

TWO LIGHTS

**Rotary Club of South Portland – Cape Elizabeth
June 2, 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 4-5 – District Conference; see District 7780 website to register; \$20 registration fee donated to PolioPlus!

June 9 – Oliver Bradeen, Milestone Recovery

June 12-16 – RI Virtual Convention

June 16 – Maureen O’Meara, “What’s Going on in the Cape Elizabeth Town Center?”

June 16 – Board meeting follows regular meeting – all members welcome to observe.

June 17 – Lunch for Cape Elizabeth Public Works Department

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 21 – Lobsterbake – at Fort Williams

OPENING WORDS

June 2 – Mike Tranfaglia turns to the almanac for inspiration on opening words, but the date June 2 had very little of note apart from the Civil War ending on that day. So instead he went with the traditional non-denominational request for a blessing on our club and its endeavors, asking specifically that we “provide good humor and solace to each other” and giving thanks for a “gifted club president who makes us all feel like we belong.”

June 9 – Michele Danois

June 16 – Peter Bennett

June 23 – Phil Dube





What's New With Our Members

Happy Birthday to:

-  Tiffanie Bentley (June 7)
-  Bill Anderson (June 10)
-  Dave Bagdasarian, JR (June 14)

Belated Happy Birthday to Peter DeGennaro whose birthday was June 2 (your birthday isn't listed in ClubRunner, Peter)

Happy Anniversary to:

-  David & Joyce Lourie (June 3)
-  Brent & Cat Wilson (June 6)
-  Catherine Callahan & Bret LeBleu (June 10)
-  Jim & Gillian Britt (June 11)

Congratulations to Riley Knupp, graduating from Cape Elizabeth High School on June 6.

Congratulations to SPCE Rotary First Lady Becca Ivey-Geneseo, who just landed a new position (a step up!) at the Barron Center where she will be in charge of infection control.

Rotaversaries:

-  Scott Irving - 11 years
-  Bill Anderson - 16 years

What's New with a Former Member: Denis Landry reports that “our business has grown considerably over the past year. We completed some crazy fast projects for Abbott for test kits. One which earned us the AGC Project of the Year award. After 8 years, Cathy and I got engaged for a September wedding. Family is great and we are loving our new home on the lake in Naples.” He also said that he hopes to visit us when we start meeting in person again.

Guests at this week's meeting: Dan Davidson

Public Works Lunches – They might look a little bit different (guests will have to serve themselves rather than Rotarians filling their plates) but we will once again be treating the employees of the public works departments of our two communities to lunch. As noted in the calendar above, the CE lunch will be on Thursday, June 17; the date for SP hasn't been firmed up yet. Scott will be sending a link to sign up online for these events (we need about a half dozen volunteers for each).

Historical trivia for newer members of the club: the appreciation lunches originally started about 25 years ago with appreciation lunches for teachers. But then the club realized that teachers get thanked all the time, especially at this time of year, but nobody stops to thank public works employees. So the club decided to target our efforts toward the people who shovel our streets, mow the lawns in the parks and all the myriad things that they do that we don't even notice – but we would certainly notice if they didn't do them!

Almost Human Again – As the club nears being completely vaccinated, members are itching to see each other in person. Outgoing and income club administration chairs Bev and Mike Tranfaglia threw out some ideas that they have been noodling on and asked for additional ideas and feedback.

Considerations:

- ✓ We cannot meet at Purpoodock until at least the end of the summer (we're waiting for the Purpoodock Board to consider the issue)
 - ✓ Two new members and several frequent guests will not be able to meet with us in person (and there are also members whose schedule could sometimes accommodate a virtual meeting but not an in-person meeting)
 - ✓ If we want to have hybrid meetings, our venue will need to have internet capability, and we will probably need to purchase equipment.
 - ✓ Fort Williams is available on Wednesday evenings this summer as a temporary solution.
- Mike & Bev pointed out that this is a time to re-evaluate all aspects of our meetings, such as:
- ✓ How often should we meet? (every week, 3 times/month, etc.)
 - ✓ Should we meet solely via Zoom sometimes and how often?
 - ✓ Do we need a meal, and if so, how extensive (full 3-course meal, just appetizers, etc.)? And how much are we willing to pay for it?

Mike T. will be heading up a committee to examine all of these issues, and might be sending out a survey. Stay tuned!

SMCC Scholarship – Dave Bagdasarian, Sr. presented a proposal that the Finance Committee had proposed to the Board. The board reacted positively to the proposal but since a large amount of money is involved, they wanted to let the club know about the proposal before giving final approval. I am sending links to two documents – one is a narrative history of the Scholarship Fund and a detailed description of the proposal. Some members of the Finance Committee were interested in the impact of the proposal on the club’s liquidity. Therefore the other document is a “before and after” club balance sheet as of two weeks ago (which shows that after writing a check for \$60,000, we would still have a very large cash balance). Here is the proposal in a nutshell:

- We have a scholarship fund that was originally established in memory of Len King, but it was increased through club donations and additional memorial donations (e.g. Jim Russell).
- A committee determined about 20 years ago that the earnings should be used to provide a scholarship each year for an SMCC student. (We have been inconsistent about doing this over the years.)
- The balance in the Scholarship Fund is currently just under \$60,000.
- Therefore the proposal is to donate \$60,000 to SMCC to create a named scholarship fund – the goal would be to provide \$3,000/year in scholarships.

Major advantages of the proposal would be

- ★ consistency in awarding scholarships,
- ★ greater return on our investment (by being pooled with the SMCC funds),
- ★ greater awareness of our scholarships (by the student as well as club members – currently students have no idea they are receiving money donated by our club),
- ★ strengthening our relationship with the college (we would like to form a Rotaract club there)

If you would like more details, please see the additional documents, and if you have questions, please feel free to reach out to Bags Sr. Also please let him know if you want to provide input on what the requirements of the scholarship should be (e.g. certain majors, geographical location, etc.), keeping in mind that the college discourages us from tying their hands by being too specific. Serious kudos to Bags for putting this idea out there, and to John LoBosco for his research into the SMCC scholarships.



Bob's Rotary Magazine Quiz – How did you do??

1. How many times has our International President, Holger Knaack, visited Rotary headquarters in Evanston, Illinois since he took office?
 - a. 10
 - b. 6
 - c. 2
 - d. Never
2. This issue features wonderful photography including a picture of some hardy Swiss carrying their alpenhorns up the Alps near a town called Murren which is accessible only by cable car or train. What is the nearest town, ten miles away called?
 - a. Bern
 - b. Interlaken (which means between two lakes: Thunsee & Briensee. Bob has been there.)
 - c. Outerlaken
 - d. Zweilicken
3. What is "Kushti?"
 - a. A special meat dish
 - b. A taxi cab service
 - c. A fish found in the Indian Ocean
 - d. An ancient form of wrestling practiced in India
4. There are 13 prize winning photographs in this edition, all taken by Rotarians. How many were taken in Asia?
 - a. All of them
 - b. 6
 - c. 2
 - d. 4
5. In an article about refreshing a club website, reference is made to an online source for Rotary logos. What is the name of this valuable site? Brandcenter.rotary.org

Bonus Question (*as if you're actually keeping score!*): The Rotary club of Kingman Route 66, Arizona is featured under "Our Clubs" because Arizona has the longest continuous stretch of Route 66, which was the route from Chicago to LA before the Interstate Highways came into existence. Who wrote the song "Get Your Kicks on Route 66?" And if you know the answer, who did he marry? Bobby Troup (of Harrisburg, PA) who married singer Julie London. Her most famous song was Cry Me a River.

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