

TWO LIGHTS

Rotary Club of South Portland – Cape Elizabeth
September 2, 2020



Rotary Opens Opportunities

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:

September 9 – Official club visit from our District Governor Peggy Belanger (see more info below)

September 16, 5:30-6:30ish (i.e. before sunset) – Meet at Fort Williams picnic shelter – with masks. This will replace our usual Zoom meeting.

September 23 – Bob Crowley, Yurts for Veterans

September 23 – Board meeting follows our regular meeting

September 23-25, 7-8:30 p.m. each evening – Rotary Zone 28 & 32 Institute – speakers will include Mike McGovern & Brenda Cressey. You need to register but the price is right – FREE! While ordinarily the Zone Institute is only for certain officers, ALL Rotarians are encouraged to attend this year's virtual Institute.

September 25 – Bath Rotary Club golf event

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

OPENING WORDS

This Week – Peter Bennett shared these marvelously apt words from Maya Angelou: *“Do the best you can until you know better. Then when you know better, do better.”*

Last Week – the quote from Mother Teresa at the 1981 RI Convention in Sao Paolo that I couldn't find online (thank you, Phil!):

"If we really want to love, if we really want to live, we must love until it hurts.....No Rotarian whose motto is Service Above Self, I think, should call himself a Rotarian if he does not make time to serve.If we love, we begin to serve. And this is where that beautiful motto begins that the Rotarians have made this year, Take Time to Serve."

Upcoming:

September 2 – Brenda Cressey

What's New With Our Members

Happy Birthday to:

 Scott Irving - 9/9

 Sari Greene - 9/11

Happy Anniversary to

 Bob & Alicia Danielson (9/10)

 Dan & Edie Davidson (9/15)

Congratulations to Sari Greene & Eric on the birth of their granddaughter on August 31!

Our sincere sympathy to Rose Kennealy, son John and the rest of the family of former member Jack Kennealy who passed away on August 27. As Mike McGovern noted, Jack was a "good guy." Although he had a successful career as a physicist, when Jack and Rose moved to Maine he made his living through his beautiful photographs. Whenever our club was called upon to donate a raffle gift item to an event, Jack could be counted on to donate one of his beautiful Maine landscape photos.

Coastal Cleanup – September is Maine Coastal Cleanup month and Community Service Chair Tony Wagner is hoping that our club can contribute to that effort. We're looking for up to 10 volunteers to work on a Saturday in the near future – date tbd. Let Tony know if you can help.

Honored Members – Long-time members Dan Davidson & Marc Mutty requested in June that their membership status be changed from Active to Honorary. Although the technical RI term is “Honorary” Member (it’s an honor for them to be a member), I prefer to think of them as “Honored” Members (we honor **them!**). In addition to approving their requests, the Board voted to transfer 1,000 Foundation recognition points to each of them to increase their Paul Harris Fellow level (they were both already Paul Harris Fellows). Foundation co-chairs Anne & Nancy had the privilege of surprising them with the pins at their outdoor lunch at Rivalries on Tuesday – thanks to the sneakiness of Tony Wagner.

Dan Davidson is a proud Navy veteran and has been a Rotarian since 1982 (although the first few years were in Massachusetts). Dan has been actively involved in all of the avenues of service. He was our club PR chair for many years, initiated and chaired the Veterans Committee in our club, and could always be counted on to work long hours at the tree sale and our other fundraisers. He and Edie maintained our club’s relationship with our two community libraries and assisted in our weekly speaker donations to the library. He and Edie were also host family to a Rotary Youth Exchange student from Russia (Lera). Club members also remembered that Dan was active on our club’s softball and basketball teams back when we all had better knees.

Marc Mutty joined the club in February, 1999 with Tony as his sponsor. He served on the board as club secretary. He took over the role as “official” PR chair recently but he helped out with PR throughout his membership. He had the unenviable job of scheduling for the Christmas tree sale for a few years, and also helped to repair the tree lot racks, etc. He worked at Bug Light, and he and Pam worked at many fried dough events.

WE are the ones who are honored by your continued association with the club even though you are no longer active members, and hope to maintain our friendship with both of you (and Pam and Edie) for many many years to come.



Thank you Barbara & Laurenz!!! – On Friday evening our Membership chair Laurenz Schmidt and his wife Barbara extended their impeccable hospitality to members of our club at a reception for new members. New members attending included Katelyn Estes and her friend Matt, Brenda & Dick Cressey and Dave Bagdasarian, Jr. In addition to the Schmidts, there were about 8 (I think) more experienced club members on hand to have the pleasure of meeting our new members in person.



