

TWO LIGHTS

**Rotary Club of South Portland – Cape Elizabeth
May 26, 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 1 – Our President Mike G will be fully vaxed

June 2 – Club Assembly. (Among other things we'll be talking about the plan to move to in-person meetings, as well as an exciting proposal regarding our Scholarship Fund.)

June 4-5 – District Conference; see District 7780 website to register; \$20 registration fee donated to PolioPlus!

(June 12 – *Fireworks had to be cancelled – remove it from your calendar.*)

June 12-16 – RI Virtual Convention

June 16 – Maureen O'Meara, "What's Going on in the Cape Elizabeth Town Center?"

June 19 – Do not put this on your calendar – Family Fun Day has been cancelled.

June 26, 9 a.m. – District "International Café"

July 21 – Lobsterbake – at Fort Williams

OPENING WORDS


May 26 – Tom Hamerski read a meditation by Veronica Ray that invited us to float above the earth, as in a hot air balloon – to give us perspective on everything.

June 2 – Mike Tranfaglia

What's New With Our Members

Happy Birthday, Michele Danois (5/31)

Happy Anniversary to:

 *Kathy & Alan Ray (June 2)*

 *David & Joyce Lourie (June 3)*

 *Brent & Cat Wilson (June 6)*

We've Moved! – In case you didn't notice on your dues invoice that went out yesterday (5/26), we will not be able to use our current P.O. box at the IGA after June 30. So we have a new one at the UPS Store at Mill Creek – new address:

SP-CE Rotary
50 Market Street, Ste 1A
P. O. Box 239
South Portland, ME 04106

Reminder – you can send your happy dollars to this address when you've amassed enough to make it worthwhile, or send directly to Kathy Cotter.

Speakers? – We've had some great speakers in the past year, thanks to our program chair Mike McGovern. Mike has agreed to continue as our chair for the Rotary year 2021-22 and guess what, even though the year hasn't started yet, his job has. He is booking speakers now for the summer so if you have ideas about interesting speakers, he'd love to hear from you.

Potential Bargains?? – Even if you're not planning to attend the District Conference next Friday evening and Saturday morning, check out the auction items that you can bid on. You might be able to get cool items like a scooter, a tourmaline pendant or a gift certificate at less than retail value. But better yet, even if you bid at or above the value, if you're the winning bidder, your purchase price will be a donation to The Rotary Foundation and you will get credit for it! Check out all the items here:

<https://go.rotary7780gives.org/conference2021/Auction>

More Gardening – The Bug Light Gardening Group reports that all three gardens at Bug Light have now been weeded, trimmed and mulched. Some on the committee (Michele!) have even hauled jugs of water for them so far, but the city will be helping with watering this summer. Sprucing things up were Catherine, Anne Marie, Michele, Sue, Phil and newest member Aaron Matthews.



Thanks to Sue Sturtevant for the photos

Water, Water – Community Service Director Tony Wagner reports that thanks go to past (and hopefully future?) Rotarian Mike Neff and Orion Breen of the CE SP Chamber, who were able to secure 100 additional Water bottles for our Rotary campaign to help So Po schools. We are now at 246 of our total 300 - 400 goal. And after the bottles were delivered, Gretchen McCloy of the SP Schools Community Partnership reported:

“I was at Memorial Middle later that same day, and I saw two students filling them up at the water filling station. It was great to see they got put to immediate use!

Thanks for helping to keep our students hydrated this spring especially. The normal "drinking fountain" feature of most of our water fountains has been disabled, so students really do need a water bottle anytime they are thirsty.”

Note that we also received thank you notes from Bev and from the Cape Elizabeth Land Trust, which has planted a sugar maple tree in memory of Sherm Altenburg.

Lobster, Libations and Lighthouses – Thank you to the public face of the Maine Dept. of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry Jim Britt ,who helped the Good Morning America crew put together pieces designed to lure visitors to Vacationland. The show aired this morning and featured a lobsterwoman (is that the right term?), the Lubec lighthouse, Two Lights Lobster Shack, and beer! Great job, Jim!



Bob's Rotary Magazine Quiz – Thank you once again, Bob, for generating these stumpers!

1. How many times has our International President, Holger Knaack, visited Rotary headquarters in Evanston, Illinois since he took office?
 - a. 10
 - b. 6
 - c. 2
 - d. Never
2. This issue features wonderful photography including a picture of some hardy Swiss carrying their alpenhorns up the Alps near a town called Murren which is accessible only by cable car or train. What is the nearest town, ten miles away called?
 - a. Bern
 - b. Interlaken
 - c. Outerlaken
 - d. Zweilicken

3. What is “Kushti?”
 - a. A special meat dish
 - b. A taxi cab service
 - c. A fish found in the Indian Ocean
 - d. An ancient form of wrestling practiced in India
4. There are 13 prize winning photographs in this edition, all taken by Rotarians. How many were taken in Asia?
 - a. All of them
 - b. 6
 - c. 2
 - d. 4
5. In an article about refreshing a club website, reference is made to an online source for Rotary logos. What is the name of this valuable site?

Bonus Question (*as if you’re actually keeping score!*): The Rotary club of Kingman Route 66, Arizona is featured under “Our Clubs” because Arizona has the longest continuous stretch of Route 66, which was the route from Chicago to LA before the Interstate Highways came into existence. Who wrote the song “Get Your Kicks on Route 66?” And if you know the answer, who did he marry? *If you were at the meeting this week, you got to hear Bob sing the song!*

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