

TWO LIGHTS

Rotary Club of South Portland – Cape Elizabeth
September 9, 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:

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

September 16, 5:30-6:30ish (i.e. before sunset) – Meet at Fort Williams picnic shelter – with masks of course. 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

September 30 – Ronda Ferreira, American Red Cross

OPENING WORDS

This Week – Past District Governor Brenda Cressey shared some words of Ellie Patterson, last year's District Governor of District 5500 in Tucson, Arizona. Ellie spoke about how Rotary keeps breaking things:

- * breaking the cycle of poverty;
- * breaking the soil where wells are drilled;
- * breaking the seal on polio vaccine to immunize millions of children;
- * breaking into barely passable roads to bring solar ovens;
- * breaking down barriers to education for girls;
- * breaking open boxes of books to distribute to schools;
- * breaking open our hearts with the passion to serve.

Upcoming:

September 30 – tbd

What's New With Our Members

Happy Birthday to Sari Greene - 9/11

Happy Anniversary to Dan & Edie Davidson (9/15)

Our sincere condolences to the family and friends of Jesse Harvey, and in fact all in the recovery community who are reeling from his untimely death.

Help Wanted – Kennebunk Police Chief Bob MacKenzie, who also heads our district's Opioid Initiative, has submitted this request:

"I am asking all Rotarians to spread the word and reach out to any contacts you may have. Milestone Recovery in Portland is in need of immediate assistance in the form of a temporary fulltime person to cover the finance function for about three months while a search is being conducted. Milestone Recovery is a non-profit organization with a \$3.6 million dollar budget whose mission is to provide the best quality services to empower individuals with substance use and behavioral health disorders to attain stability, dignity, recovery, and an enhanced quality of life.

The position would be immediate and would have a few weeks to work with the current CFO before her departure in October. If there is any interest you can have them contact me or Michael Miles, Board Chair of Milestone Recovery, michaeldmiles1@gmail.com. "

Rotary Opens Opportunities! – We were honored to have as our speaker this week our District Governor Marguerite “Peggy” Belanger. In honor of the event we were joined by our Assistant Governor Laura Young and former member and current president of the Sebago Lake Rotary Club Marge Barker. Besides Marge, other Past District Governors in the audience included Mike McGovern, John LoBosco and Brenda Cressey.

Peggy indicated that this was her 35th club visit, most of which have actually been in person. Although claiming that she’s not good with technology, Peggy adapted beautifully to the virtual meeting situation and made her presentation very conversational – just as if she were in the room with us. Peggy is a semi-retired nurse and she relayed what she was taught in nursing school: “prepare for the worst and hope for the best” – good advice in any situation! Among other things, she spoke about the importance of fellowship, the opportunities that service projects offer for luring new members.

The club made a donation of \$150 in Peggy’s name to PolioPlus to thank her for her visit to our club and her service to the District (and her future work on the tree sale – she offered to help!).



Rotary Magazine Quiz! – Congratulations to Tony Wagner who answered all 4 questions correctly!

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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PORTLAND/CAPE ELIZABETH, MAINE**

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DISTRICT 7780 GOVERNOR

Peggy Belanger, Rotary Club of Kennebunk Portside

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