

# TWO LIGHTS

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

**August 11, 2021**



**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:

**August 14** – Art in the Park, Mill Creek Park, South Portland. *See today's Portland Press Herald for full list of artists, as well as our name listed as one of an exclusive group of food vendors.*

**August 16, 6 p.m.** - Sounds by the Sea concert at Fort Williams – this week: Always, Sometimes

**August 18** – Official visit by District Governor Dick Hall at Cape Elizabeth High School cafeteria (same place as lobsterbake) – to be catered by Willows – please signup (or contact Dave B or Mike Tranfaglia directly) so that we will have an accurate head count.

**August 23, 6 p.m.** - Sounds by the Sea concert at Fort Williams, Portland Jazz Orchestra

**August 24, 6 p.m.** – Sea Dogs vs Reading Fightin Phils! See Catherine's email for details and to sign up

**August 24** – We will open Bug Light for a private tour for a group of students from Windham

**August 25** – **NO MEETING** (meeting at Sea Dogs on Tuesday instead)

**September 1** – Bug Light will be open for the Car Show

**September 1**- Chief Bob MacKenzie, Update on District's Opioid Crisis Response

**September 11, 9-3** – Maine Open Lighthouse Day

**SPECIAL NOTE RE NEXT WEEK'S MEETING** – DG Dick (see article below for definition of “DG”) is an engineer and more tech-savvy than the average Rotarian. He has made a point of learning how clubs could conduct hybrid meetings. He will be bringing equipment to next week's meeting so that it will be a hybrid meeting – i.e. you can attend LIVE or on your COMPUTER at home (or on your phone at Fore River Brewery). *(Not sure if it will be the usual zoom link – look for President Dave's email next week.)*

## OPENING WORDS

August 11 – Fran Bagdasarian noted that August is Membership Month in Rotary, a time to celebrate our members and our club. She commented on our successes of the past year and our transition to the next normal, quoting from Margaret Shephard:

*“Sometimes the only available transportation is a leap of faith.”*

August 18 – Tony Wagner

September 1 – Adrienne Murphy

Note: Since we don't know who will be attending in the Zoom world, rather than assigning duties we are asking people to volunteer to say some opening words – please consider taking a turn once or twice a year - you can sign up at this [link](#).

*Also, you can find the signup on the club website – it's in the Members Only drop-down menu (Thank you, Scott!!)*

## What's New With Our Members

Happy Birthday to

 Joe Conroy (August 16)

 Tony Wagner (August 25)

Happy Anniversary to Dave (Jr) & Megan Bagdasarian - August 19

*Rotaversary correction - when Rotarians transfer to another club, ClubRunner sometimes loses track of the correct anniversary - Bob Knupp has actually been a Rotarian for 41 years (not 27 as CR was showing).*

*Thank you to Sarah Fisher and Chris Speh who have volunteered to be part of the “tech group” - assisting with co-host duties and playing a potential role in the development of a hybrid meeting format. Please contact Past President Mike Multiple Names if you have any interest in joining them (or questions about what it would entail).*

*Ongoing wishes for a smooth and speedy recovery for Tim Butterworth.*

*Safe and healthy travels to Laurenz & Barbara Schmidt who are heading to Europe next week for a wedding!*

**Re-Run Alert!!** – With apologies to everyone who remembers this article from previous years, I am trotting out the following information for the 7<sup>th</sup> 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?*** Dick Hall was “born” into Rotary – his grandfather Preston Hall and his father Ed Hall were members of the Worcester, MA Rotary club. His father was also a district governor in Massachusetts. Dick started out in the Worcester club also and joined the Lewiston-Auburn club in 1990 and the Portland club in 1997. Dick and his wife Andrea (Andy) would normally be spending their summers at their camp “Little Loon” on Rangeley Lake, so we appreciate him taking time to visit us next week.

**Ideas Wanted** – We are tentatively planning to replace one meeting each month with a social and/or service activity - such as the Sea Dogs in two weeks. If you have ideas for other activities we could do throughout the year, please forward your ideas to President Bags or Mike Tranfaglia.

**THINK SNOW** – Or actually maybe just think cooler weather since we can't rely on having snow for WinterFest. At this week's meeting we talked about various aspects of WinterFest:

- Purpose – primarily to provide FUN FREE FAMILY activities during the winter, with a secondary purpose of supporting the businesses who sponsor the event, with a particular emphasis on the Knightville businesses.
- Importance to Club – the net revenue from WF for the past 4 years has been just over \$31,000, so it is an important source of revenue to the club.
- Location/Activities – the city is contemplating moving WF back to Mill Creek Park, with a focus on activities that would not have to be cancelled if there's no snow or ice.
- Timing – it was suggested that we might have a better chance of having snow if it were held later than the last weekend of January.
- Personnel – Tony reported that the following had expressed a potential interest in being involved with WinterFest:
  - Doug Schauf
  - Kathy Cotter
  - Aaron Mathews
  - Aaron Filieo
  - Ellie Speh
  - Chris Speh

In addition, Tony (and Bev?) do not want to have any leadership/management responsibilities (they've done more than their share in the past – THANK YOU!) but are willing to continue with their sales roles.

The position of Committee Co-Chairs is (was) open – I think Patty volunteered for this? And Sari may have volunteered to help her? Bags and Vice-President Dan McDonald will be working to firm up who's doing what.

***Thank you to the club gardeners who have been working all summer to maintain the beautiful gardens at the Ft. Williams picnic shelter and at Bug Light!***



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Dick Hall, Rotary Club of Portland

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