

TWO LIGHTS

Rotary Club of South Portland – Cape Elizabeth
December 2, 2020



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:

Each Friday – work detail at South Portland Food Cupboard, 8-11 (or any part thereof)

December 4 at 6-6:30 – Virtual tree lighting at Mill Creek Park – broadcast on SPC-TV and on www.facebook.com/SPCECC

December 5 (Saturday), 8 a.m. – 2nd tree delivery

December 9 – Jim Britt, Classification Talk

December 16 – Club Assembly

January 29-30 – WinterFest!

OPENING WORDS

This Week: Bill Anderson shared these words from Charles Schultz:

As long as we have memories, yesterday remains, as long as we have hope, tomorrow awaits, and as long as we have friendship, each day is never a waste.

December 9: Bob Danielson

December 16: Bev Altenburg

What's New With Our Members

Happy Birthday to:

- 🍰 Katelyn Estes - December 8
- 🍰 Adrienne Murphy - also December 8

Congratulations on these December Rotary Anniversaries:

- ❖ Dave McKenna - 8 years
- ❖ Joanie Frustaci - 17 years
- ❖ Frank Butterworth - 23 years

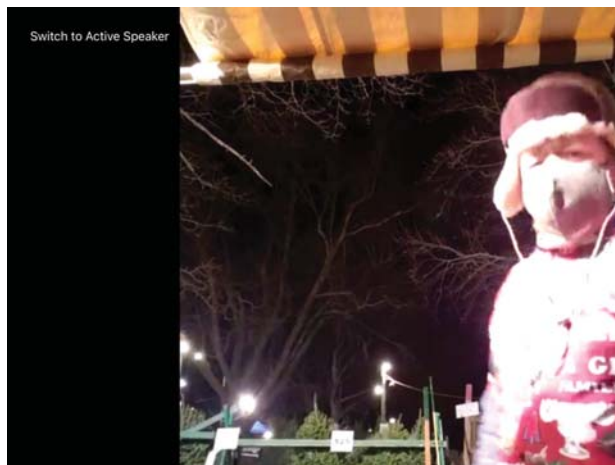
Greetings to all our Rotary friends whom we don't get to see often enough, including Bob Carson and Marc Mutty.

Congratulations to Nicole who does NOT have COVID-19 and will be sprung from quarantine tomorrow!

What a Great Meeting! – In addition to our speaker Bill York, we were thrilled to be joined by:

- ❖ Our frequent visitor and friend Kristina McCarthy
- ❖ Former member whom we haven't seen in a long time Mike Neff,
- ❖ Our dear friend Frank Butterworth, and
- ❖ (Also dear friends) former member and President Ellie Spoh with Chris!!!

We were also treated to a tree lot cam where Matt McAleney, Peter Bennett and Dave Bagdasarian, Jr. were working – and we even saw a customer purchase a 6-8' classic tree (\$52.75)!



Plus there were not one but TWO Paul Harris Fellow presentations – one to **Phil Dube** as a result of his winning the drawing in the World Polio Day fundraiser. Phil transferred his points to **President Mike Geneseo** (so we got a 2-fer!) in recognition of the outstanding job Mike has been doing in leading our club! CONGRATULATIONS TO BOTH!!!!!!!!!!

TREE NOTES:

- 🌲 It was great to see that Bags was joining the meeting from Sunday River last night – this is good news because it means HE WAS NOT AT THE TREE LOT! For those who haven't been there, he has been on the lot almost the whole time it has been open as well as times when it hasn't even been open. Thanks for the incredible amount of time, energy and thought you have dedicated to the tree sale and please enjoy some well-deserved time away from the lot!



- 🌲 Bags is not the only person who has been working overtime at the tree lot – Tom Meyers has spent a lot of time there working out the bugs and helping the sale to run smoothly. For instance he and Tony Wagner put away all the things that could blow away in Monday's storm and then went back the next day to put them all up again.
- 🌲 If and when we get frostbite weather, Jack Roberts has prepared us by installing a Dairy Queen-style window in the door of the trailer so that someone can wait on customers from within the trailer.



