

# TWO LIGHTS

**Rotary Club of South Portland – Cape Elizabeth  
April 21 & 28, 2021**



*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 5** – Club Assembly

**May 9, 8-11** – Lions Club Mothers Day breakfast (see flyer sent by Tony)

**May 12** – Janice Gardner, Executive Director, Mad Horse Theater

**May 19** – Marty Helman, speaking about a project in Uganda our club supported

**June 4-5** – District Conference; see District 7780 website to register beginning May 18

**June 12** – Winterfest 2021 **FIREWORKS** Celebration at Wainwright Fields

**June 12-16** – RI Virtual Convention

**July 21** – Lobsterbake – at Fort Williams

## OPENING WORDS

April 28: Anne Swift-Kayatta shared the poem “This is What You Shall Do” by Walt Whitman:

“This is what you shall do; Love the earth and sun and the animals, despise riches, give alms to every one that asks, stand up for the stupid and crazy, devote your income and labor to others, hate tyrants, argue not concerning God, have patience and indulgence toward the people, take off your hat to nothing known or unknown or to any man or number of men, go freely with powerful uneducated persons and with the young and with the mothers of families, read these leaves in the open air every season of every year of your life, re-examine all you have been told at school or church or in any book, dismiss whatever insults your own soul, and your very flesh shall be a great poem and have the richest fluency not only in its words but in the silent lines of its lips and face and between the lashes of your eyes and in every motion and joint of your body.”

May 5 – Jim Britt

May 12 – Nicole Albert

May 19 – Mike McGovern

### What's New With Our Members

*Get well wishes to Ray Healey, recovering from shoulder surgery!*

*Congratulations to Bob Knupp, who was sworn in as a member of the Maine Bar by reciprocity.*

*May Rotaversary:*

*Catherine Callahan - 9 years!*

*Guests the past two weeks: Bill York, Dan Davidson, Sarah Fisher, Aaron Mathews, Tiffany Bentley.*

### Various Thank You's

- ❖ Thank you to Nicole for taking notes at the April 21 meeting!
- ❖ Thank you to the South Portland Food Cupboard for letting us use the cooking oil that was donated to them for Art in the Park this summer, which will save the club about \$200!
- ❖ Thank you to US from the City of South Portland Recreation & Parks Department for the donation of \$1,000 that our club made towards the construction of a skate park.
- ❖ Thank you to Bob Knupp for faithfully creating a magazine quiz for us each month.

**SMCC** – Our speaker last week (April 21) was Joe Cassidy, the president of SMCC. He grew up Down East and was formerly the president of Washington County Community College and also formerly the mayor of Calais (President Mike had to be taught the correct, Maine, pronunciation).

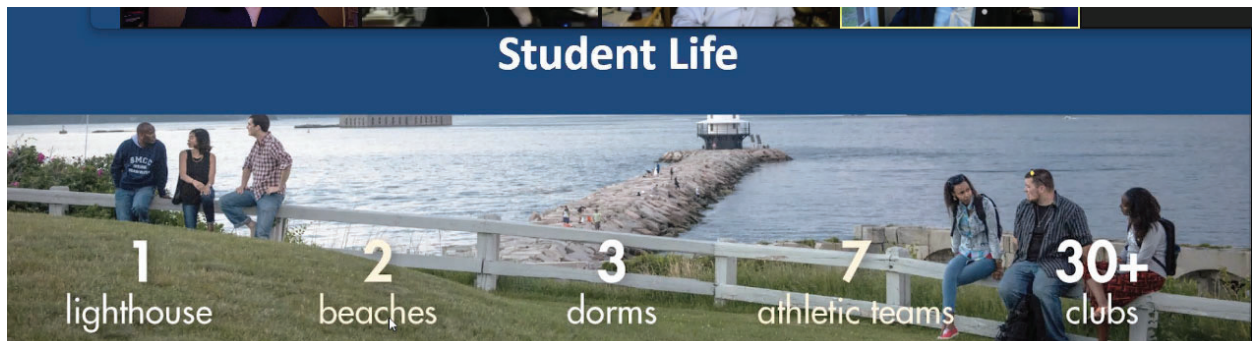
SMCC was originally supposed to be the site of Maine Maritime Academy but due to a powerful legislator from Hancock County, MMA ended up in Castine. SMCC is celebrating 75 years, having been founded in 1946 to provide training to returning veterans of WWII.

SMCC offers the lowest tuition and fees in New England and serves students on three campuses: South Portland, Brunswick, and online. Students can choose among over 40 degree and certificate programs.

- 57% of students are first generation college students.
- 43% are eligible for Pell grants, meaning they have exceptional financial need.
- 25% expect ZERO family contributions to their education.
- 56% report living paycheck to paycheck, work more than 20 hours per week while attending school.

SMCC is one of only two community colleges in state that has an athletics program (Go SeaWolves!!!)

President Cassidy discussed the difficulties and challenges faced by SMCC because of the pandemic, including tuition assistance as well as housing, transportation, food for themselves (and often their families). SMCC has programs which support students in those areas, not just tuition. Highest need is typically living expenses (food, housing, transportation).



*Captain's Cupboard Food Pantry  
Volunteer Staff*



*Business club trip to New York City*



*Midcoast Campus Housing – Orion Hall*

**The Family Restored** – Our speaker this week (April 28) was Eric Girard, who is president and co-founder of The Family Restored, a Portland-based non-profit dedicated to strengthening and supporting families affected by addiction. Eric began by sharing his personal story of addiction to hard drugs despite not having any of the risk factors that we might associate with drug addiction. He also described the impact on his family, and once he became sober (he has been in recovery for 13 years) he was interested in helping families of addicts. Thus The Family Restored was born – both as a support group for families, and as a source of scholarship funds to help addicts get the treatment they need. So far they have provided \$600,000 worth of treatment to over 500 individuals. If you are interested in finding out more about the organization, you can reach Eric at [eric@thefamilyrestored.org](mailto:eric@thefamilyrestored.org)



**Kakamega News** – In case you don't remember what Kakamega is, it's the orphanage in Kenya that we learned about in one of our weekly programs a couple years ago. The Freeport club has formed a relationship with that orphanage and applied for a global grant to help the guardians of orphans at the Kakamega Orphans Care Centre rise out of poverty through agriculture, best practices training and micro-loans. They received the good news a couple weeks ago that their grant had been approved. Our club contributed \$750 towards the grant. (Another way you can help Kakamega is to donate bottles and cans in the driveway of Wilbur's Chocolate on Route 1 in Freeport.)

### **Bob's May Quiz**

1. Rotary International has suspended in-person exchanges due to COVID-19. What has popped up as a replacement?
  - a. Rotary Youth Exchange
  - b. New Generations Services Exchange
  - c. Open Opportunities
2. What is the second largest island in Japan?
3. What is the newest program of scale for the African continent?
4. The Crossword Puzzle for this issue has a clue for 30 across: Excessive Studier, Maybe (4 letters). What is it?

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