

# TWO LIGHTS

Rotary Club of South Portland – Cape Elizabeth  
October 9, 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:

October 16 – The Rotary Foundation  
October 23 – Club Assembly  
October 30 – Tom Groening

## ASSIGNMENTS

	<u>October 16</u>	<u>October 23</u>	<u>October 30</u>
Opening Words	Yerxa	Albert	Altenburg
Raffle Gift	Mutty	Nadirli	O'Shea
Conductor	Meyers	Mutty	Nadirli
Set Up #1	Schauf	U Schmidt	Sprague
Set Up #2	L Schmidt	V Schmidt	Sturtevant

*Our guest Katelyn Estes Syphers won a gift certificate to Fou-Mouthed Brewing donated by Tom Meyers. Katelyn works at Hobbs Funeral Home and was Jeff's guest last night.*

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

**October 18, 5:30** – Barbecue at Bill Daviero's house. Gather at 5:30 and eat at 6-ish. Come see Bill's new outdoor kitchen at his home at 12 Ramble Road in Cape Elizabeth. I believe some people are being asked to bring something, but if you haven't been asked, just bring yourself. Please sign up online.

**November 7, 6 p.m.** – New Member Dinner at Bagdasarians. More details to come later.

## What's New With Our Members

*Happy Birthday to Dave McKenna (10/19)!*

*Thank you to everyone who helped with the gardening at Bug Light and the Fort Williams picnic shelter this summer, and to Catherine Callahan who coordinated the effort. We're done for the season!*

*Welcome back, President David from his continental vacation where he soaked in the culture, including adversarial fountains in Prague (i.e. a literal pissing contest).*

**"They'll Be Back"** – Hope springs eternal in the minds of Cleveland Browns fans and Bill Anderson is amazingly confident that they will prevail. Despite his team disappointing him in Week 5, Bill was able to tie for correct number of picks (10) with Dave McKenna – and Bill won the tie breaker. Congratulations, Bill!



**A Note from the Butterworths** – Dan Davidson shared an email from Frank regarding his son Tim's progress:

“Tim was moved to an intermediate rehabilitation facility in Cambridge about two weeks ago in order to strengthen him enough to move on to acute rehabilitation at Spaulding in Charlestown, Mass; the current facility is also a part of Spaulding. Still very little movement on his right side. Deb continues to come down every Friday after school and we spend the day with Tim. Unlike Mass. General, we cannot spend the night, so I stay in Wakefield with son Andy and his family.”

I'm sure Frank would appreciate receiving any well-wishes/messages from club members – feel free to reach out to him and/or Deb.

**School Nutrition** – The purpose of our club – and all of Rotary – is Service Above Self. So we love it when we hear thank you notes that remind us of the good things that our club is doing in the community. This week David shared a note from Jane Eberle of the South Portland Schools thanking us for our \$600 donation to the Rotary School Nutrition Fund. This fund helps to make sure that no child goes without lunch in the SP school system.

**Learning About Karen** – Our scheduled speaker could not make it last night so we had the treat of hearing a “classification” talk from relatively new member Karen Vachon. In addition to learning about her professional background, we also learned that she is a passionate gardener (thanks for your help with the Rotary gardens this summer, Karen!) AND a passionate cookie baker (well I for one was happy to hear that!!). Karen said that the highlight of her life was when she and her husband Peter and two young children moved to Switzerland in 1995 for Peter’s job, and lived there for two years. Upon returning to the US, she did a lot of volunteer fundraising because unlike most people, Karen does not mind going door to door and asking for money – in fact she likes it! Which made running for the state legislature a natural fit for her. Karen served two terms in Augusta, during which time she served on the Health & Human Services Committee and then the Labor & Economic Development Committee. Much of the legislation that she introduced while in the legislature was focused on addressing the opioid epidemic. Her misfortune in not being re-elected was our good fortune, because she discovered that she could give back to the community through the SP-CE Rotary Club. Karen currently works for Health Markets and sells health insurance products – primarily “Obamacare” and Medigap insurance coverage. Thanks for sharing your story with us, Karen!!!



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