

TWO LIGHTS

**Rotary Club of South Portland – Cape Elizabeth
May 5, 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:

May 9, 8-11 – Lions Club Mothers Day breakfast (see flyer sent by Tony)

May 12, 8-10 a.m. – Gardening at picnic shelter at Fort Williams

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

May 12 – Finance Committee meeting follows regular meeting

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

May 19 – Board Meeting follows regular meeting

June 4-5 – District Conference; see District 7780 website to register beginning May 18

June 12 – Winterfest 2021 **FIREWORKS** Celebration at Wainwright Fields

June 12-16 – RI Virtual Convention

July 21 – Lobsterbake – at Fort Williams

OPENING WORDS

May 5: - Jim Britt went old school (the “opening words” used to be a way of saying grace before our dinner) and offered up a non-denominational request to bless our efforts as Rotarians. This reminds us that the opening words can be whatever you want – a traditional type prayer, a poem, a quote from a famous person, your own musings or whatever might be appropriate to set the tone for our meeting.

May 12 – Nicole Albert

May 19 – Mike McGovern

What's New With Our Members

Welcome back to Chuck Redman who is back from 5 weeks in Arizona!

We sadly wish a fond farewell - as a fellow Rotarian at least - to Bill Daviero who has resigned after over 25 years with our club.

Guest this week: Dan Davidson and DeeDee Wacksman (Rotarian from Bay City, Michigan who is moving to Scarborough next month). And she's not a guest but AnneMarie was able to break away from her Wednesday evening meeting to join us for Aaron's induction.

Happy Dollars Collection – Just a reminder that the way virtual happy dollars works, is you keep track yourself of how much you've given and when you reach a point that you think it's worth writing a check for, send it to our secretary at:

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SP-CE Rotary
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Good News on the Polio Front

- ❖ There have only been two cases of wild (i.e. not caused by the vaccine) poliovirus in the world so far in 2021 – one in Pakistan and one in Afghanistan.
- ❖ In the past 6 months there have been only 4 cases of wild poliovirus (the two above plus two in Pakistan in late 2020).
- ❖ There have been NO cases since January 27, 2021 – almost 3 ½ months ago. (Hold your breath, fingers crossed, knock on wood, etc.!!)
- ❖ And best of all, the SP-CE Rotary club will be fundraising for polio again next fall with the FOUNDATION FOOTBALL POOL!!

Note that the Football Pool, other fundraisers and the club's and members' generosity have contributed to our club accounting for 27% of the polio donations in our district while our membership is only 4% of the district (these statistics apply to both 2019-20 and 2020-21 so far).

May 5 was a red-letter day for our club – we inducted THREE new members!!!

Sarah Fisher

Sarah was introduced by our other “Sarah” – Sari Greene, who has known Sarah for many years. Sarah and her husband live in Cape Elizabeth with their 3 daughters. Sarah has been in the insurance industry for 19 years and owns an insurance agency along with her father. Sarah coached softball for the Cape Elizabeth Little League for several years and has been an active volunteer in Cape Elizabeth. Best of all, Sari notes that Sarah is a “fantastic cook!”



Tiffanie Bentley

Tiffanie is the Dean of Students at SMCC. She was introduced by Matt McAleney who was a classmate of hers at South Portland High School. She went to college at Oklahoma State University and then worked in higher education in Texas. She came back to Maine in 2005 and has been at SMCC since 2006. Tiffanie’s induction coincided with her wedding anniversary (21st); she and her husband Jim live in SP and have twin sons who will be entering 9th grade next fall.

This is not Tiffanie’s first association with Rotary – while in college she was supported by a 5-year scholarship from our club’s Women of Rotary affiliate.



Aaron Matthews

Aaron also attended SPHS and was president of the senior class (and received a scholarship from our Rotary club!). He attended Belmont University in Nashville until the pandemic forced him back to South Portland. He went to work at Bath Savings and is working on a degree at SMCC. It turns out he really enjoys banking! Some of you may have seen him helping us unload trees in December. Tony, who introduced Aaron, pointed out that founding member Dick Yerxa joined the club at age 24 and has been a member for 59 years. So he challenged Aaron (age 19) to stay in the club for the next 59 years – or more!



Bob's May Quiz

1. Rotary International has suspended in-person exchanges due to COVID-19. What has popped up as a replacement?
 - a. Rotary Youth Exchange
 - b. New Generations Services Exchange (see president's message on p. 1)
 - c. Open Opportunities
2. What is the second largest island in Japan? *Hokkaido – see page 3*
3. What is the newest program of scale for the African continent? *Partners for Malaria Free Zambia – see page 29*
4. The Crossword Puzzle for this issue has a clue for 30 across: Excessive Studier, Maybe (4 letters). What is it? *Nerd – see pages 61 and 10*

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