

TWO LIGHTS

Rotary Club of South Portland – Cape Elizabeth

April 20, 2022



SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES

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:

April 26, 7 p.m. – Club Board meeting – via Zoom, all are welcome, contact Dave if you want the link.

April 27 – Dick Sawyer, “My Transition into Retirement – Finding a New Avocation: Photography”

April 28, 5:30 – Food Sorting at South Portland Food Cupboard, followed by light supper

May 4 – Ken Johnson, Farms for Food Equity

May 14 (Saturday) – District Conference at Sable Oaks Hotel, South Portland. Events throughout the day from 9:00 a.m. – 8:30 p.m. – look for more info to come.

May 18 – No Meeting

May 21 (Saturday) – SPRINGFEST!!

May 25 (Wednesday), 6 p.m. – Club 60th Anniversary Celebration!! Sable Oaks Sheraton, SP.

June 18 – Family Fun Day

July 20 - Lobsterbake

OPENING WORDS

April 20 – Chuck Redman listed some of the items that we appreciate: our safety, our freedom, our bounty, our differences, and that we are not perfect. He quoted John F. Kennedy:

“As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them.”

Opening Words Duty:

- April 27 – Roberts
- May 4 – Schauf
- May 11 - Schmidt

(If you cannot make it to the meeting, forward your opening words to Dave to read on your behalf.)

Raffle Gift Donor Schedule:

- April 27 – Danielson
- May 4 – Danois
- May 11 - DeGennaro

What's New With Our Members (and Others)

Happy Birthday to:

- 🍰 John LoBosco - April 21 (belated; it was yesterday!)*
- 🍰 Joan Frustaci - April 27*

And he's not a member of our club but long-time Portland club member Bob Traill turns 100 today!

Congratulations to THREE raffle winners this week:

- ❖ Frank Butterworth won the gift certificate to Legion Square Market that Kathy Cotter donated;*
- ❖ Bob Danielson won a bag of little wine bottles that the club received at the district assembly by virtue of our high attendance per capita; and*
- ❖ Nancy Hawes won some needhams that DeeDee Wacksman donated.*

Congratulations to Phil Dube who was on the front page of the Forecaster, pictured working at the SP Food Cupboard.

Some big thank yous:

- ★ *To Tom Meyers for hosting the Zoom meeting this week;*
- ★ *To Sari Greene for the stunning 60th anniversary invitation - also to Scott, Tom Meyers & President Dave for their involvement in creating and sending the invitation;*
- ★ *To Sari, Patty, Nancy Irving and everyone else involved in creating SpringFest;*

Guests – We were joined this week (in person) by Rob Chatfield from the Portland Club. And some of you remember Jim & Ilsa Price from the Portland Sunrise club – they weren't actually guests but Tony visited with them last week in North Carolina and they pass on their regards.

Another Paul Harris Fellow (PHF) Presentation – Adrienne did a virtual PHF presentation to Chuck Redman, noting his service to the club as a board member (International Service Director) and especially as the Football Pool Commissioner. I couldn't get a good picture of Chuck since he was attending via Zoom, but here's a photo of him performing his duties as commissioner with his customary gravity.



Looking for High School Seniors - If you know of any graduating seniors in CE or SP who would deserve recognition for their service to the community, please encourage them to apply for our club's scholarships (\$1,000 each) – we have budgeted to give away \$10,000 but so far only have four applicants!

Celebration!! – You should have received John LoBosco's email yesterday soliciting videos and pictures for our 60th anniversary. I won't repeat all the details but please be thinking of stories you can tell about our club and/or your Rotary involvement, and scouring your scrapbooks, hard drives and phones for pictures of club activities.

District Assembly – As noted above, our club had a good showing at the District Assembly on Saturday, which was the first in-person district event in over two years. We were represented by:

- Fran Bagdasarian
- Jim Britt
- Kathy Cotter
- Jeff Gabrielson
- Nancy Hawes
- Scott Irving
- John LoBosco
- Dan McDonald
- Mike McGovern
- Patty Sprague

And look who else was there from the Bridgton-Lake Region Rotary Club!



(For newer members of Rotary, this is John Eliassen, a past president of our club who moved south a few years ago but moved back to Maine when the pandemic began.)

There were numerous breakout sessions so I can't begin to cover everything that was discussed but I heard a rumor that the one that Patty participated in re the district's project with Indigenous Peoples was well done. I also attended a Foundation session at which the RI PolioPlus chair (which of course is Mike McGovern) said that **“we could not be any closer”** to ending polio.

SpringFest – Well maybe the blizzard did us a favor because SpringFest has the potential to have a lot more fun activities and it will be a whole lot more comfortable working outdoors in May than in January! Sari gave us an overview of “Community Coming Together” and highlighted some of the extras that the May timeframe allows, including four musical groups, three food trucks, two “touch-a-truck” activities and an E-bike pop-up event. Although we will need lots of volunteers, the festival is only four hours long so it won't require a big time commitment (except for the organizers – thanks for all you're doing!).



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