

# TWO LIGHTS

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

**August 18, 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 21** – Lions Club BBQ Chicken Dinner – place orders by Friday at noon by calling Mark at 207-321-9393 or sending email to [lionsclubceme@gmail.com](mailto:lionsclubceme@gmail.com) or going to their [online ordering site](#). More info at their FB page: <https://www.facebook.com/capeelizabethlionsclub/>

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

**August 23, 7 p.m.** – Club Board of Directors meeting via Zoom

**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 4-6:30 for the Antique Car Show

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

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

## OPENING WORDS

August 18 – Tony Wagner shared some quotes about giving – here are a couple of them:

*“The meaning of life is to find your gift. The purpose of life is to give it away” – Pablo Picasso*

*“Only a life lived for others is a life worthwhile” – Albert Einstein*

September 1 – Adrienne Murphy

Please sign up for the opening words duty at this [link](#) or on the club website in the Members Only drop-down menu.


## What's New With Our Members

*Happy Birthday to*

 *Tony Wagner (August 24)*

*Happy Anniversary to*

 *Dave (Jr) & Megan Bagdasarlian - August 19*

 *John & Sue LoBosco - August 31*

*Congratulations to lucky raffle winner John LoBosco who won a gift certificate to C Salt Gourmet donated by Nicole.*

*Ongoing get well wishes for Tim Butterworth. Dan Davidson heard from Debbie that Tim is home from the hospital and that “recovery is slow but we measure by small accomplishments.”*

*Our very best wishes go to Brenda Cressey as she transfers to the Ogunquit club. Brenda lives in Wells so as we begin to do more in-person interaction, it makes more sense for her to get to know her neighbors in that area. We have been privileged to have Brenda in our club and look forward to seeing her at District events.*

*Best wishes also to Patrick Veroneau who has resigned from the club. We didn't often see Patrick at meetings but he tended to be involved behind the scenes such as his presentation at the district conference a couple years ago.*

*Guests this week – We welcomed our Assistant District Governor Laura Young. Although not actually guests, we were happy to see Ray Healey and Frank Butterworth. The Zoomers also enjoyed the canine company of Angus, Annie and Carina.*

**Community Service Opportunities** – Here’s an update to the email Tony sent on Tuesday:

- Basketball hoop has been found – thank you to Kathy Ray for the donation!
- August 29 Skate Park fundraiser volunteers – Rose Kennealy has volunteered for the 3-4:30 time slot – just need one person to pass out popcorn in the 4:30-6 time slot.
- We will have a work party either on September 9 or 10 from 3-6 at the Gull Crest trail – stay tuned for an update. Let Tony know if you have a strong preference for either of these days.
- Also another opportunity not in Tony’s email – the Food Cupboard needs two drivers from 7:30 – 9:00 a.m. on Saturdays to pick up food at the Scarborough Hannaford. Please contact Tony for more information or if you can volunteer.

**We Went Hybrid – and it Worked!** – This week some of us were at the Cape Elizabeth High School cafeteria eating food from Willows – thank you Dave Bagdasarian, Jr. and Tom Meyers for making the arrangements! And some of us were on Zoom. I’m assuming that there was a screen at CEHS that displayed the people on Zoom. Speaking as one of the Zoomers, it seemed to work. And President Dave reported that it seemed to work out fine on the live end as well. Thank you to DG Dick Hall for bringing the necessary equipment. If you have any interest in helping with the logistics of implementing hybrid meetings going forward, please get in touch with Mike G. Here’s what the audience for Dick’s presentation looked like to the Zoomers:



**Congratulations, John!** – One of the things what “worked” in our meeting this week was the presentation of John LoBosco’s PHF+8 pin. Club Foundation co-chairs Nancy H and Anne did the verbal introduction and presentation from their homes on Zoom, while the actual physical presentation was done by President Dave and DG Dick in person at CEHS. Proving that ***we can do this*** – you don’t have to be present in person to fully participate in club meetings and activities! Congratulations to John, and thank you John and Sue for your generosity to The Rotary Foundation!



**Visit from Our Governor** – Our speaker this week was our District Governor Dick Hall, who discussed some of the issues facing Rotary clubs. I gave you some background information about Dick in last week's bulletin but in telling you all about his family Rotary connections, I neglected to mention that his daughter Catherine is also a Rotarian – a member of the Portland Sunrise Rotary Club. Dick encouraged us to cherish the core elements of Rotary: service, social interaction and fun. In urging us to be flexible, he said that there are no “Rotary police” – we can do whatever we want as long as we stay true to the mission of service and abide by the 4-Way Test. He is encouraging all Rotarians in our District to introduce at least one person to Rotary this year – invite them to a meeting, service project or other activity that helps them to learn what we are all about. If they learn about all the great things we do, chances are they'll want to join us! He described some efforts that he's hoping all clubs in the district will get involved in, for example an ocean/lake/river clean-up day in September (for our club it will be the Gull Crest trail work) and Pints for Polio in October (find a brewery to donate \$1/pint to PolioPlus on a specified day). He also informed us that one of the Saco clubs is challenging the other clubs in the district to a “sing-off” at the district conference – oh my!! The club thanked Dick with a donation in his name to PolioPlus and with a restaurant gift certificate.



**Shout Out to Nurses** – I think I can get away with editorializing since our current (Fran) and former (Becca) “first ladies” were/are nurses. As I mentioned at this week's meeting, I was at Maine Med on Monday for a non-invasive procedure to alleviate atrial fibrillation (I know, TMI! I'm fine), which gave me a renewed appreciation for the dedication and professionalism of nurses. It also gave me an appreciation for the fact that COVID-19 is not just a story in the news for them. Some of them (e.g. my main nurse Krista) feel heartache for the sickest patients, some of whose suffering is exacerbated by the restrictions on visitors (she said this as we walked through a deserted waiting room). And some of them (e.g. my recovery room nurse; I was too groggy to remember her name) who are still haunted by the trauma of seeing so many of their patients die from COVID-19. (She used to be a traveling nurse but I didn't catch where they sent her – probably NYC?) I got the impression that they all wanted nothing more than to see this pandemic over and done with as soon as possible. Our club and everyone in it has done a fabulous job in making health and safety a priority. Let's all keep on doing our part – for the nurses!



**ART!!** – Thank you to Jim Britt for chairing our food trailer at Art in the Park this past Saturday. And thank you to everyone who worked in the heat at this event, including several Lions! While our profit didn't set any records, it was still a big success in that there was such a strong sense of community to the entire event!!



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