

TWO LIGHTS

Rotary Club of South Portland – Cape Elizabeth
October 28, 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 (add to your calendar but Zoom link hasn’t been sent yet)

November 11 – Brenda Cressey, The Rotary Foundation

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: One of the best parts of our meeting is finding out what the opening words will be – they are always a gem! This week is was a wonderfully apt poem that Tom Hamerski read about sailing in rough waters.

November 4: Kathy Cotter

November 11: Tom Meyers

What's New With Our Members

Happy Birthday to Matt McAleney - November 8

Thank you to Dr. Dave Bagdasarian who ran the meeting this week in President Mike's absence (ably assisted by Nicole and Sari!)

Congratulations to Sari who has her own monogrammed apron for the Food Cupboard now!

They can't escape each other! John LoBosco recently learned that growing up in the Bronx, he and Tony lived 2.9 miles from each other - now they live all of 3 miles from each other!

We were joined this week by:

- ★ Dan McDonald - it was nice to see your face again!
- ★ Brian Nickerson, a SP resident who was formerly a member of the Falmouth Mass Rotary Club, and
- ★ Jim Britt's Evil Twin who joined us for Halloween:



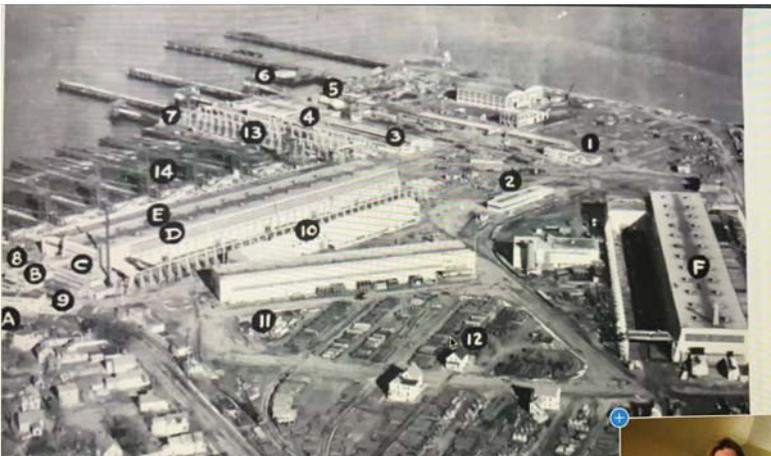
Drum Roll Please.... – Foundation Co-Chair Anne Swift-Kayatta announced the results of our virtual meal World Polio Day fundraiser (i.e. donate what you would have paid to eat at Purpoodock – or round up!). There were 26 members participating and they collectively donated **\$1,615** – which when matched by the Gates Foundation results in **\$4,845**! Thanks everyone for your generosity!! And the lucky winner of 1,000 Paul Harris points was selected randomly by RI PolioPlus Chair Mike McGovern – it was Phil Dube! Fortunately for Phil you didn't have to be present to win because he was not at the meeting, presumably because it was his birthday!

More on World Polio Day – Brenda Cressey, who is a trustee of The Rotary Foundation, reported that online donations for World Polio Day were over \$700,000 – when checks are counted, the total is expected to be around \$1 million!! She also reported that one of the privileges of her position as trustee is getting to work with donors, such as the person who had made a \$1 million commitment the previous day, along with a \$10 million estate pledge. She also praised the hard work of RI PolioPlus Chair Mike McGovern who has been zooming around the world in the past few weeks raising awareness about polio eradication.

Our Bug Light Neighbor – Our speaker this week was Jen Packard of PK Realty Management (PKRM), owners of the 30-acre property adjacent to “our” Bug Light Park. Although Jen has deep roots in Oxford County, Maine, until recently she lived in Germany and South Africa, and in fact was a member of a Rotary club in South Africa. Her father is in real estate development in California, and when Jen and her siblings moved back to Maine, they became active in developing real estate in the Portland area.

The land they purchased in South Portland was formerly the shipyard where the Liberty ships were built. (Many club members have parents or grandparents who worked at the shipyard.) Due to the shipbuilding history, portions of the land are contaminated and PKRM has partnered with the City to apply for a grant to assess the extent of “Brownfield” contamination. And just this week, they partnered with South Portland Housing Authority to apply for a grant to clean up the contamination. (Fun fact: SPHA was formed in WW2 in order to provide housing for the workers at the shipyard.)

As a result of the site contamination, PKRM is taking the development process slowly, which they have the luxury of doing since there are already tenants on the property. When they are eventually able to start building, they are hoping to build mixed use property, with a tie-in of some sort to the existing trail system. They would love for the property to be more convenient for people who are walking or biking and less convenient for vehicles. However traffic will be an issue no matter what so they are undertaking an assessment of the impact of development on traffic in the area.



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