

# TWO LIGHTS

**Rotary Club of South Portland – Cape Elizabeth**

**April 27, 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:**

**May 4** – Steve Culver, Farms for Food Equity

**May 8** - Deadline for signups for 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration

**May 11** - Hybrid meeting. Tim Brosnihan, Executive Director, Victoria Mansion

**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 email from Dick Hall (details below).

**May 18** – No Meeting

**May 21 (Saturday) – SPRINGFEST!!** 11 am – 3 pm. Reserve the time now and signup when advertised.

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

**May 26** - Food South Portland Food Cupboard service opportunity

**June 1** - Hybrid meeting. Donna Anderson, Director, Osher Life Long Learning Center

**June 8** - Club Foundation Trivia Game

**June 18** – Family Fun Day

**June 22** – No Meeting

**June 28** – Joint Board Meeting (Old and New)

**June 29** – Changeover Night

**July 20** - Lobsterbake

## **OPENING WORDS**

April 27 – President Dave unexpectedly covered for Jack Roberts with opening words provided by Dan Davidson “just in case.”

A few words can summarize the thought:  
Light - Hope - Healing - Kindness - Laughter - Goodness  
*If these are all you reach for, your arms will never tire.*

### **Opening Words Duty:**

- 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:**

Bob Danielson provided a \$25 gift certificate to The Good Table, won by Matt McAleney.

- May 4 – Danois
- May 11 - DeGennaro

## **What's New With Our Members (and Others)**

### **May Rotaversaries:**

- ⊗ *Tiffanie Bentley - one year*
- ⊗ *Sarah Fisher - one year*
- ⊗ *Aaron Matthews - one year*
- ⊗ *Catherine Callahan - TEN years!*

*Congratulations to long-time member and winner of the furthest distance every time he joins us - Bill York, who has been made an honorary member of SP-CE Rotary!*

Guests – Not a guest, and happy to have Sybil Riemensnider join us in person.

**60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration** – everyone received an invitation to celebrate the 60th anniversary of our club at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, May 25th . We have a wonderful, fun and memorable program planned along with the usual spirited camaraderie of club members and guests. The club has supplemented the meal cost (through our happy dollars for the past two years!) to make the meal cost very affordable so that everyone can attend - it's a pretty good deal at \$30/person! **The firm deadline for registration is May 8.**

***It won't be a party if you're not there!!***

**Looking for High School Sophomores and Seniors** – Sophomores going into junior year for RYLA and Seniors for Scholarships. Note that the deadline has been extended in order to permit as many students as possible to take advantage of these opportunities. Contact Kathy Cotter FMI.

**District Conference – May 14.** The theme for the conference is **Celebrate Our Rebirth**, with social events to meet Rotary friends and make new Rotary friends. Conference Registration is open now: <https://rotary7780.myeventcenter.com/event/District-7780-Conference-2022-62388>  
**The registration deadline is 5:00 PM May 9.** The district webpage has more details: <https://rotary7780.org/>

The Club has set aside funds to sponsor members who wish to attend. Due to being on medications, President Dave was understandably a little fuzzy about the exact amounts...somewhere between \$1,000 and \$50. (Actually, it was \$50-100 depending on how many people want to attend.)

**Another Thank You Celebration!** – Having thanked the South Portland Public Works employees a few weeks ago, it was now time to thank the Cape Elizabeth crew this week. There were 18 in attendance at the Cape Fire House on April 28, including Public Works Director Jay Reynolds. Helping to serve were:

- 🍷 Edie Davidson
- 🍷 Dan Davidson (taking the picture)
- 🍷 Jim Britt
- 🍷 Doug Schauf
- 🍷 Tony Wagner



**“My transition into retirement, finding a new avocation: Photography!”** – Sue Sturtevant introduced our speaker this week, Dick Sawyer, a former member of the Portland Rotary.



Dick created a small firm financial planning firm, and after 13 years of hard work he found that he was putting in long, stressful days and it was difficult to balance his work and family responsibilities. He signed up for a three-year program, with quarterly meetings in Toronto, to learn how to establish strategic goals. At the initial class, the first assignment was to answer this question, “If you had a free day to yourself with no family or work obligations, what would you do?” Dick had no idea, and couldn’t write a thing; he had no idea what “free time” was. He did discover, through the course, that he needed to “Focus on Progress; Forget about Perfection.” So he established goals in three months increments; at the end of the period he evaluated what he did accomplish, and set goals for the next three months. Following this process helped him in transitioning to retirement.

At age 53, he decided to rekindle an interest by taking the very popular 5-week course at Cape Elizabeth Community Services – Introduction to Photography – taught by our talented, departed member Jack Kennealy. Dick still uses notes from that course. Jack advised students to focus on composition and light. It’s not all about the equipment, but rather what you are doing with it. Even so, Dick recalls telling his wife, Betty, “This is gonna cost us a lot of money.”

His actual transition to retirement was roughly a nine year process. He let his partners and clients know of his intentions and slowly phased himself out in stages. Using the three-month goal-setting process, he gave up some of his internal duties and retained a few select customers. He decided to simply let go, albeit in a planned way. Driving to work about six months before his planned full-time retirement date, he realized he had no work appointments and nothing demanding at home. Dick serendipitously discovered he had a free day and was easily able to answer the question posed so long before: I’m going to take photographs all day long! He drove right by the office. He traveled from Fort Popham to Bailey’s Island to Harpswell and returned home after watching the sunset. He was gone all day, and nobody cared where he was!

Dick’s retirement avocation is photography. He enjoys every opportunity to catch a moment in time from behind the lens. His images include people, scenery, sporting events, architecture, nature, and...well, seemingly everything. His presentation concluded with a slideshow of stunning photographs from all of these categories: Acadia, Yosemite, Sedona, South Portland



high school basketball and volleyball games, tallships in Portland harbor and schooners in Boothbay Harbor, butterflies and flowers, Victoria Mansion, the volunteers at South Portland Food Cupboard, Harbor Fish Market...a true sampling of everything.

The breathtaking photographs – taken by both a \$2000+ camera and an iPhone - shows Dick is well along the path suggested by Jack: focus on light and composition. Adrienne Murphy summed it up quite nicely, “Jack would be ecstatic with what you showed us.”

You can find his work at <https://www.richardsawyerphotography.com/>



**The Bulletin Goes Commercial!** – In response to a request from a WinterFest sponsor, the Board approved selling ads in the bulletin at its last meeting. So you will be seeing information provided by that sponsor, North43 Bistro in this and future bulletins.



**North43Bistro**  
**1 Spring Point Drive**  
**(207) 747-4009**

**Open Mother's Day Reservations 12pm through 7:00pm**

### **Bob's May Magazine Quiz!**

*(Editor's Note – you'll actually need to read the magazine to answer these – as Bob says, "they can't all be marshmallow questions!")*

1. In what year did the Paul Harris Society become an official Rotary Foundation Program?
  - a. 2002
  - b. 1949
  - c. 1925
  - d. 2013
2. How many Americans have Alzheimer's disease?
  - a. 2.8 million
  - b. 13.4 million
  - c. 5.8 million
  - d. 8.7 million
3. How many active Rotary clubs are there in Ukraine?
  - a. 22
  - b. 83
  - c. 56
  - d. 61
4. Rotarian Victor Fleming from Little Rock asks on line 39 of the crossword puzzle, "Some municipal buildings," which requires an answer having 15 letters. What is it?
5. Bonus Question: What can a Rotarian get if he or she pays \$85/month for eleven months and \$65 for the twelfth month?

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