TWO LIGHTS

Rotary Club of South Portland – Cape Elizabeth June 16, 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:

June 19 (Saturday) – Lions club Chicken Dinner. Call Colette at 207-233-2279 by noon Friday to reserve your meal. For \$15 you get a half chicken, baked potato, coleslaw & dessert – you can't beat it!

June 23 – "Classification Talk" (a club member talks about their career)

June 26, 9 a.m. – District "International Café"

June 30 – "Changeover" – we celebrate the accomplishments of the past year and pass on the gavel

July 5 and each Monday thereafter through August 16, 6 p.m. – Sounds by the Sea concerts at Fort Williams. Note that our club is a sponsor of these concerts, and we will be collecting food for the Food Cupboard at each concert.

July 21 – Lobsterbake – at Fort Williams

OPENING WORDS

<u>June 16</u> – Peter Bennett's opening words focused on the first question of our 4-Way Test (Is it the truth?):

From Aristotle — "For though we love both the truth and our friends, piety requires us to honor the truth first."

And from George Orwell - "In a time of deceit, telling the truth is a revolutionary act."

<u>June 30</u> – no one has signed up – please follow the link in Scott's May 19 email to sign up.

What's New With Our Members

Happy Anniversary to:

- Anne & Bill Kayatta (June 17)
- A Sari Greene & Eric Boutiette (June 19)
- A Jody & Dave McKenna (June 28)

Thank you to Aaron Matthews, Doug Schauf and Adrienne Murphy for their help at the Food Cupboard last week. This was the first time that Adrienne's schedule has allowed her to work at the Food Cupboard and she reported that it was a wonderful experience.

Congratulations to Kathy Cotter who is moving into her new mother-in-law apartment this week!

Thank you to Adrienne and Bev, who bent their backs weeding at Fort Williams Wednesday morning - they could use some more hands so let Bev or Catherine know if you're interested so they can let you know which mornings they'll be working.



It's always a treat to see Frank Butterworth at our meetings - you and your family are in our thoughts!

Good luck to President Mike and Becca as they have their adoption home study on Friday!

<u>Host Family Wanted</u> – International Service Director is helping to look for a host family for a high school student from the Czech Republic who has received permission to attend CEHS through a non-Rotary exchange program, but needs a host family in Cape Elizabeth. Please pass any suggestions or inquiries on to Peter.

The Town Center — In the past few years as we drove through Cape Elizabeth, we've seen some small changes and then a couple years ago a very big change in the landscape. So just what is happening in beautiful downtown Cape Elizabeth? Our program chair Mike McGovern invited Maureen O'Meara to fill us in on what's going on. In his introduction, Mike (the former town manager) described her as "the best municipal planner in Maine" (and comments in the happy dollars from various Cape citizens seemed to support that assessment!). Maureen described her role as helping people to realize their visions. The visions that she spoke about in the town center were sidewalk improvements (their wish list of new sidewalks is halfway completed), the "Village Green" next to Town Hall on land donated by dentist Dr. Jacobson, and the proposed low-income housing units to be built next to Dr. Jacobson's new office. In response to a question about the main intersection in town, she said that a brand new plan for the intersection had been presented to the town council this week, which would involve providing more separation between Shore Road and Scott Dyer Road. SP-CE Rotarians were also pleased to hear that our former member Jeff Holden was one of three people who donated money for the new flagpole on the Village Green that was dedicated in April.



January 27, 2021 – So you know how baseball sportscasters have this superstition about not saying anything when a pitcher has a no-hitter going because they'll jinx it? Well, I feel the same way about actually saying what happened on January 27 – or more accurately what hasn't happened since that date. But here's a hint: Mike McGovern who chairs a certain Rotary International Committee, is well aware of the significance of that date. And on an unrelated note – but still related - I'm pleased to announce that our Football Pool Commissioner Jim Britt and Commissioner *Emeritus* (he was promoted!) Chuck Redman have announced that the football pool will take place again this year, and as in the past, all entry fees will be donated to PolioPlus.

(And on a very sad related note, it was announced on Tuesday that five more polio workers were killed in Afghanistan. All the more reason that we need to finally get rid of this disease.)

STARTING THE COUNTDOWN! 34 DAYS TO GO!

Until we can see each other IN PERSON at the Lobsterbake at Fort Williams!



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