

# TWO LIGHTS

Rotary Club of South Portland – Cape Elizabeth  
September 25, 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 2 – Greg Doughty, District Protection Officer  
October 9 – Jenn McAdoo, Furniture Friends  
October 16 – The Rotary Foundation

## ASSIGNMENTS

	<u>October 2</u>	<u>October 9</u>	<u>October 16</u>
Opening Words	Veroneau	Wagner	Yerxa
Raffle Gift	McKenna	Meyers	Mutty
Conductor	Greene	McKenna	Meyers
Set Up #1	Ray	Riemensnider	Schauf
Set Up #2	Redman	Roberts	L Schmidt

*September 18 Raffle – Peter Bennett won a gift certificate to Nonesuch Books donated by Dan MacDonald*

*September 25 Raffle – Bob Knupp won a Rotary portfolio and a gift certificate to Jordan's donated by Mike McGovern*

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

**September 29, 3 p.m.** – Photo shoot at Bug Light (see Fran's email)

**October 5, 9-4** – “Rotary Rocks!” A District Conference Like No Other. Abromson Center at USM

**October 18, 5:30** – Barbecue at Bill Daviero's house. More details to come later.

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

## What's New With Our Members

Happy Birthday to

🍰 Frank Butterworth (Oct. 1)

🍰 Betty Egnor (Oct. 7)

Happy Anniversary to Mike & Becca Geneseo - October 3

Congratulations to Football pool winners:

🍷 Week 2 - Mikey "3 Names" Geneseo

🍷 Week 3 - First-time winner Dave McKenna. It should be noted that all Dave actually won last night was the glory because the trophy had been left at home. Not only that but he didn't even get dubbed with a nickname. (But the glory is all we're really playing for anyway!)

Thanks to everyone who helped out at the Bug Light Antique Auto Show and the Open Lighthouse Day, we received about \$350 in donations for the upkeep of the lighthouse.

We were joined this week by guest Lee Humiston, curator of the Maine Military Museum who encouraged us all to visit the museum (located at 50 Peary Terrace off Broadway in SP).

And speaking of military, back when Jeff Hobbs hadn't re-joined the club yet he grew potatoes and donated the proceeds from potato sales to our club to benefit homeless veterans. He had some late sale proceeds and donated another \$75 last night to help our club's efforts in veteran relief.

**Gossip that I Missed Last Week** – Thanks to Nicole's diligent note-taking, I felt like I was actually at last week's meeting. Here are the happy dollars that she reported on:

- Jim Britt has been working with a "pumpkin coach" to help little kids grow giant pumpkins with the eye toward entering them into the Cumberland County Fair pumpkin contest, not realizing that the age requirement is 8 years old and older (the kiddos are only 4 or 5). Luckily, the CCF has agreed to do a special weighing of the pumpkins and the little ones will get ribbons for their efforts.
- Sari, our newest member, was happy to learn how to set up and take down and what a conductor does (she never should have admitted that, now we're going to have her set up and take down every week!!!)

- David L is happy to be leaving on Sunday for 2 weeks in Prague and Budapest, then reminded the club that we should be the ones giving the happy dollars (next week, David, next week!)

**And the Speaker From Last Week** – was Phil Coupe – co-founder Revision Energy, Cape resident and surfer with his dog Chico in his spare time. Phil spoke about the need for renewable energy sources for lots of reasons:

- Effects of fossil fuels on the environment
- Fact that fossil fuels are a finite resource
  - We are currently over 7.5 billion people on the planet and projected to be 9 billion by 2050, with an increased energy demand of 30% by then
- Each oil-burning house in Maine generates 18,400 lbs of CO2 per year
- In 1 hour, the sun delivers enough energy to power every single human energy need on earth for one year.
- Maine is at the same latitude as Monaco – although we get the “benefit” of winter courtesy of the winds from the Arctic while they get a temperate climate year-round!
- We can get the same annual yield from a solar array in southern Maine as one in Houston, Texas because solar panels prefer a cool, dry climate
- Price of solar power is down to 48 cents per watt down from \$101.05/watt in 1975.

Phil showed us photos of solar powered ferries, power yachts, airplanes and UPS trucks. In addition to UPS, Walmart, Apple, the USAF academy are all converting to renewable energy in whole or in part. The US Department of Defense is the #1 acquirer of renewable energy.

Sari pointed out that the new Bangor Savings Bank new facility in Bangor is powered by Renewable Energy (courtesy of Revision Energy).

Phil made the point that renewable energy can also be beneficial to national security because since fossil fuels are finite, at some point the country (think Saudi Arabia, etc) with the most fossil fuel will have the most power, unless we have other sources.

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**No Ken Jennings in This Club** – But at least someone in the club knew the answer to almost every Rotary Jeopardy question that Ellie read off to us. She tested our knowledge of Bug Light, Rotary and our fellow Rotarians with questions in the following categories:

- ★ Careers (Ladies)
- ★ Careers (Gents)
- ★ Fun Facts
- ★ Sports Talents
- ★ Hidden Talent
- ★ Wow History
- ★ Bug Light Trivia

★ Rotary Trivia

Ellie was assisted at the Jeopardy board by Vanna Redman, and by referee Betty Egner. Thanks so much to Ellie for all the effort she put into creating a fun evening for all. And it goes without saying that all contestants adhered strictly to all prongs of the 4-Way test and participated with the utmost courtesy and decorum

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