

# TWO LIGHTS

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

**January 5, 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:

**January 19** – Cassandra Varanka, District 7780's newest Peace Scholar – **ZOOM ONLY**

**January 25, 7 p.m. (on Zoom)** – Board meeting. Let President Dave know if you would like to attend.

**January 26** – NO MEETING (See you at WinterFest!)

**January 27 (Thursday), 5:30 – 7:00** – Food unpacking at SP Food Cupboard (dinner will be served)

**January 29** – WinterFest!

**February 2** – Kerem Durdag, Thoughts on Maine's Future

## **OPENING WORDS**

*January 12* – Ellie Speh shared the poem “Resolute” by Amanda Gorman:

*This rush of peace runs  
So deep it roots us to the spot.  
It is true that poetry  
Can lamp an era scraped hollow,  
A year we barely swallowed.*

There is a justice in joy,  
Starlit against all that  
We have ended, endured &  
Entered.  
We will not stir stones.  
We shall make mountains.


*January 19 – Chris Speh*



***Please sign up for February opening words – go to the “Members Only” dropdown menu on the club homepage and select “Opening Words Signup.”***

**Raffle Gift Donor Schedule:**

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

**What's New With Our Members**

*Happy Birthday to*  
 *Jack Roberts (January 16)*

*Happy Anniversary to*  
 *Doug & Dana Schauf (January 21)*  
 *Bob & Judy Knupp (January 30)*

*Congratulations to Mike & Becca Geneseo on their 9-year-old joining them this weekend!!*

*Congratulations to Regan St. Pierre who is now technically a member of our club (but due to not being able to meet in person yet, we are postponing the induction ceremonies for her and other new members.)*

*Our sincere condolences to former member John Thibodeau on the passing of his wife Margaret.*

*Also our sincere sympathies go out to our new member Mary McGreehan whose mom passed away last week.*

*Guests this week:* *New guest Scott Akerman and returning guest Jennifer Sperry*

**SMCC Update Again** – In response to the continuing spike in COVID cases, even among the fully vaccinated, the SMCC will be offering take-out only at their cafeteria for the next couple weeks. Since that presents logistical issues, and since our speaker will be presenting via Zoom anyway, we will be meeting fully on Zoom next week.

**And the Yorkie Goes To...** – The last week of the football regular season featured yet another tie by “If it’s Brown, it’s Down Anderson” and “Well Played Ade” Murphy. For the season as a whole, there are two winners – the person with the most correct picks for the season, and the person with the most weekly wins. The most correct picks went to “Half in the Bags” (President Dave) Bagdasarian, who beat out “Wallow in the Meyers” by one game. However the owner of the Yorkie for the next year is Mr. Meyers who won weeks 13, 15 and 16. Tom described winning the trophy as a “life-changing experience, even better than the birth of his children.”

**WinterFest is a Go!** – Although the Friday night activities have been cancelled since they involve food, the Saturday activities are all outdoors and still on. There will be lots of fun activities at Mill Creek Park from 11-3, and then fireworks at 5:30 at Fort Williams Park.



Sari and Patty presented the theme of “Celebrating Community Coming Together” and it’s not just a slogan – there are over a dozen community groups that are joining with us to offer fun things to do for the whole family – ice skating, snowshoeing, S’mores, crafts, Chuck-a-Puck, Score-O, musical entertainment, Touch-a-Truck, skateboarding demos, StoryWalk – and MORE! We are not offering prizes but there will be lots of “giveaways” (stickers, etc.). Then of course spectacular fireworks in the evening – thanks go to Tony Wagner for jumping through all the hoops to make that happen. And for leading the sales team which came in with a whopping total of \$46,500 in ad sales!!

We will need lots of volunteers to help with the event but in true SPCE Rotary fashion, many of the volunteer slots are already filled. Go to the link in Scott’s email or just click on WinterFest under Upcoming Events on our club home page to sign up.



**FREE!** – Journey is a magazine devoted to sharing personal stories about recovery from addiction, because making recovery from addiction visible saves lives. The magazine is offering free subscriptions to all 6 issues in 2022 by signing up at this link: <https://www.recovery-journey.com/from-us-to-you/>

**Our International Dollars at Work** – The Freeport club applied for a Rotary Foundation Global Grant to which our club donated \$750. Peter Bennett attended their club meeting this week at which they heard a report on progress to date. The grant helps farmers in western Kenya to learn how to transition from maize and beans to high value crops which can improve their economic circumstances. The selected families are in the process right now of learning in small groups from interns hired by the grant to teach them about different agricultural ventures: poultry, beehives, fish ponds, mushroom farms, etc. At the end of the learning phase, the interns will help each family design a plan of their own and give them a small (\$150) micro-grant to get started.



Learning about "cone gardens"



Building a poultry enclosure



Putting bags over the tops of plants (I forget what kind) to keep them safe from birds

Learning about beehives



### **Bob's January Magazine Quiz**

1. What is the "reykjanesfolkvangur?"
  - a) a phenomenon in southern Germany
  - b) a sports car
  - c) a geothermal activity
  - d) a rare dish served up in Reykjavik
  
2. What do clean water and polio eradication have in common?
  - a) Both are good projects
  - b) They go hand in hand
  - c) Sanitation is the goal
  - d) "It all ties together."

*It was Mike McGovern that said this – see page 16.*
  
3. What is "Esperanto?"
  - a) A form of new cryptocurrency
  - b) A Rotary Club in southern Spain
  - c) A new language
  - d) A new electric vehicle
  
4. Rotary International incoming President Jennifer Jones announced a grant for sustainable club projects. How much?
  - a) 25 million
  - b) 48 million
  - c) 97 million
  - d) 12 million

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