

# TWO LIGHTS

**Rotary Club of South Portland – Cape Elizabeth  
February 9, 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:

**February 15, 6:30** – District New Member Orientation on Rotary Beyond the Club (Zoom link – if you did not receive it and are interested, ask President Dave, Laurenz or me to send it to you)

**February 16** – Club “Assembly” (Zoom Only)

**February 19, 5 – 7:30** – Lions Club Spaghetti Dinner. All you can eat – at clubhouse (1 Wheeler Road, Cape Elizabeth) or To Go. \$12 for spaghetti, salad, garlic bread, soft drinks & dessert.

**February 22** – District 7780 World Peace & Understanding Celebration (Zoom)

**February 22, 7 p.m.** – Board meeting (tentative; may be re-scheduled to 2/23)

**February 23** – No Meeting

**February 24, 5:30 – 7:30** – Food Unloading at South Portland Food Cupboard

**March 2** – Tentatively back to Hybrid Meetings

## **OPENING WORDS**

*February 9* – In light of the upcoming Super Bowl, Matt McAleney opened the meeting with some quotes about football that apply to life in general.

*“In life as in football, you won’t go far unless you know where the goalposts are.”*

“People who work together will win, whether it be against complex football defenses, or the problems of modern society.” – Vince Lombardi

“The game of life is a lot like football. You have to tackle your problems, block your fears, and score your points when you get the opportunity.” – Lewis Grizzard

### **Opening Words Duty:**

- February 16 – AnneMarie McCoubrey
- March 2 – Dan McDonald
- March 9 – Mike McGovern





(If you cannot make it to the meeting, forward your opening words to Dave to read on your behalf.)

### **Raffle Gift Donor Schedule:**

- March 2 – Tiffanie Bentley
- March 9 – Jim Britt
- March 16 – Frank Butterworth\_

### **What's New With Our Members**

*Happy Birthday to*

-  *Nancy Irving - Valentine's Day Eve (Feb. 13)*
-  *Anne Marie McCoubrey - also Valentine's Day Eve!*
-  *Laurenz Schmidt (Feb. 18)*
-  *David Lourie (Feb. 21)*

*Happy Lincoln's Birthday Anniversary to Chuck & Melissa Redman (Feb. 12)*

*Congratulations to John & Sue LoBosco on the birth of their first grandchild, a boy. They received the news right before the fireworks started on Saturday!!*

*Many club members have been very happy in the past 2 weeks - if you owe happy dollars, you can give them to Kathy in person once we return to hybrid meetings, or you can mail it to her at:*

*Kathy Cotter  
5 Thrasher Road  
Cape Elizabeth 04107*

Joining from afar:

*Bill Lohrman from Camden*

*Kiley Wilkens O'Brien from China Lake*

*Tony from the Adirondacks*

*Chris & Ellie Speh from North Carolina*

*Sari from Turks & Caicos*

**Worth Waiting For!** – President Dave reported for Nominating Chair Mike Geneseo (feel better, Mike!) on the committee's nominations for officers for the year 2022-23 (i.e. next July to the following June). Two positions are defined in the bylaws and not subject to a club vote:

- ★ President – current President-Elect Jim Britt will automatically become President
- ★ Director at large – current President Dave will automatically become a member of the board with no specific duties other than to share his wisdom (and chair the nominating committee).

These club members have been nominated to fill the designated positions – there were no additional nominations from the floor so after giving you a period of time to cogitate on how you will vote, as provided in the bylaws, we will be voting to elect these officers at our meeting on March 2:

- ★ President-Elect – Dan McDonald
- ★ Vice-President – Nancy Irving
- ★ Treasurer – Tom Hamerski
- ★ Secretary – Kathy Cotter
- ★ International Service Director – Peter Bennett
- ★ Club Service Director – Mike Tranfaglia
- ★ Community Service Director – Kiley Wilkens O'Brien
- ★ Membership Director – Matt McAleney
- ★ Youth Service Co-Directors – Tiffanie Bentley & Sarah Fisher

*Editorial Comment – The nominating committee has done an outstanding job in coming up with a slate of officers who are each uniquely well-qualified to fill the position that they were nominated for – great job!!*

**Your Ideas Wanted** – Our new Program chair John LoBosco has enlisted a Program Committee to help him out; the committee consists of:

- Sue Sturtevant
- Tiffanie Bentley
- Tom Meyers
- Mike Geneseo
- Bill Anderson
- Mike McGovern

If you have any suggestions for interesting programs, please contact John or any committee member.

**Greater Portland Family Promise** – Brent Wilson, who is a board member of Greater Portland Family Promise (he was hooked on the program due to volunteering with them in Montana), introduced Michelle Lamm, Executive Director. GPPF's mission is to “help families experiencing homelessness and low-income families achieve sustainable independence through a community-based response.” Pre-pandemic, the program housed homeless families in area churches/temples on a rotating basis and provided case management services to help them find homes. While many of the families are still matched with a congregation, the focus of the program is now more sharply focused on helping families find homes and on providing auxiliary services (laundry, transportation, helping them get food stamps, etc.). It takes about 4-6 months to get families out of motels and into apartments. Their goal is to move two families per month but in December they moved six families! Michelle described the difficulty for these families to make ends meet – after paying rent there is often as little as \$200/month remaining to pay for food and all the other needs of a family. In recognition of the good work they do (most of it based in South Portland), our board recently approved a donation of \$2,500 to Greater Portland Family Promise.



**Fireworks in February?!?! –** The fireworks crew reported that we had about twice as many people attending the fireworks at Fort Williams on Saturday as we were expecting (based on a wag!) – they even had to close the gate! They were a tremendous success and a great way to bring the community together, which was the goal of our WinterFest committee. Many thanks to the WinterFest Committee leaders Patty and Sari, as well as Tony (who made it all happen) and all the volunteers who stood in the cold to help park cars at the fort.

*(I think that's Dan D, Matt & Tony hanging up sponsor banners but couldn't swear to it!)*







### **Bob's February Quiz!**

1. What is the significance of February 23<sup>rd</sup>?
  - a. The three-week anniversary of Groundhog Day
  - b. The anniversary of the New Deal
  - c. **The anniversary of Rotary**
  - d. The anniversary of Tom Brady's professional career
2. What do Aikaterini Kotsali-Papadimitriou and Ananthanarayanan S. Venkatesh have in common?
  - a. A primer in name spelling
  - b. **Rotary directors**
  - c. Winners in the longest name contest
  - d. Leading foreign soccer stars from Greece and India
3. What percentage of the world's wetlands are located in Canada?
  - a. 2%
  - b. 38%
  - c. 45%
  - d. **25%**
4. In this month's crossword puzzle by Victor Fleming, there is a clue which reads "Phil's home commonwealth, abutted by Lake Erie." What is it (Hint: 12 letters) **Punxsutawney**

(And extra credit if you can name the female lead actress in the movie associated with Phil and February 2) **Andie McDowell**

**ROTARY CLUB OF SOUTH  
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Officers

President – Dave Bagdasarian  
President-Elect – Jim Britt  
Vice-President – Dan McDonald  
Secretary – Kathy Cotter  
Treasurer – Nicole Albert

Directors

Club Administration – Mike Tranfaglia  
Youth Services – Katelyn Estes  
Community Services – Tony Wagner  
International Services/Foundation – Peter Bennett  
Membership – Laurenz Schmidt  
Director-At-Large – Michael Geneseo

Committee Chairs

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Program Chair – Mike McGovern

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