

TWO LIGHTS

**Rotary Club of South Portland – Cape Elizabeth
December 1, 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:

December 2 – Food Cupboard unloading – Brent Wilson is coordinating

December 3 – Tree Lighting at Mill Creek Park

December 4 – Tree Unloading

December 22 – No Meeting – Happy Holidays!

December 28 – Board meeting via Zoom – please let Dave B know if you'd like the link

December 29 – No Meeting

January 28-29 – WinterFest!

OPENING WORDS




December 1 – Fran Bagdasarian invoked a blessing upon the club.

December 8 – John LoBosco

December 15 – Tiffanie Bentley

What's New With Our Members

Happy Birthday to

-  Mike Tranfaglia (December 2)
-  Adrienne Murphy (December 8)
-  Katelyn Estes (December 8)

Congratulations to Phil Dube who won the raffle prize of a Shaw's gift certificate donated by Fran

Get well wishes for Paul Butler!

Congratulations to former member Denis Landry on the completion of the VA building on Commercial Street - and thanks for your generous donation to WinterFest!

Congratulations to Scooby Dube for winning the football pool last week!

Congratulations to Trash Talkin Nancy Hawes who finally got an opportunity to talk some trash after winning the tie-breaker this week (she tied with Fran aka Better Half in the Bags).

December Rotaversaries:

-  Joan Frustaci - 18 years
-  Frank Butterworth - 24 years

Guests this week:

- ❖ Return visitors Bob Hansen (guest of Dan McDonald) and Mary McGreehan
- ❖ Former club president Jeff Gabrielson who has recently moved back to Cape Elizabeth. Jeff was famous (infamous?) for always starting meetings with (VERY) corny jokes.
- ❖ We also had some club members attend in person for the first time: Bob Knupp, Aaron Mathews and Jack Roberts.

Perennial Reminders:

- If you haven't done so, please send a copy of your vaccine card to Mike Tranfaglia.
- As you get your COVID-19 booster, please consider vaxxing it forward (i.e. making a donation to PolioPlus)
- If you plan to attend meetings in person, please consider joining the "tech" team, which does not require actually being very technical. The team is working out the bugs week by week and they are coming up with an easy-to-follow process.

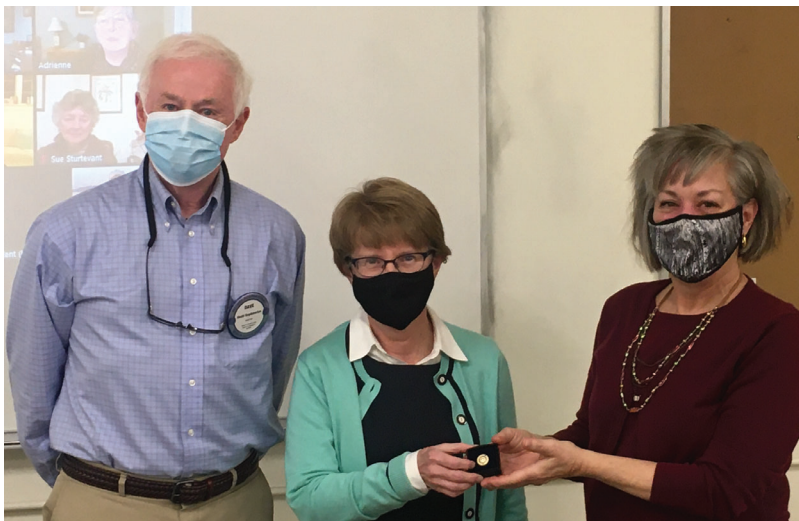
Feel Good Stories from the Tree Lot

Feel Good Story #1 – Jim Britt reports that a couple bought \$400(?) worth of utility grade trees for the club to donate to anyone that we feel is in need of a donated tree. They are spreading the word a little bit so if anyone comes in saying that “Jesse and Kim sent them,” that means they should be given a free tree. Also we can use our own discretion in giving away one of their trees. (I believe a tally is being kept in the trailer.)

Feel Good Story #2 (*this is from an email from Bob Knupp*) – “On one of my weekend shifts, a young couple came on the lot and did an extended review of the merchandise, before finally selecting their dream tree. They were super nice and we had a very pleasant conversation. At the end the wife asked if we had hot chocolate. We laughed and said we were only given water. About an hour later, they showed up with five cups of hot chocolate from a local vendor. What grace and class.”