- 🌲 Donations to SP-CE Rotary collected from the tree sale are earmarked for providing trees for customers who cannot afford a tree. The website has a way for potential “customers” to request a tree, but if you get such a customer on the lot, be aware that this is available.
- 🌲 MASKS! – There is a prominent sign as customers enter the lot directing customers to wear a mask. If a customer comes onto the lot without a mask we have blue paper masks that we can give them (in the Personal Protection gear box in the trailer).
- 🌲 Social Distancing – According to the WHO it's not either/or – we need to do both masks AND social distancing. This can be difficult when there are several customers ready to purchase a tree at the same time but please always keep distancing in mind when you're on the lot.
- 🌲 If you have a 4:00 weekday shift – please come a little early if you can because the curbside pick-up customers have been tending to come early.

- 🌲 iPad – please remember to wear gloves or use the Apple pen. Customers should never touch it. (At the point in the sale process where it says to show it to the customer, I don't do that anymore – it's easier to keep your distance from the customer by instead saying "that comes to \$58.03 with tax.")
- 🌲 Twine – the scissors are a high-touch item - let the customers cut twine themselves and invite them to use the hand sanitizer after using the scissors.



Next year's tree sale chair hard at work!

Nominating Committee Report – As immediate past president, David Lourie is the chair of the Nominating Committee and presented this slate of nominations for officers for the 2021-22 Rotary year:

President-Elect – Jim Britt
Vice-President – Dan McDonald
Treasurer – Nicole Albert
Secretary – Kathy Cotter
Directors:
 Katelyn Estes
 Mike Tranfaglia
 Peter Bennett
 Laurenz Schmidt
 Tony Wagner

As provided in our bylaws, club members were given the opportunity to make nominations from the floor but there were none. Therefore these individuals will be elected at our club meeting on December 16.

Next year's board will also include the following who become officers automatically:

 President – David Bagdasarian (Sr.)
 Director at Large – Mike Geneseo

Congratulations to all and thank you for your willingness to serve!

We Miss You, Bill! – Our speaker this week was long-time club member Bill York who moved to the Isle of Wight a couple years ago. Bill joined our club in 1973 and was president of our club in 1981-82. He was an extremely active club member and his most recent contribution was conceptualizing the Foundation Football Pool.



Bill described the traumatic decision of moving to the UK so that Diane could return to her home country. He described some of the practical aspects of the move (they had to get rid of everything that had a plug; he donated about \$20,000 worth of suits; it cost \$15,000 to ship their belongings; they had no furniture for the first 2 weeks they were there). He also described some of the ways that life is different there (public transportation is excellent; the trash pick-up system is complicated; they're way too organized; it's easy to grow a garden; they really value their privacy – there are high fences between all the houses).

The Isle of Wight has seven Rotary clubs and Bill will be president of his club next year. He said there are only about 10 members and 4 are over 90. However those of you who knew Bill will remember that he was always inviting someone to join Rotary so odds are that their club will be growing!!

Bill was dropped into a situation where it is not easy to make friends and as he was starting to find some volunteer activities that might suit him, the pandemic put a stop to all that. Bill, you have always been and always will be welcome to join in our meetings at SP-CE Rotary!!

P.S. to club members – just a friendly reminder that in the spirit of collegiality, it is club policy that we never discuss politics at club meetings.

And a P.S. to those who watch meetings on an iPad – I don't think that everyone is aware that you can "pin" someone in a Zoom meeting. You can do it on an iPad by tapping twice on someone's picture – I'm guessing there's a way to do it on a laptop as well. When you do that it keeps that person on your screen even if someone else is talking. I frequently switch to this when the program starts. It's preferable to the Active Speaker view because if there is background noise from someone else it doesn't switch to that other person. They recently changed this feature so that you can also keep all 16 people on your screen but the pinned person stays in the upper left corner next to your own picture. They also recently changed it so that when you double-tap, you can choose "chat" and you can chat directly with someone that way rather than selecting their name from the dropdown. Not sure if this is also available on a laptop but if it is maybe one of you tech-savvy people can share that with the rest of us.

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

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