Barbara, Matt & Katelyn



Brenda, Dave Jr. & Dick



The Schmidts' beautiful backyard at their new home in Scarborough

Re-Run Alert!! – With apologies to everyone who remembers this article from last year (and the 4 years before that), I am trotting out the following information for the 6th consecutive year for the benefit of new members in preparation for the “Official Visit” next week.

What’s a District Governor? I had the bright idea of going to the Rotary website for a definition – here’s the definition in the bylaws (Article 1, #5): “the governor of a Rotary district.” Don’t you feel enlightened now? Elsewhere on the website it indicates that a District Governor (DG) should:

- ✓ strengthen clubs and grow membership,
- ✓ serve as a spokesperson for the district,
- ✓ encourage support for the Rotary Foundation,
- ✓ conduct a district conference and other meetings, as well as
- ✓ various administrative tasks.

Has our Club had any District Governors? Yes, and in fact our club has had more DG’s than any other club in our district (thank you to District Historian Marie Williams for this information!). Our club’s DG’s for District 7780 and its predecessor have been:

- ✓ 1977-78 Harold Fralich
- ✓ 1985-86 Sarando (Sam) Giftos
- ✓ 1990-91 Daniel Mooers
- ✓ 1999-00 Michael McGovern
- ✓ 2016-17 Marge Barker (now in a different club but in our club when she was DG)
- ✓ 2018-19 John LoBosco

This list of Past District Governors (PDGs) of our own district does not include Brenda Cressey who is a PDG of her former District 5240 in California in 2001-02.

Who is our District Governor? Peggy (actually Marguerite) Belanger of the Kennebunk Portside Rotary Club served twice as President of her club, and also served in district roles including conference chair and as coordinator of the inbound vocational team members from Uganda. Peggy has been a nursing professional for 45 years, specializing in public health, oncology and home health. She has been recognized nationally as a leader in her field, and she is regarded as a passionate, committed and caring Rotarian since she came into Rotary in 2001. She’s also very upbeat and fun-loving – you’ll enjoy meeting her if you haven’t already!



The Lions are definitely not sleeping – Our speaker this week was Roger Bishop, president of the Cape Elizabeth Lions Club. Roger is a Viet Nam veteran and retired from Fairchild as VP of Human Resources. He has volunteered in CE in many capacities – more than I could write down. Roger discussed how the pandemic has affected the Lions Club, and how they have responded. He noted that 60% of their revenue comes from Family Fun Day, which of course didn't happen. They also lost revenue from the breakfasts and spaghetti dinners that had to be cancelled. However the lobster dinner they held a couple weeks ago was a huge success and they sold 160 pounds of lobster in 3 hours. They hope to have another at the end of September.

Unlike our club which is happily meeting on Zoom and doesn't have to worry about a physical space, the Lions have to deal with maintaining sanitary conditions in their 1845 historic clubhouse. They hired a cleaning firm to clean the building and they sanitized all of the chairs and tables. In addition they have been taking down all the "stuff" on the walls and are in the process of replacing all the fixtures in the bathroom.

After surveying their members, they have decided to have half the club meet at a time. Half of the club will have food at their meetings, and the other half is not comfortable with dining at meetings.

We have enjoyed working closely with the Lions, especially at the pancake breakfast at Winter Fest. At the close of his presentation Roger made the very generous offer of assisting our club with manpower for our Christmas tree sale – thank you Lions!!!!

Rotary Magazine Quiz! – Bob Knupp has agreed to be our Rotary quizmaster and submits the following quiz questions, all taken from our magazine "Rotary" – formerly known as "The Rotarian." Bob says you should send your responses to me (Nancy H) and they are due by 5 p.m. Wednesday, September 9.

1. How many Rotary Exchange Students have been hosted by our current RI President, Holger Knaack and his wife:
 - a) 13
 - b) 24
 - c) 43
 - d) 53

2. What is the first name of Holger's wife?
 - a) Brunhilde
 - b) Gisella
 - c) Nancy
 - d) Susanne

3. What is the economic value of volunteer services provided annually by RI members?
 - a) 75 Million

- b) 290 Million
 - c) 850 Million
 - d) 975 Million
 - e) 1.2 Billion
4. How many directors serve on the Board of Directors of Rotary International?
- a) 12
 - b) 19
 - c) 23
 - e) 29

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DISTRICT 7780 GOVERNOR

Peggy Belanger, Rotary Club of Kennebunk Portside

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