

TWO LIGHTS

**Rotary Club of South Portland – Cape Elizabeth
March 3, 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 10 – Retired US Army Sgt Major Gretchen Evans, Inspiration from a Vet of the War in Afghanistan

March 11, 6:45 p.m. – RI President-Elect Shekhar Mehta Addressing New England President-Elect Training Seminar – all Rotarians are invited.(Register to get zoom link – see registration link in District Newsletter or in Calendar section of District 7780 website)

March 17 – Board meeting follows regular meeting

March 24 – Rupal Shah, Konbit Snate

March 31 – Brian King, RI Director of Membership Development

July 21 – Lobsterbake!

OPENING WORDS

March 3: Nancy Hawes quoted Dolly Parton:

"We cannot direct the wind, but we can adjust the sails."

"If you see somebody without a smile, give them yours."

What's New With Our Members

Happy Birthday to

- 🍰 Dan Mooers - March 11
- 🍰 Kathy Ray - March 12
- 🍰 Dan McDonald - March 16

Happy Anniversary to

- 🎁 Tom & Marti Meyers - March 9
- 🎁 Bev & Sherm Altenburg - March 12

March Rotary Anniversaries:

- ❖ Sue Sturtevant - 8 years (includes a former club)
- ❖ Anne Swift-Kayatta - 17 years
- ❖ David Lourie - 26 years
- ❖ Kathy Ray - 27 years

Get well wishes to Doug Schauf who has COVID-19 but thankfully he is not seriously ill.

Best wishes and safe travels to Dan McDonald's daughter who has long wanted to serve with Doctors Without Borders and just received an assignment to work in the Tigray area of Ethiopia.

Visitors this Week: Brent Wilson, Kristina McCarthy and not actually a visitor Frank Butterworth.

Welcome, Aaron – We already know Aaron Filieo because he and his students were a lifesaver during the tree sale, and he has been attending many of our meetings since then. Aaron said that working on the tree sale was actually what motivated him to join us. He was introduced to the club by Matt McAleney (or was it Jim Britt?) who reviewed Aaron's background (star football player for the SP Red Riots, coach in Cape Elizabeth and for the last 2 years the head coach in South Portland). WELCOME, AARON!!!



The Mystery Donors – I mentioned last week that I didn't catch the last name of "Bob & Kathy" from the Bath Sunrise club who were honored for their generosity to The Rotary Foundation. Well, Tom Meyers immediately responded and said they were the Gravinos. Bob is a retired Coast Guard Captain and they lived in Massachusetts but now live in Georgetown, ME. He said they have visited our club at Purpoodock a few times. Thanks for the rest of the story, Tom!

SERVICE!! – We heard in the news fairly recently that the SP School Superintendent Ken Kunin noted that they have over 100 students who are homeless – up from usually 30-40. Our Community Service Director Tony got in touch with Director of Community Partnerships Gretchen McCloy (Jane Eberle's replacement) and asked how Rotary could help. As a result our board authorized spending \$3,500 which was used to purchase 36 school supply backpacks, 12 home kits, 20 Hannaford gift cards of \$50 each, and 25 Metro bus passes (\$20 each). Tony delegated the coordination of this effort to Sari who in turn enlisted Tom to get the bus passes and her husband Eric Boutiette to do all the purchasing. The water bottles were donated by Idexx, WCLZ, Woodfords Family Services and Key Bank. We were also able to donate 800 children's masks which we received from the Portland Rotary club.

Each backpack contains:

- ✓ A sturdy backpack
- ✓ One 1 1/2" binder
- ✓ Pack of loose leaf paper (to go into the binder).
- ✓ 3 one subject notebooks, or composition notebooks
- ✓ 4 folders with pockets (for storing papers).
- ✓ 1 Pack of colored pencils
- ✓ 12 pencils
- ✓ 12 pens
- ✓ 1 pencil sharpener
- ✓ 2 glue sticks
- ✓ 1 child safe scissor
- ✓ 1 reusable water bottle (often donated with business logos on them)
- ✓ 1 pair of headphones that includes a microphone, ideally with a straight jack (not L shaped jack).
- ✓ Plastic ruler
- ✓ Pencil case
- ✓ 2 Hi-liters



Homepacks include:

- ✓ Small container of hand sanitizer
- ✓ Box of disposable masks
- ✓ Deck of cards
- ✓ Set of 6 dice
- ✓ 1-2 Coloring books or activity books
- ✓ Crayons, markers or colored pencils



Thanks to everyone involved in this great project!

Bob's Quiz! – Here are the answers to Bob's March quiz.

1. The Council on Legislation took action last year regarding Rotaract – what was it?
Including Rotaract clubs as members of Rotary International (page 1)
2. 66% of districts with at least one Rotaract club are members of an MDIO. What does MDIO stand for? *Multidistrict Information Organization (page 15)*
3. Dick Weissleder in Germany is the chairman of Deutsche Arbeitsgemeinschaft Genealogischer Verbände (DAGV). What is it?
Laurenz will have the lead here, but it seems to mean Organization of German Genealogical Societies (page 21)
4. Shekhar Mehta of the Calcutta Rotary Club is RI's President Elect. What is his theme for next year? *Serve to Change Lives (page 29)*

And here was President Elect Shekhar Mehta's response to "Is the Rotary presidency the best job in Rotary?"

"The presidency at the club level is the best job you can have in Rotary."

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