

# TWO LIGHTS

Rotary Club of South Portland – Cape Elizabeth  
September 23, 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 – see below)

**September 23-25. 7-8:30 p.m. each evening** – Rotary Zone 28 & 32 Institute – speakers will include Mike McGovern & Brenda Cressey (on Thursday evening). 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 30** – Ronda Ferreira, American Red Cross

**October 3, Saturday, 8-11 a.m.** – Cleanup at Bug Light

**October 24** – World Polio Day

## OPENING WORDS

This Week: Catherine Callahan shared this poem called “Don’t Hesitate” by Mary Oliver:

If you suddenly and unexpectedly feel joy, don’t hesitate.  
Give in to it.  
There are plenty of lives and whole towns destroyed or about to be.  
We are not wise, and not very often kind.  
And much can never be redeemed.  
Still, life has some possibility left.  
Perhaps this is its way of fighting back,  
that sometimes something happens better than all the riches or power in the world.  
It could be anything,  
but very likely you notice it in the instant when love begins.  
Anyway, that’s often the case.  
Anyway, whatever it is, don’t be afraid of its plenty.  
Joy is not made to be a crumb

Upcoming:

September 30 – Michele Danois

### What’s New With Our Members (and others)

*Happy Birthday to Frank Butterworth (October 1)!*

*Happy Anniversary to President Mike & Becca (October 3)!*

*Thank you to Bev Altenburg for organizing the get-together at Fort Williams last week! (See photos below.)*

*Thank you to Anne-Marie McCoubrey, Phil Dube & Tony Wagner for weeding, etc. at our Bug Light gardens recently.*

*Thank you to Port Harbor Marine and Bath Savings Institution for renewing their annual sponsorships! With many of our past WinterFest sponsors/advertisers facing economic hardship, we especially appreciate those that are still in a position to help us.*

*We were happy to see THREE former members at our meeting this week: Tom Hamerski, Mike Tranfaglia and Bill York from across the pond!*

*Lions Club President Roger Bishop expressed his appreciation for all of the Rotary customers who made their recent Lobster Dinner such a success!*

**Lucky Number 7** – Anne Swift-Kayatta gave a Foundation Moment presentation about the 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue of Focus recently added by the Rotary Board and Foundation Trustees – the Environment. More than \$18 million in Foundation global grant funding has been allocated to environment-related projects over the past 5 years. Creating a distinct area of focus to support the environment will give Rotarians even more ways to bring about positive change in the world. To refresh you, the Areas of Focus are now:

- Preventing Disease
- Providing Clean Water
- Supporting Education
- Growing Local Economies
- Saving Mothers and Children
- Promoting Peace
- Environment

**Think Spring!** – The Portland Sunrise Club is currently selling purple crocus bulbs as a fundraiser for polio eradication. The cost is \$10 for 25 bulbs. They are taking orders through September and they will notify you of the pickup date & location when they arrive (late September or October).

**The 100 Most Influential People of 2020** – TIME’s list issued last week included a Rotarian – Dr. Tunji Funsho, a former cardiologist and the chair of RI’s polio eradication program in Nigeria. From TIME: “Certification will be an achievement,’ Funsho told Time in 2018. ‘But we’re in no hurry for that. We’re in a hurry to make sure no child is paralyzed.’ In Nigeria and in Africa as a whole, that moment has arrived.”

**A Survivor** – Our local Survivor Bob Crowley (who won Survivor Gabon in 2008) was our speaker this week, along with his wife Peggy. Dan Mooers was prepared to introduce him but was unable to due to audio issues, so Tony introduced Bob by saying that he “can build or fix anything.” After winning on the TV show, Bob and Peggy started Maine Forest Yurts, which rents out yurts on 100 acres in Durham on Runaround Pond. They also established a non-profit (with Dan M’s help) called Durham Warriors. The non-profit, which our club has donated to, allows veterans and their families to enjoy a vacation in the Maine woods in a yurt.



**Bob's Monthly Quiz!** - Thanks once again to Bob Knupp for heightening our Rotary awareness with his quiz based on the Rotary magazine. Most of you are answering the questions in your head, but if you want to be considered for the glory of being the quiz-winner, you can email your answers to Bob or me.

1. What is the name of the person featured in the R.I.'s presidential message?
2. In what country are the Southern Alps located?
3. How many Americans lack access to high speed internet?
4. On what day of this year will Rotary celebrate World Polio Day?
5. What is the origin of the word "quarantine" and for what length of time, historically?

*Photos from Ft Williams last week – if you can't make out who they are behind the masks, attendees (in the order they arrived) were John LoBosco, Peter DiGennaro, Paul Butler, Nancy Hawes, David Lourie, Nicole Albert, Laurenz Schmidt, Dick Yerxa, Betty Egner, Bev Altenburg, Dave Bagdasarian Sr., Tony Wagner, Matt McAleney, Joan Frustaci, Tural Nadirli & Pam (hope I got the name right?), Kathy Cotter & Michele Danois.*



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