

TWO LIGHTS

**Rotary Club of South Portland – Cape Elizabeth
January 26, 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 27 (Thursday), 5:30 – 7:00 – Food unpacking at SP Food Cupboard (dinner will be served)

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

What's New With Our Members

Happy Anniversary to

👤 Bob & Judy Knupp (January 30)

Our sincere condolences to Mark Leasure, whose father John passed away recently. Mark's address is 543B Ocean House Road, Cape Elizabeth 04107.

WinterFest Cancellation – At last night's board meeting, Dan McDonald described the meeting which had just ended at which the agonizing decision was made to cancel WinterFest. Some of the factors which went into the decision were:

- * Due to the snowstorm, City personnel would not be available to help with any of the setup or other duties that they would have performed.

- * The pond will be covered with snow, preventing ice skating.
- * The predicted high winds will make some activities impossible such as S'mores and fireworks.
- * The high winds may also make it dangerous to be underneath snow-laden trees in the park.
- * As good community citizens, it wouldn't be helpful for us to encourage people to be on the roads unnecessarily.

So all things considered, the committee decided that it would not “be beneficial to all concerned” to go forward with the event at this time.

Other Business at Last Night's Board Meeting – I did not take any notes at last night's board meeting so take it for what it's worth but here's what I remember from what was discussed last night:

- ❖ Returning to Hybrid Meetings – there was discussion about whether to continue Zoom-only until the end of March or to resume earlier – I'm not sure if a decision was made or not – look for an email from Dave or Mike T. Actually come to think of it, there was also talk about polling the members so if you get an email from Mike T please respond.
- ❖ Donations – the board approved making donations to
 - \$ WinterKids
 - \$ Cape Courier
 - \$ Greater Portland Family Promise
 - \$ Camp Susan Curtis
- ❖ 60th Anniversary – Mike T. will be putting a committee together to explore a venue and format – tentatively for a date towards the end of May. A few people have already spoken to Mike about their interest in helping out, but if you are interested and he is not already aware of it, please contact Mike.
- ❖ Tree Sale – we made a profit of over \$55,000. Jim will be convening the Tree Sale Committee to debrief and talk about preliminary plans for next year. He has already asked the grower about trees for next year and they readily committed to providing us trees for next year.
- ❖ International – a student in South Portland is interested in doing a short-term youth exchange next summer and the board agreed that SP-CE would serve as a sponsor. Unlike the long-term exchange, this does not require us to find host families. (The student goes abroad and stays with a family for 3 weeks, then returns home with a teenager from the host family who stays with their family in SP for 3 weeks.)

And since there is no meeting to provide photos, I'll trot out some tree sale photos that fell through the cracks provided by Sue Sturtevant. The women with Jim were from Trademark Credit Union (Chloe & Melissa), which paid for trees for some of our customers one afternoon:



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