

TWO LIGHTS

**Rotary Club of South Portland – Cape Elizabeth
June 9, 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 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 9 – Michele Danois shared some quotes from Eleanor Roosevelt, such as:

“Do one thing every day that scares you.”

“A woman is like a tea bag – you can’t tell how strong she is until you put her in hot water.”

“It isn’t enough to talk about peace. One must believe in it. And it isn’t enough to believe in it. One must work at it.”


June 16 – Peter Bennett

June 23 – Phil Dube

What’s New With Our Members

Happy Birthday to:

 *Dave Bagdasarian, JR (June 14)*

 *Bob Knupp (June 16) - - turning 80! (“the new 60?”)*

Happy Anniversary to:

 *Anne & Bill Kayatta (June 17)*

 *Sari Greene & Eric Boutiette (June 19)*

Thanks to our virtual meeting format, you can join our meetings from anywhere, even from your boat in Cape Cod, as Sari did this week!

Thank you once again to everyone who has been helping beautify “our” gardens at Bug Light (pictured above). The gardening gang has even started pulling weeds next to the Liberty ship monument next to the parking lot.

Food Cupboard – Tony Wagner reports that a driver is needed to do pickups on Friday mornings. Please contact Tony if you can help. Thank you to new member Aaron Matthews who did early morning pickups Thursday and Friday this week!

Vaxing it Forward – President Mike has been announcing each week the recommendation to donate the cost of your COVID-19 vaccine to PolioPlus and a question came up about how much that would be. That amount is somewhere in the \$30-40 range but the symbolism is what counts. We’re encouraging donations in any amount that you choose to contribute – below that amount or above that amount. You can go online to www.rotary.org (and sign in to your MyRotary account) or if you’d like to send in a check there’s a form that needs to go with it to make sure you’re credited appropriately. You can download it and fill it out or, if you prefer, you can send your check to me and I’ll send it in with your form.

Congratulations to SP-CE Rotary! – And especially to Membership Chair Laurenz Schmidt and President Mike Geneseo. At the District Conference this weekend, our club was awarded \$225 for being the club who had added the most new members in the district in the past year. The following people, as well as everyone who sponsored them and everyone who made them feel at home at SP-CE Rotary made this award possible:

- 🌀 Brenda Cressey – 7/15/2020
- 🌀 Dave Bagdasarian, Jr. – 8/26/2020
- 🌀 Tom Hamerski – 10/7/2020
- 🌀 Aaron Filieo – 3/3/2021
- 🌀 Brent Wilson – 4/14/2021
- 🌀 Tiffanie Bentley – 5/5/2021
- 🌀 Sarah Fisher – 5/5/2021
- 🌀 Aaron Matthews – 5/5/2021
- 🌀 Chris Speh – 6/30/2021
- 🌀 Ellie Speh – 6/30/2021

In presenting the award, District Governor Peggy Belanger said that her intent is that the new members use the award money for a project of their choosing.

Milestone Recovery – Our speaker this week was Oliver Bradeen, Executive Director of Milestone Recovery. Oliver joined Milestone last October after formerly serving as the Substance Use Liaison for the City of Portland. Milestone is a nonprofit detox center and treats Maine residents on a sliding fee scale without regard for the ability to pay. They have 16 co-ed beds in their facility on India Street. Oliver explained the history of Milestone’s forced shutdowns during the pandemic. These shutdowns caused them to lose staff, and now that they can re-open again they had a hard time attracting nursing staff since the pandemic utilized all available healthcare workers. But thanks to our club donation of \$2,000 as well as the ability to secure additional funding from the state, they were able to increase their nursing salaries and are once again fully staffed. Be watching for an announcement in the next week or so about the re-opening of the facility!



Are you Local or From Away? – I just had to share this with you because it tickled my funnybone – I actually laughed out loud when I read it. First of all, a huge thank you to Dan McDonald and John LoBosco who have been working with SMCC to create a draft gift agreement to donate our Scholarship Fund to the college. This is from the draft agreement:

“...students are not required to be from southern Maine. They may be local students or students from away, including international students.”

The Negotiator – Thank you to our 2021 Tree Sale Chair Jim Britt for sharing this photo of Tony Wagner “beating down the tree dealer” in Newport. Thanks to his efforts, we look forward to another profitable tree sale!



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