

# TWO LIGHTS

Rotary Club of South Portland – Cape Elizabeth  
July 29 & August 5, 2020



Rotary Opens Opportunities

*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:

**August 15** – Take-out Lobster Dinner by the Lions Club – call Colette at 223-2279 (I hope I got that right!) - one lobster for \$15, 2 for \$25

**August 19** – Club Assembly, followed by Board meeting (all are welcome)

**September 2** – Meet at Lions Clubhouse

**September 23-25** – Rotary Zone Institute – speakers will include Mike McGovern & Brenda Cressey

**September 25** – Bath Rotary Club golf event

## OPENING WORDS

*This Week* – John LoBosco brought us opening words this week from the late John Hume, a winner of the Nobel Prize for his role in the Northern Ireland peace process:

**“Difference is the essence of humanity. Difference is an accident of birth, and it should therefore never be the source of hatred or conflict. Therein lies a most fundamental principle of peace: respect for diversity.”**

And from Rotary’s founder Paul Harris:

**“Man has affinity for his fellow man, regardless of race, creed, or politics, and the greater the variety, the more the zest.”**

## Upcoming:

August 19 – Dan Mooers

August 26 – Phil Dube

## What's New With Our Members

*Happy Birthday to Tony Wagner (August 24)*

*Happy Anniversary to John & Sue LoBosco (August 31)*

*August 22 is the birthday of Tori Russell, daughter of the late Jim Russell. Tori lives in Manhattan and has not seen her family since Christmas. If we met in person, I'd bring a card for us all to sign, but if you know Tori feel free to send her your personal greetings:*

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*Thanks again to Bev for arranging last week's get-together at Fort Williams!*

*Congratulations to Brenda Cressey on the safe arrival in Maine of her husband and their wine.*

**Congratulations to Our WinterFest King!** – Doug Schauf is our newest Paul Harris Fellow – congratulations to Doug!!!! Doug mentioned that he has been giving steadily each year and home sales in June & July allowed him to continue his generosity in the current Rotary year.

**A Word About Zoom** – When we all began our stay-at-home journey, there were some warnings that Zoom was not secure. Immediately thereafter Zoom made improvements to their security. We are fortunate to have within our club our own national cybersecurity expert (Sari Greene) and she assured us that since we attend our Zoom meetings only by means of a private invitation (in Mike G's email), and since a designated co-host (either Sari or Nicole) monitors who is in the meeting, there is no possibility of our meetings being “bombed.” Moreover there is no way to back into our personal computers, iPads etc. from a Zoom meeting. She said that she is “not worried at all about this meeting.” However an astute member wisely pointed out the biggest risk in our meetings is “giving the microphone to Bill York.”

**August 12 Meeting**– As most of you know from Mike's email yesterday, we could not have a speaker yesterday so we had the opportunity to do a little bit of brainstorming about future programs, as well as hear thank you notes from scholarship recipients, the Huot House and the South Portland Nursing Home (for the popcorn machine!). We also learned that the club is far from stagnant – we are gardening at Bug Light every week, plans for the tree sale are progressing, and we'll be involved in planning potential activities for senior citizens. Not to mention that our work at the South Portland Food Cupboard continues each week (and a big food shipment is expected Friday if you can help!).

**Let's Recap How to Donate** – In the olden days of February 2020 and before, many club members handed me a check during our meetings to send in to The Rotary Foundation. Now that we don't have in-person meetings that's not possible but you still have lots of options:

Go to [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org) and click on Donate to make an online contribution.

If you prefer writing a check, you can:

1. Send it to me and I'll send it in for you, or
2. Let me know and I'll send you the form that has to be submitted with the check (to make sure you and our club get the appropriate credit).

Doug mentioned another option which he used - Rotary Direct is a way of giving regularly without having to think about it. John LoBosco supplied me with these instructions about Rotary Direct after the meeting:

Every Rotarian, Every Year

Join **Rotary Direct**  
and **Do Good in the World** in 5 short steps

Go to [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org).

Click **GIVE** at top right of screen. Click **DONATE** on the next screen. Then:

1. Select the Rotary fund of your choice.
2. Enter amount and frequency,  
\$\_\_ per month/quarter/year.
3. Enter your basic info under "billing."
4. Review the summary.
5. Enter your credit card info.



**Add Another Name!** – Not sure what the official count is on how many names our president has, but add Bagdasarian to the list! A few people sent this to me, but Paul Butler (where have you been, Paul – we miss you!) took the time cut this out of the paper and mail it to me:

**SoPo-Cape Rotary  
elects new president**

The South Portland/Cape Elizabeth Rotary Club, has elected Michael Geneseo of South Portland as its president for 2020-21. Geneseo will preside over a very active Rotary club that in the previous year raised and donated \$75,000 to a wide variety of charitable organizations and activities. The following officers were also elected: President-Elect David Bagdasarian, Vice President Jim Britt, Secretary Kathy Cotter and Treasurer Nicole Albert, all of Cape Elizabeth.



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**ROTARY CLUB OF SOUTH  
PORTLAND/CAPE ELIZABETH, MAINE**

Officers

President – Michael Geneseo  
President-Elect – Dave Bagdasarian  
Vice-President – Jim Britt  
Secretary – Kathy Cotter  
Treasurer – Nicole Albert

Directors

Club Administration – Bev Altenburg  
Youth Services – Katelyn Estes  
Community Services – Tony Wagner  
International Services/Foundation – Chuck Redman  
Membership – Laurenz Schmidt  
Director-At-Large – David Lourie

Committee Chairs

Visibility Co-Chairs – Fran Bagdasarian & Matt McAleney  
Webmaster – Jim Britt  
Bulletin Editor – Nancy Hawes  
Program Chair – David Bagdasarian

**DISTRICT 7780 GOVERNOR**

Peggy Belanger, Rotary Club of Kennebunk Portside

**ROTARY INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT**

Holger Knaack, Rotary Club of Herzogtum Lauenburg-Molln, Germany