

TWO LIGHTS

**Rotary Club of South Portland – Cape Elizabeth
June 30, 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:

July 5 and each Monday thereafter through August 16, 6 p.m. – FREE 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, 5 p.m. – Lobsterbake at picnic shelter at Fort Williams. Please submit your meal choice (lobster, steak) to Anne by Friday, July 2!!!

August 18 - Official visit from 2021-22 District Governor Dick Hall

OPENING WORDS

June 23 – Phil Dube quoted from Mother Teresa:

“Kind words can be short and easy to speak, but their echoes are truly endless.”

“We ourselves feel that what we are doing is just a drop in the ocean. But the ocean would be less because of that missing drop.”

June 30 – Mike McGovern likened the pandemic to a river – we started out on one side of the river last March and are finally on the other side of the river.

July 7 – Nancy Hawes

July 14 – Michele Danois

July 21 – Brenda Cressey

See link in Scott Irving's email on June 24 to sign up.

What's New With Our Members

Happy Independence Day Birthday to Sue Sturtevant - born on the 4th of July!

Happy Birthday to Sybil - July 8

Happy Anniversary to Joanie & Joe Frustaci - 30 years on July 6!

Congratulations to the State Champions Cape Elizabeth Softball team and the South Portland Baseball Team!!!

Our sincere condolences to the family (including husband Merrill) of Past District Governor Sheila Rollins who passed away this week. Sheila served as our District Governor in 2015-16, the year that Scott Irving was our club president. She was a ball of energy and passionate about making the world a better place.

Congratulations to Brenda Cressey who has completed her 4-year term as a Trustee of the Rotary Foundation!

Thank you to everyone who served lunch to the Cape Elizabeth Public Works Department on June 17!



Guests: Bruce Rapsher, who is originally from Philadelphia checked out our June 23 meeting after learning about us as a tree sale customer. He joined us again on June 30 along with DeeDee Wacksman. Spouses joining us for the change-over meeting were Claudette Dube and Dick Cressey.

Reminder #1 - Your Opinion Counts – Club members, please remember to return the survey from Club Service Director Mike Tranfaglia about future meeting options (see link in the email from Scott on 6/28).

Reminder #2 – Dues are Due – If you haven't already done so, please send your annual dues to Kathy Cotter at the Market Street SP address on your new invoice – the Cape Elizabeth PO box has been closed so please do not send anything there.

June 23 Program – Thank you to both Bob Knupp & Nicole Albert for taking notes at the June 23 meeting! Here are Bob's notes about the program:

Laurenz Schmidt spoke to the Club about his employment with a Biomass entity. His focus there is on the technical side of the operation. Biomass Pellets reduce the production of CO₂ which has reached an all time high of 421.36 units as of 2000 compared with 288.2 in 1870. There has been a significant rise in temperatures from 1996 to 2000. Coal and oil fired power plants produce great amounts of CO₂. Biomass products come from forests and, when harvested, can be substituted at power plants. The CO₂ emitted from burning pellets is returned to the atmosphere and absorbed by forests through photosynthesis, completing the cycle. Laurenz shared a number of slides, some of which were technical in nature. His final slide showed the payback time for conversion from a fossil fuel plant to a biomass plant of about seven years. Biomass pellets can be used for home heating.

PRESIDENT MIKE GENESEO'S FIRST AND LAST TIME AT THE LECTERN!



MIKEY-5-NAMES WITH HIS THANK YOU GIFT FROM THE CLUB



WHAT A YEAR!!!! – Serious kudos to President Mike and the entire Board for keeping our club's tradition of service to the community very much alive and well in spite of the fact that we did not meet in person until the last day of the Rotary year. Ordinarily the board and committee chairs are at the bottom of the bulletin but they're elevated in this issue to call attention to their contributions in the past year.

President – Michael Geneseo
President-Elect – Dave Bagdasarian
Vice-President – Jim Britt
Secretary – Kathy Cotter
Treasurer – Nicole Albert

Directors

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

Committee Chairs

Visibility Co-Chairs – Fran Bagdasarian & Matt McAleney
Webmaster – Jim Britt
Bulletin Editor – Nancy Hawes
Program Chair – Mike McGovern

This would be an EXTREMELY lengthy bulletin if I recounted everything we did this year, but here are just a few highlights:

- ✓ Donations to various facets of the community of over \$46,000 in the area of Community Service, \$15,000 in Youth Service and \$2,000 in International Service (on top of the Foundation donations)
- ✓ Nine new members and two more approved for membership – in spite of (or maybe because of) – not getting to know us in person.
- ✓ A 5-year high Rotary Foundation Annual Fund per capita giving of \$271 per member. Club and individual donations totaled \$14,642 to the Annual Fund and \$13,770 to PolioPlus.
- ✓ New Projects such as distributing our area's share of masks in the Million Mask Challenge
- ✓ An unbelievably successful Tree Sale, in which Dave Bagdasarian and his team renovated a 50-year-old model of selling trees.
- ✓ Extremely active participation at the South Portland Food Cupboard
- ✓ Helping homeless students in the South Portland Schools
- ✓ Maintaining “glorious and vibrant” gardens at Fort Williams picnic shelter and Bug Light Park (they really are – check them out!)

- ✓ Interesting and informative speakers
- ✓ Outstanding publicity through the press and FaceBook
- ✓ Ongoing support of veterans in our communities

Following his recap of the year, President Mike turned the gavel over to President Dave, who outlined his goals for 2021-22, the most important of which is “getting back to normal!” Our new First Lady (?) Fran pointed out that Dave’s mother always said he would be president but “this will do!”



Time for Bob’s Quiz! *From the July issue of Rotary which arrived this week:*

1. This month’s issue celebrates the beginning of a new Rotary International year. Who is our incoming President and where is he from?
2. Within the blink of an eye, we will have another new RI President. Who will that be?
3. And the next RI Convention will be held in what American city on June 4-8, 2022?
4. The feature article, Our Clubs, tells about the Fall River, MA club which has a community service project called “Happy Feet.” What does it do?
5. Finally, if a Rotary district gives a District Designated Fund gift to PolioPlus of \$20,000, what is the final sum that will be received after matches from the world match fund and the Gates Foundation?
 - a. \$30,000
 - b. \$45,000
 - c. \$60,000