

TWO LIGHTS

**Rotary Club of South Portland – Cape Elizabeth
March 31, 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:

April 7 – Club Assembly – and not the usual club assembly – you won't want to miss it!

April 14 – Catherine McGuckin, Woodfords Family Services

April 21 – Joseph Cassidy, President of SMCC

April 21 – Board meeting following club meeting

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

June 12-16 – RI Virtual Convention

July 21 – Lobsterbake!

OPENING WORDS

March 31: Tom Hamerski shared two quotes with us. The first was from Dag Hammarskjold (I think – that’s what came up when I googled it anyway):

“Goodness is something so simple, always live for others, never to seek one’s own advantage.”

(The other was something posted in his elevator and I didn’t catch the words.)

April 7: Laurenz Schmidt

What’s New With Our Members

Happy Birthday to:

 *Marc Leasure - April 6*

 *Doug Schauf - April 13*

Happy Anniversary to these two couples married on the SAME DAY - April 11 - in 1970:

 *Bill & Diane Anderson*

 *Dan & Joan McDonald*

Our profound condolences to Bev Altenburg and former member Ali Carignan on the death of Sherman Altenburg. Condolences can be sent to:

Bev - 13 Stone Bridge Road, Cape Elizabeth 04107

Ali ((Sherm’s daughter) & Justin - 3 Spruce Lane, CE 04107

Guests this week: District Governor Peggy Belanger and several Past District Governors and other Rotarians from around the district

Pandemic Heroes – Remember back in December when Betty Egner asked club members to nominate individuals or groups who have exemplified the ideals of Rotary in their response to the pandemic in the past year? Well, we finally have all the Paul Harris Fellow certificates and jewelry in hand and will be making the presentations at our club assembly on April 7 – you won’t want to miss this feel-good meeting!

More Backpacks! – On Tuesday our club (via Sari) delivered more items to the South Portland Schools:

- 20 Backpacks
- 10 Home Kits
- 12 Supplemental Home Kits for original group which includes soap, shampoo and laundry detergent
- Case of 2,000 children’s masks (40 boxes of 50 each)
- Box of miscellaneous school supplies



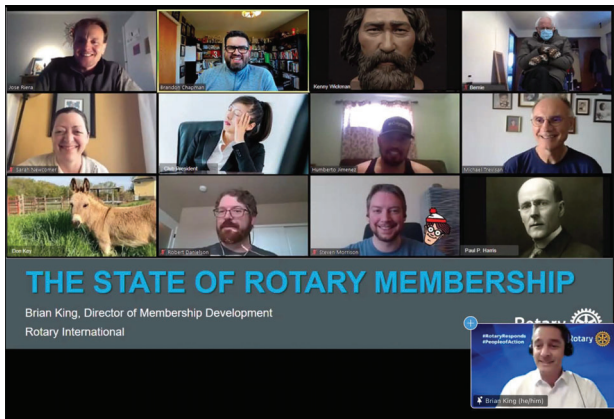
MEMBERSHIP! – We have a great thing going with this Rotary thing, so our speaker this week was an expert on how to share this great idea with more people. Laurenz introduced RI’s Director of Membership Development Brian King. Brian has been employed by RI since 2001 and is a member of the Evanston Rotary Club, which meets in the same building where he works (in “normal” times anyway). He responded to questions around 3 general themes:

1. Diversity
2. How to engage people after we go back to in-person meetings
3. Member retention

He recommended several resources on the RI website that offer suggestions on increasing diversity and how to hold hybrid meetings.



Brian mentioned that he would take back two things from our club to his own – our jazz hands applause, and the Vax it Forward promotion for PolioPlus. What I in turn stole from him the term “Rotaversary” and a photo of Bob Danielson (?) – Brian decided not to show his full PowerPoint presentation but he did show us the first slide – see bottom row:



(Here's a close-up)



Knupp April Quiz –

1. Rotary International has declared what to be a new “area of focus?”
The Environment (page 1)
2. The phrase “April is the cruellest month” appeared in a poem entitled “The Wasteland” about 100 years ago – who was the poet?
T. S. Eliot (page 8)
3. In 2019-2020, The Rotary Foundation awarded how much in grants?
 - a. \$30 million
 - b. \$130 million
 - c. \$230 million
 - d. \$300 million (page 17)
4. The clue to 1 down in this month’s crossword puzzle is the “Back in Black” band (4 letters) – who is it?
ACDC (page 13)
5. How many Rotary clubs have 100% of its members as Paul Harris Fellows?
 - a. 402
 - b. 993
 - c. 3,972 (page 25)
 - d. 5,197

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