

TWO LIGHTS

Rotary Club of South Portland – Cape Elizabeth

August 4, 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. Note that the numbers of vendors is limited this year but we're a preferred vendor! See signup email from Jim Britt. More info about the event at www.artintheparkmaine.com

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 - look for signup email

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

OPENING WORDS

August 4 – Michele Danois shared some quotes by John Lewis and Michelle Obama (I couldn't write fast enough to catch them all and I couldn't find them when I googled – you had to be there!)

August 11 – [no one has signed up yet – please sign up at this link.](#)

August 18 – Tony Wagner

September 1 – Adrienne Murphy

What's New With Our Members

Get well wishes to Tim Butterworth following surgery after a fall. Cards can be sent to 21 McAuley Road, Cape Elizabeth, ME 04107

Also banged up are Laurenz Schmidt (healing from foot surgery) and Paul Butler (herniated disc; waiting for word on the corrective plan) - best wishes for speedy healing to both of them.

Happy Birthday to

🍰 Tural Nadirli (August 12)

🍰 Joe Conroy (August 16)

Happy Anniversary to

🎂 Brenda & Dick Cressey - 53 years on August 10

🎂 Paul & Janet Butler - 65 years on August 11

🎂 Dick & Priscilla Yerxa - 59 years on August 11

🎂 Frank & Debbie Butterworth - 49 years on August 12

Thank you to

❖ Catherine Callahan for coordinating our social outing at the Sea Dogs (see her email for details and to sign up).

❖ Sarah Fisher for co-hosting this week's Zoom meeting.

❖ Sue Sturtevant for giving a tour of Bug Light to a group of special students today (8/5)

Guests this Week: Bill York (always great to see you, Bill), DeeDee Wacksman and Carolyn Manson (invited as a guest of the speaker)

Bug Light in the News! – You may have seen the photo in the Portland Press Herald of Tony, Phil Dube and Rose Kennealy cleaning Bug Light Saturday morning. Sarah Fisher gets credit too – she wanted to join them but couldn't find them.

Quick Hits –

- Please contact Mike G if you are willing to join the “tech crew.”
- Contact Tony Wagner if you are interested in serving on one of the various Community Service committees – he’ll fill you in on what the opportunities are.
- The Cape Elizabeth Conservation Committee is looking for volunteers from September 8-12 to move lumber in preparation for the Maine Conservation Corps replacing a new boardwalk on the Gull Crest Outer Loop – this might be our September social/service “meeting” – stay tuned for more info.
- Two volunteers are needed on Sunday August 29 to pass out popcorn at a fundraiser for the SP Skatepark (which our club has already donated \$1,000 to) – time slots are 3-4:30 and 4:30 – 6 – contact Michele or Tony to volunteer.

The Clean Energy Corridor – Our speaker this week was Thorn Dickinson, the President and CEO of New England Clean Energy Connect. Thorn described some of the environmental and economic benefits of the proposed 145-mile transmission line that will bring clean renewable hydropower to the New England grid:

- ✓ It will reduce the demand for fossil fuel-powered electricity, removing 3 million metric tons of dirty emissions from the air every year.
- ✓ It will permanently conserve 40,000 acres in Western Maine.
- ✓ It will create 1,600 good-paying jobs every year during construction, most of them going to Mainers.
- ✓ The corridor will save \$14-44 million/year in wholesale energy costs.

Thorn also presented the language of the ballot referendum, which includes three questions in one:

- ✓ Retroactively requires two-thirds legislative approval of leases of public lands
- ✓ Retroactively bans “the construction of high-impact electric transmission lines in the upper Kennebec region.”
- ✓ Retroactively requires legislative approval of the construction of “high-impact transmission lines” anywhere in Maine.

Note that Thorn was invited because what most Mainers know about the corridor is limited to the commercials we see and we wanted to become more informed. Since it will be a question on the ballot, however, we are actively looking for a speaker to present the opposing side – please let Mike McGovern know of potential speakers.



Answers to Bob's Magazine Quiz!

1. The President's page mentions how RI membership has stagnated over the last 20 years. At what level?
 - a. 2 million
 - b. 1.6 million
 - c. 1.2 million**
 - d. 1 million
2. Can you name the editor in chief of the Rotary magazine? [John Rezek](#)
3. Mexico has a very young population (unlike Maine). What percentage is under the age of 25?
 - a. 52%
 - b. 43%**
 - c. 38%
 - d. 31%
4. Jennifer Jones of Canada is the President-Elect of RI. What makes her unique? [No person of the female gender has ever served as RI President since its founding in 1905.](#)

Bonus Question:

Once again, Rotarian Victor Fleming has conjured up a challenging crossword puzzle (page 63). What is the answer to the first across clue which reads "generosity" (7 letters)? [Largess](#)

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