

# TWO LIGHTS

**Rotary Club of South Portland – Cape Elizabeth  
March 24, 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:

**March 31** – Brian King, RI Director of Membership Development – *see President Mike's email for special Zoom link just for this meeting*

**April 7** – Club Assembly

**April 14** – Catherine McGuckin, Woodfords Family Services

**April 21** – Joseph Cassidy, President of SMCC

**April 28** – Eric Girard, The Family Restored

**May 5** – Club Assembly

**May 12** – Janice Gardner, Executive Director, Mad Horse Theater

**May 19** – Marty Helman, speaking about a project in Uganda our club supported

**July 21** – Lobsterbake!

## OPENING WORDS

*March 24:* Marc Mutty reflected on the dark winter that we're coming out of and the power of spring to heal us.

### *What's New With Our Members*

*Happy Birthday to Marc Leasure - April 6*

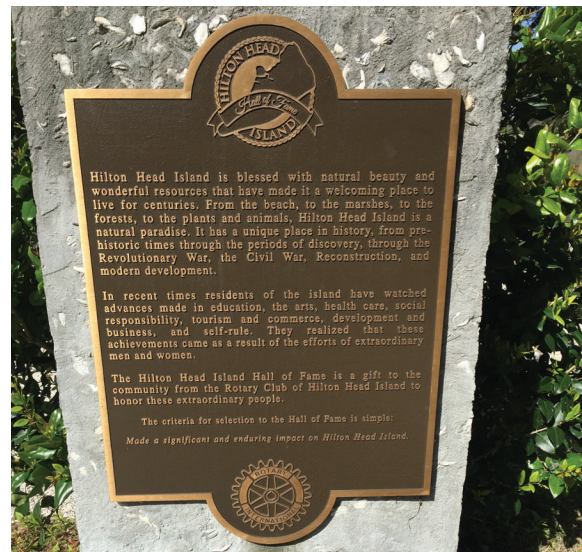
*Happy Anniversary to*

*🎁 Matt & Becky McAleney - April 2*

*🎁 Jack & Shari Roberts - April 3*

*Thank you to Mike Tranfaglia who has been volunteering with the vaccination effort.*

*Welcome home to our quizmaster  
Bob Knupp who had the opportunity  
to spend a week in Hilton Head.*



*Also traveling were Tom & Marti Meyers who were able to visit their grandchildren last week.*

*Guests this week: Brent Wilson, Chris & Ellie Spoh, Dominique Joseph  
(administrator of hospital in Haiti who attended to hear our speaker)*

**We're Building a Well** – well, we're helping to pay for it anyway. International Service Director Peter Bennett reported on a global grant sponsored by the Ithaca New York club and a club in Costa Rica. Our club has donated \$500 in support of the project, which is a water project in Costa Rica (where coincidentally Peter lived for 6 months). Drilling of a water well began on March 7 at the top of a steep hill – fingers crossed that they hit water soon!

**Konbit Sante** – Our speaker this week was introduced by Mike Tranfaglia who is on the board of directors of Konbit Sante. Rupal Shah joined Konbit Sante last year as its Executive Director after impressing the board with her educational background, international experience and enthusiasm. She is from Tanzania and noted that her father is a member of the Kilimanjaro Lions Club.

The Konbit Sante Cap-Haitien Health Partnership is a nonprofit formed in Maine in 2001 to support the development of a sustainable health system to meet the needs of the community of Greater Cap-Haitien, Haiti, with maximum local direction and support. The name “Konbit Sante” literally means “a group of people working together for the common purpose of improving health.” Konbit Sante provides:

1. Workforce & Health Services
2. Health Facility Infrastructure
3. Medical Supplies & Equipment
4. Management & Leadership
5. Research, Data & Evaluation
6. Support in times of Crisis

Rupal also clarified what Konbit Sante does NOT do, i.e. they do not manage from afar – their actions are determined by what is needed in the Haitian community.



**Knupp April Quiz** –

1. Rotary International has declared what to be a new “area of focus?”
2. The phrase “April is the cruelest month” appeared in a poem entitled “The Wasteland” about 100 years ago – who was the poet?
3. In 2019-2020, The Rotary Foundation awarded how much in grants?
  - a. \$30 million
  - b. \$130 million
  - c. \$230 million
  - d. \$300 million
4. The clue to 1 down in this month’s crossword puzzle is the “Back in Black” band (4 letters) – who is it?
5. How many Rotary clubs have 100% of its members as Paul Harris Fellows?
  - a. 402
  - b. 993
  - c. 3,972
  - d. 5,197

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