 8)  
(And to my mom who turns 90 on the same day)*

*Our sincere condolences to Scott & Nancy Irving on the death of Scott's mother.*

*As Fran Bagdasarian knows, Dave is Mr. Perfect, and this week Associate Commissioner Jim Britt confirmed it - Dave got 13 out of 13 correct in the football pool - congratulations!! (But note that Hugh is still perfecter, because he got 14 out of 14 correct to win his Mr. Perfect title!)*

## HAPPY THANKSGIVING TO EVERYONE!!!!



**Our Friends in North Carolina** – Since Ellie Speh has transferred her membership to a Durham NC Rotary Club (their gain!), she no longer shows up in the Club Directory in ClubRunner (although she is still on the email list to receive the bulletin). So in case you want to add her to your personal contact information, here is her address:

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# MOVING ON TO THE NEXT HOLIDAY....



Yes, it's almost time for the tree sale. This week we reviewed some of the fundamentals of our tree sale. If you weren't there, or didn't catch everything – NOT TO WORRY – there are clear instructions for everything in the trailer. And if you're on the first shift, the key is located in the same place as always. If you're new and don't know where that is, whoever you are working with will know where it is. Here are some random things that we covered:

- 🌲 Please sign up for 5 shifts
- 🌲 Please pay attention to who you're signing up with – we prefer to have new members working with a more experienced member. And if you are not capable of lifting trees, please sign up with someone who is.
- 🌲 Please pay attention to all safety rules regarding use of the chain saw. For liability reasons, customers are NOT allowed to use the chain saw themselves, even if they would be better at it than you.
- 🌲 Make sure everyone – especially kids – stands back when the chain saw is in use.
- 🌲 Veterans from Huot House will be helping out on occasion.
- 🌲 There is a shortage of wreaths this year so we won't be able to secure as many as in the past.
- 🌲 The tree costs have gone up – as of this writing the sales prices have not been finalized.
- 🌲 Please take pictures and post on social media.
- 🌲 There are just 3 full weeks between Thanksgiving and Christmas, so expect to have very heavy shifts.
- 🌲 Any problems – contact Mike G or Sue.
- 🌲 HAVE FUN!

**More Assistance to Veterans** – I wrote 3 weeks ago about our club donating money to the Huot House, which assists veterans. This week we received a thank you note for another donation that we made on behalf of veterans – this time to Durham Warriors. Durham Warriors is a non-profit which covers the costs for disabled veterans, active duty military and their families to stay at Maine Forest Yurts in Durham, Maine. This charity is the brainchild of “Survivor” winner (and former speaker at our club) Bob Crowley, whose other claim to fame is that his wife Peggy and Joan Frustaci were childhood friends. Thank you to our club's Veterans committee led by Dan Davidson for coming up with meaningful ways for us to continue to support veterans.

**Another Step Forward in Polio Eradication** – Mike McGovern is in Abu Dhabi this week, where the Crown Prince has convened the “Reaching the Last Mile Forum.” At this event a host of world leaders and philanthropists announced total pledges of \$2.6 billion to fight polio. Anne presented a Foundation minute this week about the event, reading to us from an online Forbes article (from which I took the Bill Gates quotes in this story as well). At this event, Rotary pledged another \$150 million (\$50 million/year for the next 3 years), which will again be matched by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation (\$300 million). Totally separate from the Rotary match, the Gates Foundation is also giving \$700 million.

In the article, Bill Gates credits Rotary for leading the effort at fundraising internationally: “In almost every country, Rotary has members. And that’s very, very helpful to us. Those members have this commitment that goes all the way back to 1988, well before the Gates Foundation had any involvement in the polio fight. Rotarians in India, Pakistan, Australia, Canada, United States and the United Kingdom especially have been effective in writing to and showing up to speak to their political leaders. And in those first few years, of course, things went really well and people thought we were getting close. So, it’s great they’ve stuck to it, even as it’s proven to take longer than we first expected.”

Of the countries that made pledges, the largest was from the United Kingdom (\$514.8 million), with the US second at 215.92 million.

Here’s hoping that this is the last pledging event, and that these funds can provide the final push needed to ensure that polio is finally completely eradicated!

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