

TWO LIGHTS

**Rotary Club of South Portland – Cape Elizabeth
February 10, 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:

February 17 – Board meeting following the club meeting

February 23, 6:30 – 7:45 - District 7780 Virtual World Understanding and Peace “Dinner” – zoom link to be provided

February 24 – Carolyn Nishon, Executive Director, Portland Symphony Orchestra

OPENING WORDS

February 10: Sue Sturtevant read a poem called “You, Reading This, Be Ready” by William Stafford. Here is the first stanza:

“Starting here, what do you want to remember?

How sunlight creeps along a shining floor?

What scent of old wood hovers, what softened sound from outside fills the air?”

What's New With Our Members

Happy Birthday to:

 Nancy Irving - Feb 13

🍰 *Anne Marie McCoubrey - Feb 13*

🍰 *Laurenz Schmidt - Feb 18*

🍰 *David Lourie - Feb 21*

Get Well, Paul! – Paul Butler had back surgery on Thursday after falling earlier this week. The surgeon reports that all went well and he expects all of Paul's symptoms to be alleviated. If you want to send cards or anything else, you can use these addresses:

Hospital

Paul Butler
Maine Medical Center
22 Bramhall Street
Portland, ME 04102

Home

Paul Butler
39 Blueberry Lane, #35
Ocean View
Falmouth, ME 04105

Congratulations, SP Businesses! – The City of SP awarded 2020 Business & Economic Development Awards Thursday night to the following businesses:

- ❖ COVID Pivot Pioneer – Scratch Baking
- ❖ Small Business COVID Pivot Pioneer – 158 Pickett Street Cafe
- ❖ Heroes Helping Heroes – SoPo Catering
- ❖ Job Preserver – ReVision Energy
- ❖ Keeping Us Safe – Legion Square Market
- ❖ Nothing's Going to Stop Us Now – SoPo Seafood, and the top award, presented by Sari Greene, was:
- ❖ Impact Award – **South Portland Food Cupboard!!!**

Congratulations to all!!!

Scholarships – The club recently received thank you notes from some of the students who were awarded scholarships by our club as they graduated from high school last spring. Since the purpose of the scholarships is to help with college expenses, our club policy is to send the actual checks after the students submit evidence of successfully completing their first semester of college. The students who recently received their checks were:

South Portland

Amelia McNeil-Maddox
Homer LaBranche
Grace Perry

Cape Elizabeth

Isabel Berman
Piper Strunk
Aiden Lee
Jack Sands
Meredith Hetrick
Genevieve Depke

(Astute readers will note that this only adds up to 9 students but we award 10 scholarships – one of the SP students deferred college enrollment and will be entitled to receive his check at a later date.)

Immunize it Forward? Get a Shot, Give a Shot? – Whatever catchy slogan we want to use, the idea is a great one. Foundation Committee member (and oh by the way also RI PolioPlus Chair) Mike McGovern came up with the idea that once we get vaccinated (which costs us nothing!) that we pay it forward by immunizing others against polio. What a great idea! I know I’d be willing to pay a lot of money to get the COVID-19 vaccine, but I won’t have to pay a dime. So what better way to show our appreciation than to help eradicate another terrible disease. This is all strictly voluntary but if you want to make a contribution to PolioPlus when you get vaccinated, I’ll be happy to keep a tally of club members doing that.

Sail Away! – Our speaker this week, was Hank Berg, CEO of Casco Bay Island Transit District (CBITD) – what we know as Casco Bay Lines. It’s easy to make a profit providing ferry service in the summer, but it’s harder to provide service after the tourists go home. Therefore the CBITD was formed in 2015 to “provide sufficient dependable, reliable service in a safe and secure manner, as affordable as possible, so as to preserve our year-round island communities.” Hank shared with us a treasure trove of information including the history of the ferry service, details about the fleet, how the ferry service is funded, the impact of the pandemic on ridership, and the improvements currently underway. The 2021 project list includes adding a second floor to the terminal building, implementing an electronic ticketing system and probably most exciting of all, building a new boat to replace the Machigonne II (the one that goes to Peaks Island). The replacement boat will have the capacity to carry 200 additional passengers and 3 additional vehicles. It will also be two-sided, allowing for the boat to go back and forth without turning around.



We were especially pleased to have Hank speak to us because the ferry service was key to our sale of trees to the islands in December and CBITD very generously helped us load them and did not charge us for the service.

The Great Outdoors – Someone (sorry didn't write down who) gave a happy dollar for the abundance of trails available to all in our communities. Another way of enjoying the outdoors in the winter is one of our past community service projects – the ice rink at Wainwright Field. The rink was the result of our coordination with the City of SP and a donation from Port Harbor Marine. With indoor rinks closed to recreational skaters, the outdoor rink is a great place for a dad to play hockey with his son and daughter (I have no idea who these people are - they came as I was leaving.)

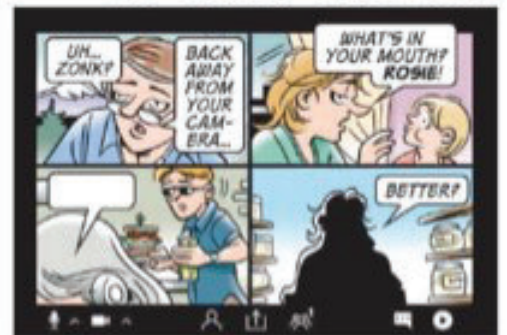


(I'm not naming names, but do you see yourself in this cartoon?)

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BY GARRY TRUDEAU



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