

TWO LIGHTS

Rotary Club of South Portland – Cape Elizabeth
November 4, 2020



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:

Each Friday – work detail at South Portland Food Cupboard, 8-11 (or any part thereof)

November 7, 9-10:15 am – “Celebrate the Rotary Foundation” District 7780 presentation about The Rotary Foundation (see email from Peggy Belanger for Zoom link)

November 11 – Brenda Cressey, The Rotary Foundation

November 12, 7 p.m. – Past RI President Ian Riseley on Rotary’s new Environmental Focus (see Peggy Belanger’s email for link to register for the Zoom meeting)

November 21 (Saturday), 8 a.m. – Tree Lot Set-up

November 27 (Friday), 8 a.m. – First tree delivery

December 5 (Saturday), 8 a.m. – 2nd tree delivery

January 29-30 – WinterFest!

OPENING WORDS

This Week: Kathy Cotter shared Travis Roy’s 10 Rules for Life from his book Eleven Seconds: A Story of Tragedy, Courage and Triumph – the rules are from a speech he made while still in high school:

1. Be yourself.
2. Never take anything for granted.
3. Set goals.
4. Resist peer pressure.
5. Respect.
6. Your friends are one of the most important aspects of your life.
7. Different types of love: love for sports, love for friends, love for my girlfriend, and love for my family. I also feel that everybody has their own definition of love and there is no right or wrong way to love.
8. Family.
9. Pride in yourself, pride in your family, and pride in your friends should always be remembered and acknowledged.
10. There will always be more lessons to be learned.

November 11: Tom Meyers

What's New With Our Members

Happy Birthday to

 *Matt McAleney - November 8*

 *Nicole Albert - Lucky Friday the 13th (it's a big one!)*

Happy Anniversary to Adrienne & Steve Murphy - November 12

Congratulations to Tom Hamerski's son Russell who will be getting married in Florida shortly.

Our sincere sympathy to Bill York and Diane on the passing of his brother Ray after a short bout with cancer. Bills' email address is chatwithway@gmail.com. For those wanting to reach out by snail mail, their address is:

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Our condolences to all who were touched by the life of Travis Roy. Travis was a keynote speaker at our District Conference in 2018 and has also spoken at an Interact conference. His foundation was the beneficiary of our club's road race in its early years.

Thanks to Tom Meyers and his tools for doing a huge favor for a fellow Rotarian. As someone said in the chats, Tom is “the best of the best.”

We don't often pause to mention it, but a big thank you to Mike McGovern for all that he does (and has done for over 20 years) for Rotary and the children of the world.

And thank you to our club's PR folks:

- 🌿 Fran Bagdasarian has been busy getting articles about the tree sale into the Portland Press Herald and the Cape Courier, with TV interviews in the works as well.*
- 🌿 Matt McAleney has done a great job in keeping our Facebook page current and interesting (he came up with the Fruitcake cartoon below).*

Shout-outs:

- 🌿 From Sari - for all town clerks and the great lengths that they go to in making sure that every vote is counted accurately.*
- 🌿 From Matt McAleney - for all medical personnel, including those who treated him when he was hospitalized recently for COVID-19 - we're so glad you're on the mend, Matt!*



Tree Time is Almost Here! – Club members should have received an email from Scott Irving with a link to sign up for selling Christmas trees. (If you didn't get the email or you deleted it, you can always sign up by going to the club website and looking under Upcoming Events.) Note that there are separate signup links for lot set-up, the tree deliveries and actual selling. A few notes:

- 🌿 After the first few days of the sale, pay attention to whether you're signing up for Lot or Curbside. If you sign up for Curbside, you must be able to carry a tree, since that's what you'll be doing – carrying trees to the cars of customers who have already paid for them.*
- 🌿 Shifts are shorter this year – 2 hours – so rather than sign up for 4 shifts of 3 hours each as we did in the past, we should be signing up for 6 shifts of 2 hours each. (This is in addition to volunteering for lot set-up and tree deliveries.)*
- 🌿 If you volunteered to be a Customer Service Representative or other offsite volunteer work, you do not need to sign up – you will be contacted about your duties.*
- 🌿 We are going to be short-staffed this year so if you have able-bodied family members who are willing and would feel comfortable helping out, please consider signing them up too!*

UN's Diamond Jubilee! – Sue Sturtevant presented a Rotary Foundation Minute on the relationship of Rotary and the United Nations. Rotary was invited to participate in the conference in the spring of 1945 in which delegates from 50 countries met in San Francisco to write the UN's charter. On October 24, 1945 when the UN came into being, Rotary was given the highest status afforded to a non-governmental agency and has maintained a close relationship with the UN ever since.

The Fruitcake Club! – Our speaker this week was Mike McGovern, who researched our club's history and put together a power point presentation which was “very interesting and wicked informative” according to one of the chats. One of the things that he pointed out is that in the early years of the Christmas tree sale, we made more money selling fruitcakes than Christmas trees, and speculated that we could have become the Fruitcake club rather than the Christmas Tree club.



There was way too much information in his presentation to summarize here, but Scott is working on getting Mike's powerpoint into a format that can be uploaded into Clubrunner. Once that's done I can send you a link to it if you missed it or if you just want to see it again. In the meantime here are a couple gems from the powerpoint.



Alec Livingston and Ellie Spohr serving as bartenders at a Senior Luncheon



Mike McGovern and a famous person

Rotary November Issue - Bob's Quiz - We are changing the format this month: don't send your answers to Bob, just "bring" them to next week's meeting to show off how smart you are!

1. Nagoya, Japan is the home of which automobile company?
2. Food insecurity is a major theme in this publication. What is the amount spent annually in the U.S. on food that is never eaten?
3. Next year's International Convention will be held in Taiwan. How many Rotary clubs are located on this independent island?
4. Jennifer Jones from the Rotary Club of Windsor-Roseland, Ontario has been nominated to be the first female RI President. There are seventeen members of the RI Nominating Committee, four of whom are from the US. Name one of those persons.

Evil Twin Unmasked – Just in case you couldn't figure out who Jim Britt's evil twin was last week, here he is sans mask. (I'm kicking myself for not double-clicking on Jim Britt during the meeting so I could get a photo of him and show you how close the resemblance is!)



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