Rotary Foundation Minute – Foundation Committee member Adrienne Murphy presented a “minute” about one of the Foundation’s Areas of Focus – Community and Economic Development. As an example of Foundation activity in this area, she spoke about a program in Guatemala which helps women. The program involves financial literacy training, mentoring and microloans. As a result of this program, many families are able to move into the middle class.

Rotary Foundation Presentation – the program Adrienne described and thousands of others are only possible as a result of donations to the Rotary Foundation. This week we honored Fran Bagdasarian’s ongoing generosity with a multiple Paul Harris Fellow pin.



Club Donations – President Dave announced the donations that had been approved at the last board meeting:

- \$ 350 for the tree lighting at Mill Creek Park (tomorrow!)
- \$ 3,500 to Milestone Recovery
- \$ 1,500 to the Brick Hill Bike & Ski Club

Stay Warm in Rotary Style – Kathy Cotter has ordered 5 Rotary winter hats – she’s not sure of the delivery date. Please let her know if you’re interested.

Where to Wear Your Rotary Winter Hat: Patty Sprague (chair), Sari Greene and Chris Speh from the WinterFest committee spoke about the upcoming festivities. The theme this year is “Celebrating Community Coming Together.” The schedule is:

Friday, January 28, 5:30 – 8:00 – food and music in the Knightville area

Saturday, January 29, 8:00 – 10:30 – Lions breakfast at SP Community Center

Saturday, 11:00 – 3:00 – Family fun in the Mill Creek area. At least 13 community groups will be running a game/activity or having an exhibit.

Saturday, 5:30 – fireworks at Fort Williams

The committee has done a fantastic job in collaborating with the city and other groups to pull together a celebration of the community coming together (hey, maybe that’s how they got their slogan!) - and moreover, one that is NOT dependent on ice and snow. There will be opportunities for all of us to volunteer at the event itself.

A Word from the RI PolioPlus Chair (i.e. Michael McGovern) – *The following article was written last week at the request of an End Polio Now newsletter in Mexico, but we can pretend it was written to us.*

Greetings to all of you. It is now late November and the world has seen only four cases of the wild polio virus in 2021. Two weeks ago we were saddened to hear that two children, a boy and a girl, had become infected with polio in Kanduz, Afghanistan. This news was received just as a two week national immunization drive in Afghanistan was ending. The drive appeared to be a good start after three years of the country being partially inaccessible. Now, with all areas of the country under one control and the new government indicating a commitment to enhancing polio eradication activities, we look for continuing progress in the country. The vaccination drive had some house to house vaccinations and some areas where parents had to take their children to a vaccination site. Fortunately, Kanduz is a location where house to house vaccinations occurred thus reaching more children.

On 23rd November we heard that an environmental sample in Tank District in Pakistan tested positive for polio. This is not a polio case but shows that polio is still circulating in the area. We also heard that the two cases in Kanduz were genetically related to the same virus found in Tank this week. In other words, the cases in Kanduz and the positive environmental sample are connected.

Just an hour before writing this, our Pakistan Rotary Polio Chair Trustee Aziz Memon and I met with a small group with Pakistan Prime Minister Imran Khan. He agreed to use all measures to respond to the environmental positive result and to work with Afghanistan to eradicate polio. He also had much praise for Rotary and the support all of you have given.

Everyone’s support around the world is crucial at this point. Chris Elias, the Chair of the Polio

Oversight Board in the meeting with Prime Minister Khan said we are truly “this close.” He is also the Global President of Development for the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. Not everyone has always felt that we were very close, so hearing this today was welcome news. Thank you for all that you do to eradicate polio.



Bob's Quiz!

1. What is the significance of this month?
 - a. Water and Sanitation
 - b. Recycled Sleighs
 - c. Disease Prevention
 - d. Dollars for Health
2. Maple Grove is a city located where?
 - a. Forty-two miles north of Detroit
 - b. Fifteen miles from Minnesota
 - c. A suburb of Green Bay
 - d. A place too far
3. Stephen Sutton is featured as an entomologist. What is that?
 - a. An internal medicine specialist
 - b. One who studies ents
 - c. A World Health person who specializes in Covid analysis
 - d. One who chases moths and butterflies
4. How many drive-in theaters are still in existence in the United States?
 - a. 17
 - b. 278
 - c. 539
 - d. 305

It's Time to Decorate Lighthouses!



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