

TWO LIGHTS

Rotary Club of South Portland – Cape Elizabeth

August 26, 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 25-31 – Bethel Rotary Club Annual Yard Sale, corner of Cross & Lincoln St., Bethel – pick out what you want and then mail in your payment.

September 2 – Roger Bishop, President, CE Lions Club – *note that this is a Zoom meeting, not at the Lions Clubhouse as originally planned*

September 9 – Official club visit from our District Governor Peggy Belanger

September 23-25. 7-8:30 p.m. each evening – Rotary Zone 28 & 32 Institute – speakers will include Mike McGovern & Brenda Cressey. You need to register but the price is right – FREE! While ordinarily the Zone Institute is only for certain officers, ALL Rotarians are encouraged to attend this year's virtual Institute.

September 25 – Bath Rotary Club golf event

OPENING WORDS

This Week – Phil Dube shared some great quotes this week:

From Harry Truman: “It is amazing what you can accomplish if you do not care who gets the credit.”

From Anthony Robbins: “The only impossible journey is the one you never begin.” (Did he copy Wayne Gretzky about not making 100% of the shots not taken or vice versa??)

From Mother Teresa: “Yesterday is gone. Tomorrow has not yet come. We have only today. Let us begin.”

Phil has better googling skills than I because he had another quote from Mother Teresa about love that she spoke at the 1981 Rotary Convention in Sao Paulo, but I couldn't find it.

Last Week – It was incorrectly reported that the source of Dan Mooers’ opening words was a British historian – oops!. Richard L. Evans was the 1966-67 President of Rotary International and Latter Day Saints Church member of the 12 Apostles.

Upcoming:

September 2 – Peter Bennett

NOTE ON CLOSING WORDS

Movie trivia buff Nicole noticed that Mike G’s closing words last week (Go forth and be excellent to each other) were spoken by George Carlin in the movie Bill & Ted’s Excellent Adventure.

What’s New With Our Members

Happy Anniversary to Rick & Diane Dobson (Sept. 6)

Our hearts are with the Kennealy family as we learn that Jack has entered in-home hospice care. As Rose gets ready to start the school year, the family could use some help with meals, for example small casseroles. Their friend Meghan Wakefield seems to be organizing this, so if you can help out, please give her a call at 650-6383.

September Rotary Anniversaries:

- *Patty Sprague - 2 years*
- *Ray Healey - 26 years (including a former club)*
- *Bob Danielson - 26 years*
- *Dave Bagdasarian (not the one below) - 38 years*
- *Jack Roberts - 45 years*

Congratulations, all - it’s great to have you with us!!!

Expanding the Dynasty! – Fran Bagdasarian gave an eloquent introduction of her son David Bagdasarian, Jr. as our newest member – that makes 3 Bagdasarians now. Dave grew up in Cape Elizabeth and moved back with his wife Megan 4 years ago. They have a 2-year old son, “baby Dave.” Dave enjoys being outdoors and loves to ski. His reason for joining the club is his “deep love for the town.” We look forward to working (and someday socializing in person) with you, Dave - WELCOME!!

Upstairs, Inc. – Otherwise known as the Cape Courier. The Cape Courier was started by a woman in her basement and as it grew she moved upstairs, hence the name of the business that publishes the Cape Courier. We learned this from its publisher Tara Simopoulos who was our speaker this week. Tara is from Toronto and moved to Cape in 2010 with her husband and two children. The Courier is delivered free of charge to about 4,800 households in Cape Elizabeth. It is not a non-profit as far as the IRS is concerned (i.e. not a 501(c)(3)) but it is a non-profit in the sense that it never makes a profit! In fact they found that they needed to conduct a fundraiser last year, which was very successful. The pandemic created a large drop in ad sales such that they are in need of cash again, and next month will start asking for voluntary subscriptions. Another impact of the pandemic was that with everything shut down, there wasn't much news!



OUT OF AFRICA!! – It was officially announced and celebrated on Tuesday that the wild polio virus has been eliminated in all 47 countries on the entire continent of Africa. This is a huge milestone and would have been completely inconceivable 40 years ago. That just leaves two countries in the world (Pakistan & Afghanistan) where polio is still endemic. Although it was overlooked in some media stories about the milestone, this would NEVER have happened without Rotary. The eradication of polio in all but these 2 countries occurred because of the vision and dedication of many Rotarian pioneers whose names are hardly ever heard anymore so I'm going to list a few here:

- ❖ Dr. John Sever
- ❖ RI President (1984-85) Dr. Carlos Canseco
- ❖ Honorary Rotarian Dr. Albert Sabin
- ❖ Dr. Robert Scott

Each of these, along with many others, played a critical role in planning a strategy for immunizing children and raising funds for vaccinations and their delivery. The work has been led in recent years by Past RI President John Germ and our own Michael McGovern. And we as SPCE Rotarians are also playing our own small role in polio eradication through our club and individual contributions to PolioPlus. Well done, everyone!!!



(Photo from Jean-Marc Giboux presentation at Portland Sunrise Club)

Proud to be a Rotarian – You can find the obituary for past member Alec Livingston on the Hobbs Funeral Home website. I was so touched to read this line in the description of his life: *“Of all his various experiences and accomplishments, the most meaningful to Alec was his 36-year membership in the Rotary Club of South Portland-Cape Elizabeth, having served as President in the 1990s.”*

Who Do You Know Who Would be Proud to be a Rotarian? – Can you imagine if someone hadn't invited Alec to join Rotary – he would have missed out on “the most meaningful” accomplishments of his life!!! Think of who among your friends and colleagues would appreciate being considered for this opportunity for meaningful experiences and accomplishments – not to mention fun and friendships! Feel free to contact Laurenz to discuss ideas for potential new members.

CLOSING WORDS FROM PRESIDENT MIKE

Go Forth and be good Rotarians